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Members of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations hang their heads in shame as Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield indicates the U.S. abstention, allowing an anti-Israel resolution to pass—one of several betrayals that marred Team Biden's record of support for Israel.

Non-Partisan Biden-Harris Report Card on Israel

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

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Over the decades, many passionate supporters of Israel and FLAME have complained that FLAME is “too partisan” because we criticize their favorite politician or beloved political party. One supporter, for example, wrote to tell us to “stop criticizing President Obama—you don’t understand, we love him!”

Nonetheless, we at FLAME, for 35 years now, maintain strict non-partisanship. We judge elected officials and their parties by one criterion only: Are they supporting Israel *today*? Whether it was the Bushes, Obama, Trump, or Biden, we have never held back. We’re not trying to get anyone elected (or defeated). That’s your job as a voter.

But for a dose of objectivity, let us offer a dispassionate look at the Biden-Harris record on Israel. Let’s start by giving give credit where it’s due: Biden and Harris have supported Israel in many critical areas—positions that we, and we’re confident, Israel, deeply appreciate. But there have also been serious lapses in this support.

Kamala Harris’s acceptance speech at the DNC reveals both the positive and the negative.

Harris started by making inspiring, supportive statements about Israel. Yet, even as she began her segment on Israel, we could feel a “but” coming. Here’s how Harris affirmed America’s commitment to Israel: She forcefully promised to continue the White House’s support of Israel’s right—and ability—to defend itself. She boldly called out the brutality of Hamas on October 7th, invoking the horror of Hamas’s “sexual violence” and its “massacre of young people.”

Then came the “but.” “At the same time,” she said, “what has happened in Gaza is devastating . . . the

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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

What are the facts?
Since 9/11, on U.S. college campuses have skyrocketed by 100% since 9/11. October 7th, 2023, in Israel—and they’ve become more violent. Jewish students have been harassed, harmed from every, and physically attacked by pro-Hamas demonstrators, reminiscent of Nazi behavior in 1938 Germany. Synagogues while schools (often) have opened against Black, Muslim and LGBTQ+ students, they refuse to protect Jewish and pro-Israel students.

Majority campus administrators—and faculty—have become so emboldened, they no longer hide their own bias for the United States. They’re waving American flags and replacing them with those of anti-Israel “Palestine.” They’re even using their offices as freedom of speech, routinely seize and destroy school property and deny students their rights to free speech.

Anti-American and genocidal goals inspired by Islamist terror: No wonder pro-Hamas protesters parade the words of jihad (jihad) openly, from: “Death to America! Death to Israel!” No surprise, either, that campus protesters cheered both massive riots and drive 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, the victims of the “Pope’s river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” a demand the U.S. House of Representatives recently decided to be unambiguous—call the genocide of seven million Israeli Jews.

A revolution of hate that opposes civil liberties and academic freedom: This violent revolution movement is rooted in neo-Marxism, which divides the world into oppressor and oppressed. The ideology, which holds dominates American university culture, has inspired both critical race theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policies. It classifies people, organizations and nations into categories of good and evil according to their allegiance on the oppressor-oppressed scale. Oppressors are subject to defeat “in any means 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 no tolerance for harassment or intimidation of Jewish or any students. It means lowering the search for truth and free expression—and upholding “neutral culture.” Finally, administrators must apply policies fairly. If they speak or call the genocide against any ethnic group on campus is not permitted, college administrators cannot allow administrators to call for Israeli destruction.

Four ways Americans can shut down terror on campus. If college administrators will fail to speak violence and hate speech—and 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

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including violence. These should include harsh financial sanctions on schools and revocation of visas for foreign students who participate in antisemitic or unlawful activities.

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

If **Diversity** should withhold gifts from colleges that refuse to act against antisemitism. Many donors have already canceled their giving, including Robert Kraft, CEO of the New England Patriots, who pulled his support from Columbia University due to its unacknowledged Jew-hatred.

The current behavior of “pro-Palestinian” activists at American colleges and universities is hateful, harmful and too often unlawful—on campuses. If your savings suffered by Jewish college students were directed against any other ethnic or “oppressed” group on campus, it would not be a charitable law violation, it would raise questions and costs. Time to shut down the intifada.

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scale of suffering is heartbreaking. She concluded by praising the efforts she and Biden have made to achieve a ceasefire that returns the hostages and guarantees Israel's security, as well as the Palestinians' right to self-determination—as though the grievances in this war are equivalent. We note she did *not* conclude with a commitment to Israel's goals: The elimination of Hamas's evil leadership, its terrorist battalions and the support by nearly 60% of Gazans who praised Hamas's savagery on October 7.

So, here's *our* "but": Even as we acknowledge Biden's and Harris's valuable support of Israel over the last 3½ years—let's also not forget their betrayals of Israel's interests, some of which have been egregious. Depending on how you weigh the issues of Israel and Jewish well-being against other political issues, this report card may or may not influence your vote in November. But at least it gives you a non-partisan, pro-Israel perspective—objective pros and cons.

BIDEN-HARRIS POSITIVE GRADES ON ISRAEL

- **President Biden has expressed consistent support for Israel and visited immediately after October 7th.** He said, "We are going to make sure . . . you have what you need to protect your people, to defend your nation."
- **Team Biden-Harris has supported Israel financially:** Approving continuation of a 10-year, \$35 billion grant to fund Israel's military efforts—defending itself and supporting U.S. interests. They also approved Congress's National Security Supplemental Aid allocation of an additional \$15 billion in response to Hamas's and Hezbollah's new wars on Israel.
- **Biden-Harris vetoed several slanderous anti-Israel UN resolutions.** This includes one calling for full UN membership for the "State of Palestine"—thus rewarding the atrocities of October 7th—plus several very unfavorable ceasefire resolutions.
- **The White House sent military forces to the Mediterranean to back Israel:** Since October 7th, the U.S. has significantly increased its military presence in the Middle East and warned Iran and its proxies to stand down.
- **The U.S. helped Israel's defense against Iran's massive mid-April attack:** Iran attacked Israel using hundreds of missiles and drones. U.S. forces shot down six ballistic missiles and dozens of drones.
- **The Administration helped achieve an early ceasefire and hostages' release:** In late November, the Biden-Harris Administration helped broker a 7-day ceasefire that resulted in the liberation of 110 hostages.
- **Biden and Harris have consistently voiced support for Israel's right to defend itself:** They have repeatedly described their support of Israel as "ironclad."

BIDEN-HARRIS NEGATIVE GRADES ON ISRAEL

- **White House betrayed Israel at the UN:** On March 25th, the U.S. failed to veto a resolution that demanded an immediate ceasefire—*not* conditioned on hostages' release—falsely implicated Israel for impeding aid, and failed to condemn Hamas for either aid disruptions or hostage taking.
- **Biden-Harris government is withholding vital weapons from Israel:** According to Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the U.S. is withholding at least seven weapons systems from Israel.
- **Administration is pressuring Israel to accept a disastrous ceasefire:** Such a ceasefire would prevent Israel from destroying Hamas and enable the terrorist group to repeat the atrocities of October 7th, as they have vowed.
- **Team Biden-Harris threatened Israel against offensive attacks on Hamas, the Houthis, Hezbollah and Iran:** If the IDF invaded Rafah, Biden threatened, "I'm not supplying the weapons." Biden has similarly tried to prevent Israeli retaliation for aggression by Iran and its proxies.
- **Biden and Harris falsely accused Israel of responsibility for Gaza food shortages:** They fail to mention that Hamas steals most of the abundant aid that goes into Gaza.
- **Biden and Harris falsely accused Israel of military actions endangering Palestinians:** Team-Biden Harris constantly accuse Israel of killing too many civilians, even though the civilian-to-combatant ratio during this war is only 1.5 to 1—perhaps the lowest in the history of modern warfare.
- **Harris consistently uses false equivalence between Israel and Hamas:** Harris often implies a sinister contradiction between Israel defending itself and Palestinians being killed—never mentioning it was Hamas who started the war.
- **White House coddles and appeases U.S.'s and Israel's arch-enemy Iran:** Team Biden-Harris gave Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief and tried to revive the dangerous nuclear deal creating Iran's path to acquire nuclear weapons. It also overlooks Iran's blatant acts of aggression.
- **Biden and Harris express sympathy for the "feelings" of antisemites:** At the DNC, Biden referred to thousands of pro-Hamas protesters outside, saying "They have a point."

In short, Biden and Harris have indisputably supported Israel in critical ways and deserve our thanks. But this administration has demonstrably widened the "daylight" between the two powers. U.S. support has been inconsistent and uncertain. The White House frequently tries to micromanage Israel's military strategies and threatens to withdraw support—which annoys Jerusalem. The administration claims

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Israel has the right to self-defense, yet also tries to prevent it from destroying Hamas—placating pro-Palestinian Democrat voters and protecting the administration’s ill-starred hopes for a two-state solution. In sum, while the relationship is undeniably positive, it has become increasingly weakened under the current administration.

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,
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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 Campus](#)”—calls for four actions to eliminate campus outlaws and to restore rights to all students. Please review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME recently published in the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Tampa Bay Times*, *Denver Post* and *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](#) with a donation.

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