



Thus, if you accept the lie that Israel oppresses Palestinians, you must accept that Israel helps oppress black and gay Americans. These ultra-lefts believe that racism is not only systemic, it's *globally* systemic—if you're any part of the system anywhere, you're guilty. That's before we even get to the question of policing.

**Is Israel a “chronic human rights violator”?** One of the primary sources used by the anti-Israel-police-training campaign is a report by the rabidly anti-Israel “human rights” organization, Amnesty International, which characterizes the U.S-Israel police training program as a “deadly exchange.”

Surely, busy city council members assessing their police department's participation in a police exchange program will initially be shocked by Amnesty's propaganda.

However, they should carefully consider the source: According to NGO Monitor, Amnesty International “disproportionately singles out Israel for condemnation, focusing solely on the conflict with the Palestinians, misrepresenting the complexity of the conflict and ignoring more severe human rights violations” elsewhere.

Amnesty also supports anti-Israel “human rights defenders” with ties to terrorist organizations, champions the anti-Semitic BDS agenda, and trumpets unfounded accusations of Israeli “war crimes.”

Piling on to the Amnesty International foundation of lies, the UC Campaign for Palestinian Rights stated that the “Israeli military trains U.S. police in racist and repressive policing tactics, which systematically targets Black and Brown bodies.”

Unfortunately, Amnesty's accusation that Israel is a chronic human rights violator are flatly false.

In reviewing the “evidence” mounted in Amnesty's report on Israeli policing we see copious instances of one-sided accusations, mostly against the Israeli *military*, which are generally substantiated by anonymous “witnesses” and almost never allowed to be answered by Israel officials.

While Israel, like any Western democracy, can always refine its handling of criminals, terrorism and rioters, the country staunchly and passionately opposes human rights violations.

In short, there is zero hard evidence that Israel's policies in policing or crowd control are in any way harsher than those of other rule-of-law democracies.

For any city council that cares about the truth, the Amnesty report is no more than a crude hatchet job. City council members should roundly condemn the report as an insult to their intelligence as well as to the Jewish state.

**Does Israel teach oppressive forms of policing?** A petition by academics and students at the University of California—and echoed by British actor Maxine Peake—asserted that the chokehold “used to murder George Floyd” in Minneapolis was “perfected” by Israeli forces.

This, too, was a lie. Amnesty International was forced to recant, admitting,

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“allegations that US police were taught tactics of ‘neck kneeling’ by Israeli secret services is not something we ever reported and the article in question has rightly been amended to acknowledge that.”

But in point of fact, such tactical policing techniques are not taught at all by Israeli police, secret service or intelligence officers to U.S. law enforcement.

According to Steven L. Pomerantz, former Assistant Director of the FBI and Director of the Homeland Security Program at the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA), which organizes such U.S.-Israel police exchanges, “there is no field training involved in either the conferences or trips and no training on holds or arrest mechanics.”

Most importantly, no group opposing the police exchanges has ever presented any direct evidence that Israeli law enforcement has ever taught or influenced brutality by American police.

Finally, what’s more, though U.S. police departments have also engaged in exchanges with countries such as Scotland and Germany, those countries are never the target of Black Lives Matter or other ultra-lefts. Only the Jewish state of Israel.

These accusations are so outrageous—resembling Nazi blood libels against Jews during the Holocaust—that the education secretary for Britain’s Labour party shadow cabinet, Rebecca Long-Bailey, was fired for sharing Maxine Peake’s false allegation about chokeholds, which the Labour leader Keir Starmer called an “anti-Semitic conspiracy theory.”

Mr. Starmer’s analysis is correct. Those who tell lies to demonize and delegitimize and who use a double standard to boycott Israel are guilty of anti-Semitism as defined by the U.S. State Department and 31 other member states of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

Perhaps members of city councils in the U.S. who ban such exchanges on the basis of these two lies should be subject to firing as well. Just for emphasis, let’s clarify: *Defaming Israel is anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is racism.*

I hope as you discuss the U.S.-Israel police-exchange boycott movement, you will point out to friends, family, colleagues and your elected representatives that the efforts of Black Lives Matter and others to demonize and delegitimize Israel are unfair *and* anti-Semitic. Accusations of Israeli systemic civil rights violations and the teaching of dangerous policing tactics are categorically false.

I hope you’ll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to visit FLAME’s lively [Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME’s new *hasbarah* campaign—which explains the sad, but true reasons Palestinians continue to fail at forming their own nation state.

Best regards,

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P.S. Some American and European politicians argue that Israel’s intention

to apply sovereignty to the militarily critical Jordan Valley would inhibit formation of a Palestinian state. Nothing is further from the truth. The Palestinians don't have a state—despite numerous offers of land for peace by Israel—because the Arab group simply hasn't mustered an adequate strategy, political unity or leadership. They're simply unable to say yes. To clarify this point, FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called “What's Stopping a Palestinian State?” I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which will run in *USA Today*, the *Washington Post*, and other media nationwide. It spells out specific reasons the Palestinians have failed to create a sovereign state and why it's time for the world—and Israel—to move on. This piece 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 committed to realistic policies in relation to Israel, Iran and the entire Middle East.

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