

Scarborough ignores what most Israelis cannot ignore. Not only has Netanyahu made their lives better, but he's also made them *safer*. And security for Israelis—unlike for comfortable Americans—is their number one issue.

Israel is encircled by vicious enemies who demonstrate their desire to destroy the Jewish state—and kill Jews—*every day*: Lebanese terror group Hezbollah and blood-thirsty, civil-war-wracked Syria to the north, Palestinian terrorist regime Hamas to the south, the implacable Jew-hating, terrorist-rewarding Palestinian Authority to the east, and hateful, ICBM-equipped Iran, now occupying Syria and hovering like a black cloud over all of Israel.

Despite the naïve belief of American liberals—including, apparently, Joe Scarborough—Israelis don't see a single Palestinian leader who has the desire or power to negotiate a "lasting peace" with them.

What average Israelis do see and hear are Palestinian leaders who outrageously insist that Jews have no historical rights to a state in the Holy Land *and* that Arabs own the entire territory from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea (in other words, all of Israel and Judea-Samaria).

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas recently affirmed to PLO delegates that Israel "constitutes a colonialist enterprise that has nothing to do with Judaism." Secretary-general of the anti-Israel group, The International Coalition for Supporting Jerusalem and Palestine, Mohammed al-Adlani, flatly rules out peace negotiations, claiming that "normalization [with Israel] is tantamount to defeat."

Worse, Palestinian leaders swear undying enmity toward the Jewish state.

In other words, American Jews and American leftists who object to Prime Minister Netanyahu care little for his accomplishments, but rather cite disagreement with his positions on several issues in which they have very little direct stake (such as forging an immediate peace with the Palestinians, no matter its existential dangers, and opening the Kotel to mixed-gender prayer).

In truth, the Netanyahu haters' animus seems to be rooted in emotion, rather than substance. One can only conclude that the American left's dislike of Binyamin Netanyahu is similar to that they feel for Donald Trump—not so much based on actual issues as on a gut revulsion to the person or personality. Indeed, Mr. Netanyahu's close professional friendship with President Trump could alone account for most of the left's disdain of the Israeli Prime Minister.

Next time you hear Americans knocking Binyamin Netanyahu, I suggest that you patiently and calmly ask them which of the Prime Minister's accomplishments they disagree with most—the economy, national security or global diplomacy?

I urge you to point out that as Americans, we're hardly in a position to harshly condemn—let alone hate—a leader whom Israelis themselves have elected five times as Prime Minister—this latest time with a near record level of Knesset members for his Likkud party. Remind them that unless we know what it's like living under terrorist guns *day and night*, as Israelis do, it's hard to say whom we'd vote for.

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Just as there are few atheists in the foxholes, there are also few progressive liberals.

I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to visit FLAME's lively [new Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME's most recent hasbarah campaign—on whitewashing misrepresentations made by the media and, alarmingly, by some politicians, about the insidious Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

Best regards,

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P.S. While the Combating BDS Act overwhelmingly passed the Senate (by a vote of 77-23) in February, some media and politicians, as well as the ACLU, opposed the bill based on its alleged infringement on free speech. Yet this representation is a lie, since BDS does not merely criticize Israel's policies toward Palestinians, but rather opposes Israel's very existence. This is not a free speech issue, but a thinly veiled hate speech issue. That's why FLAME has created a new hasbarah message called "[What Does BDS Really Want?](#)" I hope you'll review this hard-hitting paid editorial, which began running this month. It exposes the true motives of BDS supporters and explains why they are anti-Semitic at heart. It will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Pence and President Trump. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME's powerful ability to influence public opinion—and U.S. support of Israel—comes from individuals like you, one by one. I hope you'll consider giving a donation now, as you're able—with \$500, \$250, \$100, or even \$18. (Remember, your donation to FLAME is tax deductible.) To donate online, just go to [donate now](#). Now, more than ever, we need your support to ensure that the American people, the U.S. Congress and President Trump stay focused on Israel's critical role in protecting U.S. interests in the region—as well as protecting itself.

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