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A recent AP report exposes how Gaza's Ministry of Health, which is fully controlled by Hamas, exaggerates death counts with no data to support them. Media then regurgitate these fake death tolls—composed of terrorists and their civilian human shields—falsely blaming Israel.

## New AP report exposes Hamas's bogus death counts in Gaza war

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

When Israel's daring military operation successfully freed four kidnap victims from Gaza last week, the *Washington Post* ran the headline: "At least 274 Palestinians killed during Israeli raid to rescue 4 hostages."

In other words, the *Post's* message was: Israel killed hundreds of Palestinians in order to save just four kidnap victims—or, disproportionate force led to the deaths of many innocent civilians.

What the *Post* didn't tell us was that the death count was *not* verified, since it came from Hamas's Gaza Health Ministry, which consistently lies. They also didn't tell us how many dozens of the dead were Hamas terrorists . . . or how many dozens more dead were "civilians" holding or guarding the hostages in their private apartments. Or how many dozens more were civilians killed by Palestinian fighters firing machine guns to stop Israeli soldiers from extracting the hostages from the densely populated neighborhood where they'd been held.

No specifics, just dead bodies—not verified by anyone.

Ironically, this media use of fake death counts came just days after the Associated Press (AP) revealed Hamas's "daily death tolls . . . are provided without supporting data." It means thousands of daily news stories in major media report a rising death count of Palestinians in Gaza—all unsubstantiated.

Media like CNN, NPR and the AP itself have uncritically regurgitated the claim that 72% of Gaza war dead were women and children. Yet now AP says, "the underlying data clearly showed the percentage [72%] was well below that."

While AP's analysis is only one of many that have exposed the patent unreliability of Hamas's fake death toll accounts, it's certainly the one with the highest visibility. Will the media ignore this one, as they have all the others—and continue to promote Hamas's lies as truth? No major news outlet—including *New York Times*, CNN or NPR—has yet covered the AP report.

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**Stop Terrorism on Campus**  
Attacks on Israel and Jews on scores of American universities have exploded into a jihadi-fueled, violent revolution against American freedoms and values

While protesters violate school rules, state and federal laws—waving and destroying campus property, refusing access to Jewish students and physically attacking those who disagree with their terrorist ideology—provocative college administrators have failed to stop the insanity!

**What are the facts?**  
Anti-Semitic acts on U.S. college campuses have skyrocketed by 70% since Hamas' October 7 massacre in Israel—and they've become more violent. Jewish students have been harassed, harmed from envy, and physically attacked by pro-Hamas demonstrators, reminiscent of Nazi behavior in 1930s Germany. Socialists and white supremacists have spread against Black, Muslim and LGBTQ+ students, they refuse to protect Jewish and pro-Israel students.

Massive campus administrations—and faculty—have become so embroiled, they no longer take their own lives in the United States to Israel? No surprise, either, that campus protesters chanted such extreme threats and drove attacks on Israel recently. Their stated goal is to "globalize the intifada." Millions support this pro-Hamas mission to create an Islamist caliphate as well as the terrorist group's slaughter of some 1,200 innocent Israeli, Jewish, and Muslim soldiers "from the sea, Palestine will be free," a demand the U.S. House of Representatives recently declared to be anticonstitutional—a call for genocide of seven million Israeli Jews.

**A revolution of hate that opposes civil liberties and academic freedom:** This violent revolutionary movement is rooted in neo-Marxism, which divides the world into oppressor and oppressed. The ideology, which today dominates American university culture, has inspired both critical race theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policies. It divides people, organizations and nations into a struggle of good and evil according to their allegiance to the oppressed-oppressed axis. Oppressors are induced to defend "no more necessary"—a slogan seen at many anti-Israel protests. Campus revolutionaries and their faculty members consider Jews, Israel and the U.S. to be "white" oppressors and therefore subject to violent "resistance"—such as breaking into and setting buildings, attacking Jewish students, and preventing "Israel" students' access to their own campus.

College administrators have scandalously failed to do

**their jobs:** Their two foremost responsibilities are to protect students' safety and academic freedom. That means zero tolerance for harassment or intimidation of Jewish or any students. It means honoring the search for truth and free expression—and forbidding "cancel culture." Finally, administrators must apply policies fairly. If hate speech or calls for genocide against any ethnic group on campus is not permitted, college administrators cannot allow anti-Semitism or calls for Israeli destruction.

**Four ways Americans can shut down terror on campus.**  
1. College administrators who fail to speak out and flag hate speech—or fail to protect students' freedom—should be removed. Students who violate school policies on hate speech, harassment, flag desecration, or trespassing should be suspended or expelled. Faculty who do the same—over those with knowledge—should be fired for cause.

**Their behavior is hateful, harmful and often unlawful**

2. Congress must increase penalties related to antisemitic and unlawful behavior on campus, on schools and revocation of visas for foreign students who participate in antisemitic or unlawful activities.

3. Colleges should face dire legal consequences for failing to stamp out anti-Semitism. Already Columbia University faces a lawsuit that alleges "wreck-the-school" harassment of Jewish students, who have been punched, shoved, spit on, blocked from attending classes and moving freely about campus. Dozens of other U.S. colleges face similar federal lawsuits.

4. **Donors** should withhold gifts from colleges that refuse to act against anti-Semitism. Many donors have already caused their giving, including Robert South, CEO of the New England Patriots, who pulled his support from Columbia University due to its unacknowledged law hatred.

The current behavior of "pro-Palestinian" activists at American colleges and universities is hateful, harmful and too often unlawful—on terrorism on campus. If your outrage is ignited by Jewish college students were directed against any other ethnic or "oppressed" group on campus, it would not be a national law violation, at least, most months and years. Time to shut down the insanity.

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While Hamas are clearly the war criminals here—for their persistent strategy of stationing fighters among their civilian population—American news media are also culpable. Major media, such as *USA Today* and *New York Times* have obsessively focused on civilian deaths in Gaza, [blaming Israel](#) for them, rather than the terrorists who put those people *directly* in danger.

Two weeks ago, for example, NPR's Jerusalem correspondent, Daniel Estrin, known for his past perversions of truthful reporting, covered the Israel Defense Forces operation in the Nuseirat "refugee camp" that [precisely targeted](#) and killed nine of an estimated 20 Hamas leaders who set up headquarters in a UN school surrounded by Gazan refugee encampments.

Unsurprisingly, a number of civilians were also reported to have been killed. NPR laid blame for the civilian deaths on the IDF's use of American precision bombs—completely hiding the story's main points. Estrin made no mention of Hamas's war criminality in setting up a terrorist hideout in a civilian center . . . or Hamas's primary responsibility for Gazan deaths in general for using human shields. No mention, either, that the death count [could not be verified](#).

Major media virtually never acknowledge the fact that every war creates hundreds, thousands, often tens of thousands of tragic deaths—even more so when enemies hide in schools, hospitals and humanitarian shelters, as Hamas routinely does.

It's time the media—and pro-Israel advocates—adopt a new strategy for highlighting the cause of Gaza's civilian deaths. While civilian deaths are regrettable—but inevitable in any war—Hamas multiplies the Gazan death count by its [purposeful strategy](#) of placing fighters in densely populated civilian centers.

The honest message, the true message, the humanitarian message must be: "Hamas: Stop killing your own people." Israel is not violating international law when it targets enemy fighters hiding among civilians—though Israel often calls off strikes likely to kill civilians. But when Palestinians die during attacks on Hamas, [Hamas is fully to blame](#).

**AP's report proves Hamas has been lying since day one.** While the Hamas's Gaza Ministry of Health reported as recently as March that 72% of war deaths were women and children, AP's new report found that this ratio has never been higher than 64.4% and as of April 30<sup>th</sup> had declined to just 38.1%.

AP's report was based on the total number of *fully identified* victims—22,961—roughly 12,000 less than the total casualty figure Hamas reported as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. In other words, Hamas added a third more deaths to the casualty count by including those unidentified and those *believed* to be buried under rubble—bodies that [cannot be counted](#).

**Other analyses have discredited Hamas death statistics, but the media have ignored them, focusing obsessively on the "rising death count."** Last month, for example, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) drastically revised its casualty figures from the war in Gaza, reducing the number of "identified" women and children killed by more than half, due to the fact that 40% of deaths reported in Gaza were based on [unverified data](#).

**The media unfairly hold Israel responsible for any and all civilian deaths.** Media almost never report Hamas's cynical and criminal use of human shields. Thus, initial reports of the hostage rescue [ignored](#) Hamas hiding of hostages in a densely populated residential area.

Nor do major media ever mention Israel's impressive civilian-to-combatant death ratio of just 1.5:1—perhaps the lowest in the history of modern warfare. Even if you believe Hamas's bogus numbers, the civilian death toll in Gaza is [extraordinarily low](#) compared to averages in other wars, which often range as high as 4:1 (civilians to combatants).

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that we must hold the media accountable for factual reporting. No more fake death counts. No more ignoring Hamas's [daily war crimes](#) and responsibility for tens of thousands of dead Palestinians.

Above all, stop blaming Israel for Palestinian deaths in Gaza. Our message must be "Hamas, stop killing your own people."

If you agree we need to spread this truth, please use your email browser to forward this Hotline issue to fellow lovers of Israel—and encourage them to join us by subscribing to the Hotline [at no charge](#).

Best regards,

James Sinkinson, President

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P.S. The riots, vandalism and illegal trespassing on American college campuses have

sharpened the knives of the Israel haters. It's become clear that the "pro-Palestinian" protesters are purely anti-Israel and support the genocide of Jews "between the river and the sea." Scandalously, we've also seen hard evidence that university administrators are willing to ignore or openly support the antisemitic hate speech and harassment of Jewish students—though they would never permit such behavior against other minorities. I hope you'll agree that we supporters of Jewish students and hate-free campuses need to speak out. FLAME's new *hasbarah*—explanatory message—["Stop Terrorism on](#)

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