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Why the U.S. values Israel today—more than ever

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Over the decades—despite overwhelming cultural, religious, diplomatic and military reasons for the United States to support the Jewish state financially—enemies have found a string of excuses to oppose a close U.S.-Israel relationship.

Some inveterate die-hards, for example, still cite accidental missile strikes by Israel on the USS Liberty back in 1967—which was rigorously investigated and found tragically to have been an error. Modern Israel critics argue that for decades the American Congress and Presidents—both Democrat and Republican—have been unduly and inexplicably swayed by the “Jewish lobby.”

Yet the logic of the nations’ unbreakable relationship is obvious and compelling. U.S. support over the past 40 years has been consistent—because those Presidents and Congresspeople have understood the profound value of investing in America’s most consistent and powerful ally in the Middle East.

Current events in the Middle East have only raised the stakes on which this relationship is based and underscored its value.

The humiliating retreat under fire by the U.S. and its allies from Afghanistan as the Taliban took over—even as ISIS regroups—has shown that the wider Middle East is still a truly treacherous place for American interests.

Among the failing societies, radical jihadist groups and bloodbaths engulfing nations—like Yemen, Lebanon, Libya, Syria and Iraq—one rock of stability remains in the region, whose interests and goals line up almost completely with those of the U.S.

The State of Israel has served as America’s most reliable partner in the region throughout its history, whether during the Cold War—where many nations vacillated between the Soviet and the Western spheres—through two Gulf Wars, and up to the recent return of fundamentalist Islam and terrorism.

U.S.-Israeli security cooperation dates back to the 1960s, when Washington came to see the young Jewish state as a bulwark against Soviet influence in the

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The Ugly Truth About Hamas
Hamas attacks on Israel fulfill a terrorist mission to kill Jews and destroy Israel—they don't support a two-state solution or any form of Israeli-Palestinian peace.

Those who oppose Israel's response to Hamas's repeated attacks usually have their politics on line and unexamined assumptions. They quote Hamas's own mission and accuse Israel of aggression, and condemn the deaths of innocent Israeli citizens. They ignore the fact that Hamas is a terrorist organization, and that its attacks on Israel are a direct result of its own ideology. They also ignore the fact that Hamas is a terrorist organization, and that its attacks on Israel are a direct result of its own ideology.

Facts about six false myths
Self-education for Palestinian Arabs is an admirable goal, and has been since the founding of Israel. But it's a mistake to believe that Hamas's branch of some 4,000 members against Israel in May 2021 was motivated by any quest for peace or a Jewish-Palestinian state. Instead, the group's attacks on Israel are a purely political act, an act to take the fight to the Jewish state and a prelude to the destruction of the Jewish state.

Myth 1: Hamas is the underdog In truth, Hamas is supported by Iran, Syria, and other Arab states. It has a long history of violence and terrorism, and has been responsible for the deaths of thousands of Israelis and Palestinians. It has a long history of violence and terrorism, and has been responsible for the deaths of thousands of Israelis and Palestinians.

Myth 2: Israel occupies Palestinian territory Israel occupied territory from the Gaza Strip in 1967. However, it has since withdrawn from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. It has since withdrawn from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Myth 3: Israel wants to take over the Al-Aqsa Mosque Israel has no intention of taking over the Al-Aqsa Mosque. It has no intention of taking over the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Myth 4: Hamas is fighting for the Palestinian people Hamas is not fighting for the Palestinian people. It is fighting for its own interests and the interests of its supporters.

Myth 5: Israel is creating a Jewish-Palestinian state Israel is not creating a Jewish-Palestinian state. It is creating a Jewish state.

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Middle East and a counter to Arab nationalism. While that bipolar world no longer exists, Israel remains a critical counterweight in the region against radical Islam—whether Iran, Hizbollah, al Qaeda or ISIS—that threaten American interests.

Furthermore, Israel's forces have prevented the proliferation of nuclear weapons in a region where extremist organizations frequently conquer nation states. In 1981, the Israel Air Force conducted a surprise attack on an Iraqi nuclear reactor in Osirak. While the U.S. objected to the attack, American leaders said in retrospect it was a vital initiative by the Israelis.

In an interview in 2005, Bill Clinton expressed support for the Osirak attack: “[E]verybody talks about what the Israelis did at Osirak, in 1981, which, I think, in retrospect, was a really good thing. You know, it kept Saddam from developing nuclear power.”

Best of all, Israel's ability—and willingness—to defend democracy and other Western diplomatic and economic interests has increased dramatically over the past 20 years. Israel's advanced cybersecurity, weapons technology and intelligence gathering are among the most sophisticated in the world.

The Israel Air Force prevented the genocidal Assad regime in Syria from acquiring nuclear weapons by attacking a nuclear site in 2007. Recently, Israel has conducted more than 1,000 air raids on Hizbollah and other Iranian proxies who are expanding the Islamic Republic's hegemony in Syria.

Israel and the U.S. also cooperate on sophisticated military defense technology, like Iron Dome, David's Sling counter-rocket and Arrow missile defense systems. These systems have been used to defend Israel, as well as American forces and allies in the region. Many of these technologies, created with Israeli knowledge and innovation, are exported to American allies.

The Jewish State's military industry has pioneered many other advanced technologies that are transforming the face of modern war—including cyberweapons, unmanned vehicles (such as land robots and aerial drones), sensors and electronic warfare systems, and advanced defenses for military vehicles. The U.S. and its allies daily enjoy the fruits of Israeli innovation.

But the State of Israel is not just a reliable ally and partner—it is also a vital outpost for America's interests. While the U.S. does provide Israel with billions of dollars, this is *not* aid or assistance. it is part of a common long-term investment, based on America's needs to enhance its power against common threats facing both countries.

“It's about time we stop apologizing for our support for Israel,” then-Senator Joe Biden told the US Senate in 1986. “There's no apology to be made. It is the best \$3 billion investment we make. If there weren't an Israel, the United States of America would have to invent an Israel to protect her interests in the region.”

American arms industries benefit because agreements between the two countries stipulate that the majority of funds the U.S. provides Israel has to be spent in America, helping military businesses and providing jobs for countless Americans.

Many of the arguments against this close relationship—largely centered around

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objections from Arab nations—have dissipated, especially since the signing of the Abraham Accords peace agreements with the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan. Antagonism to the Jewish state in the region has been replaced by the understanding of moderate Sunni Muslim leaders that Israel is an asset in the battle against Iran and growing Islamist terrorism.

This new outlook puts the U.S., Israel and much of the region on the same side for the first time. In fact, Israel actively helps many of these countries, whether containing ISIS in the Sinai desert or buttressing the Jordanian leadership.

Finally, with the pullout from Afghanistan and the winding down of an American presence in Iraq, the U.S. will lose tremendous abilities that come with “boots on the ground,” chief among them, intelligence capabilities—a field in which Israel excels.

I urge you to remind your family, friends, colleagues and elected representatives that with Iran on the cusp of nuclear weapons capability, the U.S. and its allies are well served by the State of Israel. One of Israel’s primary missions is to ensure the Islamic Republic does not acquire nuclear weapons—a potential horror for the entire world.

Fortunately, Israel has become a regional superpower—which in protecting itself from vicious enemies also opposes U.S. adversaries. As the U.S. turns its attention to China, this is precisely the kind of strategic asset it needs in the Middle East—one that has America’s back.

I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME's lively [Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME's new *hasbarah* campaign—which exposes “The Ugly Truth About Hamas” and those who support the terrorist group.

Best regards,

James Sinkinson

President, Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)

P.S. During the war between Hamas and Israel last May, many mainstream media, as well as leftists and a few progressive politicians, opposed Israel’s defensive actions against unprovoked missile attacks by the Palestinian terrorist group. Some even actively supported Hamas’s aggression. This despite the fact that Hamas is one of the world’s most oppressive and warlike ruling parties. To dispel the myth that Hamas is an “underdog” representing legitimate Palestinian interests, FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called “[The Ugly Truth about Hamas.](#)” I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which ran on July 4 in the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune* and other media nationwide. It spells out specifically Hamas’s avowed mission to kill Jews and destroy the State of Israel. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. 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

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