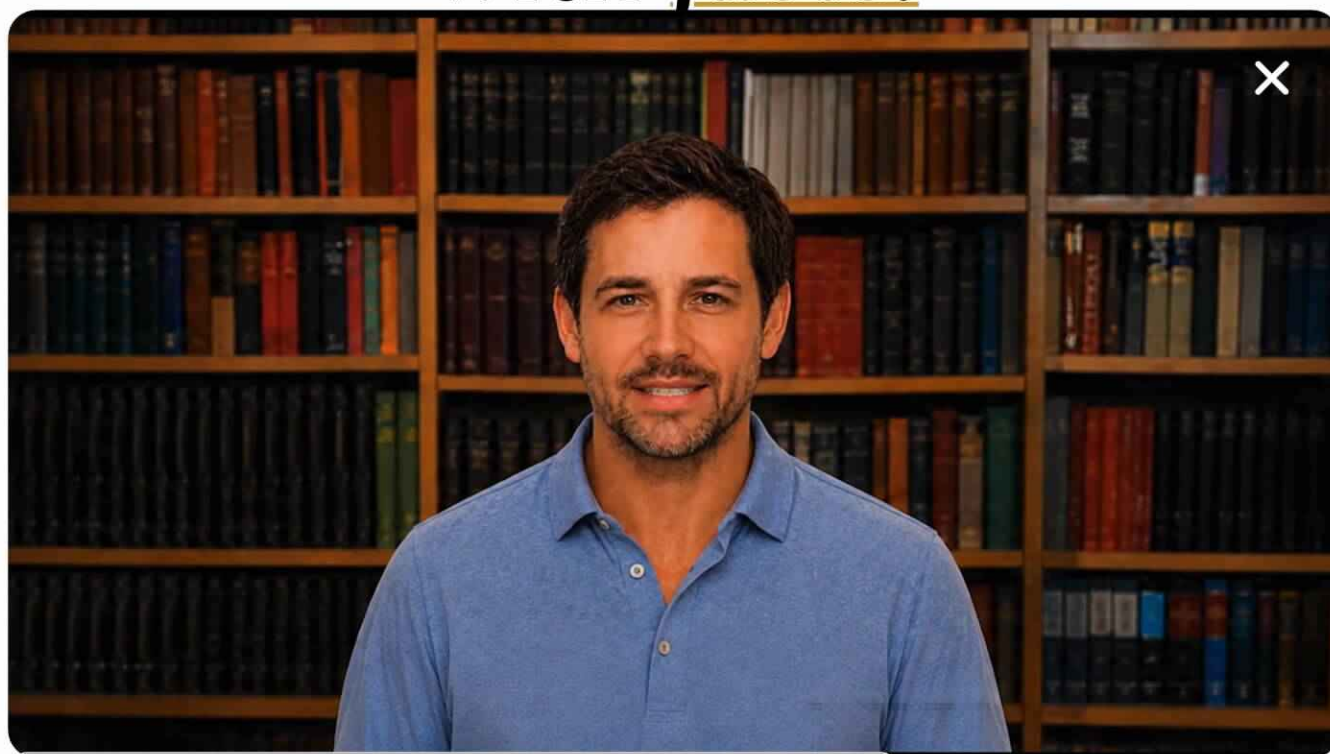




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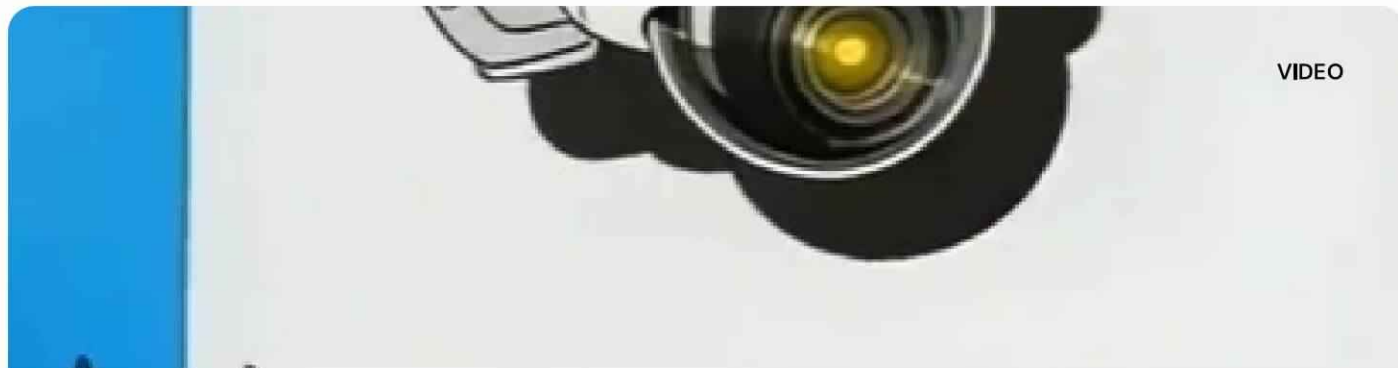
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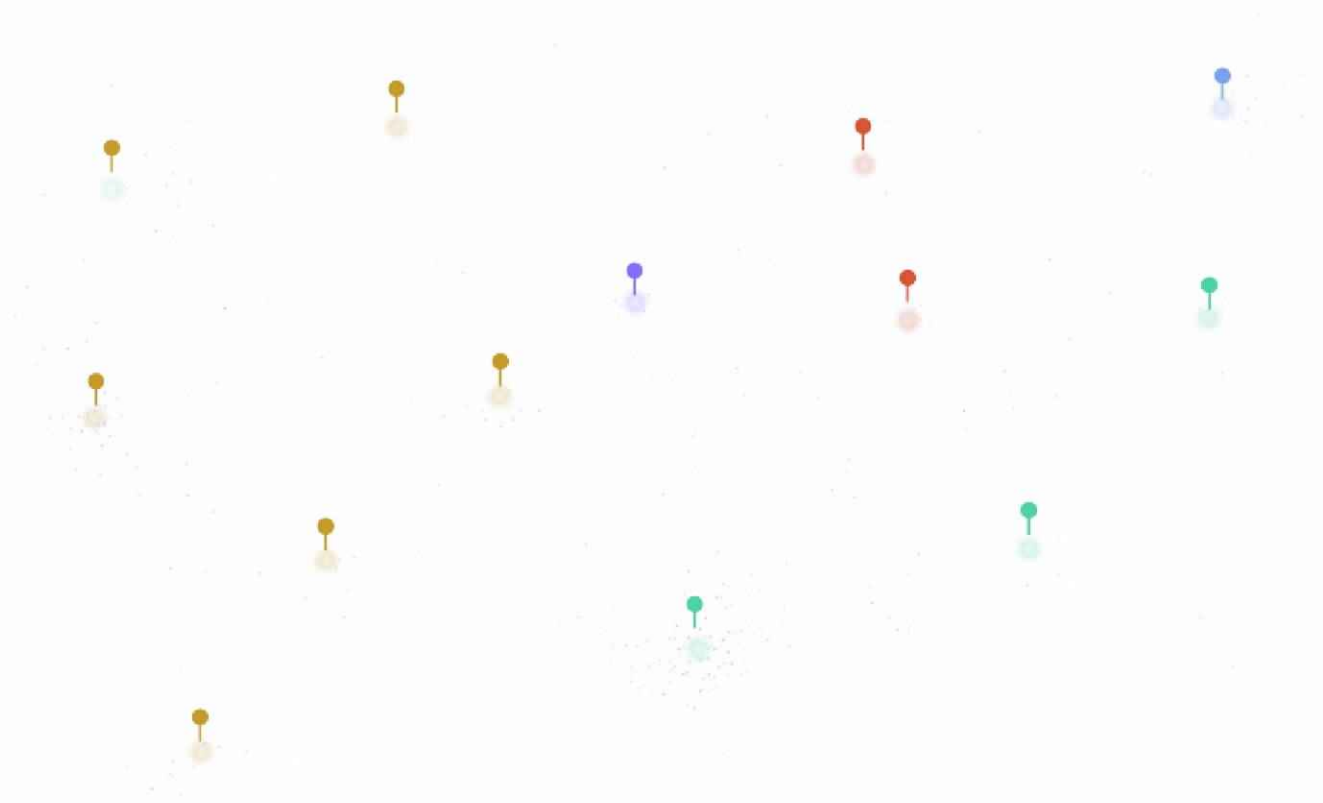
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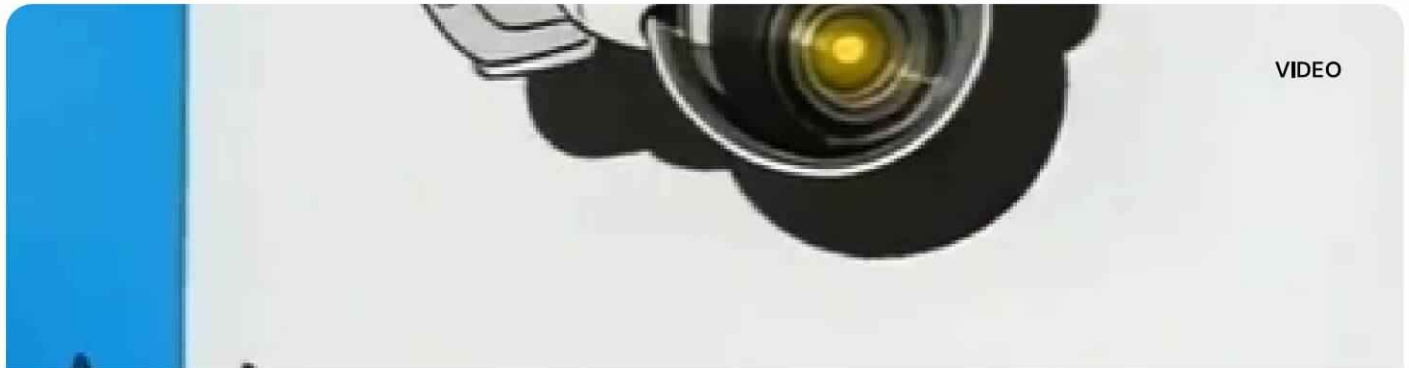
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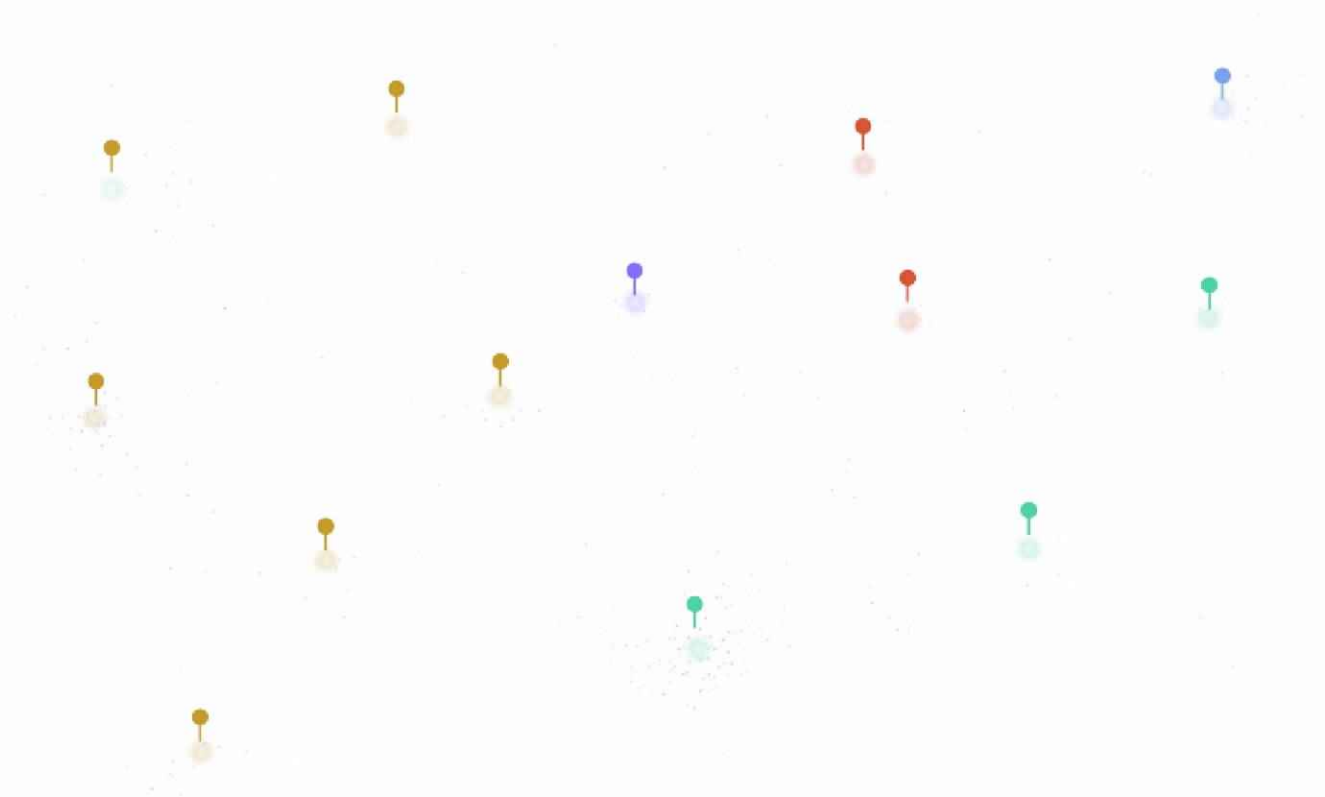
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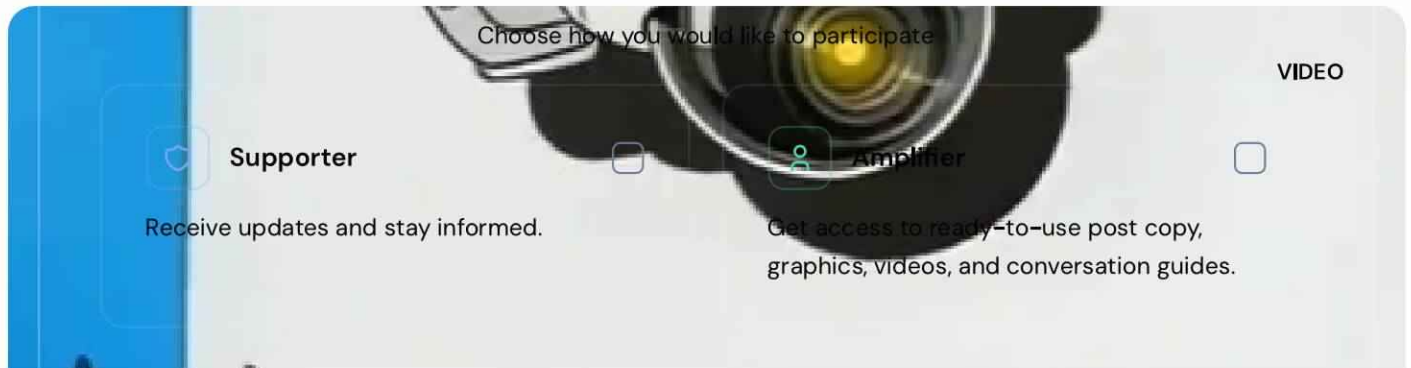


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Criticism of Israel, like criticism of any country, is part of legitimate public debate. But there is an important distinction between criticism of specific policies or actions and rhetoric that crosses into antisemitism. One widely recognized framework describes that line through three patterns: delegitimizing Israel's right to exist and the Jewish people's right to self-determination, demonizing Israel or Jewish people through hateful stereotypes and extreme characterizations, and applying double standards to Israel that are not applied to other nations.

Understanding that distinction is an important part of our mission. **Stand Together for Truth** helps people recognize when legitimate debate gives way to misinformation, distortion, or antisemitism – while providing the facts and context needed to respond responsibly.

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Making the case for Israel

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Democratic value

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September 17, 2026 | Milan, Italy

Rabbi Assaulted By Three Men At A Bus Stop

A 60-year-old rabbi from Milan's Jewish community was assaulted by three young men while waiting for a bus on 15 September 2026.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [JPOST](#)



(https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-908919?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

ASSAULT

September 14, 2026 | Berlin, Germany

Woman Wearing Star of David Assaulted



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A 33-year-old woman wearing a Star of David necklace was wounded in an antisemitic attack in central Berlin when two men allegedly insulted her and one assaulted her with a broken glass bottle.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [EJC](#)



(<https://eurojewcong.org/news/communities-news/germany/woman-wearing-star-of-david-assaulted-with-broken-bottle-in-berlin-antisemitic-attack/>)

📅 September 14, 2026 | 📍 London, United Kingdom

Three Jewish Schoolboys Assaulted on Bus

Police are searching for a British man after three 14-year-old Jewish schoolboys were verbally abused and two reported being physically attacked on a London bus.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Jewish News](#)



(<https://www.jewishnews.co.uk/three-jewish-schoolboys-assaulted-on-north-london-bus-in-antisemitic-hate-crime/>)

ASSAULT

📅 September 10, 2026 | 📍 London, United Kingdom

Police Investigating Alleged Assault Against Hasmonean Student

Police have opened an investigation after a student from Hasmonean Boys was allegedly attacked in Belsize Park in a suspected hate crime.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Jewish Chronicle](#)



(<https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/police-assault-hasmonean-boys-belsize-park-ql8mc7f6>)

ASSAULT

📅 August 7, 2026 | 📍 Koh Phangan, TH

Israeli mother and daughter brutally assaulted in Thailand



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An Israeli mother and daughter were brutally attacked while vacationing on Koh Phangan Island located in Thailand.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Algemeiner](#)



(<https://www.algemeiner.com/2026/08/07/israeli-mother-and-daughter-brutally-assaulted-in-thailand-in-suspected-antisemitic-attack/>)

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September 22, 2026 | Ontario, Canada

Man Faces Charges for Allegedly Threatening to Shoot at a Synagogue

A 19-year-old man is facing charges for allegedly threatening to carry out a shooting at a synagogue in Durham Region.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [City News](#)

(https://toronto.citynews.ca/2026/09/21/man-19-facing-charges-for-allegedly-threatening-to-carry-out-a-shooting-at-a-durham-region-synagogue/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

THREAT

August 27, 2026 | Avignon, France

Irish Man Arrested in France After Threatening to Murder Jewish Couple



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An Irishman in his sixties, suspected of having made antisemitic threats against an Australian Jewish couple, was arrested on 26 August 2026.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Jerusalem Post](#)



(https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-906766?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

THREAT

📅 August 18, 2026 | 📍 Barcelona, Spain

French Jewish tourists attacked by antisemitic mob in Barcelona

A mob surrounded seven French Jewish tourists after they left a synagogue in Barcelona, Spain, spitting on them and shouting antisemitic slurs.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [CAM NEWS](#)



(<https://combatantisemitism.org/cam-news/we-feared-we-would-be-murdered-french-jewish-tourist-recounts-antisemitic-mob-attack-in-barcelona/>)

THREAT

📅 May 18, 2025 | 📍 London, UK, Global

Antisemitic threats sent to Jewish school

The school received emails containing antisemitic threats directed at students and staff. Police are working with the school community and increasing patrols in the area.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Metropolitan Police](#)



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September 18, 2026 | Wuppertal, Germany

Police Investigate Arson Attack on Synagogue

The 37-year-old Afghan citizen detained after allegedly trying to set fire to Wuppertal's synagogue made antisemitic comments to the arresting officers.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [DW](#)

(<https://www.dw.com/en/wuppertal-synagogue-attack/a-79331270>)

VANDALISM

September 16, 2026 | Hertfordshire, England



Antisemitic Graffiti Found During Rosh Hashanah in Hertfordshire

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Police are investigating after antisemitic graffiti was found in a field during Rosh Hashanah in Hertfordshire.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Jewish News](#)



(https://www.jewishnews.co.uk/heil-hitler-and-swastika-graffiti-found-in-elstree-during-rosh-hashanah/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

📅 September 15, 2026 | 📍 Munich, Germany

Police Investigating Threats Against Holocaust Survivor

Police said they are investigating death threats made against a senior Jewish leader in Germany.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [JTA](#)



(https://www.jta.org/2026/09/15/global/police-investigating-threats-against-prominent-munich-holocaust-survivor-and-afd-opponent?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

VANDALISM

📅 September 15, 2026 | 📍 London, United Kingdom

Fireworks Toward London Synagogue

A group of youths launched fireworks towards a synagogue in London as the Jewish community marked the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [INN](#)



(https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/433177?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

VANDALISM

📅 September 8, 2026 | 📍 Israel

Swastikas Graffitied During School Break-in

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Israel Police launched an investigation into the vandalism and break-in at Pardes-Hanna-Karkur's Shvilim school on 6 September 2026.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Jerusalem Post](#)

(https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/crime-in-israel/article-907672?
utm_source=chatgpt.com)

VANDALISM

📅 September 8, 2026 | 📍 Annecy, France

Swastikas Found on Property in Annecy, France

Swastikas were discovered spray-painted on three cars and a building door in Annecy, France on 31 August 2026, prompting a gendarmerie investigation with no suspects yet identified.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [News Minimalist](#)

(https://www.newsminimalist.com/articles/swastikas-spray-painted-on-cars-and-building-
in-annecy-france-4504c3b7?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

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September 21, 2026 | The Hague, Netherlands

Riot Containing Antisemitic Behavior Erupts

Dutch riot police dispersed several hundred protestors displaying antisemitic conduct in The Hague on 19 September after violence erupted.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [APNEWS](#)

(<https://apnews.com/article/netherlands-far-right-protesters-violence-arrests-6a69e209e584f44c05728b3202309ba4>)

EXTREMISM

September 14, 2026 | Hamilton, Ontario

Man Charged with Advocating Genocide Over Online Content



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A 27-year-old man is facing hate propaganda charges following an investigation into content posted publicly on social media.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [1 News](#)



(https://www.the1news.com/article/hamilton-man-charged-with-advocating-genocide-over-online-content-police?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

📅 September 14, 2026 | 📍 Borehamwood, England

Man Charged after Nazi Salute Outside Synagogue

A man has been charged after giving a Nazi salute outside a Borehamwood synagogue.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Herts](#)



(https://www.herts.police.uk/news/hertfordshire/news/2026/september-2026/man-charged-after-nazi-salute-outside-synagogue/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

EXTREMISM

📅 September 9, 2026 | 📍 Koh Samui, Thailand

French Zoo Owner Deported for Banning Israeli Visitors

Thailand will deport a Frenchman who banned Israeli visitors from his zoo on the resort island of Koh Samui, citing an order signed by Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [NYP](#)



(https://nypost.com/2026/09/08/world-news/thailand-to-deport-french-zoo-owner-who-banned-israeli-visitors/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

EXTREMISM

📅 September 8, 2026 | 📍 Ontario, Canada

Antisemitism Incident: Activist Group Recorded Saying Antisemitic Slurs



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Reena Zaid, a Canadian aesthetician running for Windsor city council, was identified in a circulating video saying that Zionists “must be locked up,” while she still plans to run in the October election.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [JP](#)



(https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-907865?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

EXTREMISM

📅 September 2, 2026 | 📍 Queensland, Australia

Man Faces Charges After Antisemitic Behavior

A man was charged in Queensland with making threats with serious vilification or hate crime over abusive, threatening, or antisemitic content directed at a religious organization.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [ABC](#)



(https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-09-02/hate-vilification-threat-charges-religious-antisemitic-content/107106720?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

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Vandalism Found in Public Park

An investigation is underway after antisemitic vandalism was found in a public park on 22 September 2026.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: CBS



(https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/antisemitic-vandalism-highland-park/?gclid=CjwKAA00-10aabb4&hlccid=CNR-02-0623&utm_source=chatgpt.com)
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📅 September 22, 2026 | 📍 Carlisle, Pennsylvania

VANDALISM

State Police Investigate Antisemitic Graffiti in Carlisle, Pennsylvania

An investigation is underway after Pennsylvania State Police responded to reports of antisemitic messages spray-painted on a road last week in Carlisle.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Local21](#)



(<https://local21news.com/news/local/state-police-investigate-antisemitic-messages-spray-painted-on-road-near-carlisle-church>)

📅 September 22, 2026 | 📍 Imperial Beach, California

VANDALISM

Home Targeted Again with Antisemitic Graffiti

Police are investigating an additional antisemitic vandalism in Imperial Beach after graffiti was found at the same home targeted days earlier and in several nearby areas.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Patch](#)



(https://new.patch.com/california/san-diego/south-bay-home-targeted-again-antisemitic-graffiti?utm_source=chatgpt.com)



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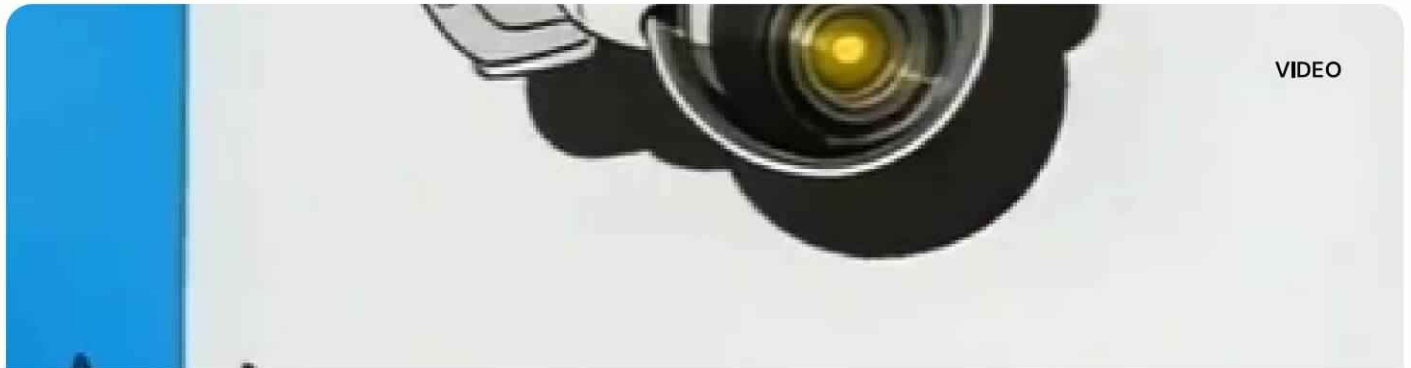


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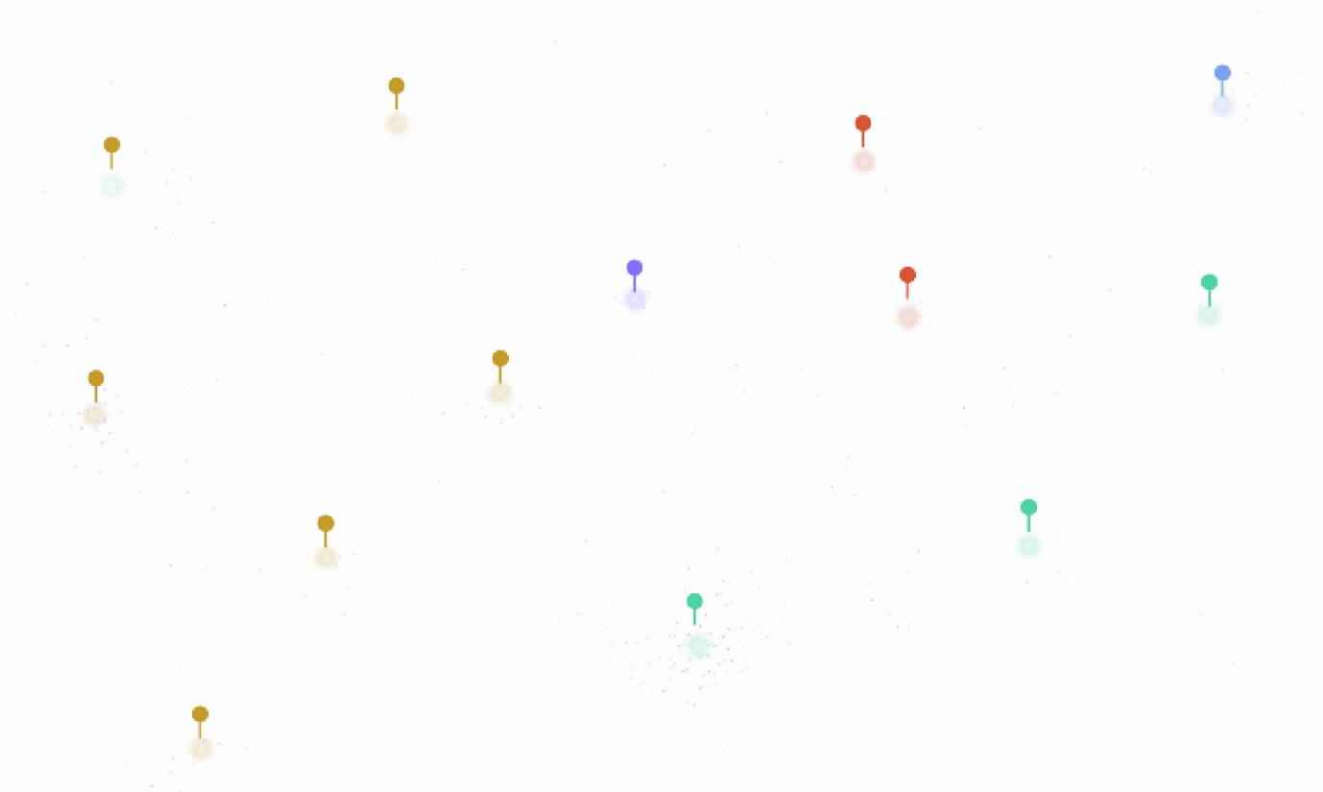
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How ideas and political narratives have changed over time

Modern discussions about antisemitism, Zionism, and Israel are shaped by more than current events. Some ideas and political narratives have roots in propaganda campaigns, political movements, and international debates that developed over more than a century.

Understanding where those ideas originated, how they spread, and how their language changed over time provides useful context for evaluating contemporary claims and distinguishing established historical facts from misinformation.

how the narrative evolved

1903 **The Protocols of the Elders of Zion Appears in Russia**

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion first appeared in the Russian Empire in 1903. It falsely claimed to document secret meetings in which Jewish leaders planned to gain control over political, financial, and social institutions.

The document was later exposed as a fabrication, but it continued to circulate internationally and became one of the most widely distributed antisemitic conspiracy texts of the modern era.

1920s **The Fabrication Spreads Internationally**

By the 1920s, versions of The Protocols had spread throughout Europe, the United States, and other parts of the world.



Journalists and investigators demonstrated that significant portions of the text had been copied from earlier works unrelated to Jews. Despite being repeatedly discredited, the document continued to circulate and influence antisemitic conspiracy theories.

1967 **Cold War Era Soviet Anti-Zionism Expands**

During the Soviet period, particularly following the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, official Soviet messaging increasingly targeted Zionism and Israel.

Political propaganda frequently associated Zionism with racism, colonialism, imperialism, and other perceived political threats. Scholars have examined the extent to which these campaigns also incorporated themes and stereotypes historically associated with antisemitism.

1975 **The United Nations Adopts Resolution 3379**

On November 10, 1975, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 3379. The resolution included the determination that Zionism was “a form of racism and racial discrimination.”

The resolution became a significant part of the international political debate surrounding Zionism and Israel during the Cold War.

1991 **The United Nations Revokes the Resolution**

On December 16, 1991, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 46/86, revoking the determination contained in Resolution 3379.

The repeal passed by a vote of 111–25, with 13 abstentions.

today **Historical Narratives in a Modern Information Environment**

Ideas and political narratives can persist long after the circumstances in which they originated have changed.

Today, historical claims, political arguments, conspiracy theories, and misinformation can circulate quickly through social media, news, commentary, and digital platforms.

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Important distinctions

Historical context is also useful because several different types of criticism and rhetoric are sometimes discussed together even though they are not inherently the same.



Criticism of Israeli policy

Debate or disagreement with decisions, actions, or policies of an Israeli government.



Opposition to Zionism

Political or ideological opposition to Zionism or to particular interpretations of Zionism.



Misinformation about Israel

False, misleading, or unsupported claims involving Israel, its history, government, people, or actions.



Antisemitism

Prejudice, hostility, or discrimination directed toward Jewish people as Jews.



These categories may intersect in particular circumstances, but one does not automatically constitute another.

WHY HISTORY MATTERS



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Understanding the Past helps put the present in context

Historical context does not determine how every contemporary statement or criticism should be understood.

It does provide a factual foundation for examining where certain ideas originated, how they developed, and how political language surrounding Jews, Zionism, and Israel has changed over time.

Learning that history can help readers approach modern claims with greater context, accuracy, and understanding.

EXPLORE THE SOURCES

Sources & further reading

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The Protocols of the Elders
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**THREAT**

September 23, 2026 | Sarasota, Florida

Man Charged for Allegedly Threatening Jews

A Florida man was charged with allegedly wanting to “hunt Jews” after the FBI investigated social media videos the suspect purportedly made while showing off various weapons, including a flamethrower, while making threats.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [ABC News](#)

(https://abcnews.com/amp/US/man-charged-florida-allegedly-threatening-jews-feds/story?id=136658996&utm_source=chatgpt.com)

VANDALISM

September 23, 2026 | Highland Park, Illinois

Vandalism Found in Public Park



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An investigation is underway after antisemitic vandalism was found in a public park on 22 September 2026.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [CBS](#)



(https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/antisemitic-vandalism-highland-park/?ftag=CNM-00-10aab4i&intcid=CNR-02-0623&utm_source=chatgpt.com)

VANDALISM

📅 September 22, 2026 | 📍 Carlisle, Pennsylvania

State Police Investigate Antisemitic Graffiti in Carlisle, Pennsylvania

An investigation is underway after Pennsylvania State Police responded to reports of antisemitic messages spray-painted on a road last week in Carlisle.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Local21](#)



(<https://local21news.com/news/local/state-police-investigate-antisemitic-messages-spray-painted-on-road-near-carlisle-church>)

CAMPUS

📅 September 22, 2026 | 📍 Austin, Texas

Multiple Antisemitic Incidents Around University Campus

A Callaway House resident at the University of Texas had a sacred Jewish object removed from their door, beginning a string of antisemitic incidents around campus.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Daily Texan](#)



(<https://thedailytexan.com/2026/09/22/callaway-study-room-dorm-allegedly-vandalized-ahead-of-jewish-high-holidays/>)



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📅 September 22, 2026 | 📍 Imperial Beach, California

Home Targeted Again with Antisemitic Graffiti

Police are investigating an additional antisemitic vandalism in Imperial Beach after graffiti was found at the same home targeted days earlier and in several nearby areas.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: Patch



(https://new.patch.com/california/san-diego/south-bay-home-targeted-again-antisemitic-graffiti?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

VANDALISM

📅 September 22, 2026 | 📍 Lebanon, New Hampshire

Police Seek to Identify Antisemitic Graffiti Suspects

Police are seeking the public's assistance to identify two suspects in connection with antisemitic graffiti spray-painted at several city locations.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: VNEWS



(https://vnews.com/2026/09/21/lebanon-police-seek-antisemitic-vandalism-suspects/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

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**THREAT**

September 22, 2026 | Ontario, Canada

Man Faces Charges for Allegedly Threatening to Shoot at a Synagogue

A 19-year-old man is facing charges for allegedly threatening to carry out a shooting at a synagogue in Durham Region.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [City News](#)

(https://toronto.citynews.ca/2026/09/21/man-19-facing-charges-for-allegedly-threatening-to-carry-out-a-shooting-at-a-durham-region-synagogue/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

EXTREMISM

September 21, 2026 | The Hague, Netherlands

Riot Containing Antisemitic Behavior Erupts



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Dutch riot police dispersed several hundred protestors displaying antisemitic conduct in The Hague on 19 September after violence erupted.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [APNEWS](#)



(<https://apnews.com/article/netherlands-far-right-protesters-violence-arrests-6809209e584f44c05728b3202309ba4>)

September 18, 2026 | Wuppertal, Germany

Police Investigate Arson Attack on Synagogue

The 37-year-old Afghan citizen detained after allegedly trying to set fire to Wuppertal's synagogue made antisemitic comments to the arresting officers.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [DW](#)



(<https://www.dw.com/en/wuppertal-synagogue-attack/a-79331270>)

ASSAULT

September 17, 2026 | Milan, Italy

Rabbi Assaulted By Three Men At A Bus Stop

A 60-year-old rabbi from Milan's Jewish community was assaulted by three young men while waiting for a bus on 15 September 2026.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [JPOST](#)



(https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-908919?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

VANDALISM

September 16, 2026 | Hertfordshire, England

Antisemitic Graffiti Found During Rosh Hashanah in Hertfordshire



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Police are investigating after antisemitic graffiti was found in a field during Rosh Hashanah in Hertfordshire.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [Jewish News](#)



(https://www.jewishnews.co.uk/heil-hitler-and-swastika-graffiti-found-in-elstree-during-rosh-hashanah/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

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📅 September 15, 2026 | 📍 Munich, Germany

Police Investigating Threats Against Holocaust Survivor

Police said they are investigating death threats made against a senior Jewish leader in Germany.

STATUS: UNDER INVESTIGATION

Source: [JTA](#)



(https://www.jta.org/2026/09/15/global/police-investigating-threats-against-prominent-munich-holocaust-survivor-and-afd-opponent?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

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Particularly among less ideological voters, questions focused on whether supporting Israel can coexist with diplomacy, Palestinian humanitarian concerns, accountability, and a path toward peace.

Can there be a middle ground or diplomatic solution?

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There was continued demand for basic historical context: how long the conflict has existed, what Hamas is, how the current war began, and the roles of Israel, Palestinians, Hamas and Iran.

How did this conflict start, and who is responsible?

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Voters challenged the core stability argument by pointing to continued war, disrupted trade routes, energy prices, regional escalation, and the lack of a lasting peace.

If the U.S.–Israel alliance creates stability, why is the Middle East still unstable?

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This often evolved into questions about Hamas, terrorism, proportionality, civilian casualties, and perceived double standards in how self-defense is applied.

Does Israel really have the right to defend itself – and where is the line?

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Voters frequently asked what support entails and whether supporting Israel requires supporting every decision of the Israeli government.

What does it actually mean to “stand with Israel”?

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Common questions centered on Iran’s nuclear ambitions, terrorism, deterrence, whether Iran has directly threatened Americans, and whether confronting Iran now prevents or...



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Voters questioned whether Israel reduces the burden on the U.S. or instead increases the chances that American troops become involved in Middle East conflicts.

Does supporting Israel make America safer – or pull us into another war?

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Questions about Palestinian civilians, children, humanitarian conditions, IDF conduct, Gaza, and whether Israel's actions constitute genocide were especially prominent among...

What about civilian deaths in Gaza and accusations of genocide or war crimes?

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This frequently came through as: Why are we spending money overseas? Is the relationship mutually beneficial? Are we getting proportional value in return?

Why should America continue supporting or funding Israel?

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Voters repeatedly wanted tangible proof of the benefit to Americans – security, intelligence, technology, trade, terrorism prevention, and regional stability.



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What does the United States actually get from supporting Israel?

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No. The incident was tragic, but it does not erase decades of close cooperation, intelligence sharing, defense partnerships, and mutual support between the United States and Israel.

Does the USS Liberty incident prove Israel is not an American ally?

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Yes. American assistance should always be accountable and consistent with U.S. law. Oversight strengthens public trust while maintaining a valuable strategic partnership.

Should U.S. aid to Israel have oversight and accountability?

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Every civilian death is tragic. Israel argues that it targets military threats while terrorist groups often operate from civilian areas. Like any nation, Israel has a responsibility to defend its citizens...

How can Israel justify civilian casualties?

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Israel's right to exist is clear. Territorial disputes and final borders remain matters for negotiation and peaceful resolution.

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Does Israel have a right to all land west of the Jordan River?

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Supporters cite historical connections, security concerns, and legal claims. Critics disagree. The issue remains a matter of political debate both within Israel and internationally.

Why does Israel continue building settlements?

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The legality of settlements remains disputed. Israel contests the interpretation held by many international organizations. The issue remains one of the key subjects for future negotiations.

Aren't Israeli settlements in the West Bank illegal?

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Friends for Peace promotes understanding of the U.S.-Israel alliance and supports efforts that advance peace, security, and regional stability.

Who is Friends for Peace?

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No. The campaign is focused on public awareness, discussion, and understanding of the U.S.- Israel relationship.

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We want to better understand public views on the alliance and how Americans believe the United States and Israel can work together to promote security and peace.

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We want to understand how Americans view the U.S.-Israel relationship and how the alliance can continue advancing security, peace, and stability.

Why are you asking for my opinion?

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Absolutely. Supporting Israel's right to exist and defend itself is compatible with supporting a better future for Palestinians and encouraging peaceful coexistence.

Can you support Israel and still care about Palestinians?

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Hate is hate. If focused on specific religious groups, it's hate. No American should be targeted simply because they are Jewish.

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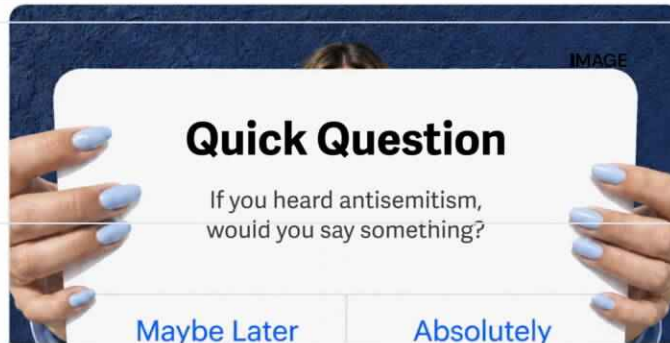


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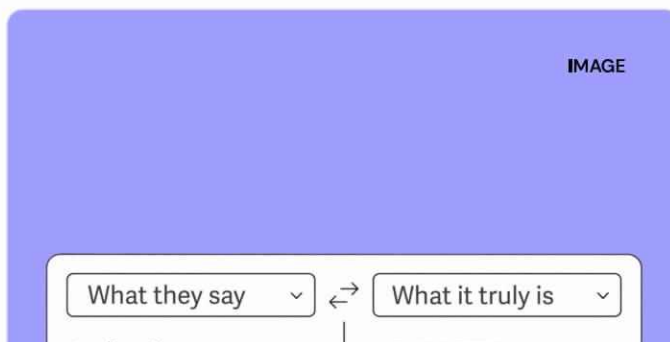
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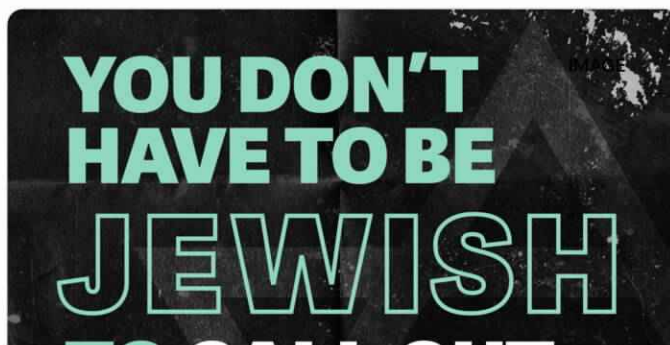


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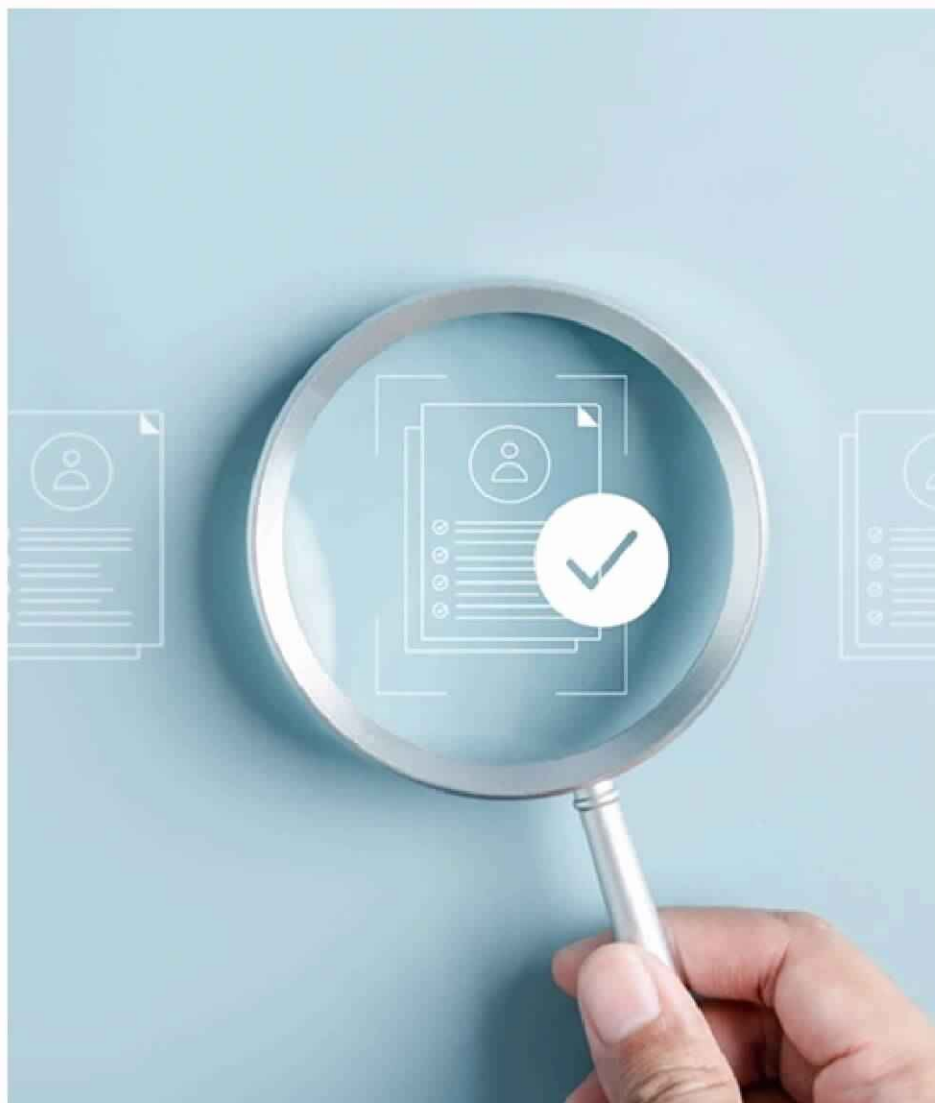
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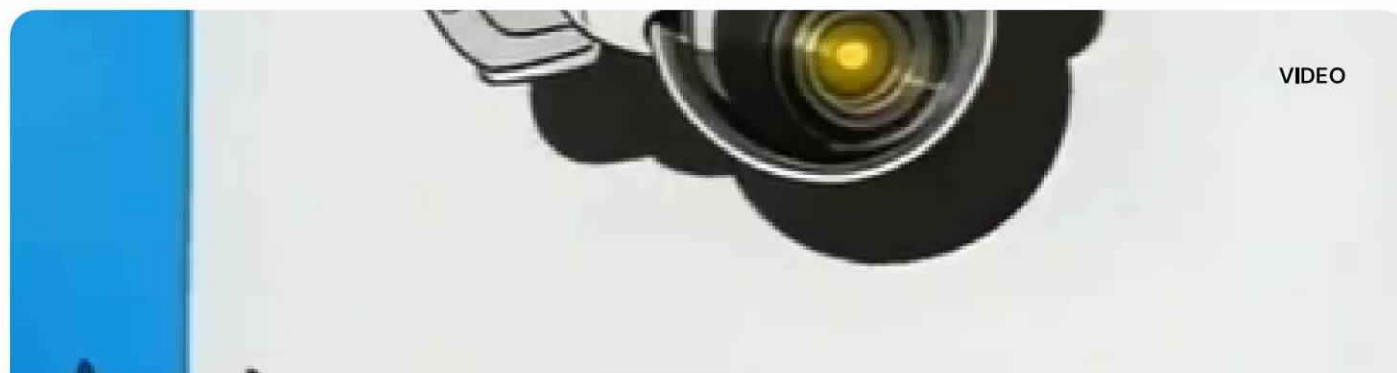
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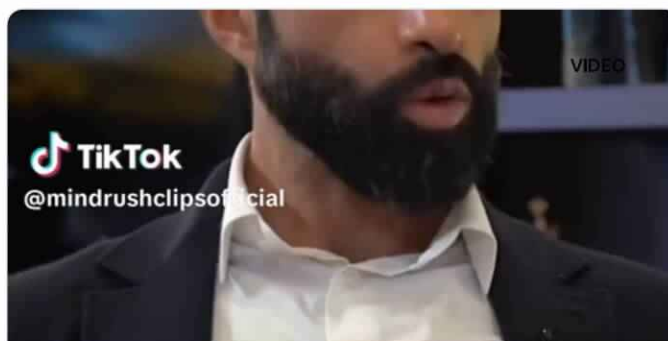
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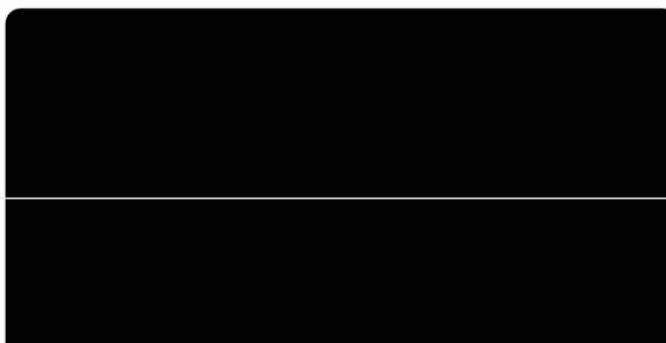
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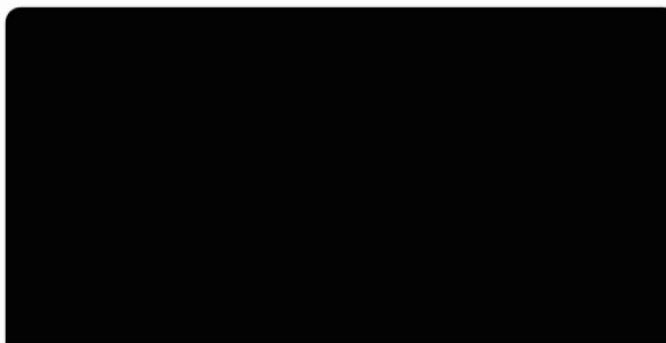


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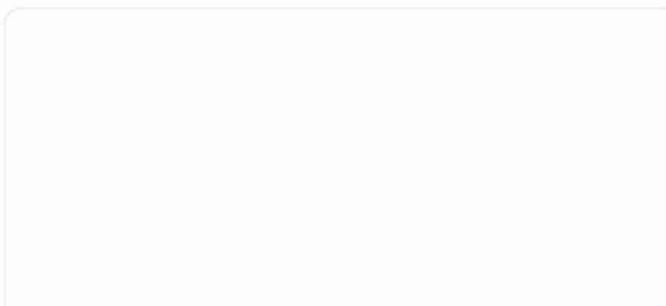
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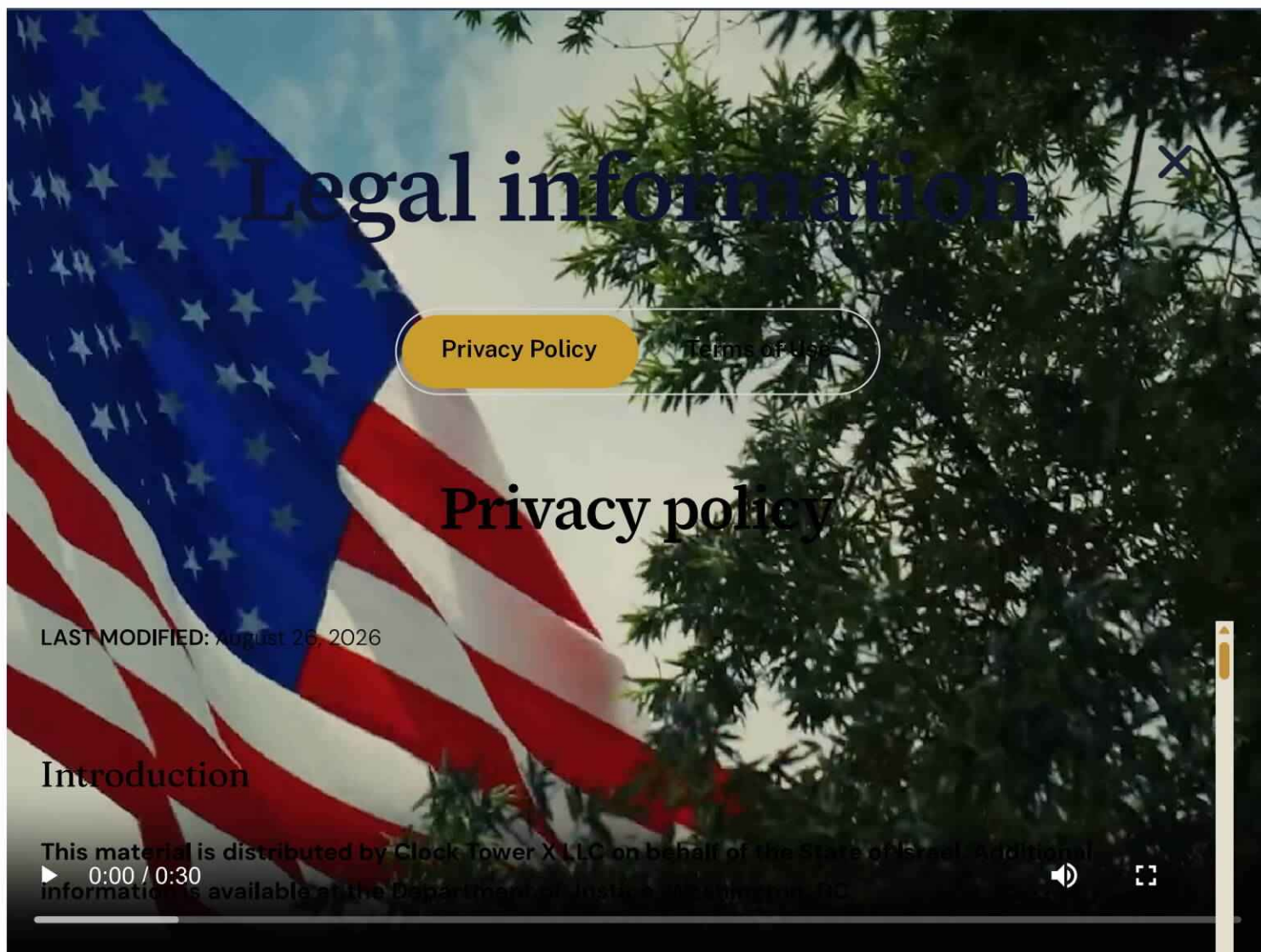
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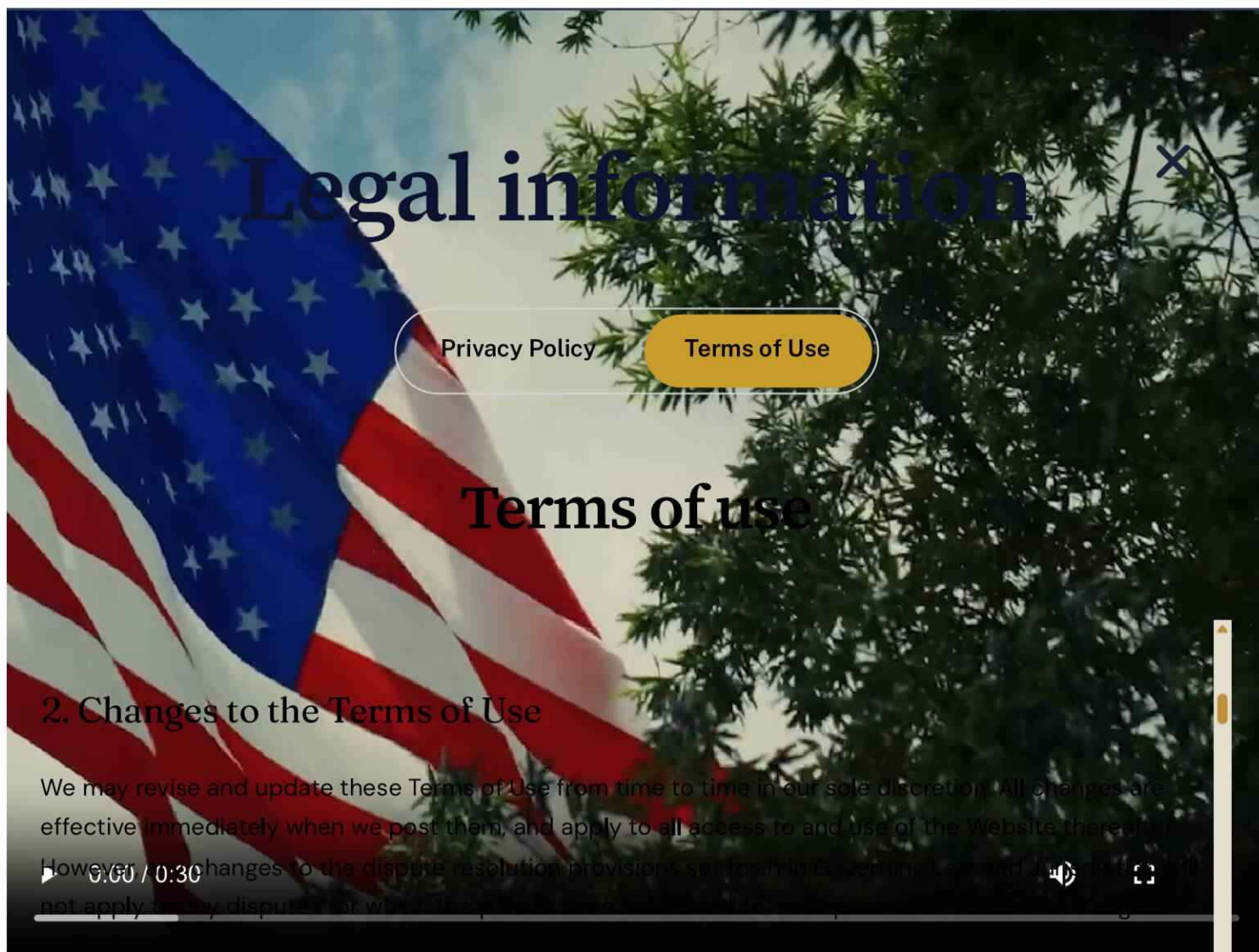
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When It Comes to Israel, Why Do the Normal Rules of Reason Suddenly Disappear?

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There is a peculiar phenomenon in contemporary discussion of Israel that goes considerably beyond ordinary criticism of the Israeli government. Policies that would be understood one way almost anywhere else are interpreted differently when Israel implements them, actions by Israel's enemies somehow become evidence against Israel itself, and concepts with established meanings are stretched until they can accommodate whatever accusation currently possesses the greatest emotional force. The result is not simply hostility toward Israel but a remarkable suspension of the ordinary rules by which evidence, causation and responsibility are supposed to be assessed.

Wall Street Journal columnist Kyle Smith has given this phenomenon a deliberately provocative name: "Israel Derangement Syndrome." His column is intentionally satirical, but behind the jokes is a serious argument about the increasingly distorted intellectual environment surrounding Israel. Smith points to examples in which

straightforward relationships between cause and effect appear to have been reversed, while accusations against Israel (https://factsignal.org/palestinian-authority/debunking-the-organ-harvesting-accusations-against-israel-a-modern-holocaust-lie) are accepted according to evidentiary standards that would be considered inadequate in almost any other international conflict.



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Israel should be criticized when criticism is justified. Its government can make mistakes, its military operations should be scrutinized, allegations of misconduct deserve investigation, and Israelis themselves conduct these arguments with an intensity that would surprise anyone imagining the country to be intolerant of dissent. The problem begins when criticism no longer requires the same standards of evidence, historical context and logical consistency that would normally be expected, because at that point Israel is no longer being scrutinized more closely than other countries. It is being analyzed according to an entirely different intellectual rulebook.

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1 Kyle Smith describes ^[1] a phenomenon he calls "Israel Derangement Syndrome," in which ordinary reasoning appears to collapse when Israel is discussed. (https://factsignal.org)

2 He highlights NAZA reviewer Jay Weissberg's claim that Israel effectively assigns Disinformation & Media Analysis ⁹⁸ ((disinformation-media-analysis) Verified Evidence & Documental greater value to Israeli lives through unequal prisoner exchanges.

3 The obvious problem is that Hamas and other armed groups demand ^[2] those extraordinarily unequal exchanges; Israel reluctantly agrees to them to recover its citizens.

4 Smith also points to *The New York Times* (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/when-media-outrage-replaces-evidence-the-new-york-times-and-the-return-of-the-blood-libel) describing Israelis as still "viewing themselves as the victims" of October 7 (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/examining-global-antisemitism-trends-after-october-7-2023), wording the newspaper subsequently removed.

5 The widespread use of "genocide (https://factsignal.org/verified-evidence-documentation/the-gaza-genocide-narrative-is-collapsing-under-the-weight-of-the-evidence)" illustrates the danger of allowing an extraordinarily specific legal concept to become a generic synonym for a destructive war.

6 None of this means Israeli military actions are beyond criticism or that allegations of Israeli wrongdoing should be dismissed.

7 It means accusations (https://factsignal.org/palestinian-authority/why-media-coverage-of-israel-feels-different-and-why-that-matters) against Israel should be subjected to the same requirements of evidence, context and causation applied elsewhere.

8 Reversing the actors is often a useful test: if an argument becomes obviously unreasonable when Israel and its adversaries (https://factsignal.org/verified-evidence-documentation/how-the-claims-of-genocide-against-israel-simply-dont-add-up) exchange places, the original argument deserves scrutiny.

9 The larger danger is not merely hostility (https://factsignal.org/iran/there-is-no-genocide-in-gaza-the-lie-that-must-die) toward Israel but the degradation of language

and reasoning necessary for serious public debate.

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When Hamas Sets the Price, Somehow Israel Gets the Blame

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One of Smith's most revealing examples comes from Jay Weissberg's review of NAZA in *Variety*. According to the passage Smith quotes, Weissberg argues that Israel's history of exchanging large numbers of Palestinian prisoners (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/examining-conditions-for-palestinian-prisoners-in-israeli-detention-centers>) for a much smaller number of Israelis communicates the idea that a single Israeli life is worth enormous numbers of Arab lives. Among the examples is the 2011 exchange in which Israel released 1,027 Palestinian prisoners to secure the freedom of Gilad Shalit.

Consider what has happened to causation in that argument. Israel did not demand that Hamas release 1,027 Palestinians in exchange for one Israeli. Hamas held one Israeli soldier captive and demanded an extraordinarily high price for returning him. Israel eventually accepted that price because Israeli society places enormous importance on recovering its citizens and soldiers, even when doing so creates serious security risks.

One can reasonably criticize Israel for accepting such exchanges. Indeed, Israelis have debated precisely that question for decades because releasing convicted terrorists can create incentives for further kidnappings and return dangerous individuals to the battlefield. Yahya Sinwar himself was among the prisoners released in the Shalit exchange, giving that debate a particularly terrible historical resonance after October 7.

What makes the NAZA argument so extraordinary is the reversal of responsibility. Hamas's ability to extract more than a thousand prisoners for one captive somehow becomes evidence of Israel's contempt for Palestinian life. The party demanding the disproportionate exchange effectively disappears from the moral equation, while the party reluctantly accepting its terms becomes responsible for the ratio.

Apply that reasoning elsewhere and its absurdity becomes obvious. If kidnappers demand \$10 million to release a hostage, nobody concludes that the hostage's family believes its relative is ten million times more valuable than the kidnappers. The ransom tells us something about the leverage of the kidnappers and the desperation of those trying to recover the hostage, not about a philosophical hierarchy assigning relative value to human lives.

Yet when Israel enters the equation, this basic relationship between coercion and response can somehow be inverted.

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Israel's Prisoners Become "Bargaining Chips"

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Smith identifies another remarkable assertion in the same NAZA review: the suggestion that Israel has for decades stocked its prisons with Arab men so that they can subsequently be used as bargaining chips in exchanges.

There are legitimate and serious debates surrounding Israeli detention policy, including administrative detention (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/understanding-israels-administrative-detention-security-law-and-democratic-dilemmas>), conditions of incarceration, military courts and the treatment of Palestinian prisoners. Those issues deserve examination on their actual facts. That is entirely different, however, from suggesting that Israel arrests Palestinians in order to accumulate inventory for future hostage negotiations.

The logic is particularly strange because prisoner exchanges are generally regarded within Israel as painful concessions rather than strategic objectives. Israelis do not celebrate releasing large numbers of convicted terrorists. Governments accept such deals because Israeli citizens or soldiers are being held by organizations that understand precisely how much political and emotional pressure can be generated by possessing an Israeli hostage.

Once again, the behavior of the armed organization holding the hostage somehow disappears, while Israel's response to that coercion becomes evidence of Israeli malevolence.

This pattern appears repeatedly in discussion of the conflict. Hamas embeds itself within civilian areas (<https://factsignal.org/iran/irans-military-tactics-put-civilians-at-risk-a-pattern-of-responsibility>), and the resulting complexity of Israeli military operations becomes evidence primarily about Israel. Hamas takes hostages, and the extraordinary concessions Israel makes to recover them become evidence about Israel. Armed organizations reject conventional military distinctions, while Israel's difficulties fighting them become evidence about Israel.

The actions of one side are continuously transformed into moral indictments of the other.

“Israelis Still View Themselves as the Victims”



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Smith's second particularly striking example comes from *The New York Times* (<https://factsignal.org/iran/the-new-york-times-published-another-story-that-defies-common-sense>), which recently published a sentence stating that Israelis "still largely view themselves as the victims of Oct. 7." Following criticism, the wording was removed.

The word "view" is what makes the sentence so revealing. Israelis do not merely *view* themselves as the victims of October 7. Israeli communities were attacked. Civilians were murdered. Women, children and elderly people were abducted. Homes were burned and families destroyed. Whatever arguments one subsequently makes about Israel's military response (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/israel-sets-the-record-straight-after-the-eu-made-false-claims-after-strikes-against-hezbollah>) in Gaza cannot retrospectively alter who attacked whom on October 7.

Israelis can simultaneously have been victims of October 7 and citizens of a country whose subsequent military actions should be scrutinized. Palestinian civilians can simultaneously have suffered terribly during the resulting war without the identity of the perpetrators and victims on October 7 somehow becoming ambiguous. Moral reasoning is capable of holding both propositions at once.

Yet the wording captured something increasingly common in coverage of Israel: victimhood is treated not as a description of what happened to Israelis but almost as a psychological condition from which they should eventually recover. The implication is that continued Israeli reference to October 7 represents a subjective self-perception rather than recognition of an objective historical event.

Imagine a newspaper writing that Americans "still view themselves as the victims of 9/11," or that Ukrainians "still view themselves as the victims" of Russia's invasion. The oddness would be immediately apparent.

The fact that such wording could pass through a major newspaper's editorial process when discussing Israel is precisely Smith's point.

The Genocide Debate Shows What Happens When Words Lose Their Meaning



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Nowhere is the deterioration of language more consequential than in the repeated description of Israel's Gaza campaign as genocide. Smith argues that the accusation has become ubiquitous despite the enormous gap between the legal meaning of genocide and the way the word is now commonly employed in political activism.

Genocide is not simply a synonym for a war in which large numbers of civilians die. Under the Genocide Convention, it concerns specified acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a protected national, ethnic, racial or religious group as such. That specific intent requirement is central to the legal concept.

There are lawyers, academics, human-rights organizations and UN experts who argue that Israel's conduct meets that threshold, while Israel categorically rejects the allegation and argues that its war is directed against Hamas and other armed organizations rather than the Palestinian population as such. The dispute should therefore be examined through evidence concerning military policy, statements, conduct and intent rather than resolved by the emotional power of images from a devastating war.

The danger arises when "genocide" simply becomes another way of saying that civilians have died in enormous numbers or that military destruction is extensive. Once the word is detached from its defining legal elements, it ceases to distinguish genocide from other horrific forms of warfare.

That should concern people far beyond Israel. Language is one of the tools through which international law differentiates between categories of conduct. If the most serious terms become political intensifiers rather than definitions, their ability to describe genuinely distinct crimes becomes progressively weaker.

Civilian Deaths Are Tragic Without Proving Every Accusation

One of the reasons discussion of Gaza becomes so emotionally difficult is that the suffering is undeniable. Thousands of Palestinian civilians have been killed, families have been destroyed, neighborhoods devastated and enormous numbers of people displaced. A serious defense of Israel should never require pretending otherwise.

Yet images of suffering cannot by themselves answer every question concerning why that suffering occurred, whether a particular strike was lawful or what Israel's overall military intention was. Those questions require information about targets, intelligence, anticipated military advantage, expected civilian harm, precautions, Hamas's deployment and the circumstances known to commanders at the time.



International humanitarian law itself recognizes this complexity. Civilian casualties do not automatically make an attack unlawful, just as the presence of a legitimate military target does not automatically make every attack lawful. Distinction, proportionality and precautions remain essential.

The intellectual shortcut is to move directly from "children have died" to "therefore genocide," or from "a building was destroyed" to "therefore Israel intentionally targets civilians." The emotional premise can be completely true while the conclusion still requires additional evidence.

That distinction should be obvious in serious journalism. Increasingly, however, demanding the intermediate evidentiary steps is portrayed as indifference toward Palestinian suffering.

It is nothing of the sort. It is the difference between moral outrage and factual analysis.

Reverse the Actors and See Whether the Argument Survives

There is a simple intellectual exercise that can expose many of these distortions: reverse the identities of the participants and ask whether the same argument would still appear reasonable.

If Israel kidnapped hundreds of Palestinians from their homes and demanded the release of thousands of Israelis convicted of murdering Palestinians, who would be held responsible for the disproportionate exchange?

If Israeli soldiers operated from tunnels beneath civilian neighborhoods while Palestinian forces attacked them, would civilian casualties automatically be attributed exclusively to the Palestinians conducting the strikes, or would Israel's decision to operate within civilian areas feature prominently in international reporting?

If Palestinian civilians had been massacred at a music festival and Palestinian newspapers two years later wrote that Palestinians "still view themselves as the victims" of the attack, would international readers regard that wording as neutral?



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If an Israeli organization explicitly committed to destroying Palestinian national existence deliberately murdered civilians and kidnapped children, would

commentators immediately describe the violence primarily through the language of resistance and historical context?

Reversing the actors does not automatically settle difficult moral or legal questions because Israelis and Palestinians occupy different political and military circumstances. But it is an extremely useful diagnostic tool for detecting when standards have changed so dramatically that the identity of the actor, rather than the nature of the action, appears to determine the conclusion.

Criticism of Israel Is Not the Problem

The phrase "Israel Derangement Syndrome" is intentionally provocative and can easily become a way of dismissing criticism without engaging with it. That would be a mistake.

There are serious arguments about settlements, Palestinian statehood, the conduct of the Gaza war (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/navigating-reliable-information-sources-on-the-gaza-war>), settler violence (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/the-myth-of-settler-violence-when-the-crimes-of-a-tiny-minority-are-used-to-condemn-an-entire-community>), government policy, humanitarian access, civilian casualties and the future of the territories. Israelis themselves disagree intensely about these questions, sometimes more intensely than Israel's foreign critics.

A useful concept of "Israel derangement" therefore cannot mean disagreeing with Israel. It should describe something considerably narrower: the willingness to suspend ordinary standards of evidence or logic because the subject happens to be the Jewish state.

Criticizing an Israeli strike on the basis of credible evidence is not derangement. Assuming that every explosion in Gaza demonstrates Israeli criminality before knowing what happened is something else. Criticizing Israeli detention practices is legitimate. Claiming that Israel fills its prisons with Arabs so that it can accumulate future bargaining chips requires evidence commensurate with such an extraordinary

allegation. Arguing that particular Israeli conduct demonstrates genocidal intent is a legal argument. Using "genocide" merely because it is the most morally devastating word available is rhetoric.



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Israel does not require immunity from criticism. It requires the same intellectual standards applied to everybody else.



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The Double Standard Ultimately Damages Palestinians Too

There is another consequence of distorted reasoning that receives far too little attention: it removes Palestinian agency.

If almost everything ultimately becomes Israel's responsibility, then Hamas's decisions cease to matter. Its choice to initiate wars becomes background context. Its decision to take hostages becomes an indictment of the concessions Israel makes to recover them. Its military deployment becomes irrelevant to discussions of civilian casualties. Its treatment of Palestinian society becomes secondary to Israel's response.

That framework may appear pro-Palestinian, but it effectively treats Palestinians as people without meaningful political agency. Israeli actions are scrutinized down to individual tactical decisions while Palestinian armed organizations become forces of nature whose behavior is simply assumed.

Palestinians deserve better than that. Hamas should be judged for the choices it makes precisely because Palestinian lives are affected by those choices. Palestinian leaders should be held responsible for strategies that succeed or fail, improve or destroy lives, and move their people toward or away from a viable future.

Holding Palestinians to moral and political standards is not anti-Palestinian. It is treating them as adults possessing agency rather than merely as characters in somebody else's indictment of Israel.

Israel Has Become an Exception to Too Many Rules

Perhaps this is the phenomenon Smith is really describing beneath the satire. Israel increasingly occupies a strange position within parts of Western political culture in which it is expected to behave according to standards that are rarely articulated

consistently elsewhere.

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Its military victories become evidence of excessive power, while its vulnerability is

viewed with suspicion. Its attempts to recover hostages become evidence that it values Jewish lives above Palestinian ones. Its security measures become evidence

of aggression, while the attacks that produced those measures recede into history.

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Its enemies' tactics become part of the environment Israel is expected to

accommodate rather than independent decisions for which those enemies should

be held responsible.

None of this means Israel always acts correctly. It means the analytical framework itself can become so distorted that almost any possible Israeli action confirms the original accusation.

If Israel responds forcefully, it is aggressive. If it exercises restraint, the threat cannot have been serious. If it negotiates for hostages, the unequal exchange demonstrates racism. If it refuses an exchange, it has abandoned its citizens. If it evacuates civilians before attacking, it is forcibly displacing them. If it does not provide sufficient warning, it is deliberately endangering them.

When every conceivable action leads back to the same predetermined conclusion, we are no longer conducting analysis. We are protecting a belief from contradictory evidence.

Israel Should Be Judged Normally

Perhaps the most radical proposal in today's debate is also the simplest: judge Israel normally.

Examine its military operations according to international humanitarian law. Investigate credible allegations of wrongdoing. Challenge its politicians when they make inflammatory statements. Debate settlements, borders, Palestinian rights and Israeli security. Demand evidence from the Israeli government and do not assume that every military statement is automatically correct.

Then do exactly the same to Hamas and every other participant in the conflict.

Ask who started an exchange and who set its terms. Ask why civilians were endangered and what every party did to protect or exploit them. Ask whether claims are supported by evidence rather than by the emotional intensity with which they

are repeated. Apply legal terminology according to legal definitions. Recognize victims without first determining whether their nationality makes their victimhood politically convenient.



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Above all, preserve the possibility that more than one fact can be true

simultaneously. Palestinian civilians can have suffered enormously and Israelis can

have been victims of October 7. Israel can possess overwhelming military superiority over Hamas and still face genuine security threats. Hamas can bear

responsibility for its military strategy while Israel remains responsible for complying with the laws of war. One does not erase the other.

That is not pro-Israel reasoning.

It is simply reasoning.

The Real Derangement Is the Abandonment of Reason

Kyle Smith's "Israel Derangement Syndrome" is a joke with a serious premise. Something peculiar happens remarkably often when Israel enters public debate. Causation reverses, context disappears, extraordinary accusations require increasingly ordinary evidence and words whose meanings were once carefully understood become rhetorical weapons.

The danger extends beyond Israel because societies that abandon standards of reasoning for causes they consider righteous eventually discover that those standards are difficult to recover. If facts matter only when they support the correct political narrative, if definitions change according to the identity of the accused and if emotional certainty substitutes for evidence, the casualty is not merely Israel's reputation.

It is our ability to distinguish truth from propaganda.

Israel does not need to be considered innocent of every allegation. It does not need journalists to become advocates, critics to become supporters or the world to ignore Palestinian suffering. It needs something much less dramatic and much more important.

The same rules.

The same definitions.

The same requirement for evidence.

The same recognition of cause and effect.

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The same willingness to acknowledge inconvenient facts.



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If demanding those things now sounds like taking Israel's side, that may tell us considerably more about the state of the debate than it does about Israel.



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For decades, almost every international map of Israel's strategic environment looked essentially the same. Israel sat at the center, surrounded by Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, with the Palestinians inside or immediately alongside it. Beyond them stood an Arab and Muslim world that was largely hostile, while thousands of kilometers away the United States provided the diplomatic, military and economic support upon which Israel's broader security architecture depended.

That map increasingly bears little resemblance to reality.

Israel's strategic neighborhood has expanded dramatically. The relevant geography now stretches north and west through Cyprus and Greece into Europe, east through Jordan and the Gulf, south through the Red Sea and ultimately across the Indian Ocean toward India. It's a world of missile and proxy networks, the Houthis' ability to threaten international shipping, the rise of the Gulf states, the Abraham Accords, the growing importance of India, the Eastern Mediterranean energy system and the emergence of a more multipolar international order are combining to create a Middle East in which Israel is no longer an isolated outpost but one of the nodes connecting several strategic regions.

For generations, the region was interpreted internationally through the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with Israel as the problem, Palestine as the question, the Arab states as the audience and Washington as the principal external power. The Palestinian issue remains important, but that framework is increasingly inadequate because governments throughout the region are making decisions according to a much broader collection of national interests involving Iran, technology, trade, energy, defense, shipping and economic transformation.

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The significance for Israel is profound. For much of its history, Israeli foreign policy was fundamentally about overcoming isolation. Increasingly, the challenge may be something very different: understanding how to use Israel's geography, military capabilities, technology and relationships to become indispensable within the emerging architecture surrounding it.

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1 Israel's strategic environment^[1] increasingly stretches from the Eastern Mediterranean through the Gulf and Red Sea toward India rather than ending at its immediate borders. (https://factsignal.org)

2 The Abraham Accords demonstrated that Arab states can develop substantial relations with Israel without first resolving the Palestinian conflict. Verified Evidence & Documental (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/the-israel-palestinian-conflict-understanding-its-global-impact-and-importance).

3 Egypt and Jordan's peace treaties have meanwhile become embedded through security^[3], intelligence, energy and other shared interests.

4 Greece and Cyprus (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/israels-global-standing-trade-diplomacy-and-the-reality-behind-the-rhetoric) connect Israel increasingly to the strategic politics of the Eastern Mediterranean and Europe.

5 India could become one of Israel's most consequential long-term strategic relationships as trade, energy and security increasingly connect the Mediterranean with the Indian Ocean.

6 Iran's network across Lebanon^[4], Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Gaza has itself forced Israel to think beyond its immediate borders.

7 The Red Sea and international shipping routes have become Israeli security concerns as well as global economic ones.

8 Gulf governments^[5] increasingly view Israel through the practical lenses of technology, intelligence, defense and economic cooperation rather than solely through the Palestinian conflict.

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9 The United States remains Israel's most important strategic^[6] ally, but a wider network of relationships gives Israel greater diplomatic and strategic resilience. clicking on the "Do Not Sell or Share My Personal Information" link.

10 The Palestinian question remains important, but it is no longer capable of defining^[7] every relationship Israel develops across the region.

The Old Map Was Built Around the Palestinians



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For much of Israel's history, international diplomacy operated on an assumption that became so familiar it was rarely questioned: the road to meaningful integration between Israel and the wider Arab world ran through Ramallah. Verified Evidence & Documental

Solve the Palestinian conflict and Israel could finally be accepted by its neighbors. Fail to solve it and normalization would remain largely impossible. Even the peace agreements with Egypt and Jordan (<https://factsignal.org/verified-evidence-documentation/israel-3000-years-old-78-years-young>) were often treated as exceptional arrangements produced by particular security circumstances rather than evidence that Arab states might eventually develop relationships with Israel according to their own national interests.

The Abraham Accords shattered that assumption.

When the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain established formal relations with Israel in 2020, followed by Morocco's resumption of formal ties, they did not do so because Israelis and Palestinians had reached a final-status agreement. They did so because their governments concluded that relationships with Israel served national interests. Trade mattered. Technology mattered. Intelligence mattered. Iran mattered. Investment mattered. Defense mattered.

The Palestinian issue did not disappear, and subsequent events demonstrated that it remains capable of placing considerable political pressure on Arab governments. Yet something fundamental had nevertheless changed. Palestinian leaders no longer possessed an effective veto over Israel's relationships with the wider region.

That may ultimately prove to be one of the most important geopolitical changes in Israel's modern history.

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Countries Have Interests, Not Sentiments

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There is a temptation to evaluate every development in Israeli-Arab relations according to whether Arab populations suddenly became sympathetic toward Zionism. That misunderstands how durable international relationships are usually constructed.

Countries do not need to love each other. They need sufficiently important reasons to cooperate.



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Kaplan correctly emphasizes this point when describing Israel's emerging relationships with the Gulf. These states face their own strategic challenges: Iran, economic diversification, the future of fossil-fuel demand, vulnerable shipping routes, regional instability and the need to develop advanced economies. Israel possesses capabilities in areas including defense, intelligence, cyber, agriculture and technology that can contribute to addressing some of those challenges.

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Israel, meanwhile, benefits enormously from relations with prosperous Arab states located strategically between it and Asia.

That is a far stronger foundation for long-term cooperation than expecting populations that spent generations exposed to anti-Israel narratives suddenly to become Zionists. Interests can survive political disagreements because abandoning the relationship carries a tangible price for both parties.

Egypt and Jordan demonstrate this. Their peace with Israel has experienced enormous political pressures and periods of considerable public hostility, but the treaties have survived because security, counterterrorism, energy, border management and regional stability create continuing reasons for cooperation.

Peace does not need to be romantic to be valuable.

Israel's Western Border Now Extends Deep Into the Mediterranean

Look west and another strategic map has emerged.

Israel's relationships with Greece and Cyprus have developed substantially around energy, defense, maritime security and broader Eastern Mediterranean cooperation. These relationships have little to do directly with the Palestinians because they belong to an entirely different geopolitical system involving Turkey, Europe, NATO, offshore energy resources and Mediterranean shipping.

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This matters because Israel's Mediterranean coast was once effectively the country's strategic endpoint. Today it is increasingly a gateway.

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Israel's offshore natural-gas discoveries helped alter the economic importance of the Eastern Mediterranean, while regional infrastructure and connectivity projects have created possibilities for linking Israel more deeply with European markets. Defense cooperation with Greece and Cyprus adds another dimension, particularly as the Eastern Mediterranean becomes increasingly important within the wider contest over energy routes, maritime security and regional influence.

Israel is therefore developing a western strategic depth that does not involve acquiring territory or projecting sovereignty. It comes through relationships.



For a country whose geography has historically been one of its greatest strategic vulnerabilities, that is an enormously important transformation.



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Then Look East—All the Way to India

Perhaps the most consequential element of Kaplan's argument concerns India.

For generations, Israelis tended to think about their country's eastern strategic environment as ending somewhere around Iran. Increasingly, that is much too narrow. India is rising as an economic and geopolitical power, requires secure access to energy and international markets, and has substantial interests in the trade routes connecting the Indian Ocean with the Gulf, Red Sea, Mediterranean and Europe.

Israel sits remarkably close to the western end of that system.

India and Israel have also developed substantial cooperation in technology, agriculture, defense and security, while both countries have confronted Islamist terrorism. Kaplan argues that India could consequently become one of the most important components of Israel's emerging geopolitical map.

The importance extends beyond the bilateral relationship. Imagine the geography from Mumbai westward rather than from Jerusalem eastward. Goods moving from India toward European markets can pass through an interconnected system involving the Gulf and ultimately the Mediterranean. Energy moves through many of the same strategic spaces. Submarine communications cables, shipping routes and future infrastructure corridors connect regions once considered separate.

Israel suddenly appears very differently on that map.

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The Houthi Demonstrated Why Geography Has Changed

Nothing illustrates this new reality better than the Red Sea.

For many Israelis before October 7 (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/examining-global-antisemitism-trends-after-october-7-2023>), Yemen was a distant country of limited immediate strategic importance. The rise of the Houthis and their attacks on Israel and international shipping demonstrated how obsolete that perception had become.



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A missile or drone launched from Yemen can threaten Israel. An attack on shipping in the Red Sea can disrupt trade moving toward the Mediterranean. Pressure around the Bab el-Mandeb can affect global commerce, energy prices, insurance costs and supply chains thousands of kilometers away.

Geography has therefore become interconnected in ways that Israel's traditional strategic doctrine could not ignore.

The same applies to Iran. Tehran developed influence and armed networks extending through Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Gaza and Yemen precisely because strategic depth no longer stops at national borders. Kaplan argues that Israel has increasingly attacked elements of that depth, while cautioning that a weakened Iran should not automatically be confused with a harmless Iran.

Israel has consequently been forced to think regionally because its enemies already do.

Iran Accidentally Helped Build the Coalition Against It

There is a profound irony at the heart of the new Middle East. Iran's attempt to surround Israel with threats has simultaneously created shared interests between Israel and several Arab governments.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other regional states have their own complicated relationships with Tehran, which include periods of dialogue as well as rivalry. Their strategic calculations are not identical to Israel's and should not be presented as though a formal anti-Iran alliance automatically exists.

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Iranian missiles and drones do not threaten only Israel. Iranian-backed groups have targeted Arab states and infrastructure, while instability in the Gulf and Red Sea threatens economies dependent upon predictable energy exports and international commerce.



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Israel possesses sophisticated intelligence, missile-defense, cyber and military capabilities developed through decades of confronting many of these threats. That does not automatically make every Arab government an Israeli ally, but it changes the calculation of what Israel can offer.

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The old Middle Eastern (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/israels-middle-eastern-story-why-food-has-become-a-battlefield-in-the-war-over-history) map asked how Arab countries could pressure Israel.

The new one increasingly asks where cooperation with Israel might help Arab countries protect themselves.

Israel's Value Is Becoming More Tangible

This may ultimately matter more than any diplomatic campaign Israel could design.

For decades, Israel's enemies attempted to convince the world that the country was a strategic liability whose existence created instability throughout the Middle East. According to that argument, support for Israel alienated Arab governments, complicated Western relations with the Muslim world and prevented resolution of the region's central conflict.

The emerging Middle East challenges that proposition because Israel increasingly possesses capabilities other states actually need.

Countries confronting missiles and drones are interested in air defense. Governments facing terrorist networks need intelligence. Water-scarce countries need agricultural and desalination technology. Economies seeking to diversify need innovation and investment. International powers seeking secure trade corridors need countries capable of protecting infrastructure and maritime routes.

Israel cannot provide all of these things alone, nor is every country seeking them necessarily interested in a close relationship with Jerusalem. But Israel's relevance increasingly derives from what it can contribute rather than merely from what diplomatic problems others believe it creates.

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The Palestinian Issue Matters, but It No Longer Owns the Map



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None of this means the Palestinians have become irrelevant.



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precisely the opposite. The unresolved Israeli-Palestinian conflict can still generate war, mobilize public opinion throughout the Arab and Muslim worlds, place enormous pressure upon Israel's international relationships and complicate further normalization.

Any serious Israeli strategy that assumes the Palestinian question can simply be ignored would therefore be mistaken.

Kaplan's more persuasive point is subtler: the Palestinian issue has lost its **monopoly** over the region's geopolitics.

Saudi Arabia does not formulate its entire national strategy according to Ramallah. Neither does the UAE. India certainly does not. Greece and Cyprus do not. Egypt and Jordan have their own security and economic interests that exist independently of the Palestinians even while both governments remain deeply concerned about the conflict.

This distinction is essential.

For decades, diplomacy often treated solving the Palestinian conflict as the key capable of unlocking almost every other regional relationship. The Abraham Accords demonstrated that the sequence can sometimes operate in reverse: regional relationships can develop because governments see independent value in them, potentially creating new diplomatic structures within which the Palestinian issue can eventually be addressed.

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The United States remains Israel's most important international relationship.

American military cooperation (<https://factsignal.org/hezbollah-lebanon/stronger-together-u-s-israel-military-cooperation-reaches-new-heights-in-joint-operations>),

diplomatic support, technology, intelligence and economic ties cannot simply be substituted by India, Europe or the Gulf, and any Israeli strategy based upon the assumption that America no longer matters would be detached from reality.



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Strategic diversification is something different.



Kaplan notes that a country maintaining substantial relationships with Washington, New Delhi, Abu Dhabi, Cairo, Amman, Athens, Nicosia and potentially Riyadh

possesses a much broader strategic portfolio than one overwhelmingly dependent upon a single foreign capital.

That becomes particularly important as the international system grows more multipolar. China (<https://factsignal.org/iran/operation-epic-fury-is-a-strategic-disaster-for-china>) possesses increasing economic influence, India is rising, Gulf governments are pursuing more autonomous foreign policies and European countries are confronting their own internal disagreements over defense and strategic priorities.

Israel does not need to choose one of these worlds exclusively.

It can remain deeply allied with America while developing India. It can cooperate with Arab governments without pretending they agree on the Palestinian issue. It can build partnerships with Greece and Cyprus while managing its complicated relationship (<https://factsignal.org/verified-evidence-documentation/analyzing-egypts-support-vs-suppression-of-the-muslim-brotherhood>) with Turkey. It can trade with Asian powers without abandoning its Western political identity.

A mature foreign policy is not defined by having one friend.

It is defined by possessing enough strategically valuable relationships that disagreements with one partner do not leave the country isolated.

October 7 Did Not Destroy Israel's Regional Future

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In the immediate aftermath of October 7, it was understandable to believe that clicking on the "Do Not Sell or Share My Personal

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enormous hostility toward Israel, and the Abraham Accords faced their greatest political stress test.

Yet the underlying strategic interests that produced regional cooperation did not disappear.

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Iran remains Iran. Gulf states still require security. India still requires trade routes. Europe still requires energy and commercial connectivity. The Red Sea still needs

protecting. Egypt and Jordan still have strong reasons to preserve their treaties with

Israel, Greece and Cyprus still have strategic interests in Eastern Mediterranean cooperation.

This is precisely why relationships based upon interests matter.

Public opinion can change rapidly. Strategic geography changes much more slowly.

Hamas could trigger a catastrophic war and severely damage Israel's regional diplomacy. It could not change the location of the Strait of Hormuz, Bab el-Mandeb or Suez Canal. It could not move India away from the Indian Ocean or Israel away from the Mediterranean. It could not eliminate Iran's rivalry with Arab states or make Israeli technology and security capabilities suddenly worthless.

The strategic foundations remained beneath the political crisis.

Israel Should Start Looking at the Bigger Map

For much of its existence, Israel's strategic thinking was necessarily defensive. It was a small country surrounded by enemies and preoccupied with what might cross its borders.

That Israel still exists. Geography has not suddenly become benign, and October 7 demonstrated catastrophically what happens when Israelis underestimate an immediate threat because their attention is focused elsewhere.

Yet another reality exists simultaneously: a technologically sophisticated military and economic power positioned between three continents and connected increasingly to countries stretching from the United States and Europe to the Gulf and India.

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It is no longer merely: Who threatens Israel?

It is increasingly also: Who needs Israel?

Who needs its intelligence? Who needs its missile-defense experience? Who wants its technology? Who benefits from its location? Who shares its interest in secure shipping lanes? Who wants trade corridors connecting Asia and Europe? Who needs partners capable of resisting destabilizing regional powers?



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Those questions produce a very different map.

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From Strategic Isolation to Strategic Relevance

Israel's founding generation inherited one of the most difficult geopolitical positions imaginable. The country was tiny, militarily vulnerable, economically weak and surrounded by states that largely rejected its existence. Its first strategic achievement was simply survival.

The next was peace with Egypt and Jordan.

Then came growing relationships beyond the immediate region, followed eventually by the Abraham Accords and the demonstration that Arab governments could openly cooperate with Israel according to their own national interests.

Now another stage may be emerging.

The Middle East itself is becoming part of a much larger strategic space linking Europe, the Mediterranean, the Gulf, Red Sea, Indian Ocean and Asia. Iran thinks across that space. India increasingly trades across it. Gulf states invest across it. China seeks influence across it. America wants to remain the principal strategic power within it without carrying every burden itself.

Israel sits remarkably close to its center.

This does not guarantee Israel diplomatic acceptance, eliminate the Palestinian conflict or mean that regional governments will always side with Jerusalem.

International relations do not work that way. Partnerships based upon interests can deepen when interests converge and weaken when they diverge.

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Building Israel's Starting Position Has Fundamentally Changed.

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The Jewish state spent much of its first eight decades trying to break out of regional isolation. Increasingly, it possesses something very different: a network of overlapping interests connecting it to countries that may disagree profoundly with

Israeli policies (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/israeli-policies-vs-systemic-racism-a-comprehensive-analysis>) while simultaneously recognizing that cooperation with Israel serves their own national objectives.



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What may be the real map of the emerging Middle East.



Not a region in which everybody suddenly loves Israel, nor one in which its conflicts have disappeared, but one in which Israel has become too strategically useful to be understood merely as a problem to be solved.

For a country that once looked at the map and saw almost nothing but enemies, that is an extraordinary transformation.

Israel is no longer simply fighting for a place in the Middle East.

Increasingly, it is becoming part of the architecture that holds the new Middle East together.

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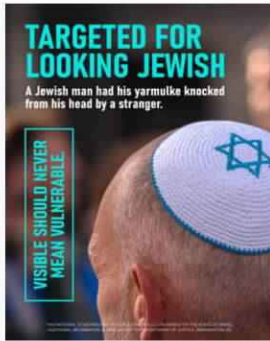
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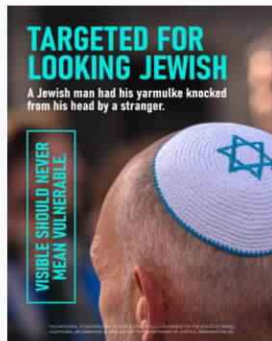
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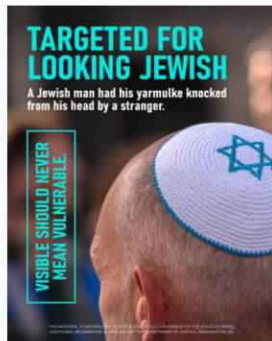
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When America Invests in Israeli Technology, America Wins Too

At a time when the relationship between the United States and Israel is too often discussed almost exclusively through the language of military assistance, another set of numbers deserves considerably more attention. Israeli technology companies raised approximately \$3.6 billion across 91 disclosed funding rounds during the third quarter of 2026, an increase of 53% compared with the same quarter last year, while total fundraising during the first nine months of the year exceeded \$11 billion, approximately 50% more than during the equivalent period in 2025. Foreign investors remain central to this extraordinary ecosystem, participating in more than 70% of investments and accounting for approximately two-thirds of the active venture-capital funds investing in Israeli high-tech.

Those numbers are impressive for Israel, particularly after years of war and extraordinary political and economic uncertainty, but they also tell an important American story. The United States and Israel have developed one of the world's most deeply interconnected technological relationships, in which Israeli entrepreneurs frequently obtain American capital, establish operations in the United States, sell into the enormous American market and eventually become part of American corporations, while U.S. companies use Israeli research and development to improve products sold throughout America and

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Department of Commerce itself describes the bilateral economic relationship as a "win-win" partnership, with two-way trade in goods and services exceeding \$50 billion in 2024.

For Americans asking what the United States receives from its unusually close relationship with Israel, Israeli high-tech provides one increasingly important part of the answer. America gains access to one of the world's most concentrated innovation ecosystems in precisely the technologies that are becoming essential to American economic competitiveness and national security.

(<https://econora.org/blog/operation-epic-fury-and-the-2025-u-s-national-security-strategy-strategic-impact-on-iran-china-and-russia>), including cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, enterprise software, defense technology, semiconductors and quantum technologies. Israel gains access to the capital, companies and markets that allow those technologies to reach global scale, creating a partnership in which American money can help Israeli ideas grow while Israeli innovation helps American companies compete, protect their networks and develop new products.

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Key Takeaways

- Israeli technology companies raised^[1] approximately \$3.6 billion in 91 disclosed funding rounds during Q3 2026, 53% more than a year earlier.
- Israeli high-tech fundraising^[2] exceeded \$11 billion during the first nine months of 2026, approximately 50% above the corresponding 2025 period.
- Foreign funds participated in more than 70% of Israeli high-tech investments^[3] and represented approximately two-thirds of active venture-capital funds.
- Cybersecurity attracted approximately \$4.3 billion during the first three quarters, representing 38% of total funding.
- Israeli enterprise-software investment is also expanding rapidly, while defense-tech, space and quantum together represented nearly 10% of funding during the first nine months.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce describes the bilateral commercial relationship (<https://econora.org/blog/how-u-s-israel-trade-growth-in-2025-strengthened-both-economies-and-created-american-jobs>), as particularly strong in high-tech and R&D, with two-way goods-and-services trade exceeding \$50 billion in 2024.
- U.S. companies (<https://econora.org/blog/the-u-s-israel-partnership-is-one-of-americas-smartest-strategic-investments>), use Israeli R&D operations to access local engineering talent and enhance technologies developed for American and global customers.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce identifies Israel as a leading source (<https://econora.org/shared-prosperity>), of imported software, IT equipment and services, demonstrating that technological commerce flows in both directions.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce explicitly identifies Israeli cybersecurity development as creating commercial and R&D

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opportunities for American companies.

- Israeli technological success should therefore be understood not only as an Israeli economic achievement but as part of a closely integrated American-Israeli innovation economy.

(<https://econora.org/blog/the-business-case-for-israel-why-the-jewish-state-is-a-long-term-investment-in-the-future>).

Follow the Money

Perhaps the clearest indication of how international investors view Israeli technology is that they continue putting substantial amounts of capital into it despite the extraordinary risks Israel has faced.

According to preliminary IVC-LeumiTech figures reported by *The Jerusalem Post*, approximately 110 foreign funds made their first Israeli high-tech investment of the year during the third quarter alone, while foreign investors participated in more than 70% of investments. The \$3.6 billion raised in disclosed rounds during the quarter was slightly below the average quarterly fundraising during the first half of 2026, but remained dramatically higher than a year earlier, while IVC estimates that once undisclosed and subsequently reported rounds are included, the quarter could represent approximately 225 deals worth around \$4.3 billion.

These investors are not allocating billions of dollars to Israel as an expression of political solidarity or philanthropy, because professional investment funds are ultimately accountable for producing financial returns. They invest because they believe Israeli companies possess technologies, intellectual property, teams and commercial opportunities capable of becoming considerably more valuable, while the continuing presence of foreign capital demonstrates that sophisticated investors are separating Israel's immediate geopolitical risks from the longer-term economic potential of its technology sector.

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eliminate the risks inherent in venture capital, but it does provide a

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powerful market-based indication of the value international investors

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For Americans, this matters because the relationship between Israeli innovation and American capital has developed over decades into something much deeper than ordinary foreign investment. Israeli start-ups frequently look toward the United States almost from inception because the American market provides the customers, capital and

scale necessary to transform relatively small Israeli technology companies into global businesses, while American investors obtain early exposure to technologies that may subsequently become commercially important throughout the U.S. economy.

Cybersecurity Demonstrates Why This Matters to Americans

The most revealing sector in the latest figures is cybersecurity, which attracted approximately \$4.3 billion during the first nine months of 2026 and represented 38% of all Israeli technology fundraising. More than \$1.7 billion was invested in cybersecurity companies during the third quarter alone, accounting for more than one-third of the quarter's total.

For Americans, cybersecurity is not an abstract Israeli technological success story because the United States faces relentless threats against businesses, hospitals, financial institutions, government agencies, communications networks and critical infrastructure. Every improvement in detecting malicious activity, protecting identities, securing cloud infrastructure, preventing data theft or defending increasingly AI-dependent systems potentially has direct commercial and security applications in the United States.

The U.S. Department of Commerce has itself highlighted Israel's cybersecurity ecosystem as a strategic opportunity for American companies, identifying possibilities for U.S. firms involved in threat intelligence, detection and response, secure network architecture, cloud cybersecurity, identity management and critical-infrastructure protection. It also points specifically toward opportunities for American companies and research institutions to cooperate with Israeli

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Artificial-intelligence-driven cyber tools, secure-by-design technologies and quantum-resistant encryption. This is an important dimension of the relationship because Americans should not imagine that Israeli cybersecurity expertise remains inside Israel after it is developed. Israeli technologies are integrated into multinational businesses, acquired by global companies, incorporated into products and used by customers across the American economy,

while U.S. technology companies establish research operations in Israel precisely because they want access to the engineering talent and innovation generated there.

Israel Has Become an R&D Laboratory for American Technology

The U.S. Department of Commerce describes Israel's digital economy as highly export-oriented and specifically notes that American companies have identified Israel as an attractive location for research-and-development centers because an Israeli presence allows them to access local talent and enhance their existing technologies. Major American technology companies have consequently maintained significant Israeli operations across areas including software, semiconductors, cybersecurity, cloud computing and artificial intelligence.

The economic significance of these centers is sometimes misunderstood because an American corporation employing engineers in Tel Aviv, Haifa or elsewhere in Israel can superficially appear to be exporting American jobs (<https://econora.org/blog/how-u-s-israel-trade-growth-in-2025-strengthened-both-economies-and-created-american-jobs>). In reality, multinational technology companies establish R&D operations around the world because specialized expertise is geographically concentrated, and access to Israeli engineering and entrepreneurial talent can strengthen products subsequently commercialized through much larger American operations. The relevant question is therefore not whether every engineer works physically in the United States, but whether access to

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development operations in the United States as they scale. The

American market is simply too large and important for successful

Israeli technology companies to ignore, meaning that Israeli

innovation can eventually translate into American offices, American

suppliers, American professional services and employment located

within the United States. The 2026 Israel Innovation Authority data reported separately by *The Jerusalem Post* indicate that overseas employment growth by private Israeli technology companies has been concentrated heavily in the United States, illustrating how the scaling of Israeli companies increasingly creates economic activity on American soil.

America Provides Scale, Israel Provides Density

The two technology ecosystems are complementary partly because their strengths are different. America possesses enormous capital markets, world-leading universities, the largest technology companies, sophisticated institutional investors, a huge domestic customer base and the capacity to transform successful innovations into global platforms. Israel cannot reproduce that scale, because it is a country of roughly ten million people with a correspondingly limited domestic market.

Israel's comparative advantage lies instead in the extraordinary density of technological entrepreneurship, engineering talent and specialized experience within a very small geographic area. Its companies are forced to think internationally almost immediately because the domestic market is insufficient to support global ambitions, while the country's military and academic ecosystems have helped produce unusually concentrated expertise in fields such as cybersecurity, communications, data analysis and advanced engineering.

The relationship consequently functions particularly well when Israeli technological development meets American commercial scale. Israeli entrepreneurs can create specialized technologies and companies that

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Rather than asking which country benefits more, it makes greater sense to recognize why the combination works so effectively.

American Capital Is Not Leaving America Empty-Handed

The latest investment figures also challenge a common misunderstanding about foreign investment, because money flowing from an American fund into an Israeli technology company does not simply disappear overseas. Venture investors receive ownership in the company, meaning that if the business subsequently grows, is acquired or enters public markets, the economic value created can flow back to those shareholders.

The precise returns naturally vary enormously, and venture capital involves substantial risk, but the fundamental principle is straightforward. An American investor financing an Israeli cybersecurity company is purchasing an economic interest in that company's future rather than providing foreign assistance. If the technology becomes globally successful, American pension funds, institutional investors, venture funds and other shareholders with exposure to the investment can participate in the value created.

This distinction is particularly important in political discussions about the U.S.-Israel relationship because military assistance and private investment are sometimes blurred together as though both represented transfers of American wealth to Israel. They are fundamentally different economic activities, with venture investment taking place because investors believe there is a financial opportunity from which they expect to benefit.

The fact that foreign funds continue to participate in more than 70% of Israeli high-tech investments demonstrates that international investors themselves understand this distinction very clearly.

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Israel's technological relationship with the United States is also not a one-directional pipeline in which Americans provide money and Israelis provide ideas. The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that the United States is Israel's leading source of imported software and IT equipment and services, while Israel's digital economy creates

The Commercial Relationship Runs Both Ways

opportunities for American companies across communications, networking, cybersecurity, infrastructure and other advanced technologies.

The broader bilateral economic relationship reflects the same pattern. Two-way U.S.-Israel trade in goods and services exceeded \$50 billion in 2024, while U.S. foreign direct investment in Israel stood at \$45.9 billion in 2023, according to Commerce Department data. The bilateral relationship has been anchored since 1985 by the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement, America's first free-trade agreement with any country, and has subsequently evolved alongside Israel's transformation from a relatively protected economy into one dominated by internationally oriented high technology.

This means an American manufacturer selling sophisticated equipment into Israel, an American cloud provider serving Israeli technology companies, an Israeli cybersecurity business opening an American office and a U.S. corporation developing technology at an Israeli R&D center are all parts of the same interconnected commercial ecosystem. Measuring the relationship solely according to what one government transfers to the other therefore misses a much larger economic story.

Cybersecurity Is Also National Security

There is another American benefit that cannot be measured simply through investment returns because many of the technologies attracting Israeli venture capital sit directly at the intersection between economics and national security. Cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, defense technology and advanced communications are increasingly central to competition between the

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countries such as China, Russia and Iran, meaning technological leadership in these areas has strategic as well as commercial consequences. This website or its third-party tools process personal data. You can opt out of the sale of your personal information by

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Israel's value within this competition lies partly in the fact that it is a close American partner with an unusually sophisticated technology ecosystem operating in many of the same strategic fields Washington considers essential. The Commerce Department's analysis of Israel's cybersecurity strategy explicitly identifies possibilities for collaboration

between Israeli institutions and American companies familiar with U.S. agencies and standards, as well as joint research into emerging technologies.

The significance becomes clearer when considering the alternative. The United States is engaged in an increasingly consequential international competition over artificial intelligence, semiconductors, cybersecurity and quantum technologies, and Washington is actively attempting to strengthen technology ecosystems aligned with American security interests. An innovative Israel closely integrated with American companies and capital therefore represents something very different from an economic burden, because it expands the pool of advanced technological capability available within America's broader network of trusted partners.

The Relationship Creates Competition as Well as Cooperation

A serious assessment should not pretend that every Israeli innovation automatically benefits every American company or worker, because Israeli and American businesses sometimes compete directly for customers, investment and talent. Israeli technology companies can challenge American incumbents, acquisitions can lead to restructuring, and multinational R&D strategies inevitably involve difficult decisions about where employment and intellectual property should be located.

Yet competition within an integrated technological ecosystem can itself create economic benefits by forcing established companies to innovate and giving American businesses access to technologies they might otherwise need considerably longer to develop internally.

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Acquisitions of promising Israeli companies can provide U.S. corporations with engineering teams, intellectual property and products that strengthen their competitive position against global rivals. While Israeli start-ups expanding into America create new competitors, customers and employers within the U.S. market.

The correct argument is therefore not that every dollar invested in Israeli technology automatically creates a particular number of American jobs, because the available evidence does not support such a simplistic claim. It is that the extraordinary integration between the

two technology ecosystems creates multiple channels through which American investors, corporations, consumers and national-security institutions can benefit from innovation originally developed in Israel.

Israel's Resilience Is Good Economic News for America

The latest fundraising numbers are also significant because of the circumstances in which they have been achieved. Israel has spent recent years dealing with war, mobilization, political uncertainty and repeated concerns about the possibility of capital and talent leaving the country, yet the technology sector has continued attracting substantial international investment. More than \$11 billion raised during the first nine months of 2026, representing approximately 50% year-over-year growth, indicates that international investors continue to see significant long-term value despite those risks.

There are important qualifications because investment remains concentrated in a relatively small number of companies and sectors, while deal numbers have not risen as dramatically as total capital. Maya Eisen Zafir, CEO of LeumiTech, specifically warned that the growth is uneven and that the concentration of capital creates challenges for emerging companies, while IVC also noted the continuing uncertainties in international capital markets.

Those caveats make the broader story more credible rather than less impressive. Israel's technology sector is not experiencing an indiscriminate investment boom in which money is flowing everywhere, but a selective market in which investors continue committing substantial capital to companies and technologies they believe possess global commercial potential.

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For American investors already deeply involved in that ecosystem, Israel's ability to continue producing successful technology companies is therefore economically relevant far beyond Israel itself.

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The Alliance Is Bigger Than the Aid Package

Americans understandably evaluate international relationships according to American interests, and supporters of Israel should be comfortable with that standard rather than avoiding it. The case for the U.S.-Israel relationship should never depend upon arguing that Americans have a moral obligation to support another country regardless of what the United States receives in return.

The technological relationship demonstrates why such a defensive argument is unnecessary.

America receives access to Israeli innovation, research and engineering talent while American investors obtain opportunities to own stakes in promising Israeli companies. U.S. corporations use Israeli R&D to improve products sold globally, while Israeli companies use American capital and markets to expand and increasingly establish substantial operations inside the United States. American cybersecurity can benefit from technologies developed in Israel, while Israeli companies purchase American software, equipment and services. The result is not a one-way relationship but an increasingly integrated innovation economy in which each country possesses capabilities the other can use.

This should form a much larger part of the conversation about the alliance because the familiar debate over American assistance captures only one dimension of a relationship whose economic and technological significance has expanded dramatically since the original U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement was signed more than four decades ago.

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When Israeli Technology

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The \$3.6 billion raised by Israeli technology companies during the third quarter should therefore not be viewed simply as another encouraging economic statistic from the "Start-Up Nation." It is evidence of an ecosystem that remains closely connected to American

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capital, corporations, markets and strategic interests at precisely the moment when technological leadership is becoming one of the principal determinants of global power.

Cybersecurity companies receiving investment in Tel Aviv can ultimately protect American corporate networks, while Israeli software can become part of American products and Israeli R&D teams can develop technology used by U.S. multinationals. American venture funds can participate financially when Israeli companies succeed, while Israeli businesses expanding into the world's largest technology market can create operations and employment in the United States. At the same time, American technology providers gain customers and partners inside an Israeli economy whose digital sector remains highly receptive to U.S. products and expertise.

None of this means that the economic relationship is perfectly balanced or that every Israeli company produces a measurable benefit for American citizens, just as no serious economic partnership (<https://econora.org/blog/netanyahus-announcement-signals-a-new-phase-in-us-israel-economic-partnership>). can be reduced to such simple arithmetic. It does mean that viewing Israel exclusively through the amount Washington spends on military assistance produces a deeply incomplete picture of what the United States receives from the relationship.

The more revealing numbers may sometimes be found not in Washington's foreign-assistance budget but in investment rounds taking place thousands of miles away, where American and other international investors continue betting billions of dollars on Israeli technology because they expect those companies to create value in global markets.

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Israel benefits enormously from that American confidence, capital and commercial scale, but America is not simply doing Israel a favor. It is gaining access to technology, talent, investment opportunities and innovation in some of the industries that will shape the global economy (<https://econora.org/blog/the-u-s-and-israel-fight-back-against-irans-war-on-the-global-economy>) and national security environment for decades to come.

That is what makes the latest Israeli fundraising figures more than an Israeli success story. They are another indication that one of America's closest strategic relationships is increasingly also one of its most consequential technological partnerships.

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- The program covers housing, infrastructure, healthcare, education, economic recovery, digital systems and security.
- The wider roadmap requires Hamas and other factions to relinquish civilian and security authority to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza.
- The governing principle is intended to be "One Authority, One Law, One Weapon," with the NCAG ultimately controlling all weapons in Gaza.
- The roadmap links the decommissioning of heavy weapons, military production facilities, weapons depots and tunnels to a phased Israeli withdrawal.
- The Board estimates Gaza's physical damage at approximately \$35.2 billion and total recovery and reconstruction requirements at around \$71.4 billion over a decade.
- The plan includes an International Stabilization Force and vetted Palestinian police intended eventually to replace both Hamas's armed control and Israeli military involvement in Gaza.
- The central challenge is implementation, because Hamas's agreement in principle to disarm has not yet been tested and Israel and the Board remain divided over aspects of sequencing.
- Successful reconstruction should mean improving Palestinian lives while preventing Hamas or another armed faction from rebuilding the military infrastructure that could produce another war.

Gaza desperately needs rebuilding after years of devastating war left homes destroyed, infrastructure badly damaged, businesses ruined and large numbers of Palestinians displaced. There should be nothing controversial about wanting ordinary Palestinians eventually to live in functioning communities with electricity, water, healthcare, schools, employment and security. The difficult question facing the international community is therefore not whether Gaza should be reconstructed, but whether reconstruction will create a fundamentally different future or simply restore the physical environment in which another cycle of conflict can eventually develop.

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President Donald Trump's Board of Peace has now presented an ambitious answer, unveiling a \$2.45 billion recovery program covering the first six months after entry into Gaza, subject to funding and access. The 66-project proposal addresses temporary housing, rubble, [SUBSCRIBE](https://paxpoint.org/) hospitals, roads, electricity, water, education, economic recovery, digital infrastructure, policing and security, while the broader framework envisages a Palestinian technocratic administration gradually assuming responsibility for Gaza. Most importantly, the reconstruction effort is connected to a political and security transformation under which [Hamas](https://paxpoint.org/hamas-gaza/hamas-agreed-to-disarm-but-now-wants-to-hold-their-weapons-to-plan-another-future-massacre/) and other factions relinquish governing authority and their independent military capabilities.

That connection between reconstruction and demilitarization may ultimately prove more important than any individual project. Gaza has been reconstructed after previous conflicts, while enormous amounts of international assistance have entered the territory over many years, but buildings, roads and utilities alone cannot produce lasting recovery if an armed organization remains capable of dominating political life and eventually returning the territory to war. The challenge facing the Board of Peace is therefore to ensure that international money does not simply reconstruct Gaza physically while leaving intact the political and military structures capable of destroying it again.

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Key Takeaways



- The Board of Peace has unveiled^[1] a \$2.45 billion, six-month Gaza reconstruction plan containing 66 projects. (https://paxpoint.org/) (https://PAXPOINT.ORG/HOME/GET-INVOLVED/)
- The program (https://paxpoint.org/diplomacy-normalization/israel-and-the-pursuit-of-peace-netanyahus-role-on-president-trumps-board-of-peace/) covers housing, infrastructure, healthcare, education, economic recovery, digital systems and security. Antisemitism & Activism (https://paxpoint.org/antisemitism-activism/) Coexistence & Voices (https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices)
- The wider roadmap requires Hamas and other factions to relinquish^[2] civilian and security authority to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza.
- The governing principle (https://paxpoint.org/hamas-gaza/why-the-gaza-peace-council-cannot-succeed-without-the-disarmament-of-hamas/) is intended to be "One Authority, One Law, One Weapon," with the NCAG ultimately controlling all weapons in Gaza.
- The roadmap links the decommissioning (https://paxpoint.org/hamas-gaza/hamas-rejects-demilitarization-and-international-oversight-defying-global-efforts-to-stabilize-gaza/) of heavy weapons, military production facilities, weapons depots and tunnels to a phased Israeli withdrawal.
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Gaza Needs More Than Another Donors' Conference

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The numbers presented by the Board illustrate the extraordinary scale of the challenge, because the immediate \$2.45 billion program represents only the beginning of what would be one of the largest reconstruction projects in the region's history. The plan reportedly assesses physical damage in Gaza at approximately \$35.2 billion and estimates that full recovery and reconstruction could require

around \$71.4 billion over the coming decade, meaning Gulf states, European governments, international financial institutions and other donors could eventually be asked to contribute enormous resources.

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The international community, however, already knows how to construct buildings, clear rubble, repair roads, install water systems and finance hospitals, while the much harder challenge is constructing a

political and security system capable of ensuring that those investments produce a functioning civilian society rather than another armed enclave. Previous approaches to Gaza too often treated humanitarian assistance and reconstruction as though they existed separately from the question of who ultimately controlled the territory and determined whether it went to war. Civilian development was supposed to proceed while Hamas retained an independent military apparatus capable of pursuing a completely different strategic agenda.

That contradiction cannot simply be reconstructed alongside Gaza's buildings. If the international community is preparing to invest tens of billions of dollars over the coming decade, it has both a moral responsibility to Palestinians and a strategic responsibility to Israelis to ensure that the result is not another temporary period of rebuilding followed by another devastating conflict.

One Authority, One Law, One Weapon

The most consequential principle contained in the Board of Peace roadmap may therefore be its commitment to "One Authority, One Law, One Weapon." Under the July 30 roadmap, Hamas and other Palestinian factions are supposed to transfer civilian governance and security functions to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza, which would operate independently during the transitional period, while the process of decommissioning weapons and military infrastructure proceeds alongside the phased withdrawal of Israeli forces.

The importance of this principle extends well beyond Israeli security concerns because no Palestinian civilian administration can meaningfully govern Gaza if another organization retains an independent army capable of overruling it. Palestinian technocrats could administer hospitals, schools, municipal budgets and welfare programs, but their authority would remain fundamentally conditional if Hamas continued controlling weapons, military personnel, tunnels and an organizational structure capable of determining when Gaza goes to war.

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The Board's roadmap attempts to eliminate precisely that ambiguity by specifying that heavy weapons, military production facilities, weapons depots and tunnels should be decommissioned through a gradual and verified process, while militia weapons would ultimately come under the

authority of the new Palestinian administration. At the conclusion of the process described in the roadmap, only the NCAG would be permitted to hold, store or control weapons in Gaza.

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This should not be understood merely as an Israeli demand imposed upon Palestinian society,

because a monopoly on legitimate force is one of the basic requirements of functioning government

almost everywhere. A Palestinian administration that cannot control armed organizations operating

within its territory would possess responsibility without sovereignty, while Palestinians trying to create functioning civilian institutions would remain vulnerable to an armed faction capable of imposing its decisions through force.

The Plan Is About Rebuilding Ordinary Life

One of the most encouraging elements of the proposal is how practical much of it appears to be, because the first stage is focused less on grand diplomatic declarations than on the things Palestinians will actually require to rebuild ordinary lives. Approximately \$1 billion of the proposed spending is designated for infrastructure, including around \$400 million for temporary shelter, \$275 million for rubble and unexploded-ordnance clearance, \$50 million for hospital rehabilitation and \$30 million for repairing badly damaged roads. The plan also includes repairing border crossings, restoring electricity and water systems and distributing 25,000 portable solar-power kits.

This practical approach is important because genuine reconstruction cannot simply be measured by the number of buildings erected. Palestinians require functioning healthcare, education, communications, businesses and employment alongside physical infrastructure, while a credible postwar administration must demonstrate relatively quickly that a different political order produces tangible improvements in people's lives. Families living amid ruins will not judge the success of a diplomatic framework according to the sophistication of agreements signed in foreign capitals, but according to whether their children can attend school, hospitals function, electricity remains available and parents can earn a living.

A successful reconstruction strategy should consequently create a visible relationship between stability and improving living conditions. If Gaza moves away from armed factional control toward civilian government, ordinary Palestinians should experience that transformation through better housing, greater economic opportunity and more reliable public services, because a political transition that produces no improvement in daily life will struggle to develop legitimacy.

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Security Is Part of Reconstruction

The substantial security component of the proposal should similarly be [SUBSCRIBED](https://paxpoint.org/subscribe/) as part of reconstruction rather than something competing with it. The broader framework establishes an International Stabilization Force intended to help secure the transition, support vetted Palestinian Antisemitism & Activism (<https://paxpoint.org/antisemitism-activism/>) Coexistence & Voices (<https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices>) police, protect humanitarian operations and assist in preventing the rebuilding of military infrastructure, while the NCAG would assume responsibility for internal security.

This addresses one of the most difficult questions surrounding Gaza's future, because somebody must eventually provide security who is neither Hamas nor the Israeli military. If a credible Palestinian policing system supported during the transition by an international force cannot be established, Gaza risks eventually returning to the same destructive binary in which Hamas exercises armed control until Israel intervenes militarily in response to another threat.

The International Stabilization Force and Palestinian police therefore cannot be treated as peripheral additions to a humanitarian program. Their ability to establish credible security will determine whether hospitals, schools, businesses and reconstructed neighborhoods can function without being subordinated again to an independent military organization, while their effectiveness will also influence whether Israel believes it can safely withdraw from areas currently under its control.

Demilitarization Must Be Real and Verifiable

The greatest danger surrounding any agreement is that "demilitarization" becomes another diplomatic term whose meaning is gradually diluted until every participant can claim compliance without fundamentally changing the situation on the ground. The Board's roadmap is considerably more specific than that, referring directly to the decommissioning of heavy weapons, military production sites, weapons depots and tunnels and providing for an International Verification Committee to determine whether commitments have actually been fulfilled before the process moves from one phase to another.

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That verification mechanism is essential because Hamas does not need to surrender every object capable of being used as a weapon for Gaza to become demilitarized, while ordinary Palestinian police clearly require the means to enforce law and order. The relevant objective is to eliminate the military structures that allowed an independent organization to maintain rockets, offensive tunnels, weapons production, organized armed units and the ability to initiate hostilities independently of any legitimate civilian government.

The process must consequently be judged by capabilities rather than appearances. Military structures cannot simply disappear from public view while remaining intact underground, weapons cannot merely be transferred between factions and commanders cannot SUBSCRIBE (HTTPS://PAXPOINT.ORG/HOME/GET-INVOLVED/) formal government positions while retaining effective authority through armed networks. If the new Palestinian administration is genuinely to govern Gaza, there must ultimately be no alternative military authority capable of overriding it.

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Reconstruction Cannot Become Rearmament

The same principle must apply to the enormous quantities of material that will eventually enter Gaza, because meaningful reconstruction will require concrete, steel, electrical equipment, heavy machinery, fuel, communications technology and many other resources that can have both civilian and military applications. Preventing these materials from entering would make reconstruction impossible, while allowing them to enter without credible monitoring would create obvious opportunities for diversion.

The answer should therefore be a monitoring system designed to facilitate rather than obstruct reconstruction. The greater the confidence among Israel, donors and international institutions that materials are reaching hospitals, housing projects, roads, utilities and legitimate businesses, the easier it becomes to permit them to enter Gaza rapidly and at scale. Effective monitoring can therefore serve Palestinian interests by reducing the security restrictions that inevitably emerge when nobody can demonstrate where resources ultimately go.

The principle should be that reconstruction and demilitarization reinforce one another. As military infrastructure is verifiably dismantled and civilian authority strengthens, the movement of reconstruction materials and investment should become easier, creating a process in which improved security produces increasingly visible economic benefits.

Palestinians Need to See the Benefits

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The political dimension of reconstruction is particularly important because Palestinians cannot be expected to embrace a new governing system simply because foreign governments tell them it is preferable. Any administration replacing Hamas will need to establish its legitimacy through performance, which means demonstrating that civilian government can produce improvements that armed rule did not.

This is why the six-month plan could become so important if implemented successfully. Temporary accommodation can replace tents, rubble can be removed from neighborhoods, hospitals can resume normal operations, electricity and water can become more reliable, schools can reopen properly and businesses can receive the assistance required to employ people again. Those developments would create something Gaza has lacked for years: a tangible peace dividend connected directly to political stability.

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Such progress would also create a different incentive structure from one in which international donors repeatedly arrive after wars to rebuild destruction without addressing the political and military conditions that contributed to producing it. Reconstruction should not punish Palestinian civilians for the actions of Hamas, but neither should international policy pretend that the structure of power inside Gaza is irrelevant to whether reconstruction will endure.

Israel Also Has Responsibilities Under the Framework

A credible assessment of the Board of Peace proposal must acknowledge that implementation does not depend exclusively upon Hamas. The roadmap also establishes obligations for Israel, including a phased withdrawal linked to verified progress in the decommissioning process, while the International Verification Committee is intended to certify compliance before the parties move from one phase to another.

This reciprocal structure is one of the plan's strengths because it attempts to replace trust with verification. Israel has powerful reasons after October 7 (<https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices/stories-of-resilience/>) to reject security arrangements based upon promises that cannot be independently tested, while Palestinians likewise require confidence that genuine demilitarization and the establishment of alternative security structures will actually produce the corresponding Israeli withdrawal envisaged by the agreement.

The sequencing therefore needs to work in both directions. If Hamas and other factions retain their military capabilities, Israel cannot reasonably be expected to behave as though Gaza has been demilitarized, but if the agreed security benchmarks are independently verified, Israel must also implement the reciprocal steps contained within the framework. An arrangement in which only one side's commitments are enforceable would eventually lose credibility and collapse.

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The Obstacles Remain Enormous

None of this means the proposal is certain to succeed, because the gap [\(https://paxpoint.org/\)](https://paxpoint.org/) [\(https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/\)](https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/) an impressive diplomatic framework and implementation on the ground remains substantial. Axios reported that although Hamas has agreed in principle to disarm, that commitment has not yet been tested, while [Antisemitism & Activism \(https://paxpoint.org/antisemitism-activism/\)](https://paxpoint.org/antisemitism-activism/) [Coexistence & Voices \(https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices\)](https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices) the Israeli government has not begun implementing important elements of the plan and disputes

remain over sequencing. The Board's recovery proposal also remains dependent upon funding and access, meaning the \$2.45 billion package should be understood as a proposed program rather than money that has already been fully secured and spent.

These difficulties should encourage realism rather than abandonment, because every plausible alternative contains its own serious problems. Gaza cannot remain indefinitely devastated, Israel cannot reasonably accept the restoration of an armed Hamas-controlled territory on its border, and international donors cannot be expected to invest tens of billions of dollars without confidence that another conflict will not destroy much of what they finance.

The challenge is therefore not to find a perfect solution but to construct institutions capable of breaking the pattern that repeatedly returns Gaza to the same place. That requires Palestinian civilian governance strong enough to govern, security institutions strong enough to enforce the law, international verification credible enough to reassure the parties, Israeli withdrawal tied to measurable security progress and reconstruction substantial enough to give Palestinians a genuine stake in the new system.

Hamas Faces a Fundamental Choice

This is where the Board of Peace framework could create a particularly important political dynamic, because it makes increasingly difficult to separate Hamas's desire to retain its weapons from the consequences that decision has for Gaza's recovery. The international community is now discussing a detailed reconstruction program encompassing housing, infrastructure, healthcare, economic investment and Palestinian civilian administration, while the agreed framework simultaneously requires Hamas and other factions to surrender their independent military authority.

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If Hamas's overriding objective is the welfare of Palestinians in Gaza, the emergence of an internationally supported Palestinian administration capable of rebuilding the territory should provide an opportunity to relinquish armed control. If, however, maintaining weapons, military infrastructure and organizational power remains more important than allowing a new civilian order to develop, Palestinians themselves will increasingly have reason to question why their reconstruction should remain subordinate to the priorities of an armed movement.

This is why the debate should not be reduced to Israel demanding disarmament

(<https://paxpoint.org/hezbollah-lebanon/a-historic-diplomatic-moment-israel-and-lebanon-hold-direct-talks-in-washington/>). while Palestinians demand reconstruction. **SUBSCRIBE** (<https://paxpoint.org>) (<https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/>)

an enormous interest in a Gaza where no independent organization possesses the ability to drag the

entire population into another war, while Israelis have an enormous interest in Palestinians

Antisemitism & Activism (<https://paxpoint.org/antisemitism-activism/>) Coexistence & Voices (<https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices>) experiencing sufficient stability and prosperity that another generation does not grow up amid

permanent destruction and conflict.

Rebuild Gaza So It Does Not Need Rebuilding Again

The world should want this reconstruction effort to succeed because Palestinians and Israelis both have an interest in ending the cycle that has repeatedly devastated Gaza. Palestinians deserve the opportunity to emerge from years of catastrophe into functioning communities rather than remaining trapped among ruins, temporary accommodation, unemployment and dependence upon humanitarian assistance, while Israeli communities deserve to live alongside Gaza without fearing that reconstructed civilian areas will again coexist with rockets, offensive tunnels and an armed organization preparing another attack.

Those objectives are not contradictory, because a Gaza that is prosperous but remains dominated by an independent military organization risks eventually returning to war, while a Gaza that is demilitarized but condemned to permanent poverty and destruction will remain unstable and vulnerable to renewed extremism. Sustainable security therefore requires reconstruction, just as sustainable reconstruction requires a security system capable of preventing armed factions from transforming civilian territory into the infrastructure of another conflict.

The Board of Peace proposal is significant because its underlying architecture recognizes this connection. It seeks to combine reconstruction with Palestinian civilian governance, internationally supported security arrangements, verified demilitarization and a phased Israeli withdrawal rather than treating these as unrelated problems that can be addressed independently. Whether that architecture survives contact with political reality remains uncertain, and its success will depend upon difficult decisions by Hamas, Israel, Palestinian administrators, international forces and donor governments.

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If the international community is ultimately going to invest something approaching the estimated

\$71.4 billion required for Gaza's recovery over the coming decade, its objective should be more ambitious than returning Gaza to the position it occupied before the last war. That investment should

create functioning hospitals, schools, homes, businesses, utilities and Palestinian institutions while ensuring that military tunnels, weapons-production facilities and independent armed structures are not reconstructed alongside them. (<https://paxpoint.org/>) **SUBSCRIBE** ([HTTPS://PAXPOINT.ORG/HOME/GET-INVOLVED/](https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/))

The real measure of success will therefore not be how quickly donors can replace what was destroyed, but whether Palestinians and Israelis can look back a decade from now and discover that

Gaza did not have to be rebuilt yet again. A reconstruction program capable of achieving that would offer Palestinians something far more valuable than another temporary recovery and Israelis something more durable than another temporary ceasefire: the possibility that Gaza's reconstruction could finally mark the end of the cycle rather than merely the beginning of its next round.

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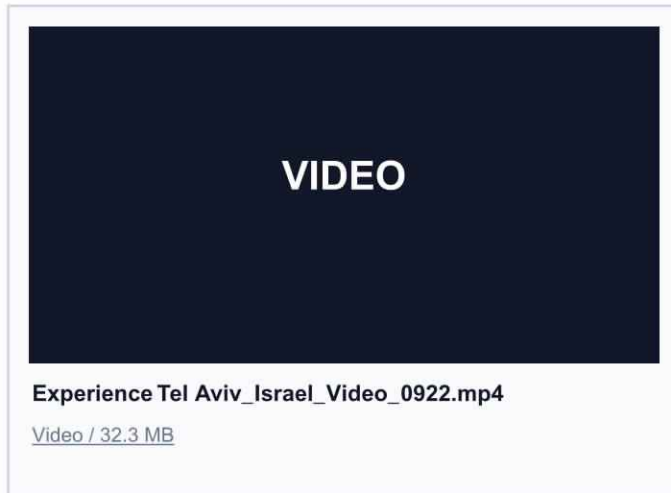
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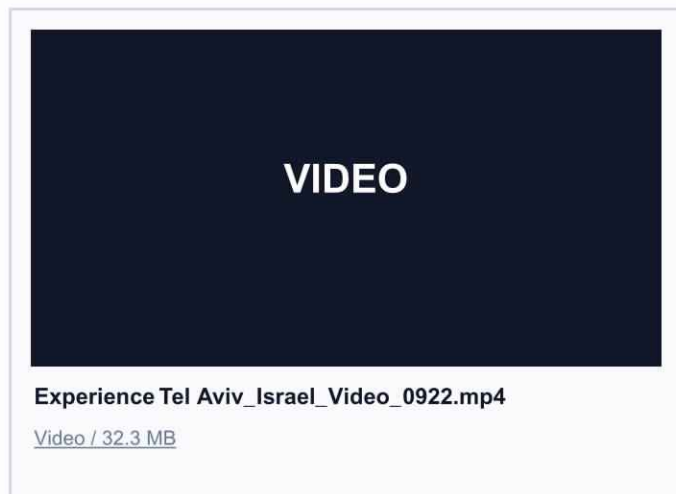
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Israel Is No Longer an Island in the Middle East



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BY MARK GINSBERG

For decades, almost every international map of Israel's strategic environment looked essentially the same. Israel sat at the center, surrounded by Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, with the Palestinians inside or immediately alongside it. Beyond them stood an Arab and Muslim world that was largely hostile, while thousands of kilometers away the United States provided the diplomatic, military and economic support upon which Israel's broader security architecture depended.

That map increasingly bears little resemblance to reality.

Israel's strategic neighborhood has expanded dramatically. The relevant geography now stretches north and west through Cyprus and Greece into Europe, east through Jordan and the Gulf, south through the Red Sea and ultimately across the Indian Ocean toward India. It's impossible to ignore the Houthis' ability to threaten international shipping, the rise of the Gulf states, the Abraham Accords, the growing importance of India, the Eastern Mediterranean energy system and the emergence of a more multipolar international order are combining to create a Middle East in which Israel is no longer an isolated outpost but one of the nodes connecting several strategic regions.

For generations, the region was interpreted internationally through the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with Israel as the problem, Palestine as the question, the Arab states as the audience and Washington as the principal external power. The



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Palestinian issue remains important, but that framework is increasingly inadequate

because governments throughout the region are making decisions according to a

much broader collection of national interests involving Iran, technology, trade,

energy, defense, shipping and economic transformation.

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The significance for Israel is profound. For much of its history, Israeli foreign policy was fundamentally about overcoming isolation. Increasingly, the challenge may be something very different: understanding how to use Israel's geography, military capabilities, technology and relationships to become indispensable within the emerging architecture surrounding it.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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1 Israel's strategic environment^[1] increasingly stretches from the Eastern Mediterranean through the Gulf and Red Sea toward India rather than ending at its immediate borders. (https://factsignal.org)

2 The Abraham Accords demonstrated that Arab states can develop substantial relations with Israel without first resolving the Palestinian conflict (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/the-israel-palestinian-conflict-understanding-its-global-impact-and-importance). Verified Evidence & Documental

3 Egypt and Jordan's peace treaties have meanwhile become embedded through security^[3], intelligence, energy and other shared interests.

4 Greece and Cyprus (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/israels-global-standing-trade-diplomacy-and-the-reality-behind-the-rhetoric) connect Israel increasingly to the strategic politics of the Eastern Mediterranean and Europe.

5 India could become one of Israel's most consequential long-term strategic relationships as trade, energy and security increasingly connect the Mediterranean with the Indian Ocean.

6 Iran's network across Lebanon^[4], Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Gaza has itself forced Israel to think beyond its immediate borders.

7 The Red Sea and international shipping routes have become Israeli security concerns as well as global economic ones.

8 Gulf governments^[5] increasingly view Israel through the practical lenses of technology, intelligence, defense and economic cooperation rather than solely through the Palestinian conflict.

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can opt out of the sale of your personal information by clicking on the "Do Not Sell or Share My Personal Information" link. The United States remains Israel's most important strategic ally, but a wider network of relationships gives Israel greater diplomatic and strategic resilience.^[6]

10 The Palestinian question remains important, but it is no longer capable of defining every relationship Israel develops across the region.^[7]

The Old Map Was Built Around the

Palestinians



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For much of Israel's history, international diplomacy operated on an assumption that became so familiar it was rarely questioned: the road to meaningful integration between Israel and the wider Arab world ran through Ramallah. Verified Evidence & Documental

Solve the Palestinian conflict and Israel could finally be accepted by its neighbors. Fail to solve it and normalization would remain largely impossible. Even the peace agreements with Egypt and Jordan (<https://factsignal.org/verified-evidence-documentation/israel-3000-years-old-78-years-young>) were often treated as exceptional arrangements produced by particular security circumstances rather than evidence that Arab states might eventually develop relationships with Israel according to their own national interests.

The Abraham Accords shattered that assumption.

When the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain established formal relations with Israel in 2020, followed by Morocco's resumption of formal ties, they did not do so because Israelis and Palestinians had reached a final-status agreement. They did so because their governments concluded that relationships with Israel served national interests. Trade mattered. Technology mattered. Intelligence mattered. Iran mattered. Investment mattered. Defense mattered.

The Palestinian issue did not disappear, and subsequent events demonstrated that it remains capable of placing considerable political pressure on Arab governments. Yet something fundamental had nevertheless changed. Palestinian leaders no longer possessed an effective veto over Israel's relationships with the wider region.

That may ultimately prove to be one of the most important geopolitical changes in Israel's modern history.

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Countries Have Interests, Not Sentiments

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Zionism. That misunderstands how durable international relationships are usually constructed.

Countries do not need to love each other. They need sufficiently important reasons to cooperate.



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Kaplan correctly emphasizes this point when describing Israel's emerging relationships with the Gulf. These states face their own strategic challenges: Iran, economic diversification, the future of fossil-fuel demand, vulnerable shipping routes, regional instability and the need to develop advanced economies. Israel possesses capabilities in areas including defense, intelligence, cyber, agriculture and technology that can contribute to addressing some of those challenges.

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Israel, meanwhile, benefits enormously from relations with prosperous Arab states located strategically between it and Asia.

That is a far stronger foundation for long-term cooperation than expecting populations that spent generations exposed to anti-Israel narratives suddenly to become Zionists. Interests can survive political disagreements because abandoning the relationship carries a tangible price for both parties.

Egypt and Jordan demonstrate this. Their peace with Israel has experienced enormous political pressures and periods of considerable public hostility, but the treaties have survived because security, counterterrorism, energy, border management and regional stability create continuing reasons for cooperation.

Peace does not need to be romantic to be valuable.

Israel's Western Border Now Extends Deep Into the Mediterranean

Look west and another strategic map has emerged.

Israel's relationships with Greece and Cyprus have developed substantially around energy, defense, maritime security and broader Eastern Mediterranean cooperation. These relationships have little to do directly with the Palestinians because they belong to an entirely different geopolitical system involving Turkey, Europe, NATO, offshore energy resources and Mediterranean shipping.

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This matters because Israel's Mediterranean coast was once effectively the country's strategic endpoint. Today it is increasingly a gateway.

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Israel's offshore natural-gas discoveries helped alter the economic importance of the Eastern Mediterranean, while regional infrastructure and connectivity projects have created possibilities for linking Israel more deeply with European markets. Defense cooperation with Greece and Cyprus adds another dimension, particularly as the Eastern Mediterranean becomes increasingly important within the wider contest over energy routes, maritime security and regional influence.

Israel is therefore developing a western strategic depth that does not involve acquiring territory or projecting sovereignty. It comes through relationships.



For a country whose geography has historically been one of its greatest strategic vulnerabilities, that is an enormously important transformation.



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Then Look East—All the Way to India

Perhaps the most consequential element of Kaplan's argument concerns India.

For generations, Israelis tended to think about their country's eastern strategic environment as ending somewhere around Iran. Increasingly, that is much too narrow. India is rising as an economic and geopolitical power, requires secure access to energy and international markets, and has substantial interests in the trade routes connecting the Indian Ocean with the Gulf, Red Sea, Mediterranean and Europe.

Israel sits remarkably close to the western end of that system.

India and Israel have also developed substantial cooperation in technology, agriculture, defense and security, while both countries have confronted Islamist terrorism. Kaplan argues that India could consequently become one of the most important components of Israel's emerging geopolitical map.

The importance extends beyond the bilateral relationship. Imagine the geography from Mumbai westward rather than from Jerusalem eastward. Goods moving from India toward European markets can pass through an interconnected system involving the Gulf and ultimately the Mediterranean. Energy moves through many of the same strategic spaces. Submarine communications cables, shipping routes and future infrastructure corridors connect regions once considered separate.

Israel suddenly appears very differently on that map.

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The Houthi Demonstrated Why Geography Has Changed

Nothing illustrates this new reality better than the Red Sea.

For many Israelis before October 7 (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/examining-global-antisemitism-trends-after-october-7-2023>), Yemen was a distant country of limited immediate strategic importance. The rise of the Houthis and their attacks on Israel and international shipping demonstrated how obsolete that perception had become.



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A missile or drone launched from Yemen can threaten Israel. An attack on shipping in the Red Sea can disrupt trade moving toward the Mediterranean. Pressure around the Bab el-Mandeb can affect global commerce, energy prices, insurance costs and supply chains thousands of kilometers away.

Geography has therefore become interconnected in ways that Israel's traditional strategic doctrine could not ignore.

The same applies to Iran. Tehran developed influence and armed networks extending through Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Gaza and Yemen precisely because strategic depth no longer stops at national borders. Kaplan argues that Israel has increasingly attacked elements of that depth, while cautioning that a weakened Iran should not automatically be confused with a harmless Iran.

Israel has consequently been forced to think regionally because its enemies already do.

Iran Accidentally Helped Build the Coalition Against It

There is a profound irony at the heart of the new Middle East. Iran's attempt to surround Israel with threats has simultaneously created shared interests between Israel and several Arab governments.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other regional states have their own complicated relationships with Tehran, which include periods of dialogue as well as rivalry. Their strategic calculations are not identical to Israel's and should not be presented as though a formal anti-Iran alliance automatically exists.

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Iranian missiles and drones do not threaten only Israel. Iranian-backed groups have targeted Arab states and infrastructure, while instability in the Gulf and Red Sea threatens economies dependent upon predictable energy exports and international commerce.



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Israel possesses sophisticated intelligence, missile-defense, cyber and military capabilities developed through decades of confronting many of these threats. That does not automatically make every Arab government an Israeli ally, but it changes the calculation of what Israel can offer.

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The old Middle Eastern (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/israels-middle-eastern-story-why-food-has-become-a-battlefield-in-the-war-over-history) map asked how Arab countries could pressure Israel.

The new one increasingly asks where cooperation with Israel might help Arab countries protect themselves.

Israel's Value Is Becoming More Tangible

This may ultimately matter more than any diplomatic campaign Israel could design.

For decades, Israel's enemies attempted to convince the world that the country was a strategic liability whose existence created instability throughout the Middle East. According to that argument, support for Israel alienated Arab governments, complicated Western relations with the Muslim world and prevented resolution of the region's central conflict.

The emerging Middle East challenges that proposition because Israel increasingly possesses capabilities other states actually need.

Countries confronting missiles and drones are interested in air defense. Governments facing terrorist networks need intelligence. Water-scarce countries need agricultural and desalination technology. Economies seeking to diversify need innovation and investment. International powers seeking secure trade corridors need countries capable of protecting infrastructure and maritime routes.

Israel cannot provide all of these things alone, nor is every country seeking them necessarily interested in a close relationship with Jerusalem. But Israel's relevance increasingly derives from what it can contribute rather than merely from what diplomatic problems others believe it creates.

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The Palestinian Issue Matters, but It No Longer Owns the Map



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None of this means the Palestinians have become irrelevant.



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precisely the opposite. The unresolved Israeli-Palestinian conflict can still generate war, mobilize public opinion throughout the Arab and Muslim worlds, place enormous pressure upon Israel's international relationships and complicate further normalization.

Any serious Israeli strategy that assumes the Palestinian question can simply be ignored would therefore be mistaken.

Kaplan's more persuasive point is subtler: the Palestinian issue has lost its **monopoly** over the region's geopolitics.

Saudi Arabia does not formulate its entire national strategy according to Ramallah. Neither does the UAE. India certainly does not. Greece and Cyprus do not. Egypt and Jordan have their own security and economic interests that exist independently of the Palestinians even while both governments remain deeply concerned about the conflict.

This distinction is essential.

For decades, diplomacy often treated solving the Palestinian conflict as the key capable of unlocking almost every other regional relationship. The Abraham Accords demonstrated that the sequence can sometimes operate in reverse: regional relationships can develop because governments see independent value in them, potentially creating new diplomatic structures within which the Palestinian issue can eventually be addressed.

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The United States remains Israel's most important international relationship.

American military cooperation (<https://factsignal.org/hezbollah-lebanon/stronger-together-u-s-israel-military-cooperation-reaches-new-heights-in-joint-operations>),

diplomatic support, technology, intelligence and economic ties cannot simply be substituted by India, Europe or the Gulf, and any Israeli strategy based upon the assumption that America no longer matters would be detached from reality.



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Strategic diversification is something different.



Kaplan notes that a country maintaining substantial relationships with Washington, New Delhi, Abu Dhabi, Cairo, Amman, Athens, Nicosia and potentially Riyadh

possesses a much broader strategic portfolio than one overwhelmingly dependent upon a single foreign capital.

That becomes particularly important as the international system grows more multipolar. China (<https://factsignal.org/iran/operation-epic-fury-is-a-strategic-disaster-for-china>) possesses increasing economic influence, India is rising, Gulf governments are pursuing more autonomous foreign policies and European countries are confronting their own internal disagreements over defense and strategic priorities.

Israel does not need to choose one of these worlds exclusively.

It can remain deeply allied with America while developing India. It can cooperate with Arab governments without pretending they agree on the Palestinian issue. It can build partnerships with Greece and Cyprus while managing its complicated relationship (<https://factsignal.org/verified-evidence-documentation/analyzing-egypts-support-vs-suppression-of-the-muslim-brotherhood>) with Turkey. It can trade with Asian powers without abandoning its Western political identity.

A mature foreign policy is not defined by having one friend.

It is defined by possessing enough strategically valuable relationships that disagreements with one partner do not leave the country isolated.

October 7 Did Not Destroy Israel's Regional Future

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In the immediate aftermath of October 7, it was understandable to believe that clicking on the "Do Not Sell or Share My Personal

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enormous hostility toward Israel, and the Abraham Accords faced their greatest political stress test.

Yet the underlying strategic interests that produced regional cooperation did not disappear.

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Iran remains Iran. Gulf states still require security. India still requires trade routes. Europe still requires energy and commercial connectivity. The Red Sea still needs

protecting. Egypt and Jordan still have strong reasons to preserve their treaties with

Israel, Greece and Cyprus still have strategic interests in Eastern Mediterranean cooperation.

This is precisely why relationships based upon interests matter.

Public opinion can change rapidly. Strategic geography changes much more slowly.

Hamas could trigger a catastrophic war and severely damage Israel's regional diplomacy. It could not change the location of the Strait of Hormuz, Bab el-Mandeb or Suez Canal. It could not move India away from the Indian Ocean or Israel away from the Mediterranean. It could not eliminate Iran's rivalry with Arab states or make Israeli technology and security capabilities suddenly worthless.

The strategic foundations remained beneath the political crisis.

Israel Should Start Looking at the Bigger Map

For much of its existence, Israel's strategic thinking was necessarily defensive. It was a small country surrounded by enemies and preoccupied with what might cross its borders.

That Israel still exists. Geography has not suddenly become benign, and October 7 demonstrated catastrophically what happens when Israelis underestimate an immediate threat because their attention is focused elsewhere.

Yet another reality exists simultaneously: a technologically sophisticated military and economic power positioned between three continents and connected increasingly to countries stretching from the United States and Europe to the Gulf and India.

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It is no longer merely: Who threatens Israel?

It is increasingly also: Who needs Israel?

Who needs its intelligence? Who needs its missile-defense experience? Who wants its technology? Who benefits from its location? Who shares its interest in secure shipping lanes? Who wants trade corridors connecting Asia and Europe? Who needs partners capable of resisting destabilizing regional powers?



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Those questions produce a very different map.

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From Strategic Isolation to Strategic Relevance

Israel's founding generation inherited one of the most difficult geopolitical positions imaginable. The country was tiny, militarily vulnerable, economically weak and surrounded by states that largely rejected its existence. Its first strategic achievement was simply survival.

The next was peace with Egypt and Jordan.

Then came growing relationships beyond the immediate region, followed eventually by the Abraham Accords and the demonstration that Arab governments could openly cooperate with Israel according to their own national interests.

Now another stage may be emerging.

The Middle East itself is becoming part of a much larger strategic space linking Europe, the Mediterranean, the Gulf, Red Sea, Indian Ocean and Asia. Iran thinks across that space. India increasingly trades across it. Gulf states invest across it. China seeks influence across it. America wants to remain the principal strategic power within it without carrying every burden itself.

Israel sits remarkably close to its center.

This does not guarantee Israel diplomatic acceptance, eliminate the Palestinian conflict or mean that regional governments will always side with Jerusalem.

International relations do not work that way. Partnerships based upon interests can deepen when interests converge and weaken when they diverge.

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Building Israel's Strategic Position Has Fundamentally Changed.

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The Jewish state spent much of its first eight decades trying to break out of regional isolation. Increasingly, it possesses something very different: a network of overlapping interests connecting it to countries that may disagree profoundly with

Israeli policies (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/israeli-policies-vs-systemic-racism-a-comprehensive-analysis>) while simultaneously recognizing that cooperation with Israel serves their own national objectives.



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What may be the real map of the emerging Middle East.



Not a region in which everybody suddenly loves Israel, nor one in which its conflicts have disappeared, but one in which Israel has become too strategically useful to be understood merely as a problem to be solved.

For a country that once looked at the map and saw almost nothing but enemies, that is an extraordinary transformation.

Israel is no longer simply fighting for a place in the Middle East.

Increasingly, it is becoming part of the architecture that holds the new Middle East together.

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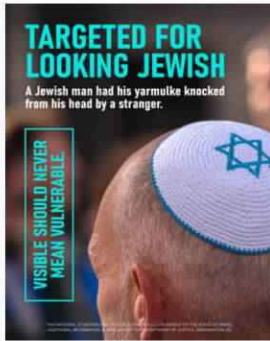
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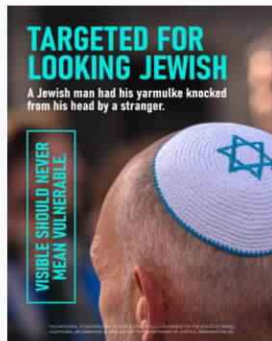
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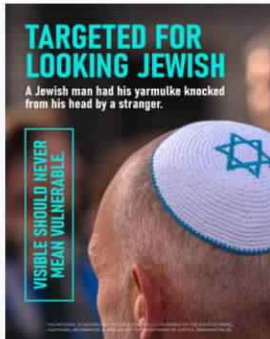
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When America Invests in Israeli Technology, America Wins Too

At a time when the relationship between the United States and Israel is too often discussed almost exclusively through the language of military assistance, another set of numbers deserves considerably more attention. Israeli technology companies raised approximately \$3.6 billion across 91 disclosed funding rounds during the third quarter of 2026, an increase of 53% compared with the same quarter last year, while total fundraising during the first nine months of the year exceeded \$11 billion, approximately 50% more than during the equivalent period in 2025. Foreign investors remain central to this extraordinary ecosystem, participating in more than 70% of investments and accounting for approximately two-thirds of the active venture-capital funds investing in Israeli high-tech.

Those numbers are impressive for Israel, particularly after years of war and extraordinary political and economic uncertainty, but they also tell an important American story. The United States and Israel have developed one of the world's most deeply interconnected technological relationships, in which Israeli entrepreneurs frequently obtain American capital, establish operations in the United States, sell into the enormous American market and eventually become part of American corporations, while U.S. companies use Israeli research and development to improve products sold throughout America and

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Department of Commerce itself describes the bilateral economic relationship as a "win-win" partnership, with two-way trade in goods and services exceeding \$50 billion in 2024.

For Americans asking what the United States receives from its unusually close relationship with Israel, Israeli high-tech provides one increasingly important part of the answer. America gains access to one of the world's most concentrated innovation ecosystems in precisely the technologies that are becoming essential to American economic competitiveness and national security.

(<https://econora.org/blog/operation-epic-fury-and-the-2025-u-s-national-security-strategy-strategic-impact-on-iran-china-and-russia>), including cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, enterprise software, defense technology, semiconductors and quantum technologies. Israel gains access to the capital, companies and markets that allow those technologies to reach global scale, creating a partnership in which American money can help Israeli ideas grow while Israeli innovation helps American companies compete, protect their networks and develop new products.

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Key Takeaways

- Israeli technology companies raised^[1] approximately \$3.6 billion in 91 disclosed funding rounds during Q3 2026, 53% more than a year earlier.
- Israeli high-tech fundraising^[2] exceeded \$11 billion during the first nine months of 2026, approximately 50% above the corresponding 2025 period.
- Foreign funds participated in more than 70% of Israeli high-tech investments^[3] and represented approximately two-thirds of active venture-capital funds.
- Cybersecurity attracted approximately \$4.3 billion during the first three quarters, representing 38% of total funding.
- Israeli enterprise-software investment is also expanding rapidly, while defense-tech, space and quantum together represented nearly 10% of funding during the first nine months.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce describes the bilateral commercial relationship (<https://econora.org/blog/how-u-s-israel-trade-growth-in-2025-strengthened-both-economies-and-created-american-jobs>) as particularly strong in high-tech and R&D, with two-way goods-and-services trade exceeding \$50 billion in 2024.
- U.S. companies (<https://econora.org/blog/the-u-s-israel-partnership-is-one-of-americas-smartest-strategic-investments>) use Israeli R&D operations to access local engineering talent and enhance technologies developed for American and global customers.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce identifies Israel as the United States' leading source (<https://econora.org/shared-prosperity>) of imported software, IT equipment and services, demonstrating that technological commerce flows in both directions.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce explicitly identifies Israeli cybersecurity development as creating commercial and R&D

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opportunities for American companies.

- Israeli technological success should therefore be understood not only as an Israeli economic achievement but as part of a closely integrated American-Israeli innovation economy.

(<https://econora.org/blog/the-business-case-for-israel-why-the-jewish-state-is-a-long-term-investment-in-the-future>).

Follow the Money

Perhaps the clearest indication of how international investors view Israeli technology is that they continue putting substantial amounts of capital into it despite the extraordinary risks Israel has faced.

According to preliminary IVC-LeumiTech figures reported by *The Jerusalem Post*, approximately 110 foreign funds made their first Israeli high-tech investment of the year during the third quarter alone, while foreign investors participated in more than 70% of investments. The \$3.6 billion raised in disclosed rounds during the quarter was slightly below the average quarterly fundraising during the first half of 2026, but remained dramatically higher than a year earlier, while IVC estimates that once undisclosed and subsequently reported rounds are included, the quarter could represent approximately 225 deals worth around \$4.3 billion.

These investors are not allocating billions of dollars to Israel as an expression of political solidarity or philanthropy, because professional investment funds are ultimately accountable for producing financial returns. They invest because they believe Israeli companies possess technologies, intellectual property, teams and commercial opportunities capable of becoming considerably more valuable, while the continuing presence of foreign capital demonstrates that sophisticated investors are separating Israel's immediate geopolitical risks from the longer-term economic potential of its technology sector.

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eliminate the risks inherent in venture capital, but it does provide a powerful market-based indication of the value international investors can opt out of the sale of your personal information by clicking on the "Do Not Sell or Share My Personal Information" link.

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For Americans, this matters because the relationship between Israeli innovation and American capital has developed over decades into something much deeper than ordinary foreign investment. Israeli start-ups frequently look toward the United States almost from inception because the American market provides the customers, capital and

scale necessary to transform relatively small Israeli technology companies into global businesses, while American investors obtain early exposure to technologies that may subsequently become commercially important throughout the U.S. economy.

Cybersecurity Demonstrates Why This Matters to Americans

The most revealing sector in the latest figures is cybersecurity, which attracted approximately \$4.3 billion during the first nine months of 2026 and represented 38% of all Israeli technology fundraising. More than \$1.7 billion was invested in cybersecurity companies during the third quarter alone, accounting for more than one-third of the quarter's total.

For Americans, cybersecurity is not an abstract Israeli technological success story because the United States faces relentless threats against businesses, hospitals, financial institutions, government agencies, communications networks and critical infrastructure. Every improvement in detecting malicious activity, protecting identities, securing cloud infrastructure, preventing data theft or defending increasingly AI-dependent systems potentially has direct commercial and security applications in the United States.

The U.S. Department of Commerce has itself highlighted Israel's cybersecurity ecosystem as a strategic opportunity for American companies, identifying possibilities for U.S. firms involved in threat intelligence, detection and response, secure network architecture, cloud cybersecurity, identity management and critical-infrastructure protection. It also points specifically toward opportunities for American companies and research institutions to cooperate with Israeli

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Artificial-intelligence-driven cyber tools, secure-by-design technologies and quantum-resistant encryption. This is an important dimension of the relationship because Americans should not imagine that Israeli cybersecurity expertise remains inside Israel after it is developed. Israeli technologies are integrated into multinational businesses, acquired by global companies, incorporated into products and used by customers across the American economy,

while U.S. technology companies establish research operations in Israel precisely because they want access to the engineering talent and innovation generated there.

Israel Has Become an R&D Laboratory for American Technology

The U.S. Department of Commerce describes Israel's digital economy as highly export-oriented and specifically notes that American companies have identified Israel as an attractive location for research-and-development centers because an Israeli presence allows them to access local talent and enhance their existing technologies. Major American technology companies have consequently maintained significant Israeli operations across areas including software, semiconductors, cybersecurity, cloud computing and artificial intelligence.

The economic significance of these centers is sometimes misunderstood because an American corporation employing engineers in Tel Aviv, Haifa or elsewhere in Israel can superficially appear to be exporting American jobs (<https://econora.org/blog/how-u-s-israel-trade-growth-in-2025-strengthened-both-economies-and-created-american-jobs>). In reality, multinational technology companies establish R&D operations around the world because specialized expertise is geographically concentrated, and access to Israeli engineering and entrepreneurial talent can strengthen products subsequently commercialized through much larger American operations. The relevant question is therefore not whether every engineer works physically in the United States, but whether access to

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relationship also works in the opposite direction because Israeli companies frequently establish sales, marketing, management and development operations in the United States as they scale. The American market is simply too large and important for successful Israeli technology companies to ignore, meaning that Israeli innovation can eventually translate into American offices, American suppliers, American professional services and employment located

within the United States. The 2026 Israel Innovation Authority data reported separately by *The Jerusalem Post* indicate that overseas employment growth by private Israeli technology companies has been concentrated heavily in the United States, illustrating how the scaling of Israeli companies increasingly creates economic activity on American soil.

America Provides Scale, Israel Provides Density

The two technology ecosystems are complementary partly because their strengths are different. America possesses enormous capital markets, world-leading universities, the largest technology companies, sophisticated institutional investors, a huge domestic customer base and the capacity to transform successful innovations into global platforms. Israel cannot reproduce that scale, because it is a country of roughly ten million people with a correspondingly limited domestic market.

Israel's comparative advantage lies instead in the extraordinary density of technological entrepreneurship, engineering talent and specialized experience within a very small geographic area. Its companies are forced to think internationally almost immediately because the domestic market is insufficient to support global ambitions, while the country's military and academic ecosystems have helped produce unusually concentrated expertise in fields such as cybersecurity, communications, data analysis and advanced engineering.

The relationship consequently functions particularly well when Israeli technological development meets American commercial scale. Israeli entrepreneurs can create specialized technologies and companies that

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Rather than asking which country benefits more, it makes greater sense to recognize why the combination works so effectively.

American Capital Is Not Leaving America Empty-Handed

The latest investment figures also challenge a common misunderstanding about foreign investment, because money flowing from an American fund into an Israeli technology company does not simply disappear overseas. Venture investors receive ownership in the company, meaning that if the business subsequently grows, is acquired or enters public markets, the economic value created can flow back to those shareholders.

The precise returns naturally vary enormously, and venture capital involves substantial risk, but the fundamental principle is straightforward. An American investor financing an Israeli cybersecurity company is purchasing an economic interest in that company's future rather than providing foreign assistance. If the technology becomes globally successful, American pension funds, institutional investors, venture funds and other shareholders with exposure to the investment can participate in the value created.

This distinction is particularly important in political discussions about the U.S.-Israel relationship because military assistance and private investment are sometimes blurred together as though both represented transfers of American wealth to Israel. They are fundamentally different economic activities, with venture investment taking place because investors believe there is a financial opportunity from which they expect to benefit.

The fact that foreign funds continue to participate in more than 70% of Israeli high-tech investments demonstrates that international investors themselves understand this distinction very clearly.

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The Commercial Relationship Runs Both Ways

Israel's technological relationship with the United States is also not a one-directional pipeline in which Americans provide money and Israelis provide ideas. The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that the United States is Israel's leading source of imported software and IT equipment and services, while Israel's digital economy creates

opportunities for American companies across communications, networking, cybersecurity, infrastructure and other advanced technologies.

The broader bilateral economic relationship reflects the same pattern. Two-way U.S.-Israel trade in goods and services exceeded \$50 billion in 2024, while U.S. foreign direct investment in Israel stood at \$45.9 billion in 2023, according to Commerce Department data. The bilateral relationship has been anchored since 1985 by the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement, America's first free-trade agreement with any country, and has subsequently evolved alongside Israel's transformation from a relatively protected economy into one dominated by internationally oriented high technology.

This means an American manufacturer selling sophisticated equipment into Israel, an American cloud provider serving Israeli technology companies, an Israeli cybersecurity business opening an American office and a U.S. corporation developing technology at an Israeli R&D center are all parts of the same interconnected commercial ecosystem. Measuring the relationship solely according to what one government transfers to the other therefore misses a much larger economic story.

Cybersecurity Is Also National Security

There is another American benefit that cannot be measured simply through investment returns because many of the technologies attracting Israeli venture capital sit directly at the intersection between economics and national security. Cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, defense technology and advanced communications are increasingly central to competition between the

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countries such as China, Russia and Iran, meaning technological leadership in these areas has strategic as well as commercial consequences. This website or its third-party tools process personal data. You can opt out of the sale of your personal information by

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Israel's value within this competition lies partly in the fact that it is a close American partner with an unusually sophisticated technology ecosystem operating in many of the same strategic fields Washington considers essential. The Commerce Department's analysis of Israel's cybersecurity strategy explicitly identifies possibilities for collaboration

between Israeli institutions and American companies familiar with U.S. agencies and standards, as well as joint research into emerging technologies.

The significance becomes clearer when considering the alternative. The United States is engaged in an increasingly consequential international competition over artificial intelligence, semiconductors, cybersecurity and quantum technologies, and Washington is actively attempting to strengthen technology ecosystems aligned with American security interests. An innovative Israel closely integrated with American companies and capital therefore represents something very different from an economic burden, because it expands the pool of advanced technological capability available within America's broader network of trusted partners.

The Relationship Creates Competition as Well as Cooperation

A serious assessment should not pretend that every Israeli innovation automatically benefits every American company or worker, because Israeli and American businesses sometimes compete directly for customers, investment and talent. Israeli technology companies can challenge American incumbents, acquisitions can lead to restructuring, and multinational R&D strategies inevitably involve difficult decisions about where employment and intellectual property should be located.

Yet competition within an integrated technological ecosystem can itself create economic benefits by forcing established companies to innovate and giving American businesses access to technologies they might otherwise need considerably longer to develop internally.

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Acquisitions of promising Israeli companies can provide U.S. corporations with engineering teams, intellectual property and products that strengthen their competitive position against global rivals. While Israeli start-ups expanding into America create new competitors, customers and employers within the U.S. market.

The correct argument is therefore not that every dollar invested in Israeli technology automatically creates a particular number of American jobs, because the available evidence does not support such a simplistic claim. It is that the extraordinary integration between the

two technology ecosystems creates multiple channels through which American investors, corporations, consumers and national-security institutions can benefit from innovation originally developed in Israel.

Israel's Resilience Is Good Economic News for America

The latest fundraising numbers are also significant because of the circumstances in which they have been achieved. Israel has spent recent years dealing with war, mobilization, political uncertainty and repeated concerns about the possibility of capital and talent leaving the country, yet the technology sector has continued attracting substantial international investment. More than \$11 billion raised during the first nine months of 2026, representing approximately 50% year-over-year growth, indicates that international investors continue to see significant long-term value despite those risks.

There are important qualifications because investment remains concentrated in a relatively small number of companies and sectors, while deal numbers have not risen as dramatically as total capital. Maya Eisen Zafir, CEO of LeumiTech, specifically warned that the growth is uneven and that the concentration of capital creates challenges for emerging companies, while IVC also noted the continuing uncertainties in international capital markets.

Those caveats make the broader story more credible rather than less impressive. Israel's technology sector is not experiencing an indiscriminate investment boom in which money is flowing everywhere, but a selective market in which investors continue committing substantial capital to companies and technologies they believe possess global commercial potential.

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For American investors already deeply involved in that ecosystem, Israel's ability to continue producing successful technology companies is therefore economically relevant far beyond Israel itself.

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The Alliance Is Bigger Than the Aid Package

Americans understandably evaluate international relationships according to American interests, and supporters of Israel should be comfortable with that standard rather than avoiding it. The case for the U.S.-Israel relationship should never depend upon arguing that Americans have a moral obligation to support another country regardless of what the United States receives in return.

The technological relationship demonstrates why such a defensive argument is unnecessary.

America receives access to Israeli innovation, research and engineering talent while American investors obtain opportunities to own stakes in promising Israeli companies. U.S. corporations use Israeli R&D to improve products sold globally, while Israeli companies use American capital and markets to expand and increasingly establish substantial operations inside the United States. American cybersecurity can benefit from technologies developed in Israel, while Israeli companies purchase American software, equipment and services. The result is not a one-way relationship but an increasingly integrated innovation economy in which each country possesses capabilities the other can use.

This should form a much larger part of the conversation about the alliance because the familiar debate over American assistance captures only one dimension of a relationship whose economic and technological significance has expanded dramatically since the original U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement was signed more than four decades ago.

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When Israeli Technology

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The \$3.6 billion raised by Israeli technology companies during the third quarter should therefore not be viewed simply as another encouraging economic statistic from the "Start-Up Nation." It is evidence of an ecosystem that remains closely connected to American

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capital, corporations, markets and strategic interests at precisely the moment when technological leadership is becoming one of the principal determinants of global power.

Cybersecurity companies receiving investment in Tel Aviv can ultimately protect American corporate networks, while Israeli software can become part of American products and Israeli R&D teams can develop technology used by U.S. multinationals. American venture funds can participate financially when Israeli companies succeed, while Israeli businesses expanding into the world's largest technology market can create operations and employment in the United States. At the same time, American technology providers gain customers and partners inside an Israeli economy whose digital sector remains highly receptive to U.S. products and expertise.

None of this means that the economic relationship is perfectly balanced or that every Israeli company produces a measurable benefit for American citizens, just as no serious economic partnership (<https://econora.org/blog/netanyahus-announcement-signals-a-new-phase-in-us-israel-economic-partnership>). can be reduced to such simple arithmetic. It does mean that viewing Israel exclusively through the amount Washington spends on military assistance produces a deeply incomplete picture of what the United States receives from the relationship.

The more revealing numbers may sometimes be found not in Washington's foreign-assistance budget but in investment rounds taking place thousands of miles away, where American and other international investors continue betting billions of dollars on Israeli technology because they expect those companies to create value in global markets.

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Israel benefits enormously from that American confidence, capital and commercial scale, but America is not simply doing Israel a favor. It is gaining access to technology, talent, investment opportunities and innovation in some of the industries that will shape the global economy (<https://econora.org/blog/the-u-s-and-israel-fight-back-against-irans-war-on-the-global-economy>) and national security environment for decades to come.

That is what makes the latest Israeli fundraising figures more than an Israeli success story. They are another indication that one of America's closest strategic relationships is increasingly also one of its most consequential technological partnerships.

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- The program covers housing, infrastructure, healthcare, education, economic recovery, digital systems and security.
- The wider roadmap requires Hamas and other factions to relinquish civilian and security authority to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza.
- The governing principle is intended to be "One Authority, One Law, One Weapon," with the NCAG ultimately controlling all weapons in Gaza.
- The roadmap links the decommissioning of heavy weapons, military production facilities, weapons depots and tunnels to a phased Israeli withdrawal.
- The Board estimates Gaza's physical damage at approximately \$35.2 billion and total recovery and reconstruction requirements at around \$71.4 billion over a decade.
- The plan includes an International Stabilization Force and vetted Palestinian police intended eventually to replace both Hamas's armed control and Israeli military involvement in Gaza.
- The central challenge is implementation, because Hamas's agreement in principle to disarm has not yet been tested and Israel and the Board remain divided over aspects of sequencing.
- Successful reconstruction should mean improving Palestinian lives while preventing Hamas or another armed faction from rebuilding the military infrastructure that could produce another war.

Gaza desperately needs rebuilding after years of devastating war left homes destroyed, infrastructure badly damaged, businesses ruined and large numbers of Palestinians displaced. There should be nothing controversial about wanting ordinary Palestinians eventually to live in functioning communities with electricity, water, healthcare, schools, employment and security. The difficult question facing the international community is therefore not whether Gaza should be reconstructed, but whether reconstruction will create a fundamentally different future or simply restore the physical environment in which another cycle of conflict can eventually develop.

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President Donald Trump's Board of Peace has now presented an ambitious answer, unveiling a \$2.45 billion recovery program covering the first six months after entry into Gaza, subject to funding and access. The 66-project proposal addresses temporary housing, rubble, [SUBSCRIBE](https://paxpoint.org/) hospitals, roads, electricity, water, education, economic recovery, digital infrastructure, policing and security, while the broader framework envisages a Palestinian technocratic administration gradually assuming responsibility for Gaza. Most importantly, the reconstruction effort is connected to a political and security transformation under which [Hamas](https://paxpoint.org/hamas-gaza/hamas-agreed-to-disarm-but-now-wants-to-hold-their-weapons-to-plan-another-future-massacre/) and other factions relinquish governing authority and their independent military capabilities.

That connection between reconstruction and demilitarization may ultimately prove more important than any individual project. Gaza has been reconstructed after previous conflicts, while enormous amounts of international assistance have entered the territory over many years, but buildings, roads and utilities alone cannot produce lasting recovery if an armed organization remains capable of dominating political life and eventually returning the territory to war. The challenge facing the Board of Peace is therefore to ensure that international money does not simply reconstruct Gaza physically while leaving intact the political and military structures capable of destroying it again.

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- The Board of Peace has unveiled ^[1] a \$2.45 billion, six-month Gaza reconstruction plan containing 66 projects. (<https://paxpoint.org/>) (<https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/>) SUBSCRIBE
- The program (<https://paxpoint.org/diplomacy-normalization/israel-and-the-pursuit-of-peace-netanyahus-role-on-president-trumps-board-of-peace/>). covers housing, infrastructure, healthcare, education, economic recovery, digital systems and security. Antisemitism & Activism (<https://paxpoint.org/antisemitism-activism/>) Coexistence & Voices (<https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices/>)
- The wider roadmap requires Hamas and other factions to relinquish ^[2] civilian and security authority to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza.
- The governing principle (<https://paxpoint.org/hamas-gaza/why-the-gaza-peace-council-cannot-succeed-without-the-disarmament-of-hamas/>) is intended to be "One Authority, One Law, One Weapon," with the NCAG ultimately controlling all weapons in Gaza.
- The roadmap links the decommissioning (<https://paxpoint.org/hamas-gaza/hamas-rejects-demilitarization-and-international-oversight-defying-global-efforts-to-stabilize-gaza/>) of heavy weapons, military production facilities, weapons depots and tunnels to a phased Israeli withdrawal.
- The Board estimates Gaza's physical damage at approximately \$35.2 billion and total recovery and reconstruction requirements at around \$71.4 billion over a decade.
- The plan includes an International Stabilization Force and vetted Palestinian police intended eventually to replace both Hamas's armed control and Israeli military involvement in Gaza.
- The central challenge is implementation, because Hamas's agreement in principle to disarm has not yet been tested and Israel (<https://paxpoint.org/diplomacy-normalization/israels-unyielding-pursuit-of-peace-concessions-and-diplomacy-explained/>) and the Board remain divided over aspects of sequencing.
- Successful reconstruction should mean improving Palestinian lives while preventing ^[3] Hamas or another armed faction from rebuilding the military infrastructure that could produce another war.

Gaza Needs More Than Another Donors' Conference

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The numbers presented by the Board illustrate the extraordinary scale of the challenge, because the immediate \$2.45 billion program represents only the beginning of what would be one of the largest reconstruction projects in the region's history. The plan reportedly assesses physical damage in Gaza at approximately \$35.2 billion and estimates that full recovery and reconstruction could require

around \$71.4 billion over the coming decade, meaning Gulf states, European governments, international financial institutions and other donors could eventually be asked to contribute enormous resources.

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The international community, however, already knows how to construct buildings, clear rubble, repair roads, install water systems and finance hospitals, while the much harder challenge is constructing a

political and security system capable of ensuring that those investments produce a functioning civilian society rather than another armed enclave. Previous approaches to Gaza too often treated humanitarian assistance and reconstruction as though they existed separately from the question of who ultimately controlled the territory and determined whether it went to war. Civilian development was supposed to proceed while Hamas retained an independent military apparatus capable of pursuing a completely different strategic agenda.

That contradiction cannot simply be reconstructed alongside Gaza's buildings. If the international community is preparing to invest tens of billions of dollars over the coming decade, it has both a moral responsibility to Palestinians and a strategic responsibility to Israelis to ensure that the result is not another temporary period of rebuilding followed by another devastating conflict.

One Authority, One Law, One Weapon

The most consequential principle contained in the Board of Peace roadmap may therefore be its commitment to "One Authority, One Law, One Weapon." Under the July 30 roadmap, Hamas and other Palestinian factions are supposed to transfer civilian governance and security functions to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza, which would operate independently during the transitional period, while the process of decommissioning weapons and military infrastructure proceeds alongside the phased withdrawal of Israeli forces.

The importance of this principle extends well beyond Israeli security concerns because no Palestinian civilian administration can meaningfully govern Gaza if another organization retains an independent army capable of overruling it. Palestinian technocrats could administer hospitals, schools, municipal budgets and welfare programs, but their authority would remain fundamentally conditional if Hamas continued controlling weapons, military personnel, tunnels and an organizational structure capable of determining when Gaza goes to war.

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The Board's roadmap attempts to eliminate precisely that ambiguity by specifying that heavy weapons, military production facilities, weapons depots and tunnels should be decommissioned through a gradual and verified process, while militia weapons would ultimately come under the

authority of the new Palestinian administration. At the conclusion of the process described in the roadmap, only the NCAG would be permitted to hold, store or control weapons in Gaza.

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This should not be understood merely as an Israeli demand imposed upon Palestinian society,

because a monopoly on legitimate force is one of the basic requirements of functioning government

almost everywhere. A Palestinian administration that cannot control armed organizations operating

within its territory would possess responsibility without sovereignty, while Palestinians trying to create functioning civilian institutions would remain vulnerable to an armed faction capable of imposing its decisions through force.

The Plan Is About Rebuilding Ordinary Life

One of the most encouraging elements of the proposal is how practical much of it appears to be, because the first stage is focused less on grand diplomatic declarations than on the things Palestinians will actually require to rebuild ordinary lives. Approximately \$1 billion of the proposed spending is designated for infrastructure, including around \$400 million for temporary shelter, \$275 million for rubble and unexploded-ordnance clearance, \$50 million for hospital rehabilitation and \$30 million for repairing badly damaged roads. The plan also includes repairing border crossings, restoring electricity and water systems and distributing 25,000 portable solar-power kits.

This practical approach is important because genuine reconstruction cannot simply be measured by the number of buildings erected. Palestinians require functioning healthcare, education, communications, businesses and employment alongside physical infrastructure, while a credible postwar administration must demonstrate relatively quickly that a different political order produces tangible improvements in people's lives. Families living amid ruins will not judge the success of a diplomatic framework according to the sophistication of agreements signed in foreign capitals, but according to whether their children can attend school, hospitals function, electricity remains available and parents can earn a living.

A successful reconstruction strategy should consequently create a visible relationship between stability and improving living conditions. If Gaza moves away from armed factional control toward civilian government, ordinary Palestinians should experience that transformation through better housing, greater economic opportunity and more reliable public services, because a political transition that produces no improvement in daily life will struggle to develop legitimacy.

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Security Is Part of Reconstruction

The substantial security component of the proposal should similarly be [SUBSCRIBED](https://paxpoint.org/subscribe/) as part of reconstruction rather than something competing with it. The broader framework establishes an International Stabilization Force intended to help secure the transition, support vetted Palestinian police, protect humanitarian operations and assist in preventing the rebuilding of military infrastructure, while the NCAG would assume responsibility for internal security.

This addresses one of the most difficult questions surrounding Gaza's future, because somebody must eventually provide security who is neither Hamas nor the Israeli military. If a credible Palestinian policing system supported during the transition by an international force cannot be established, Gaza risks eventually returning to the same destructive binary in which Hamas exercises armed control until Israel intervenes militarily in response to another threat.

The International Stabilization Force and Palestinian police therefore cannot be treated as peripheral additions to a humanitarian program. Their ability to establish credible security will determine whether hospitals, schools, businesses and reconstructed neighborhoods can function without being subordinated again to an independent military organization, while their effectiveness will also influence whether Israel believes it can safely withdraw from areas currently under its control.

Demilitarization Must Be Real and Verifiable

The greatest danger surrounding any agreement is that "demilitarization" becomes another diplomatic term whose meaning is gradually diluted until every participant can claim compliance without fundamentally changing the situation on the ground. The Board's roadmap is considerably more specific than that, referring directly to the decommissioning of heavy weapons, military production sites, weapons depots and tunnels and providing for an International Verification Committee to determine whether commitments have actually been fulfilled before the process moves from one phase to another.

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That verification mechanism is essential because Hamas does not need to surrender every object capable of being used as a weapon for Gaza to become demilitarized, while ordinary Palestinian police clearly require the means to enforce law and order. The relevant objective is to eliminate the military structures that allowed an independent organization to maintain rockets, offensive tunnels, weapons production, organized armed units and the ability to initiate hostilities independently of any legitimate civilian government.

The process must consequently be judged by capabilities rather than appearances. Military structures cannot simply disappear from public view while remaining intact underground, weapons cannot merely be transferred between factions and commanders cannot SUBSCRIBE (https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/) formal government positions while retaining effective authority through armed networks. If the new Palestinian administration is genuinely to govern Gaza, there must ultimately be no alternative military authority capable of overriding it.

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Reconstruction Cannot Become Rearmament

The same principle must apply to the enormous quantities of material that will eventually enter Gaza, because meaningful reconstruction will require concrete, steel, electrical equipment, heavy machinery, fuel, communications technology and many other resources that can have both civilian and military applications. Preventing these materials from entering would make reconstruction impossible, while allowing them to enter without credible monitoring would create obvious opportunities for diversion.

The answer should therefore be a monitoring system designed to facilitate rather than obstruct reconstruction. The greater the confidence among Israel, donors and international institutions that materials are reaching hospitals, housing projects, roads, utilities and legitimate businesses, the easier it becomes to permit them to enter Gaza rapidly and at scale. Effective monitoring can therefore serve Palestinian interests by reducing the security restrictions that inevitably emerge when nobody can demonstrate where resources ultimately go.

The principle should be that reconstruction and demilitarization reinforce one another. As military infrastructure is verifiably dismantled and civilian authority strengthens, the movement of reconstruction materials and investment should become easier, creating a process in which improved security produces increasingly visible economic benefits.

Palestinians Need to See the Benefits

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The political dimension of reconstruction is particularly important because Palestinians cannot be expected to embrace a new governing system simply because foreign governments tell them it is preferable. Any administration replacing Hamas will need to establish its legitimacy through performance, which means demonstrating that civilian government can produce improvements that armed rule did not.

This is why the six-month plan could become so important if implemented successfully. Temporary accommodation can replace tents, rubble can be removed from neighborhoods, hospitals can resume normal operations, electricity and water can become more reliable, schools can reopen properly and businesses can receive the assistance required to employ people again. Those developments would create something Gaza has lacked for years: a tangible peace dividend connected directly to political stability.

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Such progress would also create a different incentive structure from one in which international donors repeatedly arrive after wars to rebuild destruction without addressing the political and military conditions that contributed to producing it. Reconstruction should not punish Palestinian civilians for the actions of Hamas, but neither should international policy pretend that the structure of power inside Gaza is irrelevant to whether reconstruction will endure.

Israel Also Has Responsibilities Under the Framework

A credible assessment of the Board of Peace proposal must acknowledge that implementation does not depend exclusively upon Hamas. The roadmap also establishes obligations for Israel, including a phased withdrawal linked to verified progress in the decommissioning process, while the International Verification Committee is intended to certify compliance before the parties move from one phase to another.

This reciprocal structure is one of the plan's strengths because it attempts to replace trust with verification. Israel has powerful reasons after October 7 (<https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices/stories-of-resilience/>) to reject security arrangements based upon promises that cannot be independently tested, while Palestinians likewise require confidence that genuine demilitarization and the establishment of alternative security structures will actually produce the corresponding Israeli withdrawal envisaged by the agreement.

The sequencing therefore needs to work in both directions. If Hamas and other factions retain their military capabilities, Israel cannot reasonably be expected to behave as though Gaza has been demilitarized, but if the agreed security benchmarks are independently verified, Israel must also implement the reciprocal steps contained within the framework. An arrangement in which only one side's commitments are enforceable would eventually lose credibility and collapse.

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The Obstacles Remain Enormous

None of this means the proposal is certain to succeed, because the gap [\(https://paxpoint.org/\)](https://paxpoint.org/) [\(https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/\)](https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/) an impressive diplomatic framework and implementation on the ground remains substantial. Axios reported that although Hamas has agreed in principle to disarm, that commitment has not yet been tested, while [Antisemitism & Activism \(https://paxpoint.org/antisemitism-activism/\)](https://paxpoint.org/antisemitism-activism/) [Coexistence & Voices \(https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices\)](https://paxpoint.org/coexistence-voices) the Israeli government has not begun implementing important elements of the plan and disputes

remain over sequencing. The Board's recovery proposal also remains dependent upon funding and access, meaning the \$2.45 billion package should be understood as a proposed program rather than money that has already been fully secured and spent.

These difficulties should encourage realism rather than abandonment, because every plausible alternative contains its own serious problems. Gaza cannot remain indefinitely devastated, Israel cannot reasonably accept the restoration of an armed Hamas-controlled territory on its border, and international donors cannot be expected to invest tens of billions of dollars without confidence that another conflict will not destroy much of what they finance.

The challenge is therefore not to find a perfect solution but to construct institutions capable of breaking the pattern that repeatedly returns Gaza to the same place. That requires Palestinian civilian governance strong enough to govern, security institutions strong enough to enforce the law, international verification credible enough to reassure the parties, Israeli withdrawal tied to measurable security progress and reconstruction substantial enough to give Palestinians a genuine stake in the new system.

Hamas Faces a Fundamental Choice

This is where the Board of Peace framework could create a particularly important political dynamic, because it makes increasingly difficult to separate Hamas's desire to retain its weapons from the consequences that decision has for Gaza's recovery. The international community is now discussing a detailed reconstruction program encompassing housing, infrastructure, healthcare, economic investment and Palestinian civilian administration, while the agreed framework simultaneously requires Hamas and other factions to surrender their independent military authority.

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If Hamas's overriding objective is the welfare of Palestinians in Gaza, the emergence of an internationally supported Palestinian administration capable of rebuilding the territory should provide an opportunity to relinquish armed control. If, however, maintaining weapons, military infrastructure and organizational power remains more important than allowing a new civilian order to develop, Palestinians themselves will increasingly have reason to question why their reconstruction should remain subordinate to the priorities of an armed movement.

This is why the debate should not be reduced to Israel demanding disarmament

(<https://paxpoint.org/hezbollah-lebanon/a-historic-diplomatic-moment-israel-and-lebanon-hold-direct-talks-in-washington/>). while Palestinians demand reconstruction. **SUBSCRIBE** (<https://paxpoint.org>) (<https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/>)

an enormous interest in a Gaza where no independent organization possesses the ability to drag the

entire population into another war, while Israelis have an enormous interest in Palestinians

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permanent destruction and conflict.

Rebuild Gaza So It Does Not Need Rebuilding Again

The world should want this reconstruction effort to succeed because Palestinians and Israelis both have an interest in ending the cycle that has repeatedly devastated Gaza. Palestinians deserve the opportunity to emerge from years of catastrophe into functioning communities rather than remaining trapped among ruins, temporary accommodation, unemployment and dependence upon humanitarian assistance, while Israeli communities deserve to live alongside Gaza without fearing that reconstructed civilian areas will again coexist with rockets, offensive tunnels and an armed organization preparing another attack.

Those objectives are not contradictory, because a Gaza that is prosperous but remains dominated by an independent military organization risks eventually returning to war, while a Gaza that is demilitarized but condemned to permanent poverty and destruction will remain unstable and vulnerable to renewed extremism. Sustainable security therefore requires reconstruction, just as sustainable reconstruction requires a security system capable of preventing armed factions from transforming civilian territory into the infrastructure of another conflict.

The Board of Peace proposal is significant because its underlying architecture recognizes this connection. It seeks to combine reconstruction with Palestinian civilian governance, internationally supported security arrangements, verified demilitarization and a phased Israeli withdrawal rather than treating these as unrelated problems that can be addressed independently. Whether that architecture survives contact with political reality remains uncertain, and its success will depend upon difficult decisions by Hamas, Israel, Palestinian administrators, international forces and donor governments.

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If the international community is ultimately going to invest something approaching the estimated

\$71.4 billion required for Gaza's recovery over the coming decade, its objective should be more

ambitious than returning Gaza to the position it occupied before the last war. That investment should

create functioning hospitals, schools, homes, businesses, utilities and Palestinian institutions while ensuring that military tunnels, weapons-production facilities and independent armed structures are not reconstructed alongside them. (<https://paxpoint.org/>) **SUBSCRIBE** ([HTTPS://PAXPOINT.ORG/HOME/GET-INVOLVED/](https://paxpoint.org/home/get-involved/))

The real measure of success will therefore not be how quickly donors can replace what was destroyed, but whether Palestinians and Israelis can look back a decade from now and discover that

Gaza did not have to be rebuilt yet again. A reconstruction program capable of achieving that would offer Palestinians something far more valuable than another temporary recovery and Israelis something more durable than another temporary ceasefire: the possibility that Gaza's reconstruction could finally mark the end of the cycle rather than merely the beginning of its next round.

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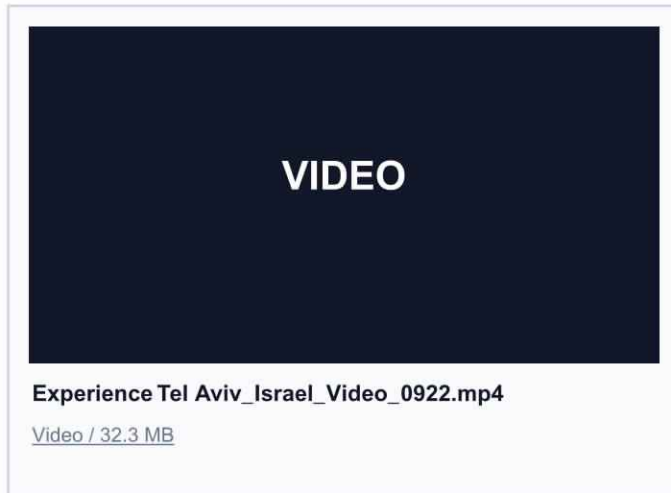
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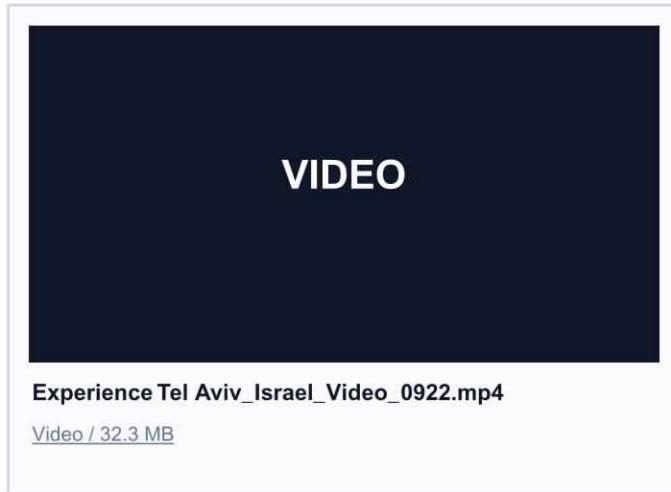
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When It Comes to Israel, Why Do the Normal Rules of Reason Suddenly Disappear?

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There is a peculiar phenomenon in contemporary discussion of Israel that goes considerably beyond ordinary criticism of the Israeli government. Policies that would be understood one way almost anywhere else are interpreted differently when Israel implements them, actions by Israel's enemies somehow become evidence against Israel itself, and concepts with established meanings are stretched until they can accommodate whatever accusation currently possesses the greatest emotional force. The result is not simply hostility toward Israel but a remarkable suspension of the ordinary rules by which evidence, causation and responsibility are supposed to be assessed.

Wall Street Journal columnist Kyle Smith has given this phenomenon a deliberately provocative name: "Israel Derangement Syndrome." His column is intentionally satirical, but behind the jokes is a serious argument about the increasingly distorted intellectual environment surrounding Israel. Smith points to examples in which

straightforward relationships between cause and effect appear to have been reversed, while accusations against Israel (https://factsignal.org/palestinian-authority/debunking-the-organ-harvesting-accusations-against-israel-a-modern-holocaust-lie) are accepted according to evidentiary standards that would be considered inadequate in almost any other international conflict.



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Israel should be criticized when criticism is justified. Its government can make mistakes, its military operations should be scrutinized, allegations of misconduct deserve investigation, and Israelis themselves conduct these arguments with an intensity that would surprise anyone imagining the country to be intolerant of dissent. The problem begins when criticism no longer requires the same standards of evidence, historical context and logical consistency that would normally be expected, because at that point Israel is no longer being scrutinized more closely than other countries. It is being analyzed according to an entirely different intellectual rulebook.

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1 Kyle Smith describes ^[1] a phenomenon he calls "Israel Derangement Syndrome," in which ordinary reasoning appears to collapse when Israel is discussed. <https://factsignal.org>

2 He highlights NAZA reviewer Jay Weissberg's claim that Israel effectively assigns greater value to Israeli lives through unequal prisoner exchanges. <https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/98> **Verified Evidence & Documental**

3 The obvious problem is that Hamas and other armed groups demand ^[2] those extraordinarily unequal exchanges; Israel reluctantly agrees to them to recover its citizens.

4 Smith also points to *The New York Times* (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/when-media-outrage-replaces-evidence-the-new-york-times-and-the-return-of-the-blood-libel>) describing Israelis as still "viewing themselves as the victims" of October 7 (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/examining-global-antisemitism-trends-after-october-7-2023>), wording the newspaper subsequently removed.

5 The widespread use of "genocide (<https://factsignal.org/verified-evidence-documentation/the-gaza-genocide-narrative-is-collapsing-under-the-weight-of-the-evidence>)" illustrates the danger of allowing an extraordinarily specific legal concept to become a generic synonym for a destructive war.

6 None of this means Israeli military actions are beyond criticism or that allegations of Israeli wrongdoing should be dismissed.

7 It means accusations (<https://factsignal.org/palestinian-authority/why-media-coverage-of-israel-feels-different-and-why-that-matters>) against Israel should be subjected to the same requirements of evidence, context and causation applied elsewhere.

8 Reversing the actors is often a useful test: if an argument becomes obviously unreasonable when Israel and its adversaries (<https://factsignal.org/verified-evidence-documentation/how-the-claims-of-genocide-against-israel-simply-dont-add-up>) exchange places, the original argument deserves scrutiny.

9 The larger danger is not merely hostility (<https://factsignal.org/iran/there-is-no-genocide-in-gaza-the-lie-that-must-die>) toward Israel but the degradation of language

and reasoning necessary for serious public debate.

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When Hamas Sets the Price, Somehow Israel Gets the Blame

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One of Smith's most revealing examples comes from Jay Weissberg's review of NAZA in *Variety*. According to the passage Smith quotes, Weissberg argues that Israel's history of exchanging large numbers of Palestinian prisoners (https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/examining-conditions-for-palestinian-prisoners-in-israeli-detention-centers) for a much smaller number of Israelis communicates the idea that a single Israeli life is worth enormous numbers of Arab lives. Among the examples is the 2011 exchange in which Israel released 1,027 Palestinian prisoners to secure the freedom of Gilad Shalit.

Consider what has happened to causation in that argument. Israel did not demand that Hamas release 1,027 Palestinians in exchange for one Israeli. Hamas held one Israeli soldier captive and demanded an extraordinarily high price for returning him. Israel eventually accepted that price because Israeli society places enormous importance on recovering its citizens and soldiers, even when doing so creates serious security risks.

One can reasonably criticize Israel for accepting such exchanges. Indeed, Israelis have debated precisely that question for decades because releasing convicted terrorists can create incentives for further kidnappings and return dangerous individuals to the battlefield. Yahya Sinwar himself was among the prisoners released in the Shalit exchange, giving that debate a particularly terrible historical resonance after October 7.

What makes the NAZA argument so extraordinary is the reversal of responsibility. Hamas's ability to extract more than a thousand prisoners for one captive somehow becomes evidence of Israel's contempt for Palestinian life. The party demanding the disproportionate exchange effectively disappears from the moral equation, while the party reluctantly accepting its terms becomes responsible for the ratio.

Apply that reasoning elsewhere and its absurdity becomes obvious. If kidnappers demand \$10 million to release a hostage, nobody concludes that the hostage's family believes its relative is ten million times more valuable than the kidnappers. The ransom tells us something about the leverage of the kidnappers and the desperation of those trying to recover the hostage, not about a philosophical hierarchy assigning relative value to human lives.

Yet when Israel enters the equation, this basic relationship between coercion and response can somehow be inverted.

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Israel's Prisoners Become "Bargaining Chips"

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Smith identifies another remarkable assertion in the same NAZA review: the suggestion that Israel has for decades stocked its prisons with Arab men so that they can subsequently be used as bargaining chips in exchanges.

There are legitimate and serious debates surrounding Israeli detention policy, including administrative detention (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/understanding-israels-administrative-detention-security-law-and-democratic-dilemmas>), conditions of incarceration, military courts and the treatment of Palestinian prisoners. Those issues deserve examination on their actual facts. That is entirely different, however, from suggesting that Israel arrests Palestinians in order to accumulate inventory for future hostage negotiations.

The logic is particularly strange because prisoner exchanges are generally regarded within Israel as painful concessions rather than strategic objectives. Israelis do not celebrate releasing large numbers of convicted terrorists. Governments accept such deals because Israeli citizens or soldiers are being held by organizations that understand precisely how much political and emotional pressure can be generated by possessing an Israeli hostage.

Once again, the behavior of the armed organization holding the hostage somehow disappears, while Israel's response to that coercion becomes evidence of Israeli malevolence.

This pattern appears repeatedly in discussion of the conflict. Hamas embeds itself within civilian areas (<https://factsignal.org/iran/irans-military-tactics-put-civilians-at-risk-a-pattern-of-responsibility>), and the resulting complexity of Israeli military operations becomes evidence primarily about Israel. Hamas takes hostages, and the extraordinary concessions Israel makes to recover them become evidence about Israel. Armed organizations reject conventional military distinctions, while Israel's difficulties fighting them become evidence about Israel.

The actions of one side are continuously transformed into moral indictments of the other.

“Israelis Still View Themselves as the Victims”



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Smith's second particularly striking example comes from *The New York Times* (<https://factsignal.org/iran/the-new-york-times-published-another-story-that-defies-common-sense>), which recently published a sentence stating that Israelis "still largely view themselves as the victims of Oct. 7." Following criticism, the wording was removed.

The word "view" is what makes the sentence so revealing. Israelis do not merely *view* themselves as the victims of October 7. Israeli communities were attacked. Civilians were murdered. Women, children and elderly people were abducted. Homes were burned and families destroyed. Whatever arguments one subsequently makes about Israel's military response (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/israel-sets-the-record-straight-after-the-eu-made-false-claims-after-strikes-against-hezbollah>) in Gaza cannot retrospectively alter who attacked whom on October 7.

Israelis can simultaneously have been victims of October 7 and citizens of a country whose subsequent military actions should be scrutinized. Palestinian civilians can simultaneously have suffered terribly during the resulting war without the identity of the perpetrators and victims on October 7 somehow becoming ambiguous. Moral reasoning is capable of holding both propositions at once.

Yet the wording captured something increasingly common in coverage of Israel: victimhood is treated not as a description of what happened to Israelis but almost as a psychological condition from which they should eventually recover. The implication is that continued Israeli reference to October 7 represents a subjective self-perception rather than recognition of an objective historical event.

Imagine a newspaper writing that Americans "still view themselves as the victims of 9/11," or that Ukrainians "still view themselves as the victims" of Russia's invasion. The oddness would be immediately apparent.

The fact that such wording could pass through a major newspaper's editorial process when discussing Israel is precisely Smith's point.

The Genocide Debate Shows What Happens When Words Lose Their Meaning



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Nowhere is the deterioration of language more consequential than in the repeated description of Israel's Gaza campaign as genocide. Smith argues that the accusation has become ubiquitous despite the enormous gap between the legal meaning of genocide and the way the word is now commonly employed in political activism.

Genocide is not simply a synonym for a war in which large numbers of civilians die. Under the Genocide Convention, it concerns specified acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a protected national, ethnic, racial or religious group as such. That specific intent requirement is central to the legal concept.

There are lawyers, academics, human-rights organizations and UN experts who argue that Israel's conduct meets that threshold, while Israel categorically rejects the allegation and argues that its war is directed against Hamas and other armed organizations rather than the Palestinian population as such. The dispute should therefore be examined through evidence concerning military policy, statements, conduct and intent rather than resolved by the emotional power of images from a devastating war.

The danger arises when "genocide" simply becomes another way of saying that civilians have died in enormous numbers or that military destruction is extensive. Once the word is detached from its defining legal elements, it ceases to distinguish genocide from other horrific forms of warfare.

That should concern people far beyond Israel. Language is one of the tools through which international law differentiates between categories of conduct. If the most serious terms become political intensifiers rather than definitions, their ability to describe genuinely distinct crimes becomes progressively weaker.

Civilian Deaths Are Tragic Without Proving Every Accusation

One of the reasons discussion of Gaza becomes so emotionally difficult is that the suffering is undeniable. Thousands of Palestinian civilians have been killed, families have been destroyed, neighborhoods devastated and enormous numbers of people displaced. A serious defense of Israel should never require pretending otherwise.

Yet images of suffering cannot by themselves answer every question concerning why that suffering occurred, whether a particular strike was lawful or what Israel's overall military intention was. Those questions require information about targets, intelligence, anticipated military advantage, expected civilian harm, precautions, Hamas's deployment and the circumstances known to commanders at the time.



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International humanitarian law itself recognizes this complexity. Civilian casualties do not automatically make an attack unlawful, just as the presence of a legitimate military target does not automatically make every attack lawful. Distinction, proportionality and precautions remain essential.

The intellectual shortcut is to move directly from "children have died" to "therefore genocide," or from "a building was destroyed" to "therefore Israel intentionally targets civilians." The emotional premise can be completely true while the conclusion still requires additional evidence.

That distinction should be obvious in serious journalism. Increasingly, however, demanding the intermediate evidentiary steps is portrayed as indifference toward Palestinian suffering.

It is nothing of the sort. It is the difference between moral outrage and factual analysis.

Reverse the Actors and See Whether the Argument Survives

There is a simple intellectual exercise that can expose many of these distortions: reverse the identities of the participants and ask whether the same argument would still appear reasonable.

If Israel kidnapped hundreds of Palestinians from their homes and demanded the release of thousands of Israelis convicted of murdering Palestinians, who would be held responsible for the disproportionate exchange?

If Israeli soldiers operated from tunnels beneath civilian neighborhoods while Palestinian forces attacked them, would civilian casualties automatically be attributed exclusively to the Palestinians conducting the strikes, or would Israel's decision to operate within civilian areas feature prominently in international reporting?

If Palestinian civilians had been massacred at a music festival and Palestinian newspapers two years later wrote that Palestinians "still view themselves as the victims" of the attack, would international readers regard that wording as neutral?



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If an Israeli organization explicitly committed to destroying Palestinian national existence deliberately murdered civilians and kidnapped children, would

commentators immediately describe the violence primarily through the language of resistance and historical context?

Reversing the actors does not automatically settle difficult moral or legal questions because Israelis and Palestinians occupy different political and military circumstances. But it is an extremely useful diagnostic tool for detecting when standards have changed so dramatically that the identity of the actor, rather than the nature of the action, appears to determine the conclusion.

Criticism of Israel Is Not the Problem

The phrase "Israel Derangement Syndrome" is intentionally provocative and can easily become a way of dismissing criticism without engaging with it. That would be a mistake.

There are serious arguments about settlements, Palestinian statehood, the conduct of the Gaza war (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/navigating-reliable-information-sources-on-the-gaza-war>), settler violence (<https://factsignal.org/disinformation-media-analysis/the-myth-of-settler-violence-when-the-crimes-of-a-tiny-minority-are-used-to-condemn-an-entire-community>), government policy, humanitarian access, civilian casualties and the future of the territories. Israelis themselves disagree intensely about these questions, sometimes more intensely than Israel's foreign critics.

A useful concept of "Israel derangement" therefore cannot mean disagreeing with Israel. It should describe something considerably narrower: the willingness to suspend ordinary standards of evidence or logic because the subject happens to be the Jewish state.

Criticizing an Israeli strike on the basis of credible evidence is not derangement. Assuming that every explosion in Gaza demonstrates Israeli criminality before knowing what happened is something else. Criticizing Israeli detention practices is legitimate. Claiming that Israel fills its prisons with Arabs so that it can accumulate future bargaining chips requires evidence commensurate with such an extraordinary

allegation. Arguing that particular Israeli conduct demonstrates genocidal intent is a legal argument. Using "genocide" merely because it is the most morally devastating word available is rhetoric.



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Israel does not require immunity from criticism. It requires the same intellectual standards applied to everybody else.



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The Double Standard Ultimately Damages Palestinians Too

There is another consequence of distorted reasoning that receives far too little attention: it removes Palestinian agency.

If almost everything ultimately becomes Israel's responsibility, then Hamas's decisions cease to matter. Its choice to initiate wars becomes background context. Its decision to take hostages becomes an indictment of the concessions Israel makes to recover them. Its military deployment becomes irrelevant to discussions of civilian casualties. Its treatment of Palestinian society becomes secondary to Israel's response.

That framework may appear pro-Palestinian, but it effectively treats Palestinians as people without meaningful political agency. Israeli actions are scrutinized down to individual tactical decisions while Palestinian armed organizations become forces of nature whose behavior is simply assumed.

Palestinians deserve better than that. Hamas should be judged for the choices it makes precisely because Palestinian lives are affected by those choices. Palestinian leaders should be held responsible for strategies that succeed or fail, improve or destroy lives, and move their people toward or away from a viable future.

Holding Palestinians to moral and political standards is not anti-Palestinian. It is treating them as adults possessing agency rather than merely as characters in somebody else's indictment of Israel.

Israel Has Become an Exception to Too Many Rules

Perhaps this is the phenomenon Smith is really describing beneath the satire. Israel increasingly occupies a strange position within parts of Western political culture in which it is expected to behave according to standards that are rarely articulated

consistently elsewhere.

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Its military victories become evidence of excessive power, while its vulnerability is

met with suspicion. Its attempts to recover hostages become evidence that it values Jewish lives above Palestinian ones. Its security measures become evidence

of aggression, while the attacks that produced those measures recede into history.

Its enemies' tactics become part of the environment Israel is expected to accommodate rather than independent decisions for which those enemies should

be held responsible.

None of this means Israel always acts correctly. It means the analytical framework itself can become so distorted that almost any possible Israeli action confirms the original accusation.

If Israel responds forcefully, it is aggressive. If it exercises restraint, the threat cannot have been serious. If it negotiates for hostages, the unequal exchange demonstrates racism. If it refuses an exchange, it has abandoned its citizens. If it evacuates civilians before attacking, it is forcibly displacing them. If it does not provide sufficient warning, it is deliberately endangering them.

When every conceivable action leads back to the same predetermined conclusion, we are no longer conducting analysis. We are protecting a belief from contradictory evidence.

Israel Should Be Judged Normally

Perhaps the most radical proposal in today's debate is also the simplest: judge Israel normally.

Examine its military operations according to international humanitarian law. Investigate credible allegations of wrongdoing. Challenge its politicians when they make inflammatory statements. Debate settlements, borders, Palestinian rights and Israeli security. Demand evidence from the Israeli government and do not assume that every military statement is automatically correct.

Then do exactly the same to Hamas and every other participant in the conflict.

Ask who started an exchange and who set its terms. Ask why civilians were endangered and what every party did to protect or exploit them. Ask whether claims are supported by evidence rather than by the emotional intensity with which they

are repeated. Apply legal terminology according to legal definitions. Recognize victims without first determining whether their nationality makes their victimhood politically convenient.



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Above all, preserve the possibility that more than one fact can be true

simultaneously. Palestinian civilians can have suffered enormously and Israelis can

have been victims of October 7. Israel can possess overwhelming military superiority over Hamas and still face genuine security threats. Hamas can bear

responsibility for its military strategy while Israel remains responsible for complying with the laws of war. One does not erase the other.

That is not pro-Israel reasoning.

It is simply reasoning.

The Real Derangement Is the Abandonment of Reason

Kyle Smith's "Israel Derangement Syndrome" is a joke with a serious premise. Something peculiar happens remarkably often when Israel enters public debate. Causation reverses, context disappears, extraordinary accusations require increasingly ordinary evidence and words whose meanings were once carefully understood become rhetorical weapons.

The danger extends beyond Israel because societies that abandon standards of reasoning for causes they consider righteous eventually discover that those standards are difficult to recover. If facts matter only when they support the correct political narrative, if definitions change according to the identity of the accused and if emotional certainty substitutes for evidence, the casualty is not merely Israel's reputation.

It is our ability to distinguish truth from propaganda.

Israel does not need to be considered innocent of every allegation. It does not need journalists to become advocates, critics to become supporters or the world to ignore Palestinian suffering. It needs something much less dramatic and much more important.

The same rules.

The same definitions.

The same requirement for evidence.

The same recognition of cause and effect.

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The same willingness to acknowledge inconvenient facts.



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If demanding those things now sounds like taking Israel's side, that may tell us considerably more about the state of the debate than it does about Israel.



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