

Dear University of Arkansas Administration,

Your silence has not gone unnoticed. It is loud. You may think it wise to err on the side of caution, but your silence amidst six months of Palestinian genocide equates to complicity with the oppressor.

We, however, refuse to carry on in our academic bubble as though everything is normal. We have listened. We have heard the [480 voices](#) who are demanding immediate action by our University. We are the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), an organization that stands for Palestinian liberation, self-determination, and the universal pursuit of freedom and justice against all forms of oppression.

In Gaza, the past six months has seen:

- Over [33,091](#) Palestinians killed, including more than 13,000 children and 8,400 women
- At least [75,750](#) civilians injured
- More than [8,000](#) missing
- [86.2%](#) of school buildings directly hit or damaged
- At least [27](#) children die from forced starvation
- Brutal attacks on humanitarian aid workers, with at least [196](#) martyred
- Deliberate [withholding](#) of crucial humanitarian assistance
- [Al-Shifa](#), the largest hospital, subjected to relentless bombings, leaving their healthcare system in ruins

Meanwhile, the University of Arkansas has canceled an academic panel regarding the ongoing conflict in Palestine with the vague promise of [rescheduling](#), a pledge yet to be fulfilled. Moreover, it has failed to uphold its own [policy](#) of civility and shared humanity by not defending its professors who were publicly [defamed](#) as antisemites, a very serious allegation.

The University has a responsibility to its students and faculty to ensure an environment where academic freedom is protected, and we as students have a right to demand action and accountability from our University.

We demand the University publicly affirm its support and security for students, especially with regards to discourse on the topic of Palestine. We especially demand a forum be held on Gaza to encourage public discussion. We demand the University take a strong stance against Israeli apartheid, occupation, and the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people, as well as all forms of violence towards innocent civilians, and we demand the University divest all funds that go towards this genocidal occupation

SJP is just starting. We will continue to organize for a free Palestine. We will continue to facilitate these conversations, and we will continue to educate. We ask you to enable us to do so, and to reflect on how much your actions align with your principles because the double-standards are alarming. In solidarity, we say: woo pig and free Palestine.

1. Affirm its support and security for students (good spot to talk about Pulse)
2. Take strong stance against israeli apartheid
3. Divest all funds