UPDATE (9:05am Friday 8th November 2024 ET):

We're sorry to hear that the staff of Dropout has been facing threats and intimidation, we have also seen firsthand this harassment in the community for speaking out against Zionism.

We're ending the call for a boycott. Although we do wish that the initial statement could've been made earlier and we thought that it could have been stronger in acknowledging the harm that was caused and in making actionable steps for the future, we welcome it as a show of goodwill and appreciate the company's firm denouncement of Zionism as well as the donation that has been made to the PCRF. We're disappointed that it has been taken down, but we recognise the immense stress Dropout as well as its staff and performers are under from Zionist attacks and that the safety of everyone involved is a priority.

We also want to make it clear that no threats of violence or legal action have been made on behalf of the boycott or anyone organising it, and if any have been made that it is not reflective of our beliefs or feelings on the matter. These actions are not tolerated, and we denounce them wholeheartedly. We still encourage you to read our Carrd for updates and accurate information but we want to stress that calling on a company to do better for the safety of their fans is not a threat, and that threatening anyone is never okay.

If you or people you know are facing legal threats for standing against Zionism, we would like to direct your attention to organisations like Palestine Legal in the US for help and support. We encourage you to support these fan-led efforts to raise money for Palestine such as Dimension20 Artists for Palestine and the Calorum Cookbook's digital sales in aid of eSims for Gaza. Please also look into the BDS movement if you haven't already, and get involved in local organisations to help the people of Palestine.

We thank you all for your support through this movement, and encourage you to keep holding the people and companies in your life accountable. Continue to advocate for Palestinians and those facing bigotry, and take care of one another in any way you can.

The Dropout Boycott organising team.

[We will be leaving this document up for archival and informational purposes.]

We demand that Dropout:

1. Release an explicit and public statement unequivocally denouncing Zionism and committing to the freedom of all Palestinians as well as the decolonization of Palestine.
2. Remove all known Zionists from their programming going forward and release a statement regarding those who have been on the platform previously to acknowledge how it has harmed the Dropout fan community, especially its Palestinian and anti-Zionist Jewish supporters.
3. Refuse to work with Zionists in every capacity possible regarding Dropout's production going forward and provide more transparency when and why Zionists may be involved in production and release.
4. Make a commitment to work with Palestinians and anti-Zionist Jewish people within the TTRPG and comedy spaces moving forward, and listen to those voices as to what they would like to see from the platform.

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We would like to thank the organisers of the #BigBadBoycott for their work which heavily inspired this document as well as our Carrd. Thank you for encouraging us to speak up against complacency in the face of Zionism and expect better from the companies we have supported.

Why the boycott?

A timeline outlining Dropout's relationship with Zionism.

November 2023 - Moderators of official Dropout Discord (since closed) placed a ban on political talk after Zionist statements were made by fans in the server and

pro-Palestinian fans asked for clarity and moderation regarding Dropout's official stance on the matter.

November 2023 - Backlash from fans after a ban on political talk in the official discord due to Dropout's history of left-leaning and progressive politics being a big part of its brand and beliefs of its cast. [1], [2], [3], [4],

November 2023 - After backlash, CEO Sam Reich regretted the ban calling it "tone-deaf" but stated the ban was intended to be temporary. He further stated that fans should not expect Dropout to comment on world issues, but that Dropout should be held to a high standard regarding business practices.

March 2024 - Dropout raises $213,810 for the Palestine Children's Relief Fund with Fantasy High Minis Auction.

May 2024 - Dropout releases trailer for new Make Some Noise season featuring known Zionist Rachel Bloom.

July 2024 - Known Zionist Rachel Bloom is featured in the debut of Monét's Slumber Party (S1E1: How Much Does It Cost)

October 2024 - Dirty Laundry's promotion of new episode features known Zionist Noah Grossman who has previously stated his pride regarding his grandfather's direct contribution to starting the initial Israeli-Palestinian conflict in 1948 by being a co-founder of the state of Israel as an established entho-religious state as a consequence of Zionism.

October 2024 - Backlash from Dropout fans primarily on X (previously known as Twitter), and later TikTok and Instagram is met with silence from Dirty Laundry's official social medias. No statement from any official Dropout show social media or relevant parties including CEO Sam Reich, Head of Production Kyle Rohrbach, or Executive Producer David Kearns has been issued despite repeated calls from fans to address the situation.

November 2024 - Dropout releases a statement in response to this situation.

November 2024 - Dropout removes previous statement and posts two tweets in response. [1] [2]

Transcript of tweets:

[Since Monday, Dropout has received an unsustainable amount of physical threats to the safety of our staff and existential legal threats to the company.]

[We stand committed as ever to the safety, freedom and lives of the Palestinian people.

We reject antisemitism, Islamophobia, and all forms of bigotry, and welcome all to our platform who treat others with respect, empathy, and human dignity.]

What has already happened?

With no forthcoming statement from Dropout, fans have begun cancelling their subscriptions to the streaming media service, dropout.tv. In addition massive fan-run projects including the D20 Exchange which has run every year since 2019 and contributed dozens of beautiful pieces of fanart and fanfiction, directly enriching and inspiring the community around Dropout, has stated that it will not run this year due to these events. Runners of the exchange have stated that they would consider running it if a statement was released regarding the current events by Dropout.

What we want to see happen.

We hope that upon seeing this and understanding both the severity of the situation as well as the amount of people that care about this issue, Dropout will continue their legacy of doing right by not only their community of subscribers and fans, but their global community that they have shown commitment to in the past. We hope that the demands can be met freely and willingly, and an anti-genocidal stance can be made by all who work at Dropout.

What you're committing to when signing the letter

If Dropout does not commit to anti-Zionism by the end of our outlined specific time frame of one (1) month: on the 30th of November. 2024, you pledge to (as it applies to you);

- Cancel your subscription to dropout.tv.

- Stop buying merch.
- Unfollow all official Dropout social media accounts.
- Refuse to publicly promote or praise Dropout and its shows going forward.

Until then, you can raise awareness by using **#DropoutBoycott** and sharing this document and/or the link to the #DropoutBoycott Carrd which also has some additional information and frequently asked questions.

Stand with us, stand for a free Palestine, and sign here.

1,474 signatures and counting....

[Please note that these signatures are updated manually, so there may be a small delay in the numbers and names being displayed.]

Current Signatories

Note from the organisers (3rd of November, 2024):

Thank you so so much to everyone for signing, you are awesome! We've made the decision to move the Current Signatories section of this document that previously lived here to its own document due to the sheer number of responses (currently: 1,216 as of 8:15am EST). This was decided on account of two main points both pertaining to accessibility: it is much easier for us to edit a table with over a thousand responses when it is not being viewed by dozens of people making docs want to boot us off and we believe it will be much less intimidating to open a document and not have 80+ pages immediately trying to load. Thank you again and remember you can still see the list of signatories here.

Email Transcripts:

From Foster to Dropout Inquiries,

<CCs: OJ, Mags, Conrad>
Sent 10:20am ET Monday 4th of November 2024:

To the Dropout Team,

Specifically to Sam Reich, Kyle Rohrbach, and David Kearns who we understand would have the most control over which guests appear on Dropout shows.

Hopefully this has already been brought to your attention, but if it hasn't we would like to reach out personally regarding the concerns amongst the Dropout fan and subscriber community in the past two weeks.

As you are aware Noah Grossman has been featured on the most recent episode of your show, Dirty Laundry (S4E6: Whose House Was Raided on Suspicions of Terrorism). This is not the first time a Zionist has been featured in a Dropout show, but it is a culmination of Dropout's inconsistent stance on the genocide in Gaza. This has naturally caused many of your fans concern as you have transparently built a platform based on leftist views and creating a safe space for marginalised communities and causes; both through the uplifting of marginalised creators and stories as well as your fundraising with official merch and, of course, mini auctions.

Many fans expressed concern over Noah's appearance on Dirty Laundry, as his Zionist views are very known by any who have come across his social media. Fans did so by tagging Dropout, Sam, Kyle, David, and Lily on social media in their posts that outlined concerns, writing in to your email, filling in your feedback form, and making comments on the promotions for that episode on social media. Many of us asked for clarity on the issue, hoping that there was a reasonable explanation, but after a week of no response from anyone from Dropout on the matter, people began to talk with their money by cancelling their subscriptions to Dropout.TV.

With fans wondering about an organised effort, we put together a small team willing to try and officially organise something to show to you that your community truly cares about this and wants more than anything a response from Sam, Kyle, and/or David. And for the peace of mind of your Anti-Zionist fans, who have been harassed by Zionist Dropout fans since they started voicing their concerns with the repeated platforming of Zionists, we hope that you will release a statement that

Dropout as a company can adhere to and will encourage you to keep in mind the safety of your fans, specifically your Palestinian, Anti-Zionist Jewish, Muslim, and Arab fans who are being put into spaces with people who are actively working to further harm against them and their communities.

As a result of this, we have organised the #DropoutBoycott, an online protest that has at the time of sending this (10:00am ET November 4th), 1,398 signatures by people who have active Dropout subscriptions or dedicate time to promoting and supporting Dropout as a company.

There is no call to action from us to these signatories just yet, as we have faith that you will continue the legacy of goodwill and accountability that Dropout has become known for. Right now your silence is a statement and it is a political one.

We hope that you will take the time to read through the document that we have attached, as well as the list of signatories who have pledged to follow this boycott if no statement is received before the end of this month. It is extremely saddening that this is something that we have had to organise, but we care deeply about the potential that Dropout has to be a force for good in this world, and know that more can be done to avoid the platforming of Zionists and the complicity of not using all of our voices to call for an end to this genocide.

Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon.

[Links to this letter and current signatories attached]

From OJ to Dropout Inquiries

<CCs: Foster, Mags, Conrad>
Sent 9:35pm ET Tuesday 5th of November 2024:

To the Dropout Team,

(Specifically to Sam Reich, Kyle Rohrbach, and David Kearns who we understand would have the most control over which guests appear on Dropout shows.)

We have seen and appreciate the statement that has been made with regard to the platforming of Zionists on Dropout. As you saw in our previous email, the demands of the boycott did ask for Dropout to “Release an explicit and public statement unequivocally denouncing Zionism and committing to the freedom of all

Palestinians as well as the decolonization of Palestine.” We see that this has been done, which is an extremely important step that we are very glad to see made clear.

However, the other three points of the Boycott demands have yet to be met - as denying that there have been any Zionists on the platform despite clear statements made by both Rachel Bloom and Noah Grossman that have not publicly been retracted or apologised for. The assurance that people who have expressed these beliefs will not be invited back is not particularly comforting when there has been no admittance that these beliefs have been held in the first place.

There has also been no clarity allowed on the process for ensuring this will not happen again, as the promise that people will not be admitted back after these views are found is not a proactive stance, it is a reactive one. A commitment to working with Palestinians and anti-Zionist Jewish people within the TTRPG and comedy spaces as outlined in our third request would show a proactive approach to avoiding these problems in the future, and we would love to see a pledge to this activity going forward.

Once again, we want to stress that the statement that was released has been heard and both the sentiment and the donation have had a positive impact, but we would love to hear clarification on these other points as it pertains to your company in the future.

Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon.

OJ (they/he)

[Link to this letter attached]