

REFUTING LIES ABOUT ISRAEL



Defending the Truth In An Age of Misinformation

In today's polarized climate, misinformation about Israel has become widespread – fueling hostility, distorting history and undermining the pursuit of peace.

Accusations ranging from “occupation” and “colonialism” to “apartheid” and “genocide” are repeated across social media, academia, and even international institutions – often without regard for historical facts or legal realities.

This brochure is a fact-based response to these lies. It does not seek to deny the complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but to confront falsehoods with evidence and restore a sense of balance, truth, and historical integrity to the conversation about Israel's past and present.

► CLAIM: Israel Are “Occupiers”

FACT: The term “occupier” implies a foreign entity seizing territory that does not belong to it. But the Jewish people are the **indigenous** population of the Land of Israel. Historical, biblical, and archaeological records attest to a Jewish presence dating back over **3,300 years** – from the kingdoms of David and Solomon to modern Jerusalem. The areas often referred to as “occupied,” such as **Judea and Samaria** (West Bank), are the **heartland of ancient Jewish civilization**.

The term “occupation” gained traction only after Israel took control of these territories in **1967**, during a **defensive war** launched by neighboring Arab states. Importantly, there was **no Palestinian state** before 1967 – the land was held by **Jordan and Egypt**, who never established a Palestinian entity there.

► CLAIM: Israelis Are “Colonizers”

FACT: Colonizers are settlers from a foreign empire who extract resources for the benefit of a distant homeland. This definition simply **does not apply** to Jews returning to their native land. Jews are not outsiders in Israel – they are **natives returning home**, many of them refugees from **antisemitic persecution** in Arab and Muslim lands, Europe, and the Soviet Union.

There is no “mother country” sending Israelis to colonize land. Israel is not a colony; it is a **re-established sovereign nation** of an indigenous people. The Jewish connection to the land predates Islam, Arab conquest, and the rise and fall of multiple empires.

► CLAIM: Israel is Engaged in “Ethnic Cleansing”

FACT: “Ethnic cleansing” refers to the systematic removal or extermination of an ethnic group. But

the Arab population in Israel has grown from about **150,000 in 1948 to over 2 million** today. Israeli Arabs enjoy full citizenship, voting rights, representation in parliament (Knesset), and hold positions as judges, doctors, educators, and even diplomats.

In contrast, nearly **850,000 Jews were expelled** or fled from Arab countries after 1948 with no compensation, their property confiscated and communities erased. These Jews were absorbed by Israel – **the only country that welcomed them**. If ethnic cleansing occurred in this conflict, **Jews were the victims**.

► CLAIM: Jews “Stole the Land”

FACT: From the 1800s onward, Jewish immigrants **legally purchased land** from Arab landowners – often paying exorbitant prices for uninhabited or neglected land. The Jews drained malarial swamps, cultivated farms, and built towns. In 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the land into Jewish and Arab states. The Jews accepted; the Arabs rejected and invaded.

Following Israel's declaration of independence in 1948, five Arab armies launched a war to **destroy the new state**. Israel survived, and the borders that emerged were the result of that war – not conquest, but **self-defense**. To call Israel “stolen” is to ignore legal land purchases, UN recognition, and the historical Jewish right to self-determination.

► CLAIM: “Zionism is Racism”

FACT: Zionism is the **national liberation movement of the Jewish people** – the belief that Jews, like every other people, have a right to self-determination in their ancestral homeland. It is no more racist than African nationalism or Kurdish self-determination.

The **1975 UN resolution equating Zionism with racism** was a Cold War political maneuver, pushed by authoritarian regimes and the Soviet bloc. It was **formally repealed in 1991**, recognized as

a grave moral and historical error. Equating Zionism with racism is not only false – it denies the Jewish people a right afforded to others.

► **CLAIM: Israel is an “Apartheid State”**

FACT: Apartheid in South Africa was a **systematic legal structure** that segregated races, denied black citizens the right to vote, and institutionalized racial supremacy. Israel bears **no resemblance** to this.

In Israel, **Arab citizens vote, run for office, serve on the Supreme Court**, and attend the same universities and hospitals as Jews. Arabs serve in the police, IDF (voluntarily), and hold high-ranking positions in civil society. The term “apartheid” is used **politically**, not factually, to delegitimize Israel’s right to exist.

Security measures in the West Bank (like the security barrier) are responses to **terrorist attacks**, not race. **No comparable freedoms exist** for Jews in Palestinian-controlled areas, where Jewish presence is forbidden.

► **CLAIM: Israel is an “Illegal State”**

FACT: Israel was created by a **UN vote in 1947**, following the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine which recognized the Jewish right to a homeland. On May 14, 1948, Israel declared independence in accordance with international law and was swiftly recognized by the global community.

A state born out of international consensus and defensive wars is not “illegal.” If Israel is illegal, then so is **every country born after World War II**. Attempts to deny Israel’s legitimacy are a form of **diplomatic anti-Semitism** – singling out the Jewish state among all others.

► **CLAIM: Israel is Committing “Genocide”**

FACT: Genocide involves the **intentional destruction of a people**. The Palestinian population has grown steadily for decades. There is **no evidence** of an Israeli policy of extermination. Israel goes to **extraordinary lengths** – unique in global warfare – to avoid civilian casualties: issuing warnings, dropping leaflets, making phone calls before targeted strikes.

By contrast, **Hamas and other terrorist groups openly call for the annihilation of Jews**, target civilians, and embed themselves among their own people to provoke casualties. Accusing Israel of genocide inverts reality and **absolves the actual aggressors** of their crimes.

► **CLAIM: Jews Are “Not Indigenous” to the Land**

FACT: Jews are one of the **oldest indigenous peoples** to maintain an identity tied to their ancestral land. The Hebrew language, Torah laws, calendar, and customs all **originate in the Land of Israel**. Over 3,000 years of historical and archaeological evidence supports continuous Jewish life there.

Even after exile, Jews **never severed their connection** – praying toward Jerusalem, celebrating holidays linked to the land, and returning in waves throughout the centuries. Jews are indigenous not only **culturally** but **historically, religiously, and genetically** to the Land of Israel.

► **CLAIM: Israel is the Main Obstacle to Peace in the Middle East**

FACT: Israel has made **repeated offers for peace**, including the 2000 Camp David Summit, the 2008 Olmert Plan, and negotiations under the Obama administration – all of which were **rejected by Palestinian leaders** without counteroffers. Israel has **withdrawn from territory** – Gaza in 2005 being

a prime example – only to face increased terrorism in return.

Israel has signed **peace agreements with Egypt, Jordan, the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan**. These agreements prove that Israel is **not the obstacle** to peace – it is **Palestinian rejectionism, terrorism, and incitement** that block a negotiated solution. When Palestinian leaders value peace more than resistance and martyrdom, peace becomes possible.

Conclusion: Stand With Truth, Not Slander

The anti-Israel narrative spreading across social media and academia is built on **half-truths, distortions, and historical erasure**. Each of these slanders has been **carefully dismantled** with facts, context, and truth. Israel is not perfect – but no other nation is held to the same impossible double standards.

To support Israel is to support **truth, coexistence, democracy, and human dignity** in the world’s most volatile region.

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