

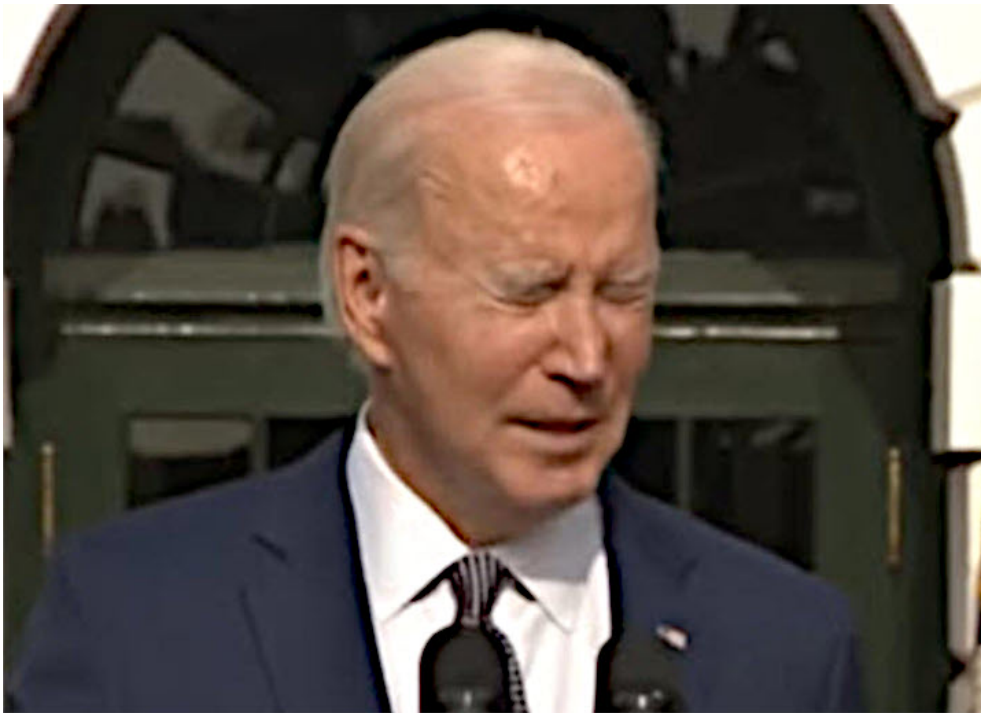


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Perhaps President Biden forgot he once said that cutting off military aid to U.S.-ally Israel would be "preposterous." Last week, though, he announced a halt to Israel's arms shipments. His decision, designed to placate far-left voters, threatens Israel and emboldens America's enemies.1

Biden halts arms shipments to Israel—further damaging his reputation, here and abroad

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

Quick quiz: Who made this bold, righteous statement? "The idea that we would cut off military aid to Israel, our only true ally in the entire region, is absolutely preposterous. It is beyond my comprehension that anyone would do that." Surprise, surprise: In 2019, then presidential candidate Joe Biden made this proud proclamation in a PBS interview. Now President Biden is halting weapons shipments to the Jewish state. So much for Mr. Biden's integrity and his "ironclad" commitment to Israel's security.

The Biden Administration claims it is halting weapons shipments to Israel to prevent civilian casualties in a pending Israeli offensive operation in Rafah, Hamas's last stronghold in the Gaza Strip. Considering that Israel takes more measures to prevent civilian deaths than any other country, including the U.S, this is utter nonsense.

The real reason Biden is halting weapons shipments seems to be to placate far-left voters,

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YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH... 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

What are the facts?
The world's Jews and Israel will never be the same. Hollywood's Hollywood studios received official messages from Hamas: the usual Jewish students are not welcome in school. Hamas officials claim Israel is a TV show, unless Hamas will open October 7 and Israel is annihilated. West Bank Palestinian activist Abed Yamin says "What Hitler did to you was a joke—we will drink your blood and eat your flesh!"

They condone savagery based on utter lies
While Hamas October 7 atrocity caused many Palestinian supporters to rethink their position, the event only ignited an explosion of hate from Israeli 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 masses must 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 had never lived any land in Palestine. They were also never stolen. 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 consecutive kingdoms 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 attack—on mass murder, no pogroms. All Palestinian civilian deaths have occurred as collateral damage while fighting terrorists who had no intention of other public areas. Although the Palestinian population in and around Israel has diminished since Israeli founding in 1948—from about 700,000 to seven million today. **No genocide.**

Lie #3: Israel practices apartheid. Apartheid is a system of official 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 non-Muslim Arab Israeli citizens—nor any Palestinians outside Israel. Political and civil rights of all Palestinians outside Israel are controlled by their respective citizenships, 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 blather 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 Israel war crimes.**

Lie #5: Israel oppresses the Palestinians. Oppression is the maintenance of power to discriminate against some groups. Because Israel completely ended 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 gave governance of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and Israel (plus virtually all governing Palestinians) daily lives. It entrusts Palestinian-controlled areas only when terrorist acts to take it from them. **No Israeli oppression.**

Above all, Israel and the US 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 desire of conquering Israel "from the land to the sea" has greater importance.

The brutality of the October 7 massacre shocked us—holocausts, massacres, rape, torture, mutilation, crucifixions, Israeli kidnappings. Even worse, the gates have opened to unbridled Jew-hatred on American streets and campuses—leading to a new era with the excuse of Palestinian liberation... based on utter lies about the Jewish state. But Hamas and the Arabs should know that "Never Again" means fighting and defeating evil forever.

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whom he believes are key to his re-election. Many of these voters are still chanting “Death to America” and causing mayhem on college and university campuses across the U.S.

Yet the President’s decision appears to be backfiring. It has already met outspoken opposition from a growing number of Democrats, including a major, long-time donor, as well as from most major Jewish organizations and most Republicans. Americans generally also voice overwhelming support of Israel’s war effort against Hamas.

In any case, Israel has indicated that it is prepared to stand alone, and that the U.S. arms embargo won’t stop its push into Rafah, which is required to destroy Hamas in Gaza definitively.

What’s more, Biden’s decision makes the U.S. appear weak in the eyes of its enemies and sends a message to America’s allies that they can’t count on U.S. leaders—no matter what they say—to help them defend against murderous enemies.

Indeed, rather than helping Israel, America’s strongest ally in the Middle East and one of its strongest globally, Mr. Biden, one day before the arms shipment decision, announced a sanctions waiver to Arab enemies of Israel, strengthening their ability to purchase arms and support terror.

The President’s decision to withhold Israel’s weapons shipments from Israel has nothing to do with protecting civilians. Military experts, including John Spencer, the chair of urban warfare studies at the Modern War Institute at West Point, attest to Israel’s unparalleled efforts to protect civilians in combat zones. Spencer said that during the war in Gaza, Israel “has implemented more measures to prevent civilian casualties than any other military in history.” In fact, while civilians will be killed in any war, especially one in which enemy rulers hide behind their citizens, Israel has achieved one of the lowest combatant-to-civilian death tolls in modern warfare.

The President is alienating the majority of American voters who support Israel in order to please a minority of radical, far-left voters who do not. He has been criticized by moderate Democrats, like Sen. John Fetterman and Rep. Ritchie Torres, who told Axios he suspects Biden was “pandering to the far left” and that the upcoming election was “driving” him. Torres went on to say, “I’d like the president to do right by Israel and recognize that the far left is not representative of the rest of the country.” The latest polls indicate that Torres is correct, as 80% of registered voters support Israel over Hamas, according to the latest Harvard CAPS-Harris survey. Furthermore, 72% support an IDF operation in Rafah. No wonder 26 Democratic lawmakers have recently signed a letter criticizing the President’s decision.

Mr. Biden’s blocking of arms deliveries to Israel will not stop an offensive in Rafah. In the words of Gilad Erdan, Israel’s ambassador to the United Nations, “How can we accomplish our goals of destroying Hamas and releasing the hostages if Israel is barred from entering a critical area like Rafah, which is where thousands of terrorists, hostages, and Hamas leadership are?” Indeed, Israel’s leaders are adamant that nothing, not even President Biden’s decision to halt arms shipments, will stop the IDF from going into the city to wipe out Hamas. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, for example, said that Israel would fight with its fingernails if need be. Furthermore, even with the halt to arms shipments, the IDF already has enough munitions to proceed with the invasion of Rafah, according to Israel’s top military spokesman, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari.

Biden’s flip-flopping on support for Israel is “preposterous”—it emboldens Israel’s—and America’s—enemies. This is the message that major Democratic Party donor Haim Saban communicated in a recent letter to the President, saying Biden’s decision, “sends a terrible message to our allies in the region, and beyond, that, [that] we can flip from doing the right thing to bending to political pressure.” Joining the chorus of criticism, leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations stated, “Withholding security assistance and support from Israel would send a dangerous message to Iran and all its regional proxies and would undermine the confidence our allies place in commitments by the United States.”

The vast majority of Americans and of Congress support Israel. In short, Mr. Biden is making a massive political mistake. Israel, the world’s only Jewish state and the only democracy in the Middle East—and its tens of millions of U.S. supporters—are on the right side of history. In

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fact, only a tiny number of American voters on the far-left support the genocidal actions of Hamas and Iran, and many of these radicals also openly call for destruction of both the United States and Israel. History will find them guilty.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that if President Biden wants to preserve his self-proclaimed legacy as a staunch supporter of Israel—and get re-elected—he should do what the overwhelming majority of American voters want him to do: Support Israel, the country that Biden himself called, “our only true ally in the entire region.”

Best regards,

Jason Shvili, Contributing Editor

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P.S. The events of October 7 have changed our world forever—and especially the world for Israel and the Jewish people. Likewise, the words “Never Again” will never be the same for us. October 7 has shown us that despite all promises of equity and commitments against hate on campus and on our streets, we can never depend on it. We will likely never be free of the scourge of antisemitism, fueled by the most outrageous slanders. I hope you’ll agree that we opponents of Hamas and its savage massacre—and of all who support Hamas, against all humanitarian values—need to speak out. FLAME’s new *hasbarah*—explanatory message —“[Enemies of Israel Tell Five Big Lies](#)”—refutes today’s most vicious lies against Israel and the Jewish people. I hope you’ll review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME published in the *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*. 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](#) with a donation.

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