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## Al Jazeera Publishes Video Casting Doubt on Holocaust Deaths and Calls Israel 'Biggest Winner From The Holocaust'

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Dear Colleagues:

I want to bring to your attention an incident relating to the Qatar-Government-owned social media outlet AJ+, a division of Al Jazeera, which occurred over the weekend and which demonstrates its pattern of giving a platform to anti-Semitic extremist views. AJ+, which has more than 11 million Facebook followers, is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and targets U.S. millennials and young audiences.

Over the weekend, [AJ+ published a video](#) casting doubt on the notion that 6 million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust, saying the number had been exaggerated and asked, "why is there a focus only on them?" - referring to the Jewish victims - before claiming that the community uses "financial resources [and] media institutions" to "put a special spotlight" on Jewish suffering. The video also states that "Israel is the biggest winner from the Holocaust, and it uses the same Nazi justifications as a launching pad for the racial cleansing and annihilation of the Palestinians."

The video was published on the AJ+ Twitter and Facebook pages on Friday evening with a caption asking: "What is the truth of the Holocaust and how did the Zionist movement benefit from it?"

The outlet pulled the video down after criticism but the incident shows the hypocrisy of the network, which has repeatedly aired Holocaust denials. As the [BBC explained in its coverage of the matter](#), "Al Jazeera English is known to audiences worldwide for its varied coverage, which often sheds light on underreported stories. But its reporting - which only occasionally hints at the affiliations of its Qatari owners - comes in stark contrast to Al Jazeera Arabic ... Its

friendly coverage of Islamist groups - particularly favouring those aligned with the Muslim Brotherhood - came to the fore particularly with the 2011 uprisings in the region. Some of its correspondents have adopted a still harder line. In 2015, prominent anchor Ahmed Mansour offered a sympathetic account of the activities of al-Qaeda's Syria affiliate in a lengthy interview with its leader.”

As always, please let me know if you have questions or wish to further discuss.

Best,  
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