

Since October 7, 2023, the Zionist propaganda machine has been toiling nonstop to justify the genocide Israel is currently committing. Some of their propaganda has done nothing but show the absolutely vile side of Zionism. From laughing on TikTok about blockading Gaza's water and electricity, mocking Palestinians being murdered, or just yelling at Halal cart vendors to gloat about the murder of thousands of Palestinian children...

"If we killed four thousand Palestinian kids, you know what? It wasn't enough. It wasn't enough."¹

...the Zionists aren't sending their best.

But some of their propaganda sticks. When you're vomiting out volumes of hasbara, U.S. politicians and the mass media run over each other to find the chunkiest bits and regurgitate it without a critical thought. Even old genocide Joe took a break from sniffing the nearest child to reiterate that he had personally seen evidence that Hamas beheaded babies.

Biden: "...would see and have confirmed pictures of terrorists beheading children."

This, of course, was a lie²...but who's going to talk? Certainly not him.

"We finally beat Medicare..."

Conservatives and liberals who used to be "free speech advocates" now go super saiyan the moment you say anything critical about Israel. They know that their narrative is falling flat, so they've resorted to simply arresting, beating up, and deporting people who disagree with them. They'll smear you as an antisemite or terrorist, and intimidate you for daring to speak up about what you can see with your own eyes: that Israel is committing a genocidal campaign of extermination against Palestinians.

The entire political establishment, the Zionist lobby, an army of disinformation peddlers, and a legion of slop streamers all stand with Israel, ready to destroy anyone who speaks up. Who can stand up to that? Only someone absolutely no self-preservation or regard for their reputation—

Get out your watermelons and red triangles...let's tear down some Zionist talking points.

DEBUNKING EVERY ZIONIST ARGUMENT EVER

¹<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/11/22/ex-us-diplomat-goes-on-islamophobic-rant-wishes-more-dead-palestinian-kids>

²<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/10/12/white-house-walks-back-bidens-claim-he-saw-children-beheaded-by-hamas>

[YOU'RE A TERRORIST AND THIS VIDEO PROMOTES TERRORISM]

On March 10, 2003, ten days before the invasion of Iraq, the lead singer of the American country band, the Dixie Chicks, spoke out against the war.

“Just so you know, we're on the good side with y'all. We do not want this war, this violence, and we're ashamed that the President of the United States is from Texas.”³

In response to this anti-war statement, they were blacklisted by country radio stations, had their CDs destroyed by protestors, lost sponsors, received death threats, and faced a barrage of right-wing smears. This was the reality after 9/11: anyone who expressed any opposition to the Iraq war was canceled by the soy right mob. Even a Texas country band of (mostly) blonde white women suddenly became the “terrorist chicks”⁴ because they dared to speak up against famous peacemaker George Bush.

Everyone knows the story of post-9/11 terrorist hysteria: the U.S. government used it to strengthen the surveillance state, restrict citizens of civil liberties, and ostracize anyone who spoke up against a war that killed hundreds of thousands of innocent brown people for oil. Yet after October 7th, the same thing has happened: the government can simply call you a terrorist-sympathizer for opposing a genocide, kidnap you off the street, and throw you in an ICE detention center all while the White House twitter account celebrates by posting AI-generated Studio Ghibli versions of your mugshot.

It's gotten to the point where anyone who says “hey, maybe Israel shouldn't be blowing up Palestinian babies” gets smeared as a Hamas terrorist sympathizer.

Ms. Rachel? Hamas. Reddit? Hamas. The entire country of Ireland? Hamas. The International Court of Justice? Hamas.

With everyone becoming a terrorist today, it might be helpful to break down what exactly makes one a terrorist organization. Is it massacring civilians? Or systematically destroying civilian infrastructure like hospitals, universities, and apartment buildings? Or torturing people? Or starving people to death? Or murdering children?

By any definition what Israel is doing to Gaza is terrorism. Not only is it terrorism, they're openly bragging about it and posting their war crimes on TikTok for clout. Yet it's the people who are speaking out and fighting against this that are supposedly the real terrorists. In the same

³All the information about the Dixie Chicks was taken from the 2005 documentary, *The Dixie Chicks: Shut Up and Sing*. It is available online.

⁴<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2003/mar/16/20030316-090046-5372r/>

post-9/11 hysteria, civil liberties and free expression are stripped from you by simply slapping the label “terrorist” on you. And, if that doesn’t stick they’ll also try to say...

[YOU’RE ANTISEMITIC]

This is another fun smear they try to put on anyone who speaks up against Israel’s genocide of Palestinians. The counterargument is quite simple: criticizing Israel is not the same as hatred of Jewish people. Opposing Zionism, a political ideology that supports the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, which necessarily entails ethnically cleansing Palestine’s original inhabitants, dispossessing them of their land, and denying them of their human rights is not the same as hating Jewish people any more that opposing apartheid South Africa was anti-white. Certainly everyone *reasonable* understands this, right?

“The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a resolution equating anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism.”⁵

sigh Alright, let’s take this from the top.

So, Zionism originated as a thoroughly Christian idea before it ever became Jewish.⁶ After the Reformation, the idea was thrown around in Christian circles of bringing Jewish people to Palestine to fulfill Biblical prophecy, bring about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and trigger the end times. A lot of these proto-Zionists were antisemites and believed that Jewish people could never assimilate into European society and thus needed to be shipped out of Europe.

Then, when Zionism began to be spread among Jewish circles in the mid-nineteenth century, everyone from Reform, Orthodox, ultra-Orthodox, and socialist Jews all opposed the idea for various reasons. Some of these groups eventually began to support Zionism, but it took decades and even today, a significant number of ultra-Orthodox Jews remain anti-Zionist.

This brings another important point: some of the largest voices protesting Israel’s actions are Jewish. Jewish Voice for Peace, for example, has staged multiple actions and been arrested for protesting the genocide.

A big point Zionists like to make is that a majority of Jewish people around the world support Zionism, so if you’re anti-Zionist then you’re by proxy antisemitic because you oppose what a majority of Jewish people believe.

⁵<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XkvQe6WPlg>

⁶Most of the information from this section is taken from Ilan Pappé, *Ten Myths About Israel*, chapter 3: Zionism is Judaism.

So this fails on a few logical grounds. Christian Zionists, for example, outnumber Jewish Zionists twenty to thirtyfold.⁷ Does that mean being anti-Zionist means you're by proxy Christophobic because a significant number of Christians believe in Zionism?

Obviously not because Zionism is a political ideology, not inherently tied to one religion or another. Anti-Zionists oppose Zionism because it's an ideology of ethnic supremacy that requires dispossessing, terrorizing, and ethnically cleansing Palestinians. It doesn't matter if every Jewish person or Christian person or Muslim person opposed it or supported it. The very idea of the ethnic supremacy of one group of people over another is wrong in itself.

Now that we've covered the two big smears used to attack anyone who criticizes Israel, I'll focus on arguments that have cropped up specifically since the start of Israel's genocide. Starting with, of course,

[NOT A GENOCIDE]

Usually the hardest part of proving genocide is intent. No one can deny that Israel is massacring Palestinians, mostly women and children, but—the talking point goes—it's not a genocide, it's a *war*.

They're trying to eliminate Hamas, and y'know, mass murdering women and children is just a tragic by-product of that goal. Of course, this falls apart when you see what Israeli politicians are saying and have been saying for over a year: that they want the complete annihilation of the Palestinian people.

"I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and we are acting accordingly"

"It's an entire nation out there that is responsible. It's not true. This rhetoric about civilians not aware, not informed, it's absolutely not true."

"We shall realize the prophecy of Isaiah."⁸

And these are only a few of the incitements to genocide made by the most prominent Israeli politicians. Law for Palestine has over 500 genocidal statements⁹ from army personnel,

⁷<https://trt.global/world/article/15656249>

⁸The statements can be found here:

<https://law4palestine.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/1-Database-of-Israeli-Incitement-to-Genocide-15th-January-2024-DECISION-MAKERS.pdf>

⁹<https://law4palestine.org/law-for-palestine-releases-database-with-500-instances-of-israeli-incitement-to-genocide-continuously-updated/>

journalists, influencers, and former government officials, some of which were used by South Africa to prove at the International Court of Justice that Israel was committing a genocide.

So when we have a state that is saying they're doing a genocide and also we see on the ground that they're doing genocide, it's no wonder that almost everyone agrees they're doing a genocide. Amnesty International,¹⁰ Human Rights Watch,¹¹ the UN,¹² Euro-Med,¹³ Doctors without Borders,¹⁴ and almost every genocide and Holocaust scholar agrees that Israel is committing a genocide. When one genocide scholar was asked if he could name one expert who thinks what Israel is doing in Gaza is not a genocide, he said he didn't know one.¹⁵

The only people for whom the genocide label is controversial are those that willfully ignore what the Israeli state says, has done, and is doing, which is why a lot of Zionist sloppers have dropped the act and straight up said that they support genocide.

[HUMAN SHIELDS]

One way Zionists justify mass murdering Palestinians is that Hamas is using them as human shields. See, it's not their fault they had to blow up that baby, it's actually Hamas's fault.

This talking point is used less and less now that it's become increasingly clear Israel has indiscriminately destroyed everything in the Gaza Strip. Nevertheless, the human shield argument was always transparently ridiculous because there was never any proof.

“We conducted several interviews, dozens of interviews with civilians and with people, Palestinians in areas that were designated as combat zones. But we have not documented at least one case of Palestinians armed members using civilians as human shields.”¹⁶

¹⁰<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde15/8668/2024/en/>

¹¹<https://www.hrw.org/report/2024/12/19/extermination-and-acts-genocide/israel-deliberately-depriving-palestinians-gaza>

¹²<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/11/un-special-committee-finds-israels-warfare-methods-gaza-consistent-genocide>

¹³https://euromedmonitor.org/en/article/6494/New-report...-De-Gaza:-A-Year-of-Israel%25E2%2580%2599s-Genocide-and-the-Collapse-of-World-Order&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1755024772200117&usg=AOvVa_w0MvnMni45Xs3gGhtoliYUm

¹⁴<https://www.msf.org/life-death-trap-gaza-palestine>

¹⁵<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/top-genocide-scholars-unanimous-israel-committing-genocide-gaza-investigation-finds>

¹⁶<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPE6vbKix6A>

Instead, what's been standard practice is Israeli soldiers using Palestinians as human shields. And you don't even have to take my word for it, we can see it with our own eyes¹⁷ and listen to former IDF soldiers testify that it's common practice.¹⁸

Rather than Palestinian civilians being human shields for an operation otherwise surgically targeted at Hamas, it's civilians who are being surgically targeted. Testimony after testimony from doctors in Gaza show that the Israeli army aims for and murders children, killing them with bullets to the head or chest.¹⁹ Palestinians aren't human shields by Hamas, they're human targets for the IDF.

[FREE THE HOSTAGES]

Of course, Hamas has offered to free the hostages again and again, most commonly in the form of “all for all” deals²⁰ in which they'll release all their hostages in exchange for all the thousands of Palestinians arbitrarily kidnapped and held hostage in Israeli prisons

It's been the Israeli government that's rejected and sabotaged²¹ these deals, instead opting to free the hostages from life by indiscriminately bombing Gaza, including areas where hostages are held, depriving hostages of food and water by starving the entire strip, and outright murdering hostages if they escape and try to run to Israeli forces.²² When Palestinian resistance forces were returning to Gaza after October 7th, Israel greenlit the Hannibal Directive and attacked vehicles carrying their own hostages.²³

These actions are why some family members of the hostages have publicly repudiated the Israeli government,²⁴ which at every turn has sabotaged the one thing that would guarantee their safe return—a deal.

When short-lived hostage exchange deals are made, we can see the conditions of Palestinian and Israeli hostages. Hostages kept by Hamas are relatively okay for being hostages and happy to be

¹⁷<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/5/27/how-has-israel-responded-to-claims-that-it-used-human-shields-in-gaza>

¹⁸<https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-hamas-war-army-human-shields-80f358dd2c87a1123f26ffada159701c>

¹⁹https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/10/09/opinion/gaza-doctor-interviews.html?unlocked_article_code=1.SU4._ijT.fovwgOmGe3ll

²⁰<https://www.dropsitenews.com/p/osama-hamdan-hamas-interview-podcast-gaza-israel>

²¹<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2024-08-20/ty-article/sources-involved-in-cease-fire-negotiations-say-netanyahu-is-once-again-sabotaging-talks/00000191-7168-dadb-a1f9-7dfb63870000>

²²<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/3-israeli-hostages-tried-only-killed-military-rcna130912>

²³<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2024-07-07/ty-article/magazine/.premium/idf-ordered-hannibal-directive-on-october-7-to-prevent-hamas-taking-soldiers-captive/00000190-89a2-d776-a3b1-fdbe45520000>

²⁴<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israeli-opposition-netanyahu-finds-voice-war-returns-gaza-2025-03-19/>

released, kissing²⁵ or shaking hands²⁶ with their captors. Compare that with the condition of the much larger number of Palestinian hostages kept by Israel, who show clear marks of torture, assault, and starvation.²⁷

Many of these hostages,²⁸ by the way, are usually just random Palestinian civilians kidnapped by the IDF without any charges,²⁹ despite Zionist attempts to smear them all as terrorists. Compare that with descriptions of some hostages kept by Hamas who are helpless innocents who happened to be “kidnapped from a tank.”³⁰

Kidnapped: my large adult son. On October 7th, Hamas terrorists kidnapped my poor baby boy from his killdozer. He will dance again.

[MASS RAPES]

There is no evidence of mass, systemic rape on October 7th.

“Whoa! Get a load of this guy! He’s a rape denier! So much for “believe all women,” he’s actually a raging misogynist! He’s a rape-denying terrorist-sympathizing communist misogynist antisemitic—”

And on, and on, and on, Zionists love to pile smears on anyone who pushes back against their propaganda. And it’s an easy strategy, you just assert an atrocity without evidence, like for example, 40 babies were beheaded by Hamas, and when you ask for proof they pile the smears on.

I mean, would you really doubt that Hamas beheaded 40 babies when Joe Biden himself said he saw proof? He’s the most mentally lucid person in the world!

“Wow, is this guy seriously insulting an 82-year-old man with cancer? What a baby beheading-denying ageist!”

Of course, there was no evidence of 40 beheaded babies.³¹ It was a lie to manufacture support for the genocide Israel is currently enacting on Gaza. The same goes for the allegations of mass

²⁵<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/israeli-hostage-kisses-forehead-of-hamas-members-7769507>

²⁶<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/24/freed-gaza-hostages-named-yocheved-lifshitz-nurit-cooper>

²⁷<https://euromedmonitor.org/en/article/6608/%22Grave-for-the-Living%22:-The-health-status-of-Palestinian-prisoners-recently-released-from-Israeli-jails-indicates-their-systematic-malnutrition-and-torture>

²⁸<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/4/17/a-nation-behind-bars-why-has-israel-imprisoned-10000-palestinians>

²⁹https://www.btselem.org/administrative_detention

³⁰<https://x.com/AvivaKlompas/status/1896648081959207076>

³¹https://x.com/OrenZiv_/status/1712038436910055925

rape—this is all atrocity propaganda, painting a picture so horrific that it justifies genociding every man, woman, and child in Gaza.

“The next stage of Israel’s propaganda blitz. As Tel Aviv quickly pivoted from beheaded babies and other completely made up atrocities to the suddenly discovered plague of systemic rape by Hamas on October 7th.”³²

This, by the way, is not to mock or dismiss real survivors of sexual abuse because all these months later, there is still not a single victim of mass rape on October 7, living or dead, that can be positively identified.³³ The *New York Times* article that broke the mass rape story has been thoroughly debunked with family members of their cited victims saying they were not raped,³⁴ the reporter having no prior reporting experience, and the Times podcast itself shelving an episode on the article because of factual issues. Other so-called evidence include confessions made under torture,³⁵ whose reliability is rejected by multiple human rights organizations.

Finally, Israel itself has obstructed investigations into mass rape on October 7th,³⁶ investigations that—despite pulling a lot of strings³⁷—did not find any convincing evidence, and, in fact, found that some evidence had been fabricated.

Despite the lack of proof of mass, systemic rape on October 7th, Israeli mass rape of Palestinian prisoners is not only well-documented³⁸ in, for example, a UN report entitled “More than a human can bear”³⁹ but celebrated by Israelis. When a video of ten IDF soldiers gang raping⁴⁰ a Palestinian prisoner got leaked, protests broke out in Israel—not against the gang rape but in defense of the soldiers’ right to rape.⁴¹ Israeli politicians called these rapists heroes and protestors stormed the prison where they were being held.

This, by the way, is why Israel keeps obstructing October 7th mass rape investigations — they don’t want neutral investigators to dig into their own atrocities. So yeah, Zionists aren’t rape deniers, they’re rape celebrators.

³²<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFEurGy05ps>

³³<https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/ali-abunimah/israel-still-cant-find-any-7-october-rape-victims-prosecute-or-admits>

³⁴<https://theintercept.com/2024/03/04/nyt-october-7-sexual-violence-kibbutz-beeri/>

³⁵<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/gaza-israel-war-likely-tortured-palestinian-rape-confession-rights-groups>

³⁶<https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/ali-abunimah/white-house-screen-palestinian-torture-confessions-push-mass-rape-lie>

³⁷<https://www.dropsitenews.com/p/un-report-sexual-violence-israel-hamas-influence>

³⁸https://www.btselem.org/sites/default/files/publications/202408_welcome_to_hell_summary_eng.pdf

³⁹https://www.btselem.org/sites/default/files/publications/202408_welcome_to_hell_summary_eng.pdf

⁴⁰<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/8/9/everything-is-legitimate-israeli-leaders-defend-soldiers-accused-of-rape>

⁴¹<https://www.aljazeera.com/video/newsfeed/2024/8/13/israeli-protesters-rally-for-the-right-to-rape-prisoners>

[PALLYWOOD]

When an endless feed of genocidal war crimes are being streamed on your phone, Israel needs a way to explain it away. The solution they came up with is that all these videos of children being blown to bits, mothers mourning their babies, and children crying at being orphaned by an Israeli missile strike is that they're all staged by "Pallywood."

Of course, the most obvious response is that Israeli soldiers themselves openly post⁴² their war crimes for clout: blowing up homes for their mom,⁴³ ransacking Palestinian homes,⁴⁴ posing with looted lingerie,⁴⁵ bulldozing neighborhoods⁴⁶, and destroying mosques.⁴⁷

Even ignoring the fact that they're posting their doing war crimes, the evidence Zionists trot out for "Pallywood" itself is flimsy. This footage of Palestinians faking injuries is from the set of a short film made in Lebanon.⁴⁸ This alleged image of a Gazan texting someone in a body bag is actually a 2022 Halloween costume contest in Thailand.⁴⁹ This alleged footage of Palestinians faking injuries is actually from a zombie-themed ad filmed in Algeria.⁵⁰ And so on⁵¹ and so forth in countless examples.⁵²

The genocide in Gaza is the most documented genocide in history, and claiming the hundreds of thousands of hours of footage are all faked is a sad attempt to whitewash Israel's atrocities and make a mockery of Palestinian suffering. I mean, quite literally—Israelis have taken to mocking Palestinians on social media.⁵³

The great irony, of course, is that it's the Israeli side that conducts the worst hoaxes.

"Hey guys, so today we're going to do the world's most moral tier list of bad Israeli hasbara.

⁴²<https://truthout.org/articles/israeli-soldiers-flaunt-war-crimes-online-why-arent-they-held-accountable/>

⁴³<https://x.com/ferozwala/status/1798382976654512310>

⁴⁴<https://x.com/ajplus/status/1766980355037319305>

⁴⁵<https://x.com/ytirawi/status/1812803367082569992>

⁴⁶<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/06/world/middleeast/israel-idf-soldiers-war-social-media-video.html>

⁴⁷<https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2024/02/15/exp-amanpour-idf-social-media-pkg-021501pseg2-cnni-world.cnn>

⁴⁸<https://www.reuters.com/fact-check/behind-the-scenes-footage-film-shared-palestinians-faking-injuries-2023-11-17/>

⁴⁹<https://web.archive.org/web/20240208005748/https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/gaza-body-bag-pic/>

⁵⁰<https://x.com/Shayan86/status/1718489010799038750>

⁵¹<https://web.archive.org/web/20240330025330/https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-israel-hamas-gaza-crisis-actors-131062994735>

⁵²<https://web.archive.org/web/20240330025329/https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-israel-hamas-gaza-false-crisis-actors-068772255064>

⁵³<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2442562/israeli-influencer-eve-cohen-sparks-outrage-with-tiktok-video-mocking-palestinian-mothers>

So first we have the leaked “terrorist” conversation about the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital explosion. Wow, what a throwback, this was back when Israel first bombed a hospital in Gaza and panicked at the international backlash, making up a fake conversation between terrorists who conveniently said “golly gee, what a shame that it was our rocket, and not an Israeli airstrike, that blew up that hospital.” Multiple experts have said the call was an obvious fabrication.⁵⁴ Of course, this is all moot now that Israel has attacked up every hospital in the Gaza Strip⁵⁵ and doesn’t even pretend anymore. This one is going in D tier because of how poorly it’s aged.

Then we have Hamas sign in sheet hoax,⁵⁶ where the IDF claimed to have found a list of terrorist names in a hospital that turned out to just be a calendar. I mean, on the one hand this one is so lazy but on the other you kinda gotta respect the laziness of it. I’m putting this in B tier just because it’s hilarious.

The al-Shifa nurse hoax is a classic.⁵⁷ This one is faked footage of a nurse in the al-Shifa hospital claiming Hamas was stealing food and medicine. Of course, her accent was completely wrong, the footage reused the same explosion sound effect in the background, and staff at the hospital said they had no clue who she was. I’m putting this one in F tier.

Okay, well I think y’all get the point but if you want a full tier list video, be sure to like, subscribe, hit that bell—

[FAKE DEATH COUNT]

So if you’re committing genocide, how do you downplay it? Well, as we saw before, saying that the carnage is all staged is one way of doing it. Another way is by saying the death toll numbers are fake. I mean, do you really trust the

HAMAS-RUN HEALTH MINISTRY

They literally have Hamas in their name! Of course, it’s not trustworthy! Except, of course, this is wrong. When media reporting uses terms like

HAMAS-RUN HEALTH MINISTRY

⁵⁴<https://www.newarab.com/news/gaza-hospital-strike-israeli-audio-proof-disinformation>

⁵⁵<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/4/13/timeline-israels-attacks-on-hospitals-throughout-its-war-on-gaza>

⁵⁶<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLp84A6TBJ0>

⁵⁷<https://x.com/EekadFacts/status/1724075966090162330>

The image they try to conjure up is that of these doctors with Hamas headbands, screaming scary Arabic words, and boosting up fake death toll numbers to generate international sympathy for their cause. The reality is that what we usually associate with Hamas—their fighters—are relegated to their military wing, the al-Qassam Brigades. Hamas is the government of Gaza so technically any government bureaucrat, medical professional, or teacher is a quote-unquote member of Hamas even if they were working for the government before Hamas came into power.

This, by the way, is how Israel justifies murdering Gazan bureaucrats—by saying they killed a “Hamas official.” When what they really did was kill someone responsible for carrying out the functions of any normal government.

Despite transparent attempts to smear the doctors working for the Gazan Health Ministry as terrorists, the United Nations, World Health Organization, and Human Rights Watch have all testified that their numbers are largely accurate.⁵⁸ When looking at past death counts, the Gazan Health Ministry has never inflated numbers and been largely consistent with independent counts.

In fact, if anything, the Gazan Health Ministry is undercounting deaths. Their methodology⁵⁹ relies on actually observing a dead body, usually in morgues, or reports from family and friends that are then verified. This is an incredibly strict process that has only been made harder by the fact that Israel has bombed and invaded hospitals, murdered hospital staff, and made the difficult job of counting the dead in the middle of a genocide even harder.

As of now, the official death count is at around 61,000⁶⁰. Roughly half are women, children, or the elderly. This 61,000 figure by the Gazan Health Ministry, as discussed earlier, is certainly an undercount and an estimate from last year by the Lancet said it was likely closer to 186,000⁶¹ — we can only guess what the real death count is today.

So in a way, the Zionists are right. The death count is inaccurate because the number of dead is probably much, much higher.

[WHY DON'T YOU GO TO GAZA?]

This argument is a favorite thinly-veiled death threat Zionists like to use against anyone who speaks up for Palestine. I mean, just look at how precisely Israel is striking international aid

⁵⁸<https://apnews.com/article/israel-hamas-war-gaza-health-ministry-health-death-toll-59470820308b31f1fa73c703400b033>

⁵⁹<https://everycasualty.org/opening-the-black-box-fresh-insights-into-the-casualty-recording-system-of-the-gaza-ministry-of-health/>

⁶⁰<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjojODAxNTYzMjQ3YS00OTMzLTkxMWQ0OTU1NWUwMzE5NTMwIiwidCI6ImY2MTBjMGI3LWJkMiQ0NGIzOS04MTBiLTNkYzI4MGFmYjU5MCIsImMiOiJh9>

⁶¹<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/7/8/gaza-toll-could-exceed-186000-lancet-study-says>

workers at the World Central Kitchen,⁶² you don't think they're going to eagerly murder foreign activists going there?

But despite the dangers, when pro-Palestine activists do want to break the genocidal death siege on Gaza that, may I remind you, is starving the entire population to the extent that mothers can't even produce breast milk which babies need for survival,⁶³ Zionists suddenly switch up.

"Go to Gaza."

"Okay."

"I hope Israel murders you."⁶⁴

This isn't even a hypothetical by the way, the blockade on Gaza has tightened since 2007, with Israel strictly controlling who and what comes in and out to maintain it as an open air prison. Activists have routinely tried to break the blockade and sail to Gaza with humanitarian aid with one attempt in 2010 resulting in Israeli commandos murdering ten activists and injuring dozens of others. Another attempt in 2018 resulted in activists being beaten, assaulted, and tasered.⁶⁵ The most recent high-profile attempt this past June by Greta Thunberg and eleven other activists likely avoided being outright murdered because of the attention their fame brought them.

So when the Israeli government mocks the Freedom Flotilla as a "selfie yacht" what they're really complaining about is the fact that livestreaming, documenting, and bringing international attention to famous activists trying to break the Gaza blockade prevented them from murdering its entire crew.

Keep in mind, by the way, that all these ships were attacked and its crew kidnapped in international waters, which is illegal. We can only hope that Israel will release the hostages.

[HOUTHIS BAD]

Ansar Allah, or the Houthis, are some of the only people in the world right now following international law⁶⁶ and materially opposing the genocide on Gaza. They've imposed a blockade

⁶²<https://www.aljazeera.com/gallery/2024/4/2/israeli-strike-kills-seven-world-central-kitchen-workers>

⁶³<https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/nora-barrows-friedman/breastfeeding-under-israeli-bombs>

⁶⁴<https://x.com/LindseyGrahamSC/status/1929266986455814415?lang=en>

⁶⁵<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/6/9/freedom-flotillas-a-history-of-attempts-to-break-israels-siege-of-gaza>

⁶⁶<https://mondoweiss.net/2025/04/yemen-is-acting-responsibly-to-stop-genocide-and-the-u-s-is-bombing-it-hem-for-it/>

on Israel-related shipping in the Red Sea,⁶⁷ enacting an economic cost on Israel. For doing the great crime of opposing a genocide, the Houthis have been smeared from every angle.

These smears are quite easy to debunk. This documentary that supposedly proves the Houthis use slavery is actually about the previous Yemeni government.⁶⁸ The idea that the Houthis are just pirates using the genocide as an excuse to steal from ships is dispelled by the fact that they stopped their blockade⁶⁹ when a ceasefire was in place and then resumed attacking shipping when Israel violated the ceasefire and refused to allow aid into Gaza.⁷⁰ And, for that matter, what's wrong with being pirates against a genocide?

“Shoot down that flag”

Finally, this idea that the crew of the ships they attacked are still missing or haven't been seen is also nonsense—the Red Cross has repeatedly checked in on them⁷¹ and, during the brief ceasefire in January, they were later released.⁷²

These smears are made because the Houthis, for all their other faults, are nevertheless one of the few parties willing to enforce the UN charter on genocide and, y'know, actually work to stop the genocide.

[ISRAEL ALREADY FREED GAZA]

In 2005, Israel withdrew settlers and forces from Gaza. The physical eviction of settlers was filmed for an international audience,⁷³ painting Israel as doing all it can for the peace process. In exchange, the ungrateful Palestinians embraced terrorism and continued to reject peace.

This narrative—that Israel already freed Gaza—is part of a long-running myth that Israel is in any way committed to peace. For one, the 2005 withdrawal from Gaza was in no way an end to Israel's “occupation” of Gaza. Occupation as a term in international humanitarian law⁷⁴ is not determined by whether the occupying force still has boots on the ground but whether the occupying force has effective control over the area.

⁶⁷<https://www.cnn.com/2023/12/19/middleeast/red-sea-crisis-explainer-houthi-yemen-israel-intl>

⁶⁸<https://www.aljazeera.com/video/al-jazeera-world/2014/9/10/slavery-in-yemen>

⁶⁹<https://maritime-executive.com/article/yemen-s-houthi-rebels-agree-to-lift-red-sea-blockade>

⁷⁰<https://www.dropsitenews.com/p/houthis-issue-ultimatum-israel-gaza>

⁷¹<https://apnews.com/article/yemen-galaxy-leader-ship-houthis-red-sea-6c2b64e281ca51df76cb2a974de86baa>

⁷²<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/22/middleeast/yemen-houthi-galaxy-leader-crew-free-intl-latam/index.html>

⁷³<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoOq4GBAs8Y>

⁷⁴<https://academic.oup.com/jcsl/article-abstract/15/2/211/785186?redirectedFrom=fulltext&login=false>

And yeah, even without settlers and military bases, Israel still controls⁷⁵ Gaza's land crossings, airspace, territorial waters, declares certain areas in Gaza as "no-go" zones, and exercises the power to invade and arrest Palestinians in Gaza. Using this control, they restrict the movement of food—calorie counting⁷⁶ the bare minimum Palestinians need to survive. The bureaucratic permitting process also restricts Gazans from studying abroad, getting necessary medical care,⁷⁷ or leaving the strip. The conditions are so bad Gaza is famously called the world's largest open-air prison.⁷⁸

So why did Israel withdraw settlers and military boots in 2005? Well, let's hear what a top aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had to say about it:

"The significance of the disengagement plan is the freezing of the peace process, and when you freeze that process, you prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state, and you prevent a discussion on the refugees, the borders and Jerusalem. Effectively, this whole package called the Palestinian state, with all that it entails, has been removed indefinitely from our agenda."⁷⁹

So the 2005 withdrawal was basically a way to kill a Palestinian state and refocus efforts at annexing the West Bank. Whenever anyone opposed growing settlements in the West Bank, Israel could point to the image of poor Gazan settlers being evicted and say that they sacrificed so much for peace. In addition, the settlers themselves were posing problems, and evicting them allowed Israel to better lob missiles into Gaza without harming Israelis.⁸⁰

[WHY DON'T PALESTINIANS JUST PEACEFULLY PROTEST?]

They do. Non-violent resistance is the first option Palestinians have historically used but it's Israel that responds with disproportionate violence. In the West Bank, attending political gatherings of more than ten people or displaying flags or symbols is punishable by up to ten years.⁸¹

⁷⁵<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/27557>

⁷⁶<https://www.reuters.com/article/world/israel-gaza-blockade-study-calculated-palestinians-calories-idUSBRE89GQNM/>

⁷⁷https://www.btselem.org/gaza_strip/20230404_in_2022_too_israel_prevented_thousands_of_palestinian_s_in_need_of_medical_care_from_leaving_gaza_for_treatment

⁷⁸<https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/06/14/gaza-israels-open-air-prison-15>

⁷⁹<https://www.haaretz.com/2004-10-06/ty-article/top-pm-aide-gaza-plan-aims-to-freeze-the-peace-process/0000017f-e56c-dea7-adff-f5ff1fc40000>

⁸⁰ *Ten Myths about Israel*, chapter 9: The Gaza Mythologies. Ilan Pappé talks extensively about the 2005 Israeli withdrawal from Gaza under the subheading "The Israeli Disengagement Was an Act of Peace."

⁸¹<https://apnews.com/general-news-9536874f962771f829e540991467e819>

Meanwhile in Gaza, the 2018-2019 Great March of Return was a grassroots protest that was overwhelmingly peaceful and unarmed.⁸² Demonstrators protested along the Gaza border wall and, in response, Israeli forces opened fire.

“Of the 183 fatalities caused by sniper fire investigated by the UN commission, 171 were clearly murdered, shot in the head or torso. Nearly 8,000 people were wounded by live ammunition. Over that eight month period, 21 were left permanently paralyzed, and 122 more required limb amputations including 20 children. In stark contrast, the UN report found zero fatalities on the Israeli side. Not one Israeli soldier was killed or seriously wounded.”⁸³

Zionists love to complain about the lack of a Palestinian Gandhi but they keep murdering all of them. This aggressive response to peaceful protests even extends to the international arena. The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement is by definition peaceful but it’s been demonized as antisemitic and criminalized in some form in a majority of U.S. states.⁸⁴ The “Make America Great Again” folks sure won’t like it when they realize all their politicians are actually bought and paid for by the Zionist lobby.

So what happens when all forms of peaceful resistance are violently suppressed? Obviously, people turn to violent resistance. And if people are caged into an open air prison for decades, massacred in routine assaults every few years, and denied the possibility of a better future—well, they’ll do anything to break out of that prison.

[THE PROBLEM IS NETANYAHU, NOT ISRAELI SOCIETY]

A common framing from liberal Zionists is that the problem is the Israeli government, not the Israeli people. Sometimes they go as far as to lay the blame only on Netanyahu, excusing other Israeli officials even if they’ve also been active architects of the genocide.

“So Netanyahu fired this guy, Gazan Obliterator 69, really good guy. He was a moderating voice in the government, especially when he said...”

“WE ARE FIGHTING HUMAN ANIMALS. AND WE ACT ACCORDINGLY.”

“Wow, what a voice of moral clarity. Isn’t that right babe?”

minecraft zombie noise

⁸²<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/3/30/gazas-great-march-of-return-protests-explained>

⁸³<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnZSaKymP2s>

⁸⁴https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-BDS_laws#/media/File:Antibds_laws.png

Supermajorities of the Israeli public have consistently shown support for the genocide. In February of this year, a poll found approximately seven out of ten Israelis supported ethnically cleansing Gazans.⁸⁵ The only point of contention was whether ethnic cleansing was practical or not. Another poll⁸⁶ from last March found 82% of Jewish Israelis supported expulsion and 47% supported killing all Palestinians in Gaza outright. Even beyond Gaza, a majority of Jewish Israelis support expelling Palestinian citizens within Israel.

Don't just take my word for it, listen to what Israelis were saying even before October 7th:

"I think that we need to...How do you say "kick out the Arabs"? Yes, yes, tell me that word."

"I don't think there's any answer to it. There's only one way, I would carpet bomb them."

"You would carpet bomb them?"

"It's the only way you could deal with it."

"They took this land and this is our land now. And I don't think there should be no Arabs."⁸⁷

This isn't to say that brave anti-Zionist and anti-genocide Israelis don't exist—there are certainly courageous individuals⁸⁸ who, for example, act as shields for Palestinians being beaten by racist mobs. But, according to anti-Zionist Israelis themselves, they're a tiny, tiny minority within an overwhelmingly genocidal society.⁸⁹

The problem isn't Netanyahu or a few bad apples in the Israeli government. The problem runs much deeper, and much longer, long before—

[HAMAS STARTED IT ON OCTOBER 7TH]

All the arguments I've addressed so far have been primarily pushed in response to October 7th. But if we start and end with October 7th, that would be tacitly accepting a frame that Zionists themselves push—that on October 7th, Hamas terrorists massacred over 1,200 Israelis for no reason other than that they hate Jews. For a lot of Zionists, October 7th justifies everything.

⁸⁵<https://jppi.org.il/en/%D7%A1%D7%A7%D7%A8-%D7%94%D7%97%D7%91%D7%A8%D7%94-%D7%94%D7%99%D7%A9%D7%A8%D7%90%D7%9C%D7%99%D7%AA-%D7%9C%D7%97%D7%95%D7%93%D7%A9-%D7%A4%D7%91%D7%A8%D7%95%D7%90%D7%A8-%D7%A8%D7%95%D7%91-%D7%92%D7%93/>

⁸⁶<https://archive.is/20250528093132/https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2025-05-28/ty-article-magazine/.premium/yes-to-transfer-82-of-jewish-israelis-back-expelling-gazans/00000197-12a4-df22-a9d7-9ef6af930000>

⁸⁷https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1e_dbsVQrk4

⁸⁸<https://palsolidarity.org/2024/07/israeli-state-files-indictment-against-anti-zionist-israeli-activist/>

⁸⁹<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6huCGHTsl>

“Don’t cry about a war you couldn’t finish,” they say while running to their bomb shelters after unilaterally bombing Iran.

But where did Gaza come from? Where did Hamas come from? And why did Palestinian resistance fighters have to break out of these walls that just randomly happened to be there?

Gaza is a tiny strip of land, slightly more than 2% the landmass of Palestine.⁹⁰ It’s 25 miles long and around 6 miles wide, and one of the most densely populated places in the world. The reason it’s so densely populated goes back to 1947-48, to the founding of Israel. For decades before 1947, the Zionist movement had built up support from the British Empire to take over the land of Palestine and build a Jewish state. The problem was, of course, that Palestine already had inhabitants—Palestinians—who didn’t want to be displaced from their own homes. By 1947-48, however, the Zionist movement solved this problem with one easy trick: ethnic cleansing.

They simply ruthlessly kicked out Palestinians, demolished Palestinian villages, and pushed them all into the surrounding countries or the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the two Palestinian territories that exist today.

Israel occupied both territories after the 1967 war and enforced increasingly harsh repression over the decades. In the West Bank, Israel has established settlements that are recognized internationally as illegal in preparation for full annexation. Gaza, meanwhile, suffers from a blockade tightened by Israel since 2007, while being routinely massacred in “mowing the grass” operations. Conditions in Gaza have only deteriorated: 71% of the population are refugees, 81% live below the poverty line, 64% are food insecure, and nearly half are children.⁹¹

This is all according to the Israeli government’s plan, of course. They had long adopted a policy of divide-and-conquer, supporting Hamas in Gaza and the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank to ensure Palestinians remained politically divided, impoverished, and desperate.⁹²

The story of Israel-Palestine is the age-old story of settler colonialism. Zionists ethnically cleansed Palestinians from their land, occupied their remaining territories, and kept them in a state of political division and desperation.

As Netanyahu said, “We control the height of the flames.” October 7th exposed that they did not, in fact, control the height of the flames. October 7th was not a burst of inexplicable terrorism, it

⁹⁰Ilan Pappé, *Ten Myths About Israel*, chapter 9: The Gaza Mythologies.

⁹¹<https://www.unrwa.org/gaza15-years-blockade>

⁹²<https://archive.is/20250619153739/https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2023-10-09/ty-article/.premium/another-concept-implodes-israel-cant-be-managed-by-a-criminal-defendant/0000018b-1382-d2fc-a59f-d39b5dbf0000#selection-929.0-936.0>

was the inevitable result of dispossessing, besieging, occupying, and colonizing a people for decades.

[IDK IT'S SO COMPLICATED, THEY'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS]

Now that we're moving beyond the October 7th framework into broader arguments, the stereotypical image of Israel-Palestine is that the conflict is a thousand year old clash of civilizations, between Jews and Muslim who both hold claims to the same land. For many Americans, influenced by Islamophobia, they see all Muslims as terrorists so it's easy to choose which "side" to support in this eternal fight.

But the conflict is not an eternal religious conflict, but a modern colonial one. Zionism proper began in the mid-nineteenth century, the first Zionist conference was in 1897, and Israel itself was established in 1948. KFC, microwaves, rocket ships, Nintendo, Joe Biden, and Donald Trump are all older than the state of Israel.

What talking points like this do is obscure the nature of the conflict. It's not an age-old religious battle between Muslims and Jews. In fact, the land of Palestine was historically a multi-religious society with Muslims, Jews, and Christians all living together during Ottoman rule.⁹³

What Zionism did was claim that the entire land, already populated with a thriving, multi-religious Arab society, belonged entirely to Jewish people. To pursue that goal, Zionists settled mostly European Jews and ethnically cleansed the indigenous inhabitants of Palestine. Decades of dispossession, violence, denial of basic human rights, and, now outright genocide, were and are necessary to ensure that an originally Arab society became settled and replaced with a Jewish supremacist ethnostate.

This, of course, happened in the last hundred years—hardly an eternal conflict. To quote from the Israeli historian Ilhan Pappé:

“The last paradox is that the tale of Palestine from the beginning until today is a simple story of colonialism and dispossession, yet the world treats it as a multifaceted and complex story—hard to understand and even harder to solve. Indeed, the story of Palestine has been told before: European settlers coming to a foreign land, settling there, and either committing genocide against or expelling the indigenous people. The Zionists have not invented anything new in this respect. But Israel succeeded nonetheless, with the help of its allies everywhere, in building a multilayered explanation that is so

⁹³https://www.cjpme.org/fs_007

complex that only Israel can understand it. Any interference from the outside world is immediately castigated as naïve at best or anti-Semitic at worst.”⁹⁴

[THE LAND WAS PROMISED BY GOD 3,000 YEARS AGO]

Despite most of them not being religious, the earliest Zionists realized that the Bible was a convenient justification to colonize Palestine. Turns out, you can get away with a lot when the big guy upstairs is okay with it. According to this logic, the Jewish people were promised the land of Palestine 3,000 years ago and so it’s actually okay to ethnically cleanse Palestinians.

There are a few problems with this, of course, namely that you can’t just steal someone’s home by saying “God promised me this home 3,000 years ago.” I mean, every colonial movement has justified colonization in one way or another by saying “God promised me this land.”

But beyond that obvious point, the early Zionists looked at alternative places to colonize and create a Jewish state. Theodore Herzl, the father of modern Zionism, considered Uganda, areas in north and south of America, and Azerbaijan.⁹⁵ You’re really telling me that God promised Uganda to Jewish people 3,000 years ago?

[ZIONISM IS A DECOLONIAL, NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT]⁹⁶

A common argument from Zionists is that it’s not settler colonialism. Actually, they say, Zionism can’t be colonialism because the Jewish people were there first. They were exiled by the Romans and Israel is simply a national liberation, no, a *decolonization*, movement returning Jewish people to their homeland. See that settler from New York stealing a Palestinian home in the West Bank? THIS IS WHAT DECOLONIZATION LOOKS LIKE.

The most obvious counterargument is that the founders of Zionism themselves openly said that they wanted to colonize Palestine,⁹⁷ labeled themselves as colonizers,⁹⁸ wrote they wanted to expel the indigenous Palestinians by force,⁹⁹ and made friends with some of the biggest colonizers of their time.¹⁰⁰ Then, after World War II, when colonization became a dirty word, Zionism rebranded and now it’s unfashionable to talk about Zionism as colonialism.

⁹⁴https://www.kalamullah.com/Books/On_Palestine_-_Noam_Chomsky.pdf

⁹⁵Ilan Pappé, *Ten Myths About Israel*, chapter 3, pg. 31.

⁹⁶This section is mostly a simplified version of BadEmpanada’s video, *Israelis Are Not 'Indigenous' (and other ridiculous pro-Israel arguments)*, check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhIUFPpXIVo>

⁹⁷https://archive.org/details/TheCompleteDiariesOfTheodorHerzl_201606/TheCompleteDiariesOfTheodorHerzlEngVolume4_OCR/page/n53/mode/2up?q=colonial

⁹⁸<https://www.marxists.org/history/etol/document/mideast/ironwall/07-zionrev.htm#f9>

⁹⁹<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/quot-the-iron-wall-quot>

¹⁰⁰https://archive.org/details/TheCompleteDiariesOfTheodorHerzl_201606/TheCompleteDiariesOfTheodorHerzlEngVolume3_OCR/page/n187/mode/2up

But aren't Jewish people indigenous to the land of Palestine? The Romans kicked them out and Zionism is simply returning the descendents of this Jewish diaspora to their rightful homeland. Now, I could go the route of deconstructing this historical Zionist argument: that multiple genetic studies¹⁰¹ show Palestinians and Israelis share a common ancestry, that there's no evidence of a mass Roman exile of the Jewish people, that many lower-class Jewish people stayed in the land, converting to Christianity then Islam following the Arab conquest in the 7th-century, and that, as Shlomo Sand concludes, many Palestinians today are likely descendents of ancient Judeans.¹⁰²

But let's put all that aside and pretend everything about the Zionist historical narrative is true: so what? Just because your ancestors supposedly lived in a land thousands of years ago gives justification to ethnically cleanse the people currently living in the land today? It's a ridiculous argument—do the Italians deserve the right to colonize the lands of the entire former Roman Empire because their ancestors lived there in the past?

Indigeneity isn't about who lived on a land thousands of years ago, it's a relationship imposed by colonialism—the indigenous colonized who are dispossessed and versus the colonizer who dispossesses. And when you're actively displacing people, murdering them, stealing their homes, bulldozing their towns, and committing a genocide—you are the colonizer. At least the early Zionists had the courtesy to embrace the term.

[THE HOLOCAUST JUSTIFIES ISRAEL]

The problem is that Zionism and efforts to colonize Palestine, as I talked about before, long predate the Holocaust. But even ignoring that, why should Palestinians pay the price for a European genocide they had nothing to do with? Does suffering through persecution justify persecuting random other people?

Many settler colonial projects were started by people who were persecuted: some of the first American colonizers were Puritans fleeing persecution in England. Liberia was colonized by former enslaved Africans in the Americas. Persecution doesn't give you a "Get out of settler colonialism for free" card. And suffering through a genocide certainly doesn't give you free reign to commit a genocide.

[ISRAEL GUARANTEES JEWISH SAFETY]

Israel is objectively the least safe place for Jewish people right now and has been the only place where Jewish people have been killed in large numbers since its founding in 1948. Because

¹⁰¹<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/11153918/>; <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/10801975/>

¹⁰²<https://archive.is/20231018173744/https://www.haaretz.com/2008-02-28/ty-article/an-invention-called-the-jewish-people/0000017f-f104-d497-a1ff-f3849fcb0000#selection-871.0-892.0>

obviously if your society is built on the ethnic cleansing, dispossession, and terror of other people, the people you're terrorizing will resist regardless of who their oppressors are.

This is also why the idea that Palestinians are uniquely antisemitic falls flat; if your home was stolen from you and you've been stripped of basic necessities to live a peaceful life, you would fight back regardless if your oppressors were Christian Europeans like in the United States, French like in Algeria, or pathetic losers like in Rhodesia.

[THERE WAS NO ETHNIC CLEANSING IN PALESTINE]

Israel was founded on the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in 1947-1948, which displaced around 750,000 of them in the Nakba, or "catastrophe." The fact that Zionists ethnically cleansed Palestinians is a bit inconvenient for their narrative, so they do their best to find excuses for what they did.

A common historical argument is that actually the Palestinians voluntarily left because Arab leaders told them to. They would leave, the Arab leaders would invade, kick out the Israelis, and then the Palestinians would return. The problem is, there's no evidence for this.¹⁰³

"Source?"

"I made it up."

So the Zionists aren't off to a good start here. But okay, what if Palestinians weren't ethnically cleansed but actually just fleeing war? I mean, the Israeli War of Independence involved the brave Zionist military fighting off seven Arab armies.

This, too, is a myth. The first stage of the Nakba occurred before the intervention of Arab armies, starting on November 30, 1947 with about 300,000 Palestinians displaced from massacres and devastation wrought by Zionist forces against Palestinian cities. The Arab armies, of which there were really only five mostly poorly equipped forces, intervened only after news of these initial massacres. After they were defeated, another 400,000 Palestinians were expelled. So even before the Arab armies waged war, the Zionists were already ethnically cleansing Palestinians.¹⁰⁴

¹⁰³Ilan Pappé, *Ten Myths About Israel*, ch. 5, pg. 54-55.

¹⁰⁴Rashid Khalidi, *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*, ch. 2, pg. 72-78. Page 77 states: "Notwithstanding the widely accepted assertion that the Israeli army was dwarfed by seven invading Arab armies, we know that in 1948 Israel in fact outnumbered and outgunned its opponents. There were only five regular Arab military forces in the field in 1948, as Saudi Arabia and Yemen did not have modern armies to speak of."

Okay, so they weren't told to leave by their leaders or were refugees of war. But what if...they actually deserved it? The final and most desperate argument Zionists try to make is that the Nakba was a retaliatory ethnic cleansing. See, the Arab countries ethnically cleansed Jews around the same time so it's only fair that Zionists ethnically cleanse Palestinians!

There's a few things wrong with this logic. First, Palestinians are not Egyptians, Syrians, or any other Arab country. They had nothing to do with Jewish expulsions in those countries, and in fact, called for their return.

Second, the Jewish expulsions and flights from Arab countries occurred over many decades and were, in fact, stoked by Israel.¹⁰⁵ In Yemen, Israel bribed and convinced local rulers to deport Jews to Israel, sometimes even kidnapping their children. Moroccan Jews were kidnapped by force in a deal between French colonial authorities and the Jewish Agency. In Iraq, the Mossad launched false-flags to terrorize Iraqi Jews into leaving the country.

Israel ethnically cleansed Palestinians and then stoked the expulsion of Jews from surrounding countries to build up its Jewish ethnostate. This was not a tit-for-tat situation where one group expelled the other but one a long continuous project of Zionist ethnic supremacy.

[PALESTINIANS WERE OFFERED A STATE]

So there's this clip from this racist U.S. President accused of sexual assault and associated with Epstein that captures the sentiment of this talking point perfectly: Bill Clinton.

"All they know is, a lot more Palestinians have been killed than Israelis. And I tell them what Arafat walked away from and they, like, can't believe it. I said, oh yeah, he walked away from a Palestinian state with a capital in East Jerusalem, 96% of the West Bank, 4% of Israel... You walk away from these once-in-a-lifetime peace opportunities, you can't complain twenty-five years later when the doors weren't all still open, and all the possibilities weren't still there. You can't do it, it's just..."¹⁰⁶

Yeah, you heard that right. Palestinians may be going through a genocide right now but they have no right to complain! Children dying? The most important thing that died was this deal I tried to make!

William Clinton's genocidal narcissism aside, is it true that Camp David offered Palestinians a state and that they ungratefully rejected it? No, of course not. Israeli Prime Minister Rabin literally said they were offering "less than a state" to the Palestinians.¹⁰⁷ The proposed

¹⁰⁵<https://www.middleeasteye.net/big-story/truth-behind-israeli-propaganda-expulsion-arab-jews>

¹⁰⁶https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZtuF_etO4o

¹⁰⁷<https://www.972mag.com/yitzhak-rabin-oslo-accords-aoc/>

Palestinian quote-unquote state would not have control over its economic policy, foreign policy, no control over its airspace, have three permanent Israeli military installations, and Israel would be allowed to invade the area at any time.¹⁰⁸

This wouldn't be self-determination but a continuation of occupation by a different name. Of course famous respecter of consent and autonomy, Bill Clinton, would still be complaining about someone saying "no" decades later.

[PALESTINIANS DO NOT EXIST]

A foundational Israeli myth is that Palestine was "a land without a people for a people without a land." Palestinians, in fact, don't exist — they're all just Arabs¹⁰⁹ or a transient people or simply made up by antisemites who hate Israel.¹¹⁰ And with a Thanos-snap of the finger, Zionists have solved the conflict. You can't be committing a genocide against people who don't exist!

This, of course, is obviously wrong. For one, we can see Palestinians and their long ties to the land. The land between the Mediterranean Sea and Jordan River has been called Palestine for over three thousand years.¹¹¹ Before Zionists settled the land, Palestine was a thriving multi-religious, culturally-rich society from its exposure to the wider Ottoman Empire.¹¹² Predominantly rural but increasingly urban, Palestinians were already developing a nationalist conscience under the Ottomans.¹¹³

Zionist settlers didn't "make the desert bloom." Instead, they stole the land of other people already thriving with indigenous wildlife and crops, planted highly flammable invasive trees,¹¹⁴ and made the desert bloom with wildfires.

The existence of Palestinians is inconvenient to the Zionist narrative; that people lived on the land that they're currently settling. What happened to those people? Well, they've been ethnically cleansed to increasingly smaller strips of land, deprived of human dignity, and now suffer through an ongoing genocide. Zionists want to not only deny Palestinians of their land and their lives but of their history as well.

[ISRAEL IS COMMUNISM IN PRACTICE /POS]

¹⁰⁸<https://decolonizepalestine.com/myth/palestinians-sabotaged-the-peace-process/>

¹⁰⁹<https://www.cnn.com/2024/11/12/politics/mike-huckabee-palestinian-comments-trump-israel-ambassador/index.html>

¹¹⁰https://www.youtube.com/shorts/FL_9ZIS8Eoc

¹¹¹<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kTrm8FZjtJUC8ILBbMLAFRNMP9sAHbEa/view>

¹¹²<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2025/5/15/palestine-before-the-nakba-in-100-photos>

¹¹³Rashid Khalidi, *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*, ch. 1, pg. 17-20.

¹¹⁴<https://www.tbsnews.net/features/panorama/green-colonialism-and-wildfires-will-world-acknowledge-israel-ecocide-palestine>

“Communism has never worked, except in this place. Welcome to Israel!”¹¹⁵

Okay, that’s it. Communism canceled. I was okay with Stalin and Mao, but Israel? This has gone too far.

So the argument goes that Israeli kibbutzim are examples of communist utopians. Kibbutz are basically... “A community of people who share everything. They share the cars. They share the common spaces. And they even share the businesses. Everything belongs to everyone.”

So if you support socialism or communism, then you should support Israel and its kibbutzim. This, of course, ignores the fact that they’re built on destroyed Palestinian villages, deliberately formed to exclude Palestinian labor, and established to promote ethnic supremacy.¹¹⁶

The kibbutz originated from a time in Israel when there was at least an undercurrent of left-wing thought with movements like Labor Zionism and Socialist Zionism (oxymorons). But as Israel has become increasingly fanatical in its ethnic cleansing alongside the rise of religious Zionism, the Israeli population and government have become more and more far-right, culminating into what we have today: a people and government fully behind a genocide against the Palestinian people.

This type of talking point is to try to virtue signal to progressives outside Israel, saying “hey if you’re a leftist, you should really support our project of ethnic cleansing.” Another talking point like this is the classic:

[ISRAEL IS THE ONLY DEMOCRACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST]

Okay let’s go through the list of Palestinians in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. So in Israel, Palestinians citizens are barred from purchasing roughly 90% of the land, excluded from the right of return, and their political participation is limited by vaguely-worded laws that end up disqualifying Palestinian candidates for simply advocating for equality.¹¹⁷ In addition, because they’re exempt from service in the IDF, Palestinian citizens in Israel are severely restricted from receiving government assistance as workers, students, parents, couples, and face barriers to housing and employment with 70% of Israeli industry closed to them.¹¹⁸

¹¹⁵<https://www.tiktok.com/@alanstheory/video/7219624225236192513?lang=en>

¹¹⁶<https://jacobin.com/2016/10/kibbutz-labor-zionism-bernie-sanders-ben-gurion/>; *Ten Myths About Israel*, chapter 3, pg. 34-35.

¹¹⁷https://www.btselem.org/publications/202210_not_a_vibrant_democracy_this_is_apartheid

¹¹⁸ *Ten Myths About Israel*, ch. 7: Israel is the Only Democracy in the Middle East.

In the illegally-occupied West Bank, things are even worse.¹¹⁹ Palestinians are under military law, subject to being randomly kidnapped, tortured, and beaten by Israeli soldiers for unspecified amounts of time. Meanwhile, their homes can straight up be stolen or blocked off and violent settler mobs can beat you up with the tacit support of the Israeli military. Apartheid is so open in the West Bank, there are literal Arab-only and Israeli-only roads. And Gaza, of course, has been subject to a genocidal siege for over a decade and now suffers through an open genocide by the Zionist entity.

Whether relegating Palestinians to second-class citizenship, subjecting them to draconian military rule, or openly massacring them, the debate shouldn't be whether or not Israel is a democracy but what type of non-democracy it is: ethnocracy, apartheid state, settler colonial state—take your pick.

["FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA" IS A NO-NO PHRASE]

Zionists, much like their segregated "Arab-only" and "Israeli-only" roads in the West Bank, love to segregate "acceptable" and "non-acceptable" phrases for the pro-Palestine movement. The "no-no phrases" are bad, antisemitic, and, dare I say, genocidal. Of course, not actually genocidal in terms of the genocide being carried out against Gaza but like hypothetically genocidal which is worse.

One of these phrases is "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," basically calling for a free Palestine from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. According to Zionists, this phrase is genocidal because it's calling for the genocide of Jewish Israelis from the river to the sea. Of course, what it's really saying is, y'know, freedom from the river to the sea which means the end of occupation, apartheid, and the genocide currently being carried out. Zionists are letting the cat out of the bag by saying it as it is: that freedom is incompatible with the Israeli project.

Of course, like Zionists do, they steal this Palestinian call for freedom for themselves and when they say it,¹²⁰ they do mean it in a genocidal way. Not just hypothetically, too, because they're actually also doing a genocide right now.

Another "no-no" phrase according to Zionists is "globalize the intifada" which is allegedly a call to terrorism against Jewish people. See, how this works is that "intifada" is an Arabic word and Arabic is obviously a scary terrorist language, and anyone who uses it must also be a scary terrorist.

INTIFADA: GLOBALIZED

¹¹⁹<https://www.refworld.org/reference/annualreport/amnesty/2016/en/109210>

¹²⁰<https://www.refworld.org/reference/annualreport/amnesty/2016/en/109210>

“Intifada,” of course, is an Arabic word that just means “uprising.” The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, for example, translates to the Warsaw Ghetto Intifada. And despite the U.S. Holocaust Museum denouncing the phrase, they themselves used “intifada” on their website a few years ago.¹²¹ It’s only now, when Zionists have all decided the word goes to the “no-no” segregation zone, did they scrub it out.

And that’s the thing with Zionists, they not only smear you, spread genocidal misinformation, and lie, but they also now try to police “acceptable language,” as if the ones committing a genocide deserve a say in how the opponents of that genocide express their opposition.

Why do the feelings of Zionists matter more than the lives of Palestinians who are actively being massacred?

sigh

Beep boop. Lazy Zionist arguments detected. Initiating speed round debunking.

[DO YOU CONDEMN HAMAS?]

No.

[IF ISRAEL IS PUNISHED FOR ITS WAR CRIMES, THE U.S. COULD BE NEXT]

Good.

[ISRAEL HAS A RIGHT TO EXIST]

No it doesn’t.

[PALESTINIANS HATE GAYS]

“But what if you were gay in Gaza”

[THE IDF IS THE MOST MORAL ARMY IN THE WORLD]

[I HATE MY WIFE AND KIDS]

John Fetterman?!? Get out of here! Shoo! Shoo!

¹²¹<https://x.com/metzgov/status/1935336247301652545>

[IDF SOLDIERS ARE SMOL BEANS WHO HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO THEIR MANDATORY SERVICE]

Three months of prison or shoot a toddler in the head?

[TWO-STATE SOLUTION]

Israel is a settler colonial state built on a logic of expansion. For decades, Zionists have dreamed not only of occupying Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem but also parts of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan in a “Greater Israel.” And right now, it’s pursuing that dream by not only committing genocide against Gaza but also waging war on its neighbors. What supporters of the two-state solution fail to understand is that the land from the river to the sea is already under the control of one-state: Israel.

Israel has increasingly made the two-state solution impossible. Netanyahu brags about it himself.¹²² They’ve increased settlements in the West Bank, already have plans to settle Gaza, and now want to expand the borders of Israel by taking more and more land. That’s the thing with colonialism: it’s never enough. Even if it means committing a genocide livestreamed in front of the world, dragging the entire region into war, and constructing a mountain of corpses, Israel will continue to act with impunity as long as Western governments and the international community continue to do nothing or, worse, actively aid and abet its crimes against humanity.

Within Israel, there is no political will for a two-state solution. Remember the alleged peace deal Bill Clinton touted that, in reality, only gave Palestinians a sham state with no real sovereignty? The Israeli Prime Minister who started negotiation efforts on that was 360 no-scoped by a Zionist terrorist who thought giving the Palestinians even the tiniest breadcrumb was too much.

The idea of a two state solution gets paraded every once in a while like Weekend at Biden’s but it’s a farce; on the ground, there isn’t any hope of a two-state solution and there hasn’t been for a long time.

So what’s the solution? It’s simple: ending colonization, apartheid, and the continued dispossession of Palestinians. If we have to advocate for a solution, we should advocate for the one that dismantles, once and for all, the colonialism that serves as the foundation of the conflict.

[Why does the Palestinian liberation struggle resonate?]

¹²²<https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-boasts-of-thwarting-the-establishment-of-a-palestinian-state-for-decades/>

Something Zionists can't seem to comprehend is why millions of people resonate with the Palestinian liberation movement. Why do so many month after month march in the streets, demand their governments stop supporting Israel, and take action to halt Israel's war on Gaza?¹²³ What they don't understand is that what makes the solidarity movement powerful is a shared sense of humanity.

In his *Discourse on Colonialism*, Aime Cesaire talks about the effects of colonization on the colonizers:

"They prove that colonization, I repeat, dehumanizes even the most civilized man; that colonial activity, colonial enterprise, colonial conquest, which is based on contempt for the native and justified by that contempt, inevitably tends to change him who undertakes it; that the colonizer, who in order to ease his conscience gets into the habit of seeing the other man as an animal accustoms himself to treating him like an animal, and tends objectively to transform himself into an animal."

Zionists, to put it simply, cannot see the humanity of Palestinians. They're animals, terrorists, inhuman—and this is what they have to tell themselves to justify their colonial project.

"Half of Gaza are children. You want them to die?"

"I want to bomb Gaza. I want to make it a mall."¹²⁴

In doing so, they've removed themselves from the humanity that binds all of us together. For the rest of us not tied to the Zionist colonial project, we can see things clearly: that the Palestinians being starved to death,¹²⁵ massacred by Zionist soldiers,¹²⁶ buried under the rubble,¹²⁷ and displaced again and again on this man-made hell on earth are deserving of life just as much as anyone else

Mahasen al-Khateeb was Palestinian digital artist from Gaza. After getting a degree in mathematics, she took up art as a hobby over the years and eventually made it into a career despite the Israeli siege. Although Gaza lacked funding or space, she worked as a freelancer and finally made it to the pinnacle of her career: investing her life savings into an office and fulfilling her dream of independence only weeks before the genocide started.¹²⁸

¹²³<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/F053dWaasLc>

¹²⁴https://www.youtube.com/shorts/G4xtWZ_Jx5g

¹²⁵<https://x.com/swilkinsonbc/status/1925244854939869516>

¹²⁶<https://x.com/DropSiteNews/status/1940539920474382571>

¹²⁷<https://www.facebook.com/aljazeera/videos/child-in-gaza-searches-for-his-grandparents-under-the-rubble/4573526256206976/>

¹²⁸<https://electronicintifada.net/content/israels-northern-aggression-claims-life-renowned-artist/49876>

Israeli bombs destroyed that office and many of her art tools, devices, and sketches. Nevertheless, she continued to draw and document life during the genocide. This was the final piece of art she posted commemorating the murder of 19-year-old Sha'ban al-Dalou at Al-Aqsa Hospital, captioned "we are burning." Hours later, Mahasen al-Khateeb was murdered in an airstrike on the Jabaliya refugee camp on October 18, 2024.

All of this is still visible on her Instagram, when you can see her dreams cut short by the Israeli genocide. "Always pray for me, and do not forget me, I don't want to be just another number on the news ticker. I am a story."¹²⁹

I'm also a digital artist. Just like her, I got my degree in a completely unrelated field, but I decided to try following my dreams, making illustrations out here on the internet. And it's not fair. It's not fair that her life was cut short. It's not fair that Palestinians are massacred day in day out, deprived of safety, of their dreams, of their lives.

Among the martyrs, we all see reflections of ourselves.¹³⁰ The children who dream,¹³¹ the students who aspire,¹³² the adults who nurture.¹³³ We can see with our eyes that they are just as deserving of life as us because they are us. Humanity is why the Palestinian liberation struggle resonates; it is the Zionists who, in the course of colonization, deprive themselves of this humanity.

On the seventh day of the genocide, *Electronic Intifada* released a roundtable discussion with the renowned poet Refaat Alareer,¹³⁴ who would be murdered less than two months later. On the episode, one of the hosts tells Alareer:

"I don't know how to face you and to face people in Gaza and I don't know how to say to you that I'm sorry we failed."

"Thank you Ali. I think we didn't fail. We did not. And that's when it all comes to end. No, we didn't. We didn't submit to the barbarity. We didn't submit to their brutality and even when this attack came when Gaza was in its weakest time possible. Look at what they did to the most invincible army in the area, the fourth strongest army in the world. The humiliation, the humiliation. But it's not only about that, this is not where we get our pride. We get our pride from staying principled at a time when everybody is not. I saw a friend you know thrashing somebody saying like he was posting some anti-Semitic stuff on Twitter, replying, you know,

¹²⁹https://www.instagram.com/mahasen_ktheeb/

¹³⁰<https://x.com/R7Rani/status/1908666910239047740>

¹³¹<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67788360>

¹³²<https://x.com/rdoan/status/1713578521837146167>

¹³³<https://www.nbcnews.com/world/middle-east/gaza-aid-death-food-shot-israel-palestinian-family-idf-rcna-211975>

¹³⁴<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhP7jQBtzyY>

with anti-Semitic things, and he was like, don't do this! We're not them. And I was very proud. It is at this time that people, their mettle can be tested, who they are, their character. **Those people failed miserably. We didn't.**"

[CONCLUSION]

I began this video with a joke—who in their right mind would take on Zionism when they have the backing of the political establishment, a powerful lobby, active disinformation efforts, and slop streamers? But the fact is, ordinary people get the bravery to take them on every day.

Zionists rely on spreading misinformation: they have hasbara fellowships and manuals to build an army of propagandists,¹³⁵ ready to defend Israel from the babies they massacre. For a long time, the sophisticated organization of the Zionist lobby helped bolster Israel, providing them cover while they dispossessed, ethnically cleansed, and subjugated Palestinians. But now, as they commit genocide so openly and brazenly, massacring dozens of Palestinians day after day, the walls of propaganda have started to crumble.

In a way, it's a good sign that pro-Palestine activists are getting repressed—it shows that it's working. Support for Israel has tumbled around the world,¹³⁶ even among the population of its primary backer, the United States.¹³⁷ Now, rather than eagerly throating Zionist slop, politicians have to carefully chew it before trying to present it to a more Israel-skeptical public.

But let's be real, these are rookie numbers. The walls of Zionist propaganda are falling, but they need to be torn down faster. And it's not enough just to tear down the walls of Zionist propaganda but the walls of Zionist occupation. Seeing the humanity of Palestinians is not enough; we have to fight for that humanity.

Unfortunately, the fight for an end to the genocide and a free Palestine will be a protracted one. But for the sake of Palestinians, we must continue to fight. Be unapologetic when responding to Zionist smears and defending the Palestinian resistance: "Whoever is in solidarity with our corpses but not our rockets is a hypocrite and not one of us." Continue to participate in protests, join organizations, and engage in the diversity of tactics that have characterized the Palestine solidarity movement.

¹³⁵<https://www.transcend.org/tms/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/sf-israel-projects-2009-global-language-dictionary.pdf>

¹³⁶<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2025/06/03/most-people-across-24-surveyed-countries-have-negative-views-of-israel-and-netanyahu/>

¹³⁷<https://news.gallup.com/poll/657404/less-half-sympathetic-toward-israelis.aspx>

Palestine has exposed that the ideals of democracy, equality, and human rights that supposedly characterize Western governments and international institutions are a sham. We can only hope in the ruins of our institutions, that we can build something better.

Thank you so much for watching! Linked in the description is a transcript of the video with my sources. I also have various donation pages to Palestine linked, especially funds directly to families in Gaza. I'd also like to give a special thanks to folks who loaned out their voices to this video: Yugopnik, Bes D. Marx, and Hakim.

Please check out their channels as well as Yugo and Hakim's other channel First Thought. It goes without saying that any failings of this video do not fall on them.

I'd also like to re-emphasize the importance of political action. As much as donating to families in Gaza helps, we also need to work now to end the genocide and hold our governments and institutions responsible for aiding and abetting this horrific crime against humanity.

In terms of where I've been, sorry for being gone for five years. I've been getting my degree but now I've graduated and I would hopefully like to get back to making YouTube videos full time. If you want to support me, I just started a Patreon. Thank you for sticking around all these years and as always, no war but the class war.