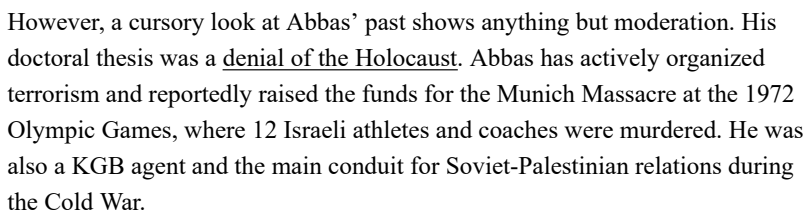
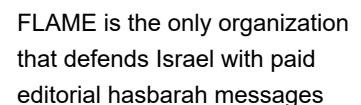


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In 2003, Abbas became Palestinian Prime Minister before being appointed President after the death of Yasser Arafat. While many thought his business suit distinguished him from his predecessor's army fatigues, Abbas' language belied these hopes. Though on occasion he disavowed violence for the ears of the international community, his constant adoration of Palestinian "martyrs"—terrorists who died in their murderous acts—demonstrates otherwise.

Abbas' government continuously names roads, public squares, monuments and children's summer camps after terrorists. In addition, his steadfast refusal to end the Palestinians' 'Pay for Slay' program—salaries for convicted terrorists—proves bloodshed still tops his agenda.

But the major complaint against Abbas from Palestinians themselves is corruption and a lust for money. Abbas and his sons have been accused of misappropriating hundreds of millions of dollars of PA funds. Former economic adviser to PLO founder Yasser Arafat, Muhammed Rashid, estimated Abbas has taken at least \$100 million, and Abbas' two sons run businesses supported by PA enterprises and worth upwards of \$600 million.

In testimony before a House Committee on Foreign Affairs in 2012, Elliott Abrams stated that "Corruption is an insidious destroyer not only of Palestinian public finance but of faith in the entire political system . . . [A]s an American official seeking financial assistance for the PA from Gulf Arab governments . . . I was often told 'why should we give them money when their officials will just steal it?'"

Piled atop Abbas' corruption is his dictatorial rule. He has repeatedly cancelled municipal, parliamentary and presidential elections. The 85-year-old has become increasingly repressive, with his police forces breaking up demonstrations, intimidating opponents and murdering critics.

However, his most damaging contribution is his rejectionism of peace. In 2008, then-Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert made Israel's most generous offer of peace ever to Abbas, which included 100% of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, with minor land swaps, half of Jerusalem, control of the Temple Mount and Holy Basin and even a return of some refugees. Abbas rejected the offer out of hand.

Indeed, Abbas and his predecessor Arafat have refused every single Israeli peace offer—and later, even the possibility of further talks. This despite Israel's good-faith concessions, such as the freeze on new building in Israeli communities in Judea and Samaria in 2010, during the Obama Administration.

During the Trump Administration, Abbas' rejectionism went even further, as the U.S. offered the Palestinians \$50 billion in aid and investment just to come to the negotiating table, but were once again rebuffed. "We say a thousand times no, no, no to the Deal of the Century," Abbas said.

The root of Abbas' rejectionism is his continued objection to Israel as the national homeland of the Jewish people, belying his stated commitment to the "two-state for two peoples" formula. While he tells the world that Palestinian sovereignty is at the root of the conflict, it was in fact *Jewish sovereignty* that formed the conflict a century ago and still riles Palestinian leadership.

Speaking in 2014 Abbas said he firmly rejected the demand that Palestinians

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recognize Israel as a Jewish state. “They are pressing and saying, ‘no peace without the Jewish state,’” he said. “There is no way. We will not accept.”

Sentiment among Israelis is unequivocal: Rejection of the Jewish people’s national rights is the greatest obstacle to peace. Unless an enemy commits to stop fighting, the fight will continue.

The international community, led by the U.S., should not succumb to Abbas’ incessant bullying and threats. He has shown he has no interest in peace or a resolution to the conflict—preferring to just grease its wheels and his own palms simultaneously.

I hope you will point out to friends, family, colleagues and your elected representatives that this man in a suit is nothing but an unrepentant terrorist with no interest in peace. Before agreeing to any Palestinian demands, the U.S. should first test Mahmoud Abbas. Extract the singular concession from him that will resolve the bottleneck he has created:

Ask Abbas if he is ready to accept the State of Israel as the home of the Jewish people whose capital is Jerusalem. If his answer is still “no”—as it surely will be until the day he dies—it makes sense to sideline the Palestinian president and take a chance on the next generation of Palestinian leaders.

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 “Ben & Jerry’s Bad Taste” and those who support boycotts of the Jewish state.

Best regards,

James Sinkinson

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P.S. As you know, Ben & Jerry’s recently announced that it would cease its contract with its Israeli affiliate because the affiliate refused to stop selling the company’s ice cream in the ancient Jewish territories of Judea and Samaria. This move, championed by the company’s anti-Israel board chair, is just the latest attempt to boycott the Jewish state—joining the BDS movement—which some 35 U.S. states consider illegal and anti-Semitic. To clarify this issue for the American people—including many Jews—FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called “[Ben & Jerry’s Bad Taste](#).” I hope you’ll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which will run soon in the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune* and other media nationwide. It spells out why Ben & Jerry’s should be held to account for this attempt to delegitimize 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 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

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