

Rejecting the Normalization of Zionism and Occupation

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Whereas, the apartheid and illegitimate state of Israel has been engaging in an illegal occupation and genocide of Palestine for 77 years since the Nakba, displacing millions and killing hundreds of thousands of Palestinians;

And whereas, the terminology commonly used in the media and in public forums regarding the Zionist entity has largely legitimized and normalized the entity and the occupation, deeming it a nation-state equivalent to that of all other;

And whereas, Palestinian organizations and our allied Palestinian solidarity partners have consistently called to an end of the normalization of the Zionist entity by changing the terminology used in both public and internal communications;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Democratic Socialists of America rejects the normalization of the Zionist entity and reaffirms that it is an illegitimate state engaging in the illegal occupation of Palestine and genocide of the Palestinian people; and

Be it further resolved, that the national organs of the Democratic Socialists of America, including but not limited to the National Political Committee, the International Committee, and the National Political Education Committee, shall avoid to the extent possible the use of the terms “Israel” and “State of Israel” for public communications, replacing them with more descriptive terms such as “the illegal Israeli occupation” or “the illegitimate state of Israel,” or with the terms in the next resolve if the organ in question determines one of those terms would be better for use; and

Be it further resolved, that the aforementioned organs of the Democratic Socialists of America shall in all internal DSA communications refrain from using the terms “Israel” and “State of Israel,” using instead “Zionist entity” or “the settler-colonial project in Palestine,” and

Be it finally resolved, that the aforementioned organs of the Democratic Socialists of America shall, for both public and internal communications, refer to the military which enforces the illegal occupation of Palestine either with descriptive terms or with the terms “Israeli Occupying Forces” or IOF, refraining from using “Israel Defense Forces” or “IDF.”

Cost analysis: no costs.