



"Pro-Palestinian" activists squander money and energy lying about Israel, instead of helping the Palestinian people liberate themselves from brutal dictators, poverty, economic stagnation, corruption, oppression of women and obsession with destroying Israel.

Why do pro-Palestinians refuse to help the Palestinian people—instead only lie about Israel?

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Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

News from Gaza: A UN report documents a 123% increase in illegal child marriages and forced marriages in Gaza due to poverty. Unemployment in Gaza is now about 85%. Gaza's war-torn infrastructure is devastated. Yet reconstruction in the Strip is being withheld by the Board of Peace until Hamas disarms, which it refuses to do, forcing increased hardship on Gaza's already impoverished people. Surprising to

some, no pro-Palestinian celebrities or groups have expressed sympathy, let alone condemned or protested against Hamas's cruel obstinacy.

While the so-called pro-Palestinian movement is based almost entirely on lies, its greatest lie is that Palestinian activists care about the Palestinian people. In fact, they refuse to lift a finger to actually help the Palestinians. Rather, the movement is focused entirely on anti-Jewish and anti-Israel animus.

What matters to “pro-Palestinian” advocates are false accusations against Israel—genocide, apartheid, and starvation of Palestinians, as well as occupying (and stealing) Palestinian land—all easily disproven by publicly documented facts. Sadly, these are *not* the true problems most afflicting Palestinian Arabs in the Middle East.

For starters, the Palestinians have for decades faced ethnic cleansing and apartheid at the hands of their fellow Arabs. Indeed, Palestinians are banned from most professions in Lebanon; hundreds of thousands of them were expelled—ethnically cleansed—from Kuwait; and during the recent Gaza War, not one Arab country offered the Palestinians refuge.

Nor do pro-Palestinian activists concern themselves with helping Palestinians resolve their own internal social and political plight. Palestinians suffer from economic bankruptcy, massive unemployment, oppression of women, rampant corruption, and violent oppression by two brutal dictatorships—Hamas in the Gaza Strip and the Palestinian Authority (PA) in Judea and Samaria (the “West Bank”).

Neither do those who chant “Free Palestine” show a modicum of interest in assisting Palestinians mobilize toward the establishment of a Palestinian state. Instead, their prime objective is the destruction of the Jewish state. Fun fact: Palestinianism is the only nationalist movement predicated on the destruction of another country.

Those who claim to support Palestinians spend 99% of their energy, money and message focus on slandering and boycotting Israel and Jews. While Palestinian supporters nurture their consciences with false comfort that they are fighting oppression, in actuality they are ignoring every opportunity to advance liberation and prosperity of the Palestinian people.

In truth, activists who call themselves “pro-Palestinian” aren’t pro-Palestinian at all—they do nothing to help average Palestinians. Rather, they simply defame Jews and Israel.

“Pro-Palestinian” activists ignore persecution of Palestinians by other Arabs. Indeed, the proclamations of pro-Palestinian movements focus exclusively on supposed oppression of the Palestinians by Israel, no one else. Thus, pro-Palestinian in the West ignore that Palestinians in Lebanon are barred from working in over 30 professions and denied citizenship—which is undeniable apartheid and unheard of in Israel. They ignore that following the 1991 Gulf War, Kuwait expelled the vast majority of its large Palestinian community—more than 200,000 people. Pure ethnic cleansing, which Israel has never practiced.

Most recently, these activists were silent when no Arab country offered Palestinians in the Gaza Strip refuge during the war. Egypt and Jordan refused because accepting refugees from Gaza could undermine the “right of return”—permitting some five million *descendants* of Palestinian refugees from 1948 to flood Israel, eliminating its Jewish majority and effectively the Jewish state itself. Indeed, Palestinian-American writer and commentator Abdallah Fayyad posted on X, “Stop calling on Egypt to accept Gazan refugees,” arguing instead that millions of Arabs who have never set foot in Israel should be allowed to “return” there.

“Pro-Palestinians” fail to protest oppression of Palestinians by Hamas and the PA. Activists ignore the fact that some 95% of Palestinians in the “West Bank” and Gaza are fully governed by Palestinian dictators who oppress them under iron rule. In both PA-ruled territory in Judea and Samaria and Hamas-ruled Gaza, Palestinians have few-to-no basic liberties. There are no free elections, no free press, nor are there fundamental civil rights or women’s rights. Torture and arbitrary arrest are commonplace. Corruption is rampant.

But when Palestinians rise up to protest these horrid conditions, “pro-Palestinian” activists never rise up in support. They were silent when Palestinians in Gaza launched the “We want to live” protests against their Hamas rulers in 2019, and again in 2026. In fact, some Palestinians explicitly called out the Western movement for refusing to back their struggle against Hamas.

Ahmed Fouad Alkhatib, a Palestinian activist originally from Gaza, remarked, “I haven’t seen a single Western ‘pro-Palestine’ protester show the slightest interest, empathy, compassion or support for tens of thousands of Gazans protesting . . . against Hamas; maybe they don’t want their beloved ‘resistance’ group to fall.”

Indeed, Solidarity for Justice in Palestine celebrated the October 7th massacre as “a historic win for the Palestinian resistance.” They would seem to prefer that Hamas succeed in destroying Israel over Palestinians building a prosperous democracy.

“Pro-Palestinians” do nothing to help Palestinians establish a state. In fact, hardened activists oppose a two-state solution altogether, which explains their chant, “We don’t want no two states, we want ‘48,” referring to 1948 borders before Israel’s birth. They also scream, “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” thus rejecting a Jewish state in any part of “Palestine.” In short, rather than helping to create a viable Palestinian state living peacefully side-by-side with a Jewish state, activists advocate Israel’s destruction.

“Pro-Palestinians” prevent a free Palestine. The more time, funds and political capital that activists invest in trying to delegitimize and destroy Israel, the more they delay Palestinian liberation—from oppressive rulers, from corruption, from poverty and from political stagnation. Until these fundamental problems are solved, Palestinians will know no peace at home, nor with their neighbor, Israel.

Most importantly, when pro-Palestinian activists blame Israel exclusively for the Palestinians’ plight, they only reinforce a victim mentality and deprive Palestinians of a sense of agency to build a better society. Israel has for decades welcomed peace with the Palestinians and would do so tomorrow. Palestinians don’t need terrorist resistance, they need uplifting hope.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that the real obstacle to Palestinian freedom is “pro-Palestinians” hateful obsession with Israel. What’s needed are efforts to help the Palestinian people achieve peace and prosperity.

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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triumphs of Zionism. I believe that in addition to defending Israel from media and politicians' lies, we need also to help the world understand Israel's righteous cause and its power for good—we need as well to trumpet Israel's miraculous achievements. God knows, Americans will never learn about Israel's good deeds in mainstream media, like the *New York Times*, CNN or NPR! I believe we need to stand tall because of who the Jewish people are . . . be proud of what Israel does for the world. For this reason, I hope you'll approve of FLAME's new *hasbarah*—our explanatory message called “**How Zionism's Miracle Benefits Us All**.” With your agreement and support, FLAME will soon begin running this message as a paid editorial ad in major mainstream newspapers nationwide. This ad tells the truth about Zionism's unmatched power to create economic prosperity, global security, world health and democratic freedoms. It also explains why the enemies of Zionism are not just foes of Israel, they are also the enemies of human progress. 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*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Houston Chronicle*, *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.

