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Facts & Logic About the Middle East

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HOW WE WILL DEFEND ISRAEL. HOW WE WILL WIN!

My friends, never let us forget the savage horror Hamas unleashed on the Jewish people on October 7:

A Hamas terrorist phones his parents from the scene of the bloody massacre: “Dad, I killed more than 10 Jews with my bare hands!” A Palestinian activist announces to Jews everywhere, “What Hitler did to you was a joke—we will drink your blood and eat your skull.”

The UN, anti-Israel NGOs—and now many media—demand a ceasefire to prevent Israel from defeating the Hamas monsters once and for all.

But media still refuse to admit that “from the river to the sea *by any means necessary*” means destroying Israel by murdering Jews. They also refuse to blame Hamas for the deaths of thousands of Gazans.

Have you seen any reporters or pundits in mainstream media demand the obvious solution: If Hamas were to release all Israeli and American hostages—and surrender unconditionally today—there would be no further deaths in Gaza. *The war would end.*

Tell me: Why don't the media commentators simply insist that Hamas surrender?

In the meantime, attacks on supporters of Israel—like us—rage on: A pro-Hamas professor kills a friend of Israel, yet is not charged with homicide. A pro-Palestinian thug attacks a Tulane University student and breaks his nose.

Surely you understand why we Jews say “Never Again.” It means we will not allow another Holocaust. We will defend the Jewish people and the world's only Jewish state. It means we will never give up—we will not stop until we defeat the

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YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH...

Democracy Thrives in Israel

A new report ranks the Jewish state as one of the world's strongest, most equitable democracies—despite baseless falsehoods about its oppression of Palestinians

While critics accuse Israel of apartheid, genocide, and rights violations, they offer little convincing evidence. In the contrary, Israel has a record second of civil liberties, elections, rule of law and equal opportunity of all levels of society, making it the world's 2nd most successful democracy.

What are the facts?

Israel receives critical condemnation for its alleged treatment of Arab-Israeli citizens, as well as Palestinian Arabs living in surrounding occupied territories. In stark contrast to such poorly supported accusations, the new “Democracy Index 2023” by EIU—the Economist Intelligence Unit—ranks Israel as one of the most thriving democracies in the world, scoring it higher than the United States, Spain, Italy and some 110 other nations. The index ranks countries according to 51 criteria, covering such national performance according to 1) rule of law and political rights, 2) functioning of government, 3) political participation, 4) political culture and 5) civil liberties.

Israel's 2023 ranking shows consistent improvement in its democratic processes compared with the first such report in 2006, when the Jewish state ranked 49th. In the current report, Israel was ranked for its inclusion of an Arab party in order to bring government coalition.

No surprise, since Israel robust democracy has a vibrant electoral tradition, stable governing institutions, high political participation among its citizens, a vigorous, even if not perfect, judicial system, and broad respect for liberties for all its citizens.

Unfortunately, even as Israel's democracy improved in the past year, the EIU noted that democracy globally is widely deteriorated. This was due to the Covid-19 pandemic, causing the implementation of lockdowns, including “a huge erosion of state power over large areas of public and personal life.”

In contrast to Israel were Middle Eastern regimes, the highest ranking of which was Tunisia, ranking only “50th place”—and then not as a democracy, but as a “hybrid regime.” The territory of Palestine was ranked as an “authoritarian” regime in 1980 place.

Like all countries in the index, Israel's performance in the EIU evaluation was based on the health and performance of democratic institutions among its citizens.

While critics often unfairly blame Israel for a lack of democratic freedoms in Judea and Samaria (“The West Bank”) and Gaza, they ignore the fact that the Oslo Accord gave governance responsibilities of Palestinians in those territories almost entirely to their respective counterparts—the Palestinian Authority and Hamas.

Unfortunately, neither of these Palestinian governments holds regular elections, respects basic civil liberties like freedom of speech, assembly and religion, or attempts to make peace.

Israel's “nation-state law” has also been unfairly attacked. The law declares that the country exists to fulfill the Jewish people's “right to self-determination.” This criterion, however, is not binding, attempting to decide a matter that is not binding on the rights of individual Israelis, including its own million Arab citizens. The many other nation states, it merely formalizes a reality of the people—in this case, the Jewish people—such as the flag, national anthem, and holidays.

Not to be confused with the nation-state law, which declares Hebrew to be the national language, in which English is the mother tongue. Nor does Israel's nation-state law establish any official religion—unlike some seven European countries that declare state religion in their very constitutions.

In short, Israel can be a proud nation of the Jewish people while still cherishing and respecting one of the most ethically diverse and freest democracies on earth. In fact, some would argue that it is precisely Jewish values of compassion and justice that help fairly and help guarantee Israeli robust democracy. No matter which democratic accusation, Israel's success, the Jewish state objectively remains one of the strongest and most successful democracies on earth, providing political, freedom and economic opportunities unmatched in the majority of the world's nations. Moreover, the suffering and plight of the Palestinians has little to do with Israel and a direct contrary of the goal of a Palestinian government to its creation of a dualist regime and their ultimate refusal to make peace.

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**IF YOU SUPPORT
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haters.

That's of course what FLAME is all about: Winning the Information War against the lies of antisemites and the media opposing Israel.

We get that power from true lovers of Israel, like you:
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Dear Friend of FLAME:

Horrible as October 7 was, it certainly showed us who our friends are . . . and who *are not*.

Many Israel's haters were obvious to us from the beginning—Black Lives Matter, Amnesty International, Jewish Voice for Peace, Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Likewise, we've identified our enemies in the media: *New York Times*, MSNBC, NPR, CNN, *San Francisco Chronicle*, Associated Press, Reuters and many more. No mystery.

But October 7 jolted many Jewish supporters of Israel. They had counted on a majority of their fellow Democrats to stand behind them when the going got tough.

But instead, the October 7 bestiality give an appalling number of anti-Israel Democrats the excuse to speak out sharply *against* the Jewish state . . . and extend full-throated support for the Hamas mass murderers.

Jewish Democrats certainly had to be *shocked* when a motion in the House of Representatives to censure Hamas cheerleader Rashida Tlaib—who openly calls for Israel's destruction—passed overwhelmingly . . . but with the support of only 22 Democrats (just 10.4% of 212 total!).

No wonder many Zionist Jews are rethinking their allegiances.

In Israel, the pain of abandonment was even greater. An Israeli friend told me she had been a hard-core leftist all her life—but also a Zionist. She strongly identified with the American Left, and especially, since she is a designer, with artists, who invariably swing *far left* politically.

She confessed: “After October 7, I felt completely betrayed by Americans I thought supported Israel. Today they actually say in public they support the genocide of Jews and the end of the Jewish state. It's outrageous and traumatic. I don't trust those people anymore.”

You and I already knew how the media lie about Israel . . . and about how Democrats have been slowly shifting support away from Israel . . . and *toward* militant Palestinians.

But suddenly we have a great opportunity to tell the truth about Israel to millions

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of Americans who see the media, politicians and leftist celebrities in a harsh, new light. *We must seize it now.*

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**THOUGH MEDIA REFUSE TO EXPOSE THESE 5 SHAMEFUL LIES,
FLAME CAN DO THE JOB . . . WITH YOUR HELP**

While Hamas's October 7 atrocity caused many Palestinian supporters to rethink their positions, the event only ignited an explosion of hate from other of 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.

As you know, the primary lies we see in the media are the following five, which FLAME has been fighting for decades—and will continue to battle in today's Information War.

I'm hoping you'll allow us to expose these lies by helping us publish the truth about them in mainstream and social media over the coming weeks :

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 population in Palestinian-controlled areas 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 of 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.**

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MEDIA, RADICALS AND POLITICIANS WHO SUPPORT HAMAS ALSO URGE A DEADLY CEASEFIRE—WHY?

October 7 was a harsh, tragic, wake-up call—for Israel and all of us who support the Jewish state. Obviously, Hamas's barbaric massacre—the cruel, cold-blooded murder of 1200 innocent people—must never happen again.

Yet today, when Israel calls its military to put Hamas out of business *forever* . . . radical jihadis on campus—students and faculty—as well as the “progressive” mainstream media, even actors Susan Sarandon and Mark Ruffalo—are calling for an immediate ceasefire.

As you know, crying “ceasefire” at this point is like shouting “Long live Hamas!”

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Surely you're old enough to have learned that when the United State mustered all its forces to defeat Nazi Germany, and all its might to defeat Japan—both of whom were fighting to conquer the world—civilians were tragically lost and infrastructure was destroyed.

When the U.S. and its allies hunted down evil ISIS, the global jihadis also hid among civilians . . . and many innocents around them were killed—unavoidably.

Now, Israel is bombing Hamas rocket launchers, terrorist tunnels and military headquarters—all located in residential areas, surrounded by innocent civilians, mosques, hospitals and schools.

Suddenly, Israel is condemned for fighting its enemies—war criminals—in the media, on campus and even by several members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

While often these criticisms are accompanied by heart-wrenching photos of

wounded Palestinian children—some of the images are fake. Did you see the YouTube video of the “dead” Palestinian in a body bag who was *moving her head*?

But here’s the greatest offense of the media pundits and “peace-loving” commentators: None of them demand that Hamas move its operations *out* of urban centers—so no more children and families will be harmed. What hypocrisy!

Nor do they insist that Hamas release its 238 hostages and surrender immediately—so the fighting will stop. Not a word.

Believe me: A black storm is gathering against the Jewish people and Israel.

But here’s a bright glow of hope: As you know, FLAME has been at the forefront of the Information War—defending Israel against the wide range of falsehoods her enemies aim at her.

Here are just some of editorial media ads FLAME has run to spread the truth . . . and defend the Jewish state in mainstream media (see hundreds of them under “PR for Israel” at www.factsandlogic.org).

- **“The Israel Genocide Slander”**—refutes the lie that Israel attacks any people because of race or ethnicity and proves world-class Palestinian population growth: This ad reached nearly 5 million people in the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Houston Chronicle* and *Orlando Sentinel*.
- **“Demand Justice for Jewish Students”**—shows skyrocketing anti-Zionist bullying on college campuses, calls to ramp up prosecution of negligent administrators: Delivered to 5.5 million readers in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Houston Chronicle*.
- **“What Is Occupied Palestinian Territory?”**—proves there’s no such thing as “Palestinian territory” and why Israel’s governance is lawful and just: It was seen by millions in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.
- **“The Palestinian Catastrophe”**—explains why Palestinians’ real “nakba” was their failure to accept Israel’s many offers of land for peace and their own state: It reached 7 million readers the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Miami Herald*, *Houston Chronicle* and *Orlando Sentinel*.
- **“Democracy Thrives in Israel”**—disproves accusations that Israel commits apartheid and shows why Israel is ranked the world’s 23rd most successful democracy (ahead of the U.S.!): It ran in *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Miami Herald*, *New York Post*, *Houston Chronicle* and *Mercury News*.

**WHY DO MEDIA AVOID TELLING THE OBVIOUS TRUTH ABOUT
HAMAS:
THEIR AVOWED GOAL IS TO KILL JEWS AND DESTROY THE
JEWISH STATE?**

The answer is not complicated: Most media are dominated by leftists who falsely believe the Palestinians want peace and want two states—even though *the Palestinians never say this*.

These media pundits also believe that Israel is occupying Palestinian land—though in fact, the Palestinians have never in history owned or controlled any land anywhere.

I made the mistake of listening to MSNBC for a few minutes recently, appalled at pundits straining to sound logical while explaining why Israel's actions over the years have “created Hamas” and “justify” such bestiality.

Yet the justifications these apologists try to sell unsuspecting audiences are fake.

Despite their focus on such seeming political excuses—occupation, stealing land and apartheid—Hamas is not primarily a political organization with political goals. It is a fanatical Islamist group whose goal is to excise the Middle East of the Jewish state and “reclaim” the entire territory.

Let me share with you a few quotes from the Hamas charter—which has not changed in the group's 18-year history. They irrefutably prove Hamas's evil motives:

“[T]he Palestinian problem is a religious problem and should be dealt with on this basis.”

“Palestine is an Islamic Waqf (endowment) land consecrated for Muslim generations until Judgment Day”

“The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out, ‘O Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.’”

Surely the Hamas fighters hunting down kibbutz members and music-festival-goers as they fled through groves and fields to save themselves must have been inspired on by these murderous commandments from their charter.

Note that Hamas also hates Christians: Shortly after the attack on Israel, Hamas co-founder Mahmoud al-Zahar assures fellow jihadis on [video](#) that “The entire planet will be under our law—there will be no more Jews or Christian traitors.”

Let me ask you: Have you seen any news or analysis in American media about Hamas's sacred mission to conquer the world and eliminate all Jews and Christians? Of course not.

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**THE 5 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
HAMAS**

Here are five more facts that mainstream media *could* tell you, but they don't:

✓ Hamas does not want peace with Israel and has never proposed peace with Israel.

✓ Hamas opposes a two-state solution.

✓ Hamas opposes the Palestinian Authority and its ruling party, Fatah, in Judea and Samaria (aka the West Bank).

✓ Israel does not occupy any part of Gaza and does not set rules or laws for Palestinians living in Gaza.

✓ Hamas is an *iron-handed dictatorship* that denies its citizens all civil rights, including the right to vote.

While it's true that Israel and Egypt have imposed a blockade on Gaza—they did so only following more than 10 thousand missile attacks from Hamas on Israeli civilians.

Americans learn these and other such truths in FLAME's editorial ads in mainstream and social media—and you can see hundreds of them under “PR for Israel” at www.factsandlogic.org.

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WHAT DOES ALL THIS HORROR IN ISRAEL HAVE TO DO WITH YOU AND ME?

My point is this: When thousands of jihadi missiles rain down on Israelis—when terrorists shoot, rape, decapitate and kidnap innocent Jews . . . as they did a month ago, there's little you and I can do to help directly.

But here's where we can make a difference: We can fight the lies and misinformation.

By joining the *information war*—we can defeat the falsehoods and distortions that threaten Israel and the Jewish people . . . just as seriously as do rockets, machine guns and knives.

Today FLAME's messages telling the truth about Israel reach tens of millions of people in top American daily newspapers and through FLAME's powerful Facebook channel.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT ISRAEL TODAY? PLEASE STEP FORWARD AND RENEW YOUR FLAME MEMBERSHIP

How do we decide that now is the time to act? What does it take?

A friend recently sent me this quote from Albert Einstein:

“The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.”

If ever in our lives we were called on to act to defend the Jewish people . . . and the State of Israel—the world’s only refuge for Jews—surely now is that time.

Let’s not forget the pledge that good people made after Holocaust: We took an oath—Jews and gentiles alike—declaring, “Never again.”

We will not permit genocide against the Jewish people ever again.

So many people say they love and support Israel, but they simply don’t know how to get involved. They don’t have time or they don’t have thousands of dollars to give.

I understand completely. But consider this: You don’t have to donate hours of time, and you don’t have to donate \$500 or \$100. You don’t even have to donate \$50 or \$25.

You see, FLAME is supported by tens of thousands of members. One by one: We have strength in numbers.

More than 30,000 donors—people just like you, many who make very modest donations, many on fixed incomes—help ensure our good work.

Won’t you please step forward today as someone who cares for Israel from the heart . . . someone who recognizes Israel’s importance to the United States and the Jewish people?

Go to [membership donation](#) now.

PLEASE HELP ISRAEL DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST HAMAS— PLEASE HELP US STAND UP FOR THE TRUTH

I hope you agree that FLAME’s editorial messages, which appear in media reaching more than ten million readers—including college students—must continue educating Americans about these and other issues, such as the antisemitic BDS movement on campus.

I hope you also agree that FLAME’s editorials spread the truth about Israel—a truth we can’t depend on mainstream media to tell.

Finally, I hope you agree that Israel needs this kind of public relations—someone like FLAME to tell the inspiring story about the Jewish state—its virtues, values and accomplishments . . . and its strategic importance for our own country.

Who supports FLAME? Our media efforts are made possible by more than

30,000 passionate individual donors who love Israel and everything it stands for. They are people who strongly believe Israel deserves a fair shake in the media.

Thousands of our supporters are of the Christian faith, and we of course welcome their devotion and generosity.

Please be assured that FLAME is an educational non-profit organization and extraordinarily thrifty with the funds that you and other supporters contribute to us.

We work out of Spartan offices, much of our work is contributed pro bono and our part-time office-staff payroll is tiny.

By keeping expenses low, we're able to publish our monthly messages in major national magazines and metropolitan and small-town newspapers all across the U.S.

We also send our messages, with convincing cover letters, to all U.S. Senators and Representatives, the President, Vice President, Secretary of State and all Justices of the Supreme Court.

Won't you step forward—help us tell the truth about Israel? Please make your [membership donation](#) now.

When you start or renew as a member of FLAME, you join tens of thousands of ardent Zionists who realize how precious Israel is to the Jewish people—and the world.

Won't you give us your vote of support?

Let me leave you with one thought: The American people must know the truth about these issues—and about Israel's current war with Hamas. No more lies. No more fake stories.

Remember: The only thing limiting international persecution of Israel is the United States. We must continue to protect the Jewish state from her enemies.

When you renew your membership in FLAME, you help us continue telling Israel's righteous and powerful story to influential people all over the U.S.—including college students—and to all members of the U.S. Congress.

Won't you go to [membership donation](#) now, while you have this message front and center?

I hope you agree that FLAME's mission is critical and deserving of your generous support.

Thank you very much, shalom and sincerely yours,

Jim Sinkinson, President,

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- P.S.2** You can play an important role in defending Israel from her enemies —today. This very minute. Please go to [membership donation](#).



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