

Many social commentators have observed a profound "vibe shift" in today's popular and political culture, underscored, but not reflected solely by voters in recent American elections. Yet, some American institutions-mainstream media particularly-are steadfastly resisting today's societal sea change toward greater truth and transparency.

Legacy media, for example, persist in refusing to connect the dots when it comes to the primary cause of anti-Jewish, anti-Israel aggression. The New York Times, for example, calls Palestinian terrorists a "resistance" movement made up of "militants"- as though it's all about liberation and political disagreement. But that's like calling the Ku Klux Klan a social justice movement led by peaceful protestors.

In point of fact, both groups are driven by irrational hate, characterized by violence against

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"the other," whether they be Jews or Black Americans.

In fact, new research shows that people in the overwhelmingly Muslim MENA region – Middle East and North Africa – are more antisemitic than any other peoples on Earth. Other recent studies show that American Muslims, especially college students, also harbor extraordinarily <u>rabid anti-Jewish sentiments</u>.

While the media and "progressive" leftists hold it politically incorrect to state actual facts about Muslim racism, this is just one more example of bending (or hiding) the truth to support woke ideology. While media are entitled to their opinions, they owe it to the American public to present all the relevant facts—especially when it comes to the <u>causes of hate crimes</u>.

Media hide the ethnicity of domestic criminals in the news. For instance, in their coverage of the truck-ramming terrorist attack in New Orleans on New Year's Day, in which 15 people were murdered, legacy media buried the attacker's Muslim identity and his support for ISIS with headlines like PBS's "FBI says driver responsible for deadly New Orleans rampage acted alone in act of 'terrorism,'' and the *Washington Post*'s "New Orleans attacker acted alone, FBI says." Thus, the media want us to believe that this attack was simply the work of <u>an angry individual</u> rather than a blatant act of terrorism perpetrated by a radical Muslim.

Similarly, mainstream media outlets did not mention in their headlines the background of the Muslim man who shot and murdered another man on his way to synagogue in Chicago last October. In fact, both NBC and CNN took it upon themselves to equate hate crimes against Jews with those suffered by Muslims—an outrageous comparison given the fact that hate crimes against Muslims pale in comparison to those against Jews. Indeed, Jews are the victims of two thirds of all religion-based hate crimes according to the FBI, and many are perpetrated by Muslims.

Media hide the religion or radical affiliations of war criminals. Last May, for instance, NPR published an article about the International Criminal Court seeking arrest warrants for Hamas leaders. The NPR article failed to note Hamas's radical Islamist agenda but rather cited the terrorist group's argument that they "were operating under a right afforded occupied peoples by international treaties to resist occupation in all forms, 'including armed resistance.'' NPR neglected to mention that Gaza hasn't been occupied by Israel or anyone except Palestinians in 20 years. In other words, NPR considers Hamas simple a liberation movement fighting for self-determination—not a <u>genocidal Islamist militia</u> determined to exterminate the Jews, destroy Israel, and create an Islamic caliphate, as the Hamas charter clearly states.

ADL research reveals Muslim MENA region to be the most antisemitic part of the

world. The ADL's Global 100 Index, which surveyed 58,000 people in over 100 countries recently revealed that the mostly-Muslim MENA region is the most antisemitic in the world, whose population is most likely to subscribe to antisemitic stereotypes. About three quarters of the population in the MENA region hold "deeply entrenched antisemitic attitudes." Surprise: The most antisemitic people in both MENA and the entire world are the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 97% of whom believe in <u>classic antisemitic tropes</u>.

Brandeis Center data show Muslim college students far more antisemitic than non-Muslim colleagues. No wonder Muslim students are so instrumental in attacks on Jewish students and anti-Israel destruction and violence. The recent Brandeis study on antisemitism on campus, which surveyed undergraduate students in 60 schools with large Jewish student bodies, found that Muslim students <u>are far more likely</u> to harbor anti-Jewish and/or anti-Israel sentiments.

Muslim students are also more hostile to Jews than other ethnicities. Whereas 66% of non-Jewish students said they were not hostile to Jews or Israel, only 29% of Muslim students said the same. An equal number of Muslims said they were <u>hostile to Israel</u>, and 36% said they were hostile to Jews. In comparison, only 16% of all non-Jewish students express hostility towards Jews and 15% towards Israel.

Media—as well as politicians and anti-Israel activists—cover up Muslim antisemitism. This is why nearly all major mainstream media outlets—including *New York Times, Washington Post* and NPR—failed to provide coverage of the ADL study's findings, and <u>no major outlet</u> covered the Brandeis study. FLAME is the only organization that defends Israel with paid editorial *hasbarah* messages placed in media nationwide every month: The dire threats from Iran, Hamas and Hizbollah, the injustice of BDS, Palestinian anti-Semitism and more. If you support a bold voice that tells the truth about Israel in American media, please donate now.

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The incontrovertible fact of Muslim antisemitism creates cognitive dissonance for the media – and the left generally—which hold world history to be a struggle between white colonizers and victimized people of color. Unfortunately, the hard facts of history betray this analysis. First, Arabs—who comprise one of the world's largest groups of "people of color"— have also been some of the world's most prolific colonizers and slave traders. Now however, data reveal, they are also one of <u>the world's most racist</u>.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that as commercial enterprises in a free society, media have the right to express any opinions the media marketplace will bear. However, to base news coverage on hidden political bias or especially by disregarding or burying information relevant to journalists' analysis is <u>outright lying and deception</u>. Even where free speech is permitted, such dishonesty and journalistic malpractice is bound to fail—as the sinking commercial fortunes of leading media prove.

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 <u>at no charge</u>.

Best regards, James Sinkinson, President Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)

Too often, American citizens take comfort in their insulation from Islamist violence P.S. roiling the Middle East, as well as cities in Europe. But the jihadists are clear that fighting Jews and Israel is just the beginning. At rallies in Iran-and increasingly in the U.S.-the crowds scream, "Death to Israel, Death to America." They understand that Israel is just the tip of the spear of Western Civilization-because Israel was the birthplace of so many Western values. Today the Jewish state stands as one of the strongest democracies in the world-a defender of liberty and enemy of oppressive Middle East dictatorships and terrorism. I hope you'll agree that we supporters of the Israel-U.S. relationship need to speak out. FLAME's new hasbarah-explanatory message-"Israel's War Is America's War"-describes how Israel massively defends United States interests in the Middle East and how Israel represents a roadblock to Islamic expansion worldwide. Finally, it explains why the recent U.S. foreign policy of soft diplomacy and appeasement of Iran has failed consistently. Please review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME intends to publish to millions-in leading social media, as well as in the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, New York Post, Chicago Tribune, Tampa Bay Times, Denver Post and Los Angeles Times. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, the President and Vice President. 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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