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Wikipedia's Arabic site logo is draped in Palestinian flag colors, and the site professes loyalty to the Palestinian cause. Once known for its objectivity and trustworthiness, Wikipedia has been hijacked by radical-left, anti-Israel extremists who have distorted thousands of the site's articles.

After Israel Kills Another Top Terrorist, U.S. Reacts: "Time to Give Up"

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

If you search for *Zionism* on Google, you'll quickly find this bizarre definition on Wikipedia: "Zionism is an ethnocultural nationalist movement that emerged in Europe in the late 19th century and aimed for the establishment of a Jewish state through the colonization of a land outside Europe."

In other words, Israel is an ethnonationalist colonial movement—precisely what they scream in pro-Palestine demonstrations on university campuses all over America. Zionism is apparently *not* the self-determination struggle of the Jewish people to repatriate their ancient homeland in the land of Israel.

Wikipedia has, over the decades, become the internet's go-to encyclopedia—known for its comprehensiveness and crowd-sourced objectivity. But lately, it has been hijacked by groups working to

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U.S. Middle East diplomacy has consistently failed
Why has U.S. Middle East diplomacy consistently failed? America's "one-of-a-kind" oil and gas and failed to contain the Islamic Iran Nuclear Club, while their policies failed to shut down Hamas and Hezbollah. The State Department's unilateral promotion of a "two state solution" has shown no success, since the Palestinians refuse to recognize the Jewish state. Over the last year, our diplomatic attempts to negotiate a ceasefire, either with Hamas or Hezbollah—have failed. Finally, efforts to placate the terrorist Hezbollah have only emboldened them to continue attacking Israel and global shipping.

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turn the online platform into a [leftist propaganda machine](#), especially to smear and delegitimize Israel.

A recent study by [Pirate Wires](#) found that a cadre of some 40 Wikipedia editors, working singly and in small groups, in recent years has completely rewritten most articles covering Israel. They have created a [damning narrative](#) of colonialism and Palestinian oppression that rivals the perversions promoted as doctrine in many university humanities departments.

The flagrant bias of these articles violates Wikipedia's Neutral Point of View policy, not to mention other policies that are supposed to prohibit anyone from exercising disproportionate control over the platform. Online activists who try to combat the anti-Israel, antisemitic content on Wikipedia by editing articles and complaining to administrators are most often ignored and sometimes even punished for challenging the anti-Israel narrative that is preferred by the vast majority of the platform's editors.

Jewish organizations have also challenged Wikipedia for its anti-Israel bias, but their complaints have fallen on deaf ears. The not-for-profit Wikipedia Foundation, which owns Wikipedia, washes their hands of the problem, saying they don't exercise power over their platform's content, thus contradicting the group's alleged commitment to neutrality.

If Wikipedia fails to uphold its own policies, those who rely on the platform—particularly supporters of Israel— would be well-advised to [stop using and funding it](#). Surely more reliable resources are available or will emerge.

Radical far-leftists have banded together to smear Israel on Wikipedia. Among them is a group of 40 mostly veteran Wikipedia editors, who are responsible for editing more than 10,000 articles on topics related to Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a fashion that delegitimizes the Jewish state. In many cases, the group's edits account for upwards of 90% of the content on an article, giving them [complete control](#) of the topics.

Wikipedia content is rife with outright lies and false accusations against the world's one and only Jewish state. For example, the article on Zionism wrongly states that the Palestinians became a minority in Israel “primarily due to expulsions by Zionist forces, and later the Israeli army.” In fact, most Palestinians refugees were [not expelled](#), and none would have lost their homes if Arab leaders had accepted the 1947 UN Partition Plan that allotted states to both Jews and Arabs.

Furthermore, if you type “Zionism” into Wikipedia's search box, the platform's auto-fill returns entries like “Zionism as settler colonialism,” “Zionism from the Standpoint of its Victims,” and “Racism in Israel,” implying that Zionism is a racist, colonial movement, when it is in fact a movement for indigenous self-determination, which has created a [paradise of freedom](#) for Israel's two million Arab citizens.

An even more blatant example of Wikipedia's anti-Israel bias can be found on the platform's Arabic edition, which is headed by Wikipedia's logo draped in the colors of the Palestinian flag and a statement reading, “In solidarity with the rights of the Palestinian people, no to genocide in Gaza ... no to killing civilians...”

Any attempt to combat anti-Israel bias on Wikipedia is quickly quashed. Anti-Israel editors gang up on pro-Israel users and drown them out with superior numbers. For instance, when some editors proposed adding the qualifier “ Hamas-run ” to describe the Gaza Health Ministry, which in fact is 100% controlled by Hamas, other editors voted by a 3:1 margin to ban this qualifier.

Challenging the anti-Israel narrative can even get users banned from the platform. In one case, Magde Qasim, an Israeli Druze, attempted to edit misinformation in different articles. He said, “I would correct very small issues; for instance, some Arab cities inside Israel were written under Palestine. So, I changed it to Israel and soon found out that it was changed back again to Palestine. They ended up blocking my account for two years.”

Jewish groups have also attempted to combat Wikipedia's anti-Israel bias to no avail. Earlier this year, more than 40 Jewish groups penned a letter to the Wikipedia Foundation calling on it to override a decision by editors to declare the Anti-Defamation League an unreliable source on Israel and Zionism.

In response, the Foundation replied, “This letter represents a misunderstanding of the situation and how Wikipedia works,” referring to its practice of not interfering in decisions made by its volunteer editors—despite the fact that this decision [violates](#) Wikipedia's own Neutral Point of View (NPOV) policy.

Wikipedia has failed to enforce its own policies. The organization's executives have irresponsibly ignored not just NPOV, but other policies designed to prevent groups from dominating content on Wikipedia to promote a specific agenda. These policies include prohibiting editors from “engineering ‘victory’ in a content dispute,” discouraging tag teaming, when “editors coordinate their actions to circumvent the normal process of consensus,” and forbidding canvassing—secret coordination with the “intention of influencing the outcome of a discussion in a particular way.”

The cynical use of Wikipedia by pro-Hamas radicals to delegitimize Israel destroys the platform's credibility. Those who control Wikipedia have the power to stop the insertion of hateful bias, but until now, they have not done so.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that

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Wikipedia cannot not be trusted on any topic related to Israel. If it fails to act against extremists hijacking the platform to promote a narrative delegitimizing the Jewish state, then users should abandon it and patronize more reliable sources. Those whose donations fund the platform would do better by supporting more credible media outlets.

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,

Jason Shvili, Contributing Editor

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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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