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How can peace-loving Americans support Palestinians' celebration of cold-blooded murder?

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

Western countries, including the United States, give significant financial support to the Palestinian Arabs, under the assumption that they are <u>a stateless people</u> who simply yearn for peace, self-determination and independence in their own land.

Yet all objective evidence contradicts this assumption painfully. In reality, the Palestinians display an obstinate refusal to accept peace. Rather, they nurture a culture of <u>virulent hate</u> against their Jewish neighbors.

It's no surprise that a Pew survey of antisemitic values among the world's peoples reported that some 93% of Palestinians hold antisemitic opinions of Jews—the highest rate of Jew hatred in the world.

This hateful culture is acted out in a continuous series of murders of innocent Israelis, as well as waging a 75-year-long war against the Jewish state.

Perhaps the best reflection of the Palestinians' toxic animus toward Jews—and drive to kill them—is the celebratory mood that fills their streets whenever innocent Jews are murdered by Palestinian terrorists. Celebrations were particularly jubilant two weeks ago, when seven Jewish women, children and men were shot dead outside a Jerusalem synagogue by a lone terrorist.

We should ask ourselves: In light of the Palestinians' well-publicized death culture, how can the U.S. and many American—even Jewish—citizens continue to support the Palestinian cause? How can we—no matter how "progressive" —justify the Palestinians' entrenched <u>culture of hate</u> and strategy of cold-blooded murder? Would we dare admit to supporting any other cause motivated by such poisonous, life-destroying values?

Those who truly care about the cause of peace between Israel and the Palestinians should <u>withhold support</u> for the Palestinians until they demonstrate

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an effort to end pervasive Jew hatred and cease terrorist attacks on innocents. We should also demand to see political statements on the part of Palestinian leaders that indicate an actual desire for peace, instead of chants calling for Israel's destruction, such as, "From the river to the sea, Palestine shall be free."

Despite signing agreements to the contrary, the Palestinians have never given up on their ultimate goal of destroying Israel. It's why they have repeatedly <u>rejected offers of statehood</u> in 2000, 2001 and 2008, which would have given them nearly all of Judea and Samaria (aka, the West Bank) and a capital in Jerusalem, along with the Gaza Strip. One proposal even offered land inside of pre-1967 Israel.

No surprise, then, that we find zero mention of even the idea of peace with Israel in Palestinian school textbooks. What we do find, however, is plenty of material encouraging Palestinian children to hate and murder Jews—the kind of material found in the textbooks of 13-year-old Palestinian boy, Muhammad Aliwat, who shot and wounded an Israeli man and his son just one day after the synagogue massacre that killed seven.

Aliwat's textbooks glorify violence, telling children to "cut the throats of enemy soldiers" and "put on explosive belts," because <u>martyrdom is required</u> to fight the enemy. Apparently, the young boy took this to heart, as he left a note for his mother before carrying out his attack. He wrote, "God, or victory or martyrdom."

Palestinian textbooks contain a steady diet of such antisemitism. In schools run by the United Nations' Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), for example, Palestinian children are taught that Jews are "impure" and "inherently treacherous and hostile to Islam and Muslims."

Palestinian children are also taught to <u>celebrate the murder</u> of Jews—whenever Palestinians kill Jews, children see jubilation in the streets. Sweets are passed out, fireworks explode, and motorists honk their horns, as reveling Palestinians fire their guns in the air. Chants calling for more murder and more dead Jews ring out.

As Palestinian children get older, they learn that not only is killing Jews a righteous deed, but it's also lucrative, since the Palestinian Authority (PA) <u>pays</u> <u>lifetime salaries</u> to those who commit terrorist acts against Israelis.

Per the PA's pay-for-slay policy, the more Jews a Palestinian kills, the more he or she is paid—up to \$4,000 per month, three times the average Palestinian wage. In 2021, the PA was in dire financial straits. Nevertheless, its leaders still doled out some \$270 million in salaries to jailed and released terrorists, as well as for wounded terrorists and the families of dead terrorists.

Would the U.S. government or American citizens ever consider subsidizing such a murderous culture? In fact, <u>American taxpayer dollars</u> handsomely support the Palestinians and their culture of death by sending them hundreds of millions of dollars every year.

Indeed, following the synagogue massacre in Jerusalem a few weeks ago, U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken announced an additional \$50 million in new aid to UNRWA, the UN agency that runs schools where Palestinian children

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learn to <u>vilify and kill Jews</u>. UNRWA alone has received a total of \$940 million from U.S. taxpayers since President Joe Biden took office.

Yet, Palestinians society continues to encourage its citizens of all ages to participate in and celebrate the cold-blooded murder of innocent Jews. Even as other Arab countries, like the UAE, Bahrain and Morocco are beginning to promote peace between Jews and Arabs after decades of hostility, Palestinian leaders are doubling down—promoting *increased* hatred and violence toward their Jewish neighbors.

How can any American, no matter where their sympathies on the political spectrum, justify supporting the cult of <u>heartless murder</u> of innocents that defines the Palestinian cause?

I urge you in conversations with friends, colleagues and family—and in letters to the editor—to advocate that the U.S. <u>stop subsidizing</u> the Palestinians' virulently antisemitic murder culture.

Emphasize that U.S. citizens should not have to see their tax dollars used to aid the Palestinians, *unless* the Palestinians commit to 1) ending their ferocious campaign of antisemitic hate against Jews, 2) purging their society of its death culture and incitement to <u>violence against Israel</u> and the Jewish people, and 3) ending their financial support for terrorists who murder Jews.

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 —"Demand Justice for Jewish Students"—which exposes rising attacks on Jewish college students' identity and how these acts of antisemitism can be defeated.

Best regards,

Jason Shvili, Contributing Editor Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)

P.S. You've surely seen headlines describing increasing attacks on Jewish students—in the classroom and in the public square—by radical anti-Zionist students, as well as faculty members. So far, university administrators have failed to prevent this kind of antisemitism on campus. At the heart of this discrimination, Israel's enemies outrageously claim that Zionism is not part of being Jewish. No wonder more and more Jewish students are hiding their Jewish identities on campus. I think you'll agree that we supporters of Israel need to speak out. FLAME's new hasbarah---explanatory message---"Demand Justice for Jewish Students" tells how new law suits based on Title VI anti-discrimination laws are putting pressure on college administrators to protect Jewish students from such attacks. I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME intends to publish in the New York Times, Washington Post, New York Post, Miami Herald,

Chicago Tribune, Houston Chronicle, Los Angeles Times and San Jose Mercury News. 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.

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