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# Israel's Enemies Tell Five Big Lies

**Following the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, antisemites mount a series of vicious attacks, threats and malicious lies against Jews and Israel**

*With no shame or sign of humanity, the enemies of Israel have doubled down on their insistence that Israel is an illegitimate state that must be destroyed and that the savage slaughter of 1,200 innocent Jews was justified—all based on five “Big Lies” about the Jewish state.*

## What are the facts?

The world for Jews and Israel will never be the same. Wellesley College students receive official messages saying Zionists (i.e. most Jewish students) are not welcome in school dorms. Hamas official Ghazi Hamad, in a TV rant, swears Hamas will repeat October 7 until Israel is annihilated. West Bank Palestinian activist Ahed Tamimi says “What Hitler did to you was a joke—we will drink your blood and eat your skull.”

While Hamas's October 7 atrocity caused many Palestinian supporters to rethink their positions, the event only ignited an explosion of hate from Israel's enemies. Tens of thousands of demonstrators demanded not two states living in peace, but rather, “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free . . . by any means necessary”—meaning, clearly, slaughter of civilians.

**Power of Big Lies:** Though Israel was the *victim* of a mass murder of innocent Jews, its enemies *blame* the Jewish state—not only for the Hamas massacre, but also for responding in defense. The reasons many blame Israel for the atrocity are based on five Big Lies. Big Lies were used by Nazi leader Goebbels, who noted that if he told an outrageous lie often enough, people would begin to believe it. Alternatively, if you use *truth* as a basis for your judgments, you may find these facts useful:

**Lie #1: Israel is a colonial state that stole Palestinian land.** *A colonizer is a foreign nation that conquers and exploits another nation.* First, the Palestinians have never owned any land in Palestine. They were also never a nation. Nothing was stolen. Second, Jews are the indigenous people of the land of Israel. They have lived there continuously for 3,000 years and had two commonwealths for over 1,000 years: They are not foreigners. **No colonial state.**

**Lie #2: Israel commits genocide.** *Genocide is the intent to destroy a national, ethnic, racial or religious group by killing its members.* Israel does not, nor has ever, targeted innocent Palestinian civilians for attacks—no mass murders, no pogroms. All Palestinian civilian deaths have occurred as collateral damage while fighting terrorists who hide in residential or other public areas. Tellingly, the Palestinian population in and around Israel has mushroomed since Israel's founding in 1948—from about 700,000 to seven million today: **No genocide.**

**Lie #3: Israel practices apartheid.** *Apartheid is a system of legalized racial segregation in which one racial group is deprived of political and civil rights.* Israel has no laws or policies

separating or limiting the rights of any of its citizens—including two million Arab-Israeli citizens—nor any Palestinians outside Israel. Political and civil rights of all Palestinians outside Israel are controlled by their respective dictatorships, who allow virtually no freedoms, such as speech or the vote. **No apartheid.**

**Lie #4: Israel is committing war crimes.** *War crimes include torture, hostage taking, acts of terrorism, rape and intentional targeting of civilians.* While Hamas committed all these acts on October 7, Israel commits none. Though some media bristle at what they consider excessive civilian deaths during Israeli military efforts, in fact, Israel attacks only military structures and personnel—never civilian-only targets. Hamas places its fighters in dense residential areas or in tunnels beneath them, endangering civilians. **No Israeli war crimes.**

**Lie #5: Israel oppresses the Palestinians.** *Oppression is the malicious exercise of power to discriminate against some groups.* Because Israel completely exited Gaza in 2005, it has no power over the daily lives of Gazans. However, because of Hamas's continuous terror, especially efforts to kill Jews and destroy the Jewish state, Israel and Egypt blockaded Gaza to prevent terror attacks. Likewise, under the Oslo Accords, Israel and the Palestinian Authority share governance of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), and Israel plays virtually no role governing Palestinians' daily lives. It enters Palestinian-controlled areas only when terrorists flee to and hide in them. **No Israeli oppression.**

Above all, Israel and the U.N. have made numerous offers of land for an independent Palestinian state. Tragically, the Palestinians have turned down five offers of land for peace since 1948, three since the year 2000. Apparently, their dream of conquering Israel “from the land to the sea” has greater importance.

*The bestiality of the October 7 massacre shocked us—beheadings, incineration, rape, torture, heartless executions, brutal kidnappings. Even worse, the gates have opened to unlimited Jew hatred on American streets and campuses—to condoning savagery with the excuse of Palestinian liberation . . . based on utter lies about the Jewish state. But Hamas and the haters should know that “Never Again” means fighting and defeating evil forever.*

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