

But perhaps even more egregious than Ilhan Omar's hate speech, and Seth Meyers refusal to condemn it, is the silence of much of the world in the face of Hamas's latest round of murderous aggression.

Indeed, when Hamas begins another belligerent war—this latest launch of some 650 rockets is its fifth against Israel since 2008—by bombing Israeli kindergartens and homes and killing innocent civilians, one could reasonably expect an outcry by world bodies, individual nations and politicians.

Terrorist Hamas is a staunch ally of Iran and has sworn itself to Israel's destruction. It is the enemy of the U.S., all Western nations and, increasingly, Arab states.

Yet the UN has failed to criticize Hamas—in fact the General Assembly has condemned Israel's defensive response . . . without even mentioning Hamas's deadly barrage of missiles. To their credit, the E.U. and member Germany have admonished Hamas on this occasion, but no other members, like Britain, France or Italy have said a word.

More telling perhaps is the silence of the American left—of the 21 Democratic candidates for President, only three (Hickenlooper, Booker and Bennet) have condemned Hamas's violence. No comment has come even from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi or Democratic Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, usually reliable supporters of the Jewish state.

We seem to be nearing the situation in which Israel, the United States' strongest, most reliable ally in the Middle East, has become a dangerously charged third rail for the left.

Thankfully, the U.S. administration—President Trump, Secretary of State Pompeo, Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and U.S. Special Representative Jason Greenblatt—have all raised forceful criticism of Hamas and unreserved support of Israel's right to defend itself.

While many politicians, celebrities and liberal pundits expressed hand-wringing dismay at the mass shootings of Jews in Pittsburgh and Poway synagogues—as well as solidarity with Jews beset by right-wing anti-Semitism—their sympathy often seems to disappear when the Jews of Israel are attacked with weapons of mass destruction by Islamist anti-Semites.

Anti-Semitism is the scourge of the Jewish people, whether it comes from the likes of white nationalists or ultraleft politicians or Middle East jihadis. If someone refuses to stand up against all forms of anti-Semitism—from any quarter—their sympathy is hollow and false. Their sincerity is empty.

Next time you hear a friend decrying right-wing anti-Semitism, remind that person of equal hate toward Jews coming from the left—right here in the U.S.—as well as from Palestinian terrorists who murder Jews (or try to) most every day in Israel.

I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to

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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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