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Iranian protesters fly the pre-Islamic Revolution Iranian flag. The same legacy media and human rights activists who so sharply criticized Israel for defending itself from Hamas now fall stone silent as Iran's brutal Islamist regime murders its citizens for demanding freedom.

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Iranians

Dear Friend of Israel, F

The muffled response of legacy media and so-called human rights groups to the massive, momentous Iranian uprising—especially in comparison to their hysterical activism during the Gaza War—exposes profound hypocrisy.

Media coverage of Iran has been paltry by comparison to daily front-page coverage of the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. Data show that whereas news about the Gaza war regularly made the front pages, legacy media have seldom regarded the protests in Iran as frontpage material.

The media have downplayed the importance of the Iran unrest, attributing it merely to cost-of-living issues. Thus, headlines like NBC's "Protests in Iran over economy turn deadly" omit the fact that Iranian protesters don't just want better economic conditions. They want to depose the regime that oppresses them.

Legacy media have also declined to cite death tolls, hiding behind "need to verify" policies, which were blithely ignored when publishing fake Hamas fatality figures. Indeed, during the Gaza war, media outlets such as the BBC often produced headlines like "More than 25,000 now killed in Gaza since Israel offensive began, Hamas-run health ministry says," without a hint of doubt as to the credibility of the terrorists' numbers.

These double standards exemplify anti-Israel bias on the part of legacy media—not surprising, since surveys show these journalists are overwhelmingly left-leaning and Democrat-party members.

Likewise, political groups so passionate about "freeing" Palestinians have made no declarations nor have they organized any significant events to support millions of Iranians seeking freedom.

While true liberation movements should transcend geopolitics, neither legacy media nor anti-Israel activists demonstrate sympathy for those suffering under Islamist autocracies. Rather, their agenda is focused on ushering in a new world order, based on destruction of Western democracies, crushing capitalism and supporting those they deem "oppressed" by designated "oppressors"—to which latter category, apparently, Iran's mullahs do not belong.

Legacy media provide little coverage of the Iran protests. During the Gaza war, there were daily frontpage stories about the conflict. Coverage of the war comprised 20-30% of content during peak news cycles. In contrast, the protests in Iran merited just 5-10 articles a week in legacy media outlets, with no frontpage dominance for the first 7-10 days of the demonstrations. Coverage of the protests consisted of just 2-5% of news cycles.

Legacy media try to justify meagre coverage of the Iran protests, citing lack of independent journalists, dangers to journalists, and the internet and telecommunications blackout in Iran. For instance, CNN stated, "The countrywide communications shutdown makes it difficult to assess what is happening on the ground." But these same conditions existed in Gaza during the media's blistering—and fact-free—criticism of Israel during its war against Hamas. Shame obviously does not inhibit such hypocrisy.

Legacy media downplay demonstrators' real objectives: "Death to the dictator" and "Death to the regime." Nevertheless, with rampant inflation and a currency crisis, Iran sparked by economic protests. "Separating these protests from the political structure of the Islamic Republic has produced the economic collapse."



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In fact, the Iranian regime is a violent and tyrannical "Death to the regime" slogan associated with the Islamist regime. It has asserted that "Severe economic sanctions" led to "Protests in Iran" which explained, "The Iranian regime understands that the political structure of the Islamic Republic has produced the economic collapse."

Why do legacy media insist on "verifying" data in Iran, but not in Gaza? For instance, BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson claimed social media footage must be carefully verified before reputable outlets could use it. But lack of verification never stopped the BBC and other legacy media from regularly publishing misleading casualty figures from Hamas during the Gaza war. Indeed, according to a study by the Centre for Media Monitoring, which analyzed BBC coverage from October 2023 to October 2024, the network attached the phrase "Hamas-run" to the terrorists' casualty figures in 1,155 articles—almost as often as casualty mentions appeared.

Leftists with an anti-Israel bias control mainstream media reporting. Surveys in the U.S. have shown that journalists lean left ideologically compared to the general public. In fact, U.S. journalists are 3–5 times more likely to call themselves liberal than conservative and 10 times more likely to identify as Democrats than Republicans. A study of NPR staff revealed 86 of their journalist staff to be registered Democrats, with no Republicans.

Clearly, such a strong left and Democrat-party tilt explains the tendency to criticize Israel rather than support it. Thus, it's no surprise left-leaning journalists skewed coverage on the Gaza war to overlook "liberator" Hamas's daily war crimes, while refusing to refute blatant lies of genocide and starvation tactics by the alleged "oppressor"—Israel.

Why do "pro-Palestinian" political groups show no interest in a free Iran? Organizations like Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), the BDS Movement, Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC), and similar campus or advocacy groups have remained stone silent on the Iran protests. Accordingly, we've seen no widespread university campus protests condemning the Islamist autocracy, nor throngs of students or celebrities championing the demonstrators.

Iranians' struggle for freedom doesn't fit the radical leftist narrative. According to leftist doctrine, liberation struggles are only legitimate when it's "oppressed" peoples—such as people of color or people from the Global South—fighting white, Western "oppressors." Hence, the Palestinian cause is legitimate and worth defending because it is "oppressed" Arabs—1.2

billion strong—fighting tiny "white-colonial-oppressor" Israel. Meanwhile, the oppressed Iranian protesters' quest for freedom doesn't merit attention, because their ruthless, autocratic Islamist regime is apparently even more oppressed. Or something.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that the struggle for freedom is universal. These are not issues of superficial racial "identity" or fake definitions of "oppressors" or "oppressed." Israel is by no factual reality a colonizer, an oppressor or majority white—in fact quite the contrary on all three counts. Ninety million Iranians are trying to liberate themselves from one of the world's most brutal dictatorships—and they're being murdered on their streets in cold blood. They are surely worthy of attention and support from the media and champions of human rights.

If you agree we need to
fellow lovers of Israel—

Best regards,
James Sinkinson, President
Facts and Logic About

P.S. Surely you've re

in head of state or
media pundit slander Israel with the “Gaza genocide” lie. Many who spread this lie are ignorant, but most
are anti-Israel haters. They care nothing for the truth. The tragedy is, when they utter the Gaza genocide
falsehood, too few knowledgeable people—and virtually no media—stand up to refute it. Indeed, when you
share the simple facts, the genocide lie crumbles. Upon learning that Israel conducts its war against Hamas
terrorists with the highest ethical standards—and that *nothing* Israel does in Gaza fits the definition of
genocide—fair-minded people quickly see through the lie. I hope you'll agree that we supporters of the
Israel-U.S. relationship need to speak out. FLAME's new *hasbarah*—explanatory message—“**Facts Shatter
Gaza Genocide Lies**”—describes what genocide is *and is not* and proves factually that Israel's tactics in the
war are ethical and righteous. It also reveals demographic data showing that the Palestinian population in
Gaza is actually increasing. Finally, it notes that those who spread the Gaza genocide lie fit the classic
definition of antisemites. Please review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME is about 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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