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Observations of Anti-Palestinian and Anti-Muslim Racism

November 2023 – March 2024



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APAN and AMAN acknowledge that we live and work on unceded First Nations lands. We acknowledge the dispossession and ongoing harm done to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by colonisation, and we are inspired by their fight for recognition, rights, culture, and self-determination. We acknowledge the Country of the Jagera, Toorbul, Wurundjeri, Bunurong, Gadigal, Ngunnawal and Whadjak Noongar people, on which we work and live. We pay our respect to the Elders of those lands, both past and present, and their role as custodians of these lands. This land always was and always will be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land because sovereignty has never been ceded. We recognise the role of the colonial legal system in establishing, entrenching, and continuing the oppression and injustice experienced by First Nations peoples. We pledge to work to undo this in solidarity.

INTRODUCTION

We acknowledge that racism has a long history in Australia, originating at its inception from invasion towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The colonial logic under which Australian systems and institutions still operate today is a key driving force behind Australia's participation in the oppression of all Palestinians, as well as the indifference and other acts of racist violence experienced by Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims in Australia outlined in this paper. We believe that accountability for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would critically transform this country's culture of racism, leading to a fairer and more just society for all.

This report sheds light on the manifestations of anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim racism within a large public Australian Facebook group, identifying as a Jewish group. To some Jewish peers who have reviewed earlier drafts of this report, this group can be more accurately described as a Zionist or pro-Israel group.

The content in this group does not reflect views that are intrinsic to being Jewish or practising Judaism at all, and in fact are a cause of deep concern and offence to many Jewish Australians.

While this report cannot make any claims about prevalence, it does indicate a disturbing pattern of conduct within a significant Zionist group to tolerate racism, hatred and dehumanisation directed at Palestinians and Muslims.

The correlation between this tolerance and the pro-racism approach adopted by Australian Zionist leadership, both within peak and lobby organisations and political offices, is also explored.

AMAN has a history of documenting dehumanising material in far-right groups, and this report continues our commitment to exposing injustice wherever it exists. It is crucial to note that the group under scrutiny comprises members from both ends of the political spectrum, and included some non-Jewish members who appeared strongly Zionist in outlook. AMAN acknowledges that the overwhelming majority of the Zionist movement worldwide is comprised of non-Jews.

While there was no explicit "anti-Zionist" ideology observed during the period under review (Nov 2023 to March 2024), hostility towards individuals advocating for ceasefire or the inclusion of pro-Palestinian perspectives was prevalent. Counter and moderating speech is included in this report. Furthermore there was regular blending of online and offline actions of the group.

We approached this report with caution, mindful of the potential to exacerbate antisemitism. As an anti-racism body, we condemn the essentialising and smearing of entire communities. Our commitment to principled anti-racism work is unwavering, and we have collaborated with anti-racism partners within the Jewish community to ensure the responsible dissemination of this report.

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"Palestinians don't deny Jewish connection and historical links to the land. We just don't think it's superior to ours. Jewish connection and the Zionist enterprise of the state of Israel today are two separate connections. The desire for a Jewish homeland, I get it. I've got 100 years of trauma and not hundreds, but if a Jewish homeland, is predicated firstly on my dispossession and then my continued oppression then that is unacceptable to me and it should be unacceptable to anyone."

Nasser Mashni
President, Australian Palestine Advocacy Network

"There is nothing antisemitic about calling for an end to Israel slaughtering children in Gaza. And there is nothing antisemitic about supporting freedom, equality and human rights for Palestinians. The claims that these things are antisemitic are really damaging. They undermine the Palestinian freedom movement, and they dehumanise Palestinians in their struggle....We have seen in the US, the House of Representatives, also passed a motion declaring anti-Zionism to be a form of antisemitism. We say that actions like this are not only extremely damaging to the Jewish community, but they give Israel broad cover to continue its campaign of killing and annexation in Gaza and the West Bank."

Sarah Schwartz
Executive Director
Jewish Council of Australia

ANTI-PALESTINIAN RACISM

The Arab Canadian Lawyer's Association report proposes the following "description" of anti-Palestinian racism:

Anti-Palestinian racism is a form of anti-Arab racism that silences, excludes, erases, stereotypes, defames or dehumanizes Palestinians or their narratives.

Anti- Palestinian racism takes various forms including:

- Denying the Nakba and justifying violence against Palestinians;
- Failing to acknowledge Palestinians as an Indigenous people with a collective identity, belonging and rights in relation to occupied and historic Palestine;
- Erasing the human rights and equal dignity and worth of Palestinians;
- Excluding or pressuring others to exclude Palestinian perspectives, Palestinians and their allies;
- Defaming Palestinians and their allies such as being inherently antisemitic, a terrorist threat/sympathizer or opposed to democratic values.

DEHUMANISING MATERIAL

Dehumanising material is the material produced or published, which an ordinary person would conclude, portrays the class of persons identified on the basis of a protected characteristic (“class of persons”) as not deserving to be treated equally to other humans because they lack qualities intrinsic to humans. Dehumanising material includes portraying the class of persons:

- a. To be, or have the appearance, qualities, or behaviour of
 - i. An animal, insect, filth, form of disease or bacteria;
 - ii. Inanimate or mechanical objects; or
 - iii. A supernatural alien or demon.
- b. Are polluting, despoiling, or debilitating an ingroup or society as a whole;
- c. Have a diminished capacity for human warmth and feeling or to make up their own mind, reason or form their own individual thoughts;
- d. Homogeneously pose a powerful threat or menace to an in-group or society, posing overtly or deceptively;
- e. Are to be held responsible for and deserving of collective punishment for the specific crimes, or alleged crimes of some of their “members”;
- f. Are inherently criminal, dangerous, violent or evil by nature;
- g. Do not love or care for their children;
- h. Prey upon children, the aged, and the vulnerable;
- i. Was subject as a group to past tragedy or persecution that should now be trivialised, ridiculed, glorified or celebrated;
- j. Are inherently primitive, coarse, savage, intellectually inferior or incapable of achievement on a par with other humans;
- k. Must be categorised and denigrated according to skin colour or concepts of racial purity or blood quantum; or
- l. Must be excised or exiled from public space, neighbourhood or nation.

AMAN has also analysed over 100 instances of anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim racism in a Facebook group with 8,900 members between November 2023 and March 2024.¹ We observed:

- i. A failure to acknowledge Palestinians as an Indigenous people with a collective identity, belonging and rights in relation to occupied and historic Palestine;
- ii. Israel's violence against Palestinians was justified or denied, erasing the human rights and equal dignity and worth of Palestinians; and
- iii. Anti-Muslim conspiracy theory was shared unchallenged in the group;
- iv. Defaming Palestinians and their allies as terroristic and a danger to democracy.

Unfortunately, these patterns are reflected at a higher level.

The Australian Jewish Association published a video portraying the crowd as chanting "Gas the Jews", which sparked national and international media coverage to characterise the Palestinian protests at the Opera House as Anti-Semitic. The video was later found to be false.² As JCA Executive Director Schwartz states, "It is concerning the government swiftly reacted to an alleged chant without proper evidence. It shows the government isn't making rational decisions about these issues."³

Peter Wertheim, CEO of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ), described the pro-Palestinian movement as a combination of 'Islamist extremists' and 'Western progressives' who have a 'shared hatred Western liberal democracy.'⁴

Alex Ryvchin, other CEO of ECAJ, speaking of Gazan refugees coming to Australia, also reframes grievance with Israel through the lens of anti-Semitism: "I think there's a greater concern about the worldview, the values that these people hold, and are they compatible with Australian values and living alongside a Jewish community that they've been raised to hate?"⁵

Lawyer and National Chairman of the Australia/Israel Jewish Affairs Council, Mark Liebler AC, said on the QandA program, "When it comes to terrorists, do you see Jews walking around with banners saying, "Destroy Hamas, destroy Hamas"? They don't do it.... This is not something which is in line with Jewish tradition. And what do the Palestinians do? Whether it's 9/11 or 7 October, they hand out lollies, and they celebrate when people are hacked to death."⁶ Mr Nasser Mashni, the President of APAN who was on the panel, said, "he's besmirched our entire people."

These comments from persons in positions of responsibility essentialise and dehumanise all Palestinians via imputation of a terrorist connection. This deliberate strategy sadly works to activate Australian prejudice and disarm rational thinking.⁷

Henry Ergas, an economist, uses the term "Islamist theological Antisemitism," which echoed Mr Wertheim's message. However, this term may confuse and lead to greater difficulties by associating the issue with Islamist theology. It is like the conflation of Israel and its

actions with Antisemitism. These politically motivated attempts to tie Palestinian resistance to undefined and demonising concepts work hand in hand with suggesting that all Jewish people are Zionists and support Israel. Both exacerbate racism and need to be comprehensively rejected.

There has been a broader editorial push in NewsCorp papers⁸ to suggest that Islam and Muslims are the problem. In one piece dated 25 October 2023⁹, Alex Ryvchin (ECAJ), Robert Gregory (Australian Jewish Association) and Jeremy Leibler (Zionist Federation of Australia) took turns making comments about the Australian Muslim leadership and community:

- i. "I am unaware of a single Muslim cleric in this country who has unreservedly condemned the atrocities which included beheading babies, raping young girls and murdering Holocaust survivors," said Mr Gregory, repeating discredited atrocity propaganda by the Israeli Defence Force.
- ii. Mr Gregory continues, "the majority have remained silent. Their silence speaks for itself and is an indictment on Australia's approach to immigration and multiculturalism".
- iii. Mr Gregory engages in dehumanisation by attempting to depict Muslims as inherently dangerous and violent and proposes to apply to Muslims some form of exclusion or exile: "There is nothing to talk about with those who cannot separate their religion from terrorism."
- iv. Mr Ryvchin states, "This is a battle of humanity against barbarism." It is noted at this stage that already thousands of civilians had been murdered by Israel's indiscriminate bombing, and the whole of Gaza had been subject to a siege of food, water, fuel and medical supplies.
- v. Lawyer and Zionist Federation of Australia spokesperson Jeremy Leibler excuses any legal responsibility for Israel of indiscriminate bombing and the crime of the total siege, saying, 'Muslim leaders ought to condemn Hamas for bringing this upon their own people.'

Australia Israel & Jewish Affairs Council executive director Colin Rubenstein said it was "very telling and disappointing that the Foreign Minister could not unequivocally welcome the remarkable rescue of the four Israeli hostages". Dr Rubenstein said the rescue complied with international law and "Hamas casualty figures for the rescue were undoubtedly overstated". Senator Wong would not say whether rescuing the hostages was worth the Palestinian casualties, amid claims that 274 Palestinian civilians were killed in the operation.¹¹ Pushing public figures to glorify or celebrate tragedies and alleged war crimes, and trivialising, ridiculing numbers of Palestinian deaths is an overt form of dehumanisation.

Regrettably, most of Australia's leading Jewish organisations have failed to condemn explicit and implicit racism about Palestinians and Muslims and instead run a false campaign through the media that Australian Muslim organisations tolerate hatred towards Jews and approve of atrocities. This "accusation in the mirror" is a technique¹⁰ to allow harmful behaviours towards the Palestinian and Muslim communities to

continue to fly under the radar and flourish.

The Jewish Council of Australia and other groups like Loud Jew Collective and Tzedek have provided a consistent and strong voice against dehumanising and discriminatory messaging.

Zionist proponents in political office have also engaged in similar characterisations of the Palestinian and Muslim community, which also has a broader social effect on the Australian public. AMAN has observed a relaxation in social regulation of anti-Muslim and anti-Arab racism, with people feeling more at ease to express dehumanising views in shared online spaces and facing less regulation from others online for doing so.

The Albanese Labor Government has appointed Jilian Segal, former President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, who was ultimately responsible for the comments of Mr Rvychin and Mr Wertheim (noted above), to be Australia's first Antisemitism Envoy.

We note that the Government has also announced an intention to appoint an Islamophobia Envoy, a move that both APAN and AMAN have expressed objections and concern with for principled reasons. Ms Segal supports Israel's military efforts despite the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion of 19 July 2024 and the provisional measures under the Genocide Convention announced since 26 January 2024. We consider it inappropriate for someone to be appointed to an anti-racism, nationally funded role that encourages support for unlawful state conduct in grave violation of human rights. Further evidence is provided below.

On 30 November 2023, Ms Segal wrote, "And our local war is just beginning. We must understand that we, as the representatives of this community, have obligations. We are here to fight for the rights and freedoms of our people, to defend Israel from disinformation and slander that ultimately is paid for in Jewish lives."¹²

Following Penny Wong's comments in support of a ceasefire and condemning the bombing of hospitals, in November 2023, it was reported, "On the call, Jeremy Leibler, a Melbourne lawyer and president of the Zionist Federation, and Executive Council president Jillian Segal argued the time had come for Jewish leaders to criticise Wong publicly. ... Everyone on the call agreed that Leibler and Segal would issue a statement saying they were "highly concerned" by Wong's comments."¹³

In response to actors wearing the Kefiyeh on stage in solidarity with Palestinians, acknowledging that Palestinians are human beings that have the right to exist and be treated with dignity like everyone else, Ms Segal states, "Theatre is intended to enrich and uplift us, and unite us through the shared love of the art form. It is not the place to impose the political views of a few onto the many or to marginalise Jewish audiences and actors."¹⁴

It was reported that "President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Jillian Segal, told the crowd the war should continue until Hamas was destroyed. "There can be no ceasefire until every hostage has been released," Ms Segal said, as the crowd cheered in response. She said all Jewish people wanted peace in the Middle East. "One cannot make peace with those who deny one's right to exist," she said." Ms Segal would be aware that Israel has had multiple opportunities to secure

the release of the hostages via negotiation and exchange with Palestinian hostages. Her rhetoric seems to justify and promote support for Israel's conduct to continue in Gaza, in contradiction with human rights law.¹⁵

Ms Segal has argued for Palestinian Australian Nasser Mashni, from APAN, not to have a voice in Q&A.¹⁶ This was not the first time she has tried to suppress Palestinian perspectives receiving airtime. Ms Segal, in her role as ECAJ president, also lobbied ABC in 2021 to minimise Palestinian voices.¹⁷

Ms Segal has opposed the Australian Government labelling Palestinian territories as Occupied in line with international law, thereby denying the occupation and Palestinian people's legally protected status as occupied peoples. In a joint statement, Zionist Federation of Australia president Jeremy Leibler and Executive Council of Australian Jewry president Jillian Segal called the change in language "inaccurate, ahistorical and counterproductive". "Describing the territories as 'Palestinian' not only pre-empt the outcome of negotiations but is counterproductive," they said.¹⁸

Ms Segal has actively called for formal endorsement of the IHRA definition of Antisemitism, which includes criticism of Israel in some circumstances as being Antisemitic, nullifying and infringing the human rights of Palestinians in Australia.¹⁹ On the IHRA and the Jerusalem Definition, Ms Segal states, "we must resist" the Jerusalem Definition of Antisemitism because "it specifically recognises what antisemitism is not, including BDS [Boycott, Divest, Sanction], including criticism of Israel, etc." Ms Segal then turns to Ms Allegra Spender, Teals Member for Wentworth, who is also a speaker on the same panel, and says that Ms Spender should not only promote the IHRA definition but promote 'non-acceptance' of the Jerusalem definition of Antisemitism.²⁰

Ms Segal has promoted the Jewish community in Australia as singularly Zionist and supportive of Israel's conduct, thereby essentialising Jewish Australians as interchangeable and monolithic in their political views. This is dehumanising to Jewish Australians.²¹

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CONNECTION WITH ZIONIST AND RIGHT-WING LEADERSHIP

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THEME 1

DENIAL OF INDIGENEITY

AMAN observed a repeated failure to acknowledge Palestinians as an Indigenous people with a collective identity, belonging and rights in relation to occupied and historic Palestine:

- 'God gave the entire land to the Jewish people';
- Palestinians have 'no historical claim to it and the world has fallen for their lies';
- 'Misguided people are misguided because of the antisemitic stance of our politicians and press. The rest are just antisemitic. Not rocket science. You can try to educate people but after speaking to them for hours they will still say "Israel is occupying Palestinian land" I equate it to conspiracy theories';
- 'From the river to the sea ISRAEL with ALWAYS BE. A Yisrael Chai'

Where this was stated, it was not challenged.

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Defaming Free Palestine protestors as terrorists.

Billboard at the corner of York St and City Road, South Melbourne. It should read FREE THE HOSTAGES.



Like Comment Send Share

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All comments

Say a lie enough times and (stupid)

Update: someone has written the perfect response. So thank you to whoever has done this.



11 h Like Reply

Why hasn't it been ripped off or disfigured yet?

6 d Like Reply

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Because WE don't do that.

6 d Like Reply

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Why?

6 d Like Reply

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That's a good question. I suspect we're just too darned civilised.

6 d Like Reply

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You mean "gutless" perhaps.

People who don't know the truth, that God gave the entire land to the Jewish people as an inheritance forever and ever. Therefore before people write these nonsense, they should read the Bible, Genesis 12. Jewish people are God's chosen the apple of His eye no one can destroy the Israelites ever. We are praying for the hostages to go home to their land and families. 🙏🙏🙏

5 d Like Reply

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... it's insane that they openly demand that they take over our country with absolutely no historical claim to it and the world has fallen for their lies and bs. But all the Israeli governments are to blame for keeping quiet and not disputing or disproving this lie. But this whole thing started with those leftists Rabin and Peres Dayan and all the others who thought it was better to kiss the Palestinians on their collective backsides then to stand up for us.

But also it shouldn't be legal to shout intifada or even chase people or harass them based off their religion or "because their Zionist" There should be lobbying efforts to put legal penalties in place for people calling for an intifada just as if they called for support of ISIS or Al Qaeda in the street.

Another idea is to lobby the state and federal gvt to update their curriculum that all schools should teach how israel was founded and the actual story not the Bullshit on tiktok. Because kids are the future and if they all think Jews are the embodiment of every single bullshit conspiracy theory then it's only a matter of time before history repeats itself/rhymes

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7 w Like Reply

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It's a tough one. We need to continue to spruik the TRUTH, something these idiots can't handle because they have been completely brainwashed by the mighty Palestinian propaganda machine. (which uses the Nazi Josef Goebbels' philosophy: "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating people will eventually come to believe it...") We MUST counter them with the TRUTH. From the river to the sea ISRAEL will ALWAYS BE. A Yisrael Chai.

7 w Like Reply

The fact is that none of those fools have any idea of the real facts concerning "Palestine". But ask them who founded the Palestinians or when they became a nation. They probably wouldn't know that it was Yasser Arafat in 1964ish. But then ask these clowns who was the Palestinian leader BEFORE Arafat. The answer is NO-ONE. Proving the point that they are a non people. Try that and see what answers you get.

18 w Like Reply

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Update on the update!
I got a call this morning from Dvir Abramovich.
He is very impressed with the effort of our little group of soldiers here. Happy the sign is gone. But he wants the flag gone too! And rightly so. He is going to be taking it further with the local council.

26 Jan ·

I went to the 'Invasion Day' protests outside of Parliament house this morning. Jews have always had a strong connection with the Aboriginal people. We both understand dispossession. Jewish people have helped them with Mabo. Jewish people tried to help with getting the Voice passed. If you look at a map of Yes/No voters, most people in heavily Jewish areas voted Yes (compared with mostly Muslim areas who all voted No).

Yet on the way into the protests absolutely nothing being promoted about Aboriginal rights it is nothing but communists promoting Palestine. One of them even asked if I was Jewish because I 'look Jewish'. I am not wearing anything Jewish. I have cut sideburns. Glad I look Jewish but they should not be accusing people based on what they look like. I push on because maybe these idiots are just piggybacking.

So I am there. They have PAs and such with official speakers. One of the Aboriginal people speaking then said that they INVITED me to the protest to come because they

Where did we go wrong that the Aboriginal people have left us for those who do genocide against us and then blame us for their genocide against us. Not that I think that the Israeli response is 100% right either (I made comments on another post the other day on that).

I still and always with sympathise with the Aboriginal cause, but I am just wondering where did we go wrong that we have lost these allies. What more can we do to join forces again?

Anyway I am now at the Sidney Myer music bowl for the Share the Spirit concert of Aboriginal artists and they are not letting these idiots in (no non Aboriginal flags, etc). If you can make it down come in and show your support to Aboriginal people. We need to rebuild the friendship.

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73 comments 1 share

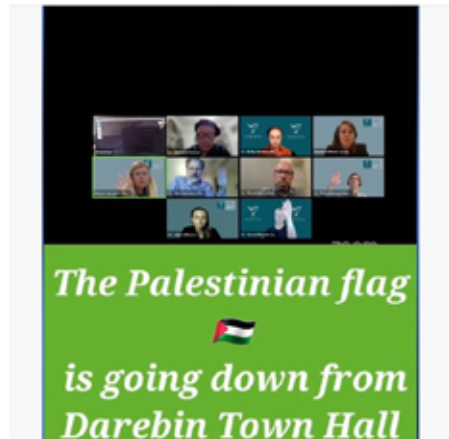
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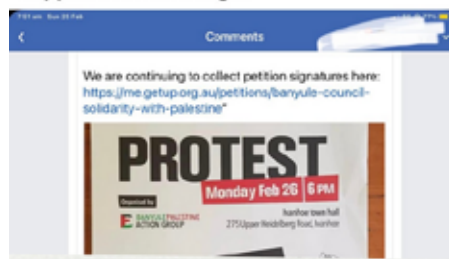
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8 Jan · 🌐
Darebin Council have voted to take the Palestinian flag down from the Town Hall in a meeting tonight. Despite Cr Greco's best efforts to try and stop this, the motion has been passed. Thanks to everyone that sent emails and messages to the council members, this important decision was passed with 5 Council members voting for it. Thank you to Cr Tom Hannan and the other member that voted yes for putting the Australian community first, before the conflict that should stay in the middle east.



25 Feb · 🌐
Hi people
The local pro Palestinian action group had a petition to present to council to fly the Palestinian flag and pass a motion to support Palestine
The petition got around 400 signatures and was rejected by the council
despite this they believe a demonstration will force the council to adopt and have organise a peaceful and democratic 🥰🥰🥰 protest
I know this is short notice and is north of the community but would really like some support tomorrow night



No such thing as Palestinians.
12 w Like Reply
Write a reply...

is 🥰 feeling
supported.
5 Dec 2023 · 🌐
Shalom, dear members of Melbourne's Jewish community,

As we navigate the challenging events unfolding in Israel/Gaza, I would invite you to join this compassionate and safe space, where we can connect, share our feelings, and support one another. This WhatsApp group is intended not for online debates, but to organise meaningful in-person or virtual events where we can promote debates and hold conversations.

Guidelines for Joining and Participating

Prioritising Mental Well-being: In order to safeguard our mental health, we kindly request that news articles or links be refrained from sharing for now. Finding credible sources can be challenging, and the abundance of conflicting information can be overwhelming. Instead, let's prioritise our emotional well-being by focusing on meaningful connections and supportive conversations on dedicated spaces. If for any reason you feel unsafe, please reach out to the moderator to evaluate the situation. Again, please put your wellbeing first.

Respectful Dialogue: We welcome both pro-Palestinian and Zionist perspectives, encouraging open and respectful dialogue. However, we cannot tolerate extremist or hateful speech. Please let's also avoid generalisations. Constructive criticism is always encouraged, but please take a moment to reflect on your own biases before sharing sensitive or controversial opinions.

Open Minds and Empathy: As we heal, we must engage in open-minded discussions, recognising that misconceptions may arise. Complex conflicts demand complex thinking, and it's perfectly acceptable to hold mixed feelings.

Respectful Community: above all things, we are a community, and we need each other's support. Please maintain a respectful and peaceful atmosphere within this group.

Moderated Group: To ensure a harmonious environment, this group will be moderated. If anyone violates the guidelines, they will be contacted and may be removed from the group.

We hope you understand these conditions, which are not meant to be discriminatory, but to look after each other in a delicate space we're creating.

Please use the following link to accept the invitation: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JxS9Nbjsp0PEdXK40a100S>
If you don't have WhatsApp and would like to join the group, please DM.

👍🥰🌟 17 17 comments

THEME 1

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Justifying violence against Palestinians;

Erasing the human rights and equal dignity and worth of Palestinians.

... we need to be united to ensure our very survival. We also need to be educated so we can educate others. There was never a country called Palestine nor a people called Palestinians. There can be no coexistence with terrorists. The resident of Kfar Aza, be'ri & Nir Oz are so called "peaceniks " yet that made no difference to Hamas. I think your group is a good idea to support each other through our biggest tragedy since the holocaust. But not if it's to promote any concessions on Is... See More

17 w Like Reply 4

... I will correct you on 1 point. Until 1947, it was the Jews who were known as Palestinians! Golda Meir had a Palestinian passport.

... but it was not a country but a British mandate. There was even a Palestinian football club (all Jewish).

17 w Like Reply

...ust making the point that the name Palestinian as given to certain Arabs is a great lie

17 w Like Reply 1

... sorry you lost me on on pro-Palestinian perspective. I'm not sure what that even is , being that there is no such a people.

17 w Like Reply 7

... perhaps the description wasn't clear; by Pro-Palestinian I meant views that contemplate the existence of a Palestinian state and/or the peaceful coexistence of Jews and Palestinians - that's the best definition I can think of atm. It's ok if this doesn't resonate with you. The Jewish community is diverse and we need all sorts of spaces to embrace all our diversity.

17 w Like Reply 7

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... what are you are proposing is the equivalent of asking Jews in the 1940s to coexist with the Germans - who voted in the Nazis the decade before. Gazans voted in Hamas in unquestionably democratic elections. They continue to support them today. No nation in the world would accept the government of another country committing genocidal massacres against them - elected or not. They would require total surrender of that country, which includes requiring its population to stop supporting dictators.

16 w Like Reply 1

Please watch this video, it will educate you. And as she says, "they told us many times, we just didn't believe it" because you wouldn't think "normal" people are really rabid terrorists who relish to torture and murder innocents. You just can't internalize this concept because it's so foreign to westerners, and the complete opposite of what you have been taught and repugnant to every fibre of your being.

https://youtu.be/swA_UTCanSg?si=zlCojNP8ltDAq1u-

THEME 2

VIOLENCE IS JUSTIFIED OR DENIED

Israel's violence against Palestinians was justified or denied, erasing the human rights and equal dignity and worth of Palestinians:

- 'the only solution for long term peace is utter and complete obliteration of the Nazi ideology that our neighbors hold. Otherwise, you desecrate our beloved brothers and sisters who have fallen since October 7th and put all Jewish lives in Israel and diaspora in danger. Ceasefire only on our terms after a complete capitulation';
- 'I must say Pallywood has done a great job with their PR campaigns';
- 'No surprise Ed Husic is using the "disproportionate" argument among others';
- 'there is no such thing as "disproportionate" in warfare. Just when the Jews are involved attacking Muslims';
- 'why waste your time with heartstring posts... The world promised never again back in 1945 yet here we are 2024 and anti semetism[sic] is rife around the world. My compassion lies with the INNOCENT jewish hostages that are still being held by Hammas...'

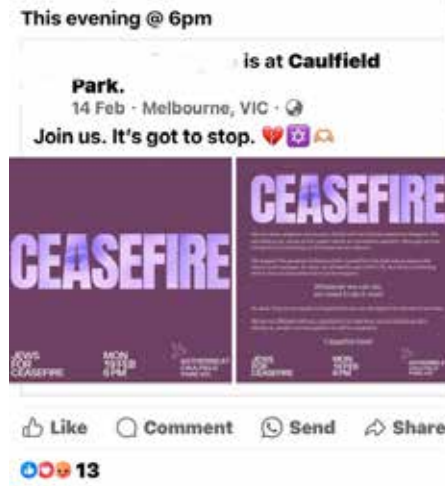
There were two Jewish contributors who engaged in dialogue to challenge some of this reasoning.

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I get having human empathy for all people including Palestinian civilians but you have forgotten the Jewish civilians.

5 w Like Reply

Most of the hostage families in Israel are demanding a ceasefire

5 w Like Reply

Have you got a source for this information?

5 w Like Reply

write a reply...

Seriously, have you not seen them marching in their thousands on the news, hostages families at the front yelling their demands in hebrew, and on placards? police clashing with them you've not seen any

We are peaceful people, but hell was unleashed on us on Oct 7th. I was there. It's not the first time it happened to us, our history is filled with Pogroms. However, finally we have a country and are able to defend ourselves.

Ceasefire serves Hamas and the other militant group and teaches that it's beneficial to slaughter, rape, murder, mutilate and kidnap us.

The only solution for long term peace is utter and complete obliteration of the Nazi ideology that our neighbors hold. Otherwise you desecrate our beloved brothers and sisters who have fallen since Oct 7th, and put all Jewish lives, in Israel and diaspora in danger.

Ceasefire only on our terms after a complete capitulation.

5 w Like Reply

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well organised ...

9 w Like Reply

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VERY well organised indeed

I can see that from the postings of my "FB friends" who are very pro-Palestine.

I must say Pallywood has done a great job with their PR war campaigns

9 w Like Reply

could you please explain what happens after a ceasefire? Does IDF go home and wait for the next atrocity? And you can have the whole IDF stationed permanently near Gaza and it won't help, these lunatics are more than happy to die for their virgins. Unfortunately it's a case of so open minded your brains have fallen out?

PS I am a nice kind person.

I would like the government to give every person in Australia \$1,000,000 so we can end poverty.

I don't want to hear your economic reasons why it's not feasible. You can continue to think what you want and please don't lecture me about your reasons why it's impossible to

There was a very odd story on media watch (ABC) last week that argued that the Australian media is biased towards Israel as it gives more attention to individual Israeli victims. I guess the idea is that since 90% of victims are Gazans, they deserve 90% of the coverage. No analysis of why that is (hint: human shields).

4 w Like Reply

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No ceasefire!!! Hostages first! Hamas second and all the civilians in Gaza that helped!! Rafa is next...

5 w Like Reply 5

I feel for the families of the hostages, unfortunately I cannot agree with a ceasefire. It cannot be easy for the leadership, families or the nation of Israel. We cannot let Hamas dictate terms. A ceasefire is only an option if the terms of reference favours Israel.

6 w Like Reply 11

the families of the hostages are demanding a ceasefire. so if you truly feel for them, listen to them.

5 w Like Reply

I think this is a negative thing for the Jewish community to participate in. A permanent ceasefire will only put Israelis and Palestinians in more danger down the line.

5 w Like Reply 3

All those people that have no idea about the conflict.. easy to demand ceasefire... I want to see what they will do if it was their family was captive in Gaza.. rape or murdered..

5 w Like Reply 7

How will a ceasefire return the hostages? Israel is dealing with terrorists. No ceasefire till ALL the hostages are returned (including the bodies of the deceased).

6 w Like Reply 20

27 Dec 2023 ·

Hey guys I made a petition for the protests. I feel like they should be creating legislation that bans repeated protests, especially when the objective of the protests have been met, Australia called for a ceasefire, Hamas said no, no idea why we are still dealing with this crap. Please sign and share.



change.org

This campaign needs you now

21 5 comments 3 shares

No surprise Ed Husic is using the "disproportionate" argument among others, on 7:30 and here <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/people-should-not-feel-like-their-jobs-are-on-the-line-for-expressing-views-husic-20240117-p5exxl.html>



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There is no such thing as "disproportionate" in warfare. Just when the Jews are involved attacking Muslims. Ed Husic never mentions the Muslim civil wars in Svria. Iraq. Yemen. Libva or Iranian

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Would he prefer the IDF did exactly the same to the Palestinian population as the Hamas degenerates did to the Israelis. Does "proportionate" mean rape, beheadings, torture, murder by burning families at home? Is that what Ed Husic would like to see? This man is in your Parliament!

10 w Like Reply

also have an issue with the Palestinian reported death toll including the militants / terrorists killed which is a ridiculous thing to do. BTW he is one of the two Muslim federal ministers so that background may explain his stance...

10 w Like Reply

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100 8 comments 1 share

6 w Like Reply 2

Nice. Where is this sticker located?

6 w Like Reply 2

Corner of St. Kilda Rd and Kings Way/Toorak Rd, Melbourne. 🙌

100% WELL SAID!!

👍👍👍👍👍

Children are dying from starvation, the world sees we are blocking humanitarian aid, yet we have money and time to place support Israel stickers on fast food restaurants and uni's. There is footage of us blowing universities up, and we are going to place stickers on universities? It was obvious to the world the universities were empty and we demolished them. The IDF soldier laughed and stated it's now an open university. And you think placing stickers on a Monash university in Australia is a good idea after what we have done? ❤️🇮🇱❤️🇮🇱 We cannot be so misguided. It shows no compassion or understanding. You are being like those we despise. Next it will be book burning.

please explain "we are blocking humanitarian aid".

<https://www.dw.com/en/why-israeli-protesters-are-blocking-humanitarian-aid-to-gaza/video-68295609>

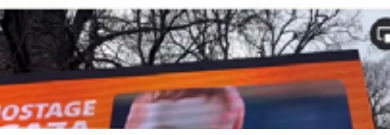


... why waste your time with heartstring posts.. The world promised never again back in 1945 yet here we are 2024 and anti semetism is rife around the world. If you dont like my stickers just move on..Life is to short to get overexcited about my stickers..go live life and enjoy it to the max... My compassion lies with the INNOCENT jewish hostages that are still being held by Hamas..Thats where my compassion sits with..

... we are holding over 6000 Palestinians in our military jails, including children. They too are hostages. I just think whilst we are on trial before the world court for genocide, we should be keeping a low profile. Keep our war off Australia's walls. Please

20 Jan · 🌐
As the farcical trial unfolds in #TheHague , the faces of the Bibas family - Yarden, Shiri, Ariel, and Kfir - are on public display. A poignant reminder that these victims of the #genocide committed by Hamas cannot speak out against their attackers while ensnared in Gaza. #BringThemHomeNow #BringBibasBack #ICJ #israelwillwintheterror #Israel_hamas_war_day_104 <https://fb.watch/pC0fCznqJK/>

StandWithUs · 11 Jan · 🌐
Outside the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the faces of 12-month-old Kfir Bibas and 4-year-old Ariel Bibas serve as a painful reminder to everyone of the 136 people who remain captive under #Hamas.



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7 Dec 2023 · 🌐
I just can't handle the news it makes me want to scream!!! Why is everyone calling for an immediate ceasefire and condemning Israel and talking about the apocalypse situation in Gaza ... without mentioning the obvious need for Hamas what will end the war and that is to release the 123 hostages !!!

👍 Like 💬 Comment 📧 Send ➦ Share

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Very biased news reporting is very toxic and unjust. The worst part is very blatant bias with no balance from news outlets I thought knew better. I get so annoyed but keep checking every hour. 😞

16 w Like Reply

Very frustrating 😞

16 w Like Reply

I am glued to news 24 hours, let's hope we all get back to normality

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16 w Like Reply

This is essential watching - please spread it far and wide. It gives fortification as well as knowledge. We can't fight an enemy we don't understand: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-q-DIKOcmTI&t=518s>

'Son of Hamas' Gives Unbelievable Interview on...
youtube.com

16 w Like Reply

9 Dec 2023 · 🌐
An open letter to Minister for Local Government to stop all the pro Palestinian resolutions by councils

Open Letter to Minister for Local Government (Vic)
21 November
Open Letter to the Minister for Local Government of Victoria
Dear The Hon. Melissa Horne MP
We request you to urgently write to Councils in all local municipalities warning them of their duties under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2020 which contains Councils a possible duty to treat the municipal community and members of the public with respect, dignity and equality.
Violence relating to the Middle East conflict which you are asked do not meet these standards. Details over these types of matters have been circulating to the Jewish community and our only hope to address your administration. We ask you the Councils who have not signed these matters have been harassed and vilified.
We urge you to demand Councils of their role as public good governance for the wellbeing of all members of the municipal community and that their behaviour should meet both legislative standards and the broader multicultural values of Victoria.
Sincerely,
the social blueprint.org.au

Open Letter to Minister for Local Government (Vic) - The Social Blueprint

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2 shares

They are not just Hamas figures that of course we don't trust, but every aid agency and reporter on the ground, not to mention the fact that you can see the obliteration of Gaza courtesy of Israeli teevee. I don't doubt for a second that the IDF has killed more than 10,000. But if it was just 1,200 then the IDF could have killed as many Hamas fighters as it liked and no one would cane.

16 w Like Reply

most aid agencies who are from the UN proven to be in collaboration with or under Hamas control. Look at the videos of Gazans storming UN facilities full of aid that was not distributed at times when it is so needed. What about the UNWRA school teacher who admitted to

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a public comm... 🗨️ 🎬 😊



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I do not know if you have any military experience or not. I do. Do you know how hard it is to fight in such a dense urban environment? Do you know the difficulties our (yes our) soldiers face in combating an enemy who not only surrounds itself with their civilian citizens but also have taken off their uniforms in order to blend in with them (another blatant violation of international law)? For all who say it can be done with fewer civilian deaths, tell me how? Tell me how your knowledge of warfare is greater than the idf and many other American and British generals who... See More

16 w Like Reply

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I am not saying it's an easy job that the IDF have! All I know is you can't eliminate 10,000 Hamas and the longer it continues the more IDF will loose their lives and the angrier the

5 Feb ·

Just want to share a positive story. I was at Ashburton pool yesterday and there was a uni-aged girl wearing a keffiah. Her appearance suggested that she was a run of the mill anglo Aussie. Before leaving leaving the pool I decided to approach her and her mum. I went in with how much I care about the death and destruction. I asked why she wore the scarf. She wanted Palestinian people to understand that she was a safe person to approach. She was horrified to learn that currently the keffiah has a similar threatening effect as the swastika for Jews. That by wearing it, Jewish people will be fearful and distrusting of her. I asked her not to wear it at the pool, where I bring my kids and she agreed. I think she may find an alternative way to let people know that she is a safe person.

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122 comments

I feel similar, . A similar sort of attitude (although toned down) even crept into the comments to your post, where Gazan lives are valued above Israeli ones. I don't know how to deal with it, either. We just have to protect our own community here in Melbourne from attacks, & pray that Israel doesn't bow to pressure, eradicates Hamas scum from the face of the Earth & frees the hostages, with G-d's help. May we emerge from darkness to great light this Chanukah.

16 w Like Reply

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The news the other day they don't even know why there doing it they have forgot the people taken and they don't even know how HAMAS is I don't get it

It's the news SBS is not showing both side just What HAMAS wants I always watch SBS but now I don't trust them as I have seen how one sided they are. Sad. 😞

16 w Like Reply

So true

16 w Like Reply

it's not over till they meet their 72 virgins

16 w Like Reply

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Write a public comm... GIF

It's pretty simple - The UN voted to establish the state of Israel. The local Arabs didn't agree. Israel has tried numerous times to make peace and will continue to do so. The Gazans have become radicalized and this is a great shame. Like we defeated Nazism to save humanity, the same war is being fought today against Hamas. We hope to save and deradicalise Gaza. Sometimes innocent people are impacted.

17 w Like Reply

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THEME 3

ANTI-MUSLIM CONSPIRACY

Anti-Muslim conspiracy theory was shared unchallenged in the group

- 'I think there are around 120 to 130 thousand Jews in Australia now. The Arabs are taking over Western Europe and if the government doesn't do anything about that NOW then Australia will have a few million Muslims living there within 20 or 30 years then you will see real problems like they have in Belgium, Norway, Sweden or France';
- 'Sweden is the capital rape of Europe already years now, things are escalating quickly'; 'so many Muslims are accused of raped all around the world'.

A contributor who was booed in a Jewish community forum for suggesting that dialogue shouldn't be cut with certain Muslim groups received this response:

- 'Wake up and realise who the enemy are. Stop treating them as if they have the same morals, ethics and values that you have. There is a reason why from the beginning they supported the side who slaughtered, raped, beheaded etc, supported and celebrated.... Like Gilda Meir said, there can never be peace between us till they learn to love their children more than they hate us.'

There were two instances where this sort of generalisation was gently challenged.

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Dehumanisation (featuring in anti Palestinian and anti Muslim discourse).

To anyone else who was at the JCCV Forum last night, I asked a question, and got a few boos. Sorry I didn't say anything to that at the time, I was getting a bit of stage fright to even get my question out properly.

But to that I just want to say that perhaps I didn't come across clear enough - I think that we should be having a structured dialogue with those who stand with our enemies rather than shutting down their speech with legal actions, cancel culture, etc. It is better to change minds, rather than have them spread their hate behind closed doors.

Censorship only drives the problem underground, which make it harder to fight, and does not just make the problem go away just because they are not allowed to openly talk about it. This is why antisemitism is always there, ready raise it's ugly head every so often, because we have never truly ~~defeated it~~

We will never reach those who are driven by pure hatred and only want conflict, but there is room to work with those who actually want peace but are misguided.

Anyway, I have made myself known to JCCV to put my money where my mouth is, to help re-establish these links. It's not easy to face these people head on, and I don't blame them for cutting the ties giving the circumstances.

We need good people who have the courage to go against their primal instincts of hate, because on the current path we're on, we are only become more divided, and it's going to become more violent, where previously we had a good relationship with fellow Australians before this has torn us apart.

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Hi everyone. I bought 2 tickets to see Douglas Murray in Melbourne of Tuesday the 26th of March at 7.30pm at the Athenaeum Theatre. Great seats in the Stalls right in front of the stage. Seat G20 and G21. Now that Douglas is also coming to Brisbane, I would like to sell my Melbourne tickets. This is allowable and legal through Ticketmaster. If you are interested please DM me asap. Total price for both is \$307.75. Thanks.

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Sorry. Sold already!
8 w Like Reply

How was it? Anyone been to a show yet?
1 w Like Reply

How many Jews in Australia, also here there's "river to the sea" their religion and beliefs are no different than Palestinians, they just waiting for the right time cause the more they wait the stronger they become/ democratically and population growth

4 w Like Reply

I think there are around 120 to 130 thousand Jews in Australia now. The Arabs are taking over Western Europe and if the government doesn't do anything about that NOW then Australia will have a few million Muslims living there within 20 or 30 years then you will see real problems like they have in Belgium, Norway, Sweden or France.

4 w Like Reply



Sweden is the capital rape of Europe already years now, things are escalating quickly

4 w Like Reply

Not just Western Europe,
<https://youtu.be/AltyhmrIFgo?si=mbkOwhDmnJX-1tmg>



10 Hours of Walking in Paris as a Jew
youtube.com

4 w Like Reply

so many Muslims are accused of raped all around Europe.

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... being ...
went up in flames at 2.30am on Friday.
Police believed the offenders drove a stolen vehicle into the front window and set the shop alight before fleeing in another vehicle.
No one was injured but the business and a ...
30 arson attacks believed to be linked to an ongoing conflict between Middle Eastern organised crime groups and outlaw motorcycle gangs over illegal tobacco.
Police have previously said criminals are demanding regular payments from shop owners and ordering lower-level criminals ...

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Police are undermanned in Victoria. Half of them are in Ballarat looking for the missing jogger Samantha Murphy. Since the COVID fascist era, thousands of police resigned.
7 w Like Reply 1

The religion of peace and Middle Eastern gangs bringing tranquility to a suburb near you.
7 w Like Reply 3

Who are 'those who stand with our enemies' that you refer to? Is it the Muslim population that stands with them? Or the white leftist kids who can't point to where Gaza is on a map?

You were booed because you said you were disappointed that the multi faith group lost/cut contact with certain Muslim groups. Basically you want for the community to apologise to the people who punched us in the face for hurting their fist.

In case you haven't realised we are at war. When I say we I refer to the entire Jewish nation worldwide. The other side is not going to come to the table, not for structured talks and not to hold hands singing koombaya. Wake up and realise who it is on the other side. This is not a marriage that has a chance to be saved by counselling. Learn the language of the Middle East. You are speaking Chinese to them while they are speaking Italian. You can't have peace talks with groups who are

very clear that they are out for blood.

Wake up and realise who the enemy are. Stop treating them as if they have the same morals, ethics and values that you have. There is a reason why from the beginning they supported the side who slaughtered, raped, beheaded etc. supported and celebrated.

7 w Like Reply 21

Going to a kebab shop in Australia will not make your understanding better and felafel is not an original Israeli food. I don't want your peace which entails me living side by side with them pretending that they respect my right to life. Your ways have nothing to teach me because they are based in a non existent reality where they accept our right to live in Israel as Jews. Like Gilda Meir said, there can never be peace between us till they learn to love their children more than they hate us.

7 w Like Reply

THEME 3

ANTI-MUSLIM CONSPIRACY

Failing to acknowledge Palestinians as an Indigenous people with a collective identity, belonging and rights in relation to occupied and historic Palestine; "Palestinian" are a made up people;

Excluding or pressuring others to exclude Palestinian perspectives, Palestinians and their allies;

Defaming Palestinians and their allies such as being inherently antisemitic, a terrorist threat/sympathizer or opposed to democratic values;

Dehumanisation, unchallenged repetition of discredited atrocity propaganda from IDF (beheaded babies, raped children, grievous bodily harm to pregnant woman and unborn child).

Arab Palestinian Muslims and their socialist left stormtroopers out of control trying to emulate What Germans did prior Ww2 demonize Jews

History repeating it self only different enemy not only to Jews the west in general

13 w Like Reply

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Sadly, there are also some councils raising them.

this flag represents terrorism. It represents the beheading of babies. It represents the raping of young girls. It represents the kidnapping of our grandparents. It represents the mutilating of Jewish young teenagers and burning their bodies and not being able to determine their sex at the morgue. It represents the ripping of babies out of pregnant mothers while alive. It represents Intifada which is the alienation of all Jews in Israel. So take your 1930's intellectual political correctness and shove it up your ass. The "Palestinians" are like the Poles, Germans, Ukrainians who killed Jews and gave them up to the Nazis. No Arab country wants them. This response is for everyone else who doesn't want to respond because of their shtetl mentality. I am saying what they are too scared to say.

13 w Like Reply

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If you understand Hebrew, go to my wall and watch some of the videos. The only ones that were not involved in Gaza are the cats and dogs as they've also been abused by the people of Gaza!

13 w Like Reply

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No such thing as Palestinians.

12 w Like Reply

THEME 3

ANTI-MUSLIM CONSPIRACY

Dehumanisation (featuring in anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim discourse).

There is a lot of trolling on The Australian Jewish News facebook page. Today's story of the young IDF soldier who was killed is a good example. Very little respect for him and his family. I'm a bit over it, to be honest. I don't really understand why they can't moderate it properly..... 🙄🙄

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One positive to come out of this diabolical Islamic nightmare is the STARK CLARITY OF WHO THE ENEMIES ARE!!!...WHO AMONG NATIONS AND POLITICAL Parties SUPPORTS THEIR BLOODLUST AND SHEER GENOCIDAL FERVOUR!!!...WHICH OF YOUR FRIENDS PRETENDED TO RESPECT

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12 w Like Reply

Every Israeli knows what we're fighting for. I found the best remedy is to ignore the trolls, they're just some random dudes from Pakistan or Hamas operated bots as part of the psychological warfare. If AJN can remove the comments it would be great, but if not just ignore and not give traffic.

Some Israeli FB suffered from similar trolls, until FB changed the definitions that only accounts that liked/joined for at least 24 hours can comment. Maybe it could be imported here.

If you really want to fight the blood libels on the fake genocide, there are plenty of resources, but I found this quite futile, time consuming and psychologically draining. I'd keep up supporting Israel and be happy that the effort to eradicate Hamas is ongoing.

This is a F***** disgrace that this is ALLOWED to happen in what was not too long ago the BEST City in the world. I'm not too sure how you can take back your city from these scum and filth. It is the weak leftwing governments just like everywhere else that is enabling this. It is unfortunately a world disgraceful appeasing philosophy. You see it especially in USA Canada, UK and many western European counties who will wake up very soon to an Islamic state running your countries. It will not be a pleasant takeover but it will happen.

12 w Like Reply

ugh, soon we will be under sharia and we'll be begging Israel to let us in. I used to be very supportive of ALL immigration but I feel we have created an issue after the last few months 📍📍

it is heading that way even more so in Europe but a few European countries have turned rightwing like Italy Holland Sweden and most of the East European countries and are trying to cut down Muslim immigrants.

12 w Like Reply

to a reply...

to a reply...

Please sign the petition against the antisemitic vandalism of 'Free Palestine Printing' <https://chnng.it/LkrvDGWYzW>

 Sign the Petition change.org

12 w Like Reply

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THEME 3


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Melbourne. 🚩🚩🚩🚩🚩
There is a vote in Glen Waverley municipality today in support of Palestine. Yesterday the Darebin Municipality decided to boycott businesses connected with israel and raising the Palestinian flag as an identity.
We have to (!!!!) Israeli/Jewish presence that will come tonight and will not also vote for anti-Semitism!!!
Please, this is a war on the house!
Tonight there is a city of monash council meeting at 7pk in Glen Waverley where they will be voting on a motion about Gaza. We have a serious concern that it will turn out like it did in City of Darebin council meeting yesterday (https://www.instagram.com/reel/CO_vwQWx9aD/?igshid=NmJiYWZiY2E0Mg==) where they decided to raise the Palestinian flag at Preston town hall for the next few months as well as boycott businesses that work with Israel. Please come and show support and solidarity so these council members know their decision has an impact.

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 **Dvir Abramovich and David Southwick MP** do you know about this? 🤔❤️
15 w · Like · Reply

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16 Dec 2023 · 🌐
🤔
Just wondering why the UN, and the rest of the world for that matter, are NOT up in arms about the atrocities in Africa? Antisemitism perhaps 🤔
Shabbat Shalom 🙏🌹



reuters.com
Nearly 50 million facing hunger in West, Central Africa as conflict spreads
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Funny, all the conflict spurned on by violent and murdering followers of the satanic verses of Jihad. The ethnic African indigenous people and Christians are displaced and murdered by the hundreds of thousands. No anti Islam demonstrations allowed apparently.
14 w Like Reply

Here is an answer. I have said for quite some time, the West's reporting of human rights abuses, , famine and war in Africa, Al Shabab attacks, Syria, (8.0m displaced 150,000 killed, Aleppo destroyed by Wagner), Ukraine, (russion kidnapping of thousands of kids and relocating them to Russia proper, Mariepol completely destroyed), Iran (500,000 killed and whole cities destroyed), this get a couple of column inches on page 12 (and TV). But when there's Mid east news, the loudhailers shrill Israeli oppression. <https://quilllette.com/2023/11/18/the-return-of-the-progressive-atrocity/>

THEME 4

DEFAMING PALESTINIANS AND ALLIES

Anti-Palestinian racism includes defaming Palestinians and their allies as being inherently antisemitic, a terrorist threat or sympathiser, and opposed to democratic values. Numerous artefacts document offline and online local activity to 'correct', 'cover up' or pressure to remove billboard signs, stickers, posters and graffiti to 'Free Palestine', 'Boycott Israel', 'Ceasefire now', which are described as 'hate'.

The Palestinian flag, which is banned from display in Israel in public places, is described as making Jewish Australians 'unsafe' ('Is this acceptable in Australia? Can it be reported or condemned?').

An older Australian who put a Palestinian flag in the front garden of the Castlemaine RSL with a sign that says "Bendigo Against Genocide" was photographed and asked to remove the flag by a contributor to the group (he refused). The contributor refers to the person's group as about to start a 'hate rally'.

Posters saying, 'You're not an activist, you're not a liberal. You're just a [expletive] antisemite' and 'always remember antisemitism doesn't help Palestinians' are produced and shared via the group to 'cover up the hate'. Examples are shown of these posters covering posters of a watermelon saying, 'Free Palestine' and 'Boycott Israel'.

In another incident, graffiti saying 'Israel is guilty of war crimes' is described as hate speech.

Another contributor writes about a visit to the Immigration Museum with his two young daughters when he complained about a child's poster and successfully asked for it to be removed in the kids activity section. The picture is of a T-shirt and bag inscribed with the words '#Free Palestine', 'From the river to the sea' and 'Stop the Genocide' and responds to a Museum prompt, 'What is important to you? Design your own T-shirt and tote bag that proudly show your values to the world.' This contributor is widely congratulated for having it taken down, with responses about 'learned hate' and 'unfortunately they don't know any better. They are raised on hatred'.

Another contributor shares that when at the public pool she saw a university student wearing a 'keffiah' (Palestinian scarf) ('I went in with how much I care about the death and destruction. I asked why she wore the scarf. She wanted Palestinian people to understand that she was a safe person to approach. She was horrified to learn that currently the keffiah has a similar threatening effect as the swastika for Jews. That by wearing it, Jewish people will be fearful and distrusting of her. I asked her not to wear it at the pool, where I bring my kids, and she agreed.') This post received overwhelming support.

This was the most prolific form of racism and it received overwhelming support in the group and comparatively, very minor challenge.

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Seen in Castlemaine on my weekly removal of hate poster duty.



3 Mar · 🌐

Brunswick festival today... Absolutely disgusting



17 Mar · 🌐

Surely there's something we can do!
I understand the right to peaceful protest but they DO NOT have the right to plaster anti Israel stickers all over council property... every tram stop, street pole, crossing button you name it! Surely City of Melbourne should be fining people who do this. How much would it cost council to remove all this rubbish let alone the fact that I don't feel safe going into the city with my child who is scared and deeply confronted of all the anti Israel abuse!!
City of Melbourne Council needs to do MORE to ensure everyone feels safe in this city. I will NOT be going back into the city spending money at traders etc while my community is being subjected to this hate and abuse!

👍👎🗨️ 39 46 comments 1 share



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It's a disgrace!
All people should feel safe and welcome to come into the city without being confronted by all the hate posters and stickers etc. It has been up to people like myself and many others, that have had to regularly go around taking down this trash!

2 w Like Reply 2

Inner Melbourne is swamped with Greens Party and socialist left supporters plus Islamic students from Indonesia and Malaysia. It is becoming like London where Jews fear to go.

2 w Like Reply 3

Took this photo.



3 w Like Reply

Thanksits so sad to see the level of silence at the new wave of antisemitism....

Please inbox me if you have a group or business that would like to distribute these packs free of charge. They are packs of stickers to cover the hateful material being displayed by FPP in the city, and yellow ribbon to tie around a tree or a police to make our commitment to bringing the hostages home.

If you are an individual after stickers, please message me and I can post them.



Please sign the petition against the antisemitic vandalism of 'Free Palestine Printing' <https://chng.it/LkrvDGWYzW>



Sign the Petition
change.org

12 w Like Reply

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4 Feb · 🌐

I just had words with a man who put a Palestinian flag in the front garden of the Castlemaine RSL just now. It says " Bendigo Against Genocide"

They put it there so it can be seen on the street. Their hate rally is due to commence shortly.

I told him that he was not allowed to put a foreign flag on the grounds of the RSL. They have only been given permission to use the park. He was going to leave it there.

He told me to go ahead and take his photo, after I said I would if he did not remove the flag. I will be reporting this to the Castlemaine RSL and the council.

The Free Palestine movement protest marches in Melbourne CBD every Sunday have caused loss of business and profits to Asian cafes at Swanston Street, Bourke St and sections of Chinatown as people don't want to go and eat at the CBD when there are such a huge number of people protesting. Even delivery of meals from these businesses are being hampered by the protests. Considering many of these Asian cafe owners live at Glen Waverley, I wonder if many will join the protest against the Free Palestine movement or at least complain against their council voting for the Free Palestine movement

14 w Like Reply



11 Jan · 🌐

I sent an email to my council here in Castlemaine regarding the signage a person put up here above the bookstore. I was not having it, and I explained why it was not appropriate. Success! I received this email back this morning. 😊

Good Morning

Thank you for your email. This matter was referred to Council's Local Laws team late yesterday. They have advised that signs do contravene our laws on a number of levels and they are in the process of directing the proprietor of the store to remove them.

Thank you for raising the issue with Council.

Sincerely



142 43 comments 2 shares

Update!
Now you see it, now you don't!
Thanks to our wonderful allies, that helped members of the Jewish community have, this sign removed from in town. People power!
Thanks for all your well wishes and great comments too. 😊



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Justifying violence against Palestinians;

Erasing the human rights and equal dignity and worth of Palestinians;

Dehumanisation;

Defaming Palestinians and their allies such as being inherently antisemitic, a terrorist threat/sympathizer or opposed to democratic values.

14 Nov 2023 · 🌐

How is everyone coping in the social media space at present? I had an unsettling interaction with someone today who is well known in Australian feminist circles. She regularly posts about violence against women and I follow her on social media given I've also worked in the sector. She has posted some very one side opinion pieces about Israel and I raised the issue of her silence as a feminist about sexual violence against women perpetrated by Hamas. Her response was to send me a gigantic rant advising me to reflect on my hatred for Palestinians (weird, didn't know I had any) and to "work on becoming a better person." She also offered to send me evidence of the IDF perpetrating similar crimes. I asked her to stop and blocked her. I understand tensions are high, but interested to know how other folk are faring when they try to advocate and balance the scales on social media. Any advice, apart from don't?

👍👎👏 17 44 comments

Hatred of Jews surpasses all other forms of persecution and discrimination of humans by so called progressives and leftists. Why? Simple. Jewish lives don't matter. Free Palestine propaganda has demonised Israel and the Jews for over 50 years. They use the playbook from Goebels and The Third Reich. Jews are blamed for everything wrong in the world....from Mein Kampf to The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

20 w Like Reply

1 🗨️

Other than making you angry and upset, engaging with people like this will not achieve anything. They ignorantly parrot whatever narrative they have seen on TikTok. No amount of evidence or history

I have had similar experiences and have found that engaging in meaningful dialogue becomes futile, as they consistently counter facts with misinformation, reducing nuanced issues to provocative terms like "apartheid," "genocide," and "ethnic cleansing."

20 w Like Reply

7 🗨️

.. Check out on twitter . They can help.



Seems the only way we will win this war is through the amazing heroes in our IDF. Keep fighting with our words and shut these women down ❤️

19 w Like Reply

2 🗨️

Sorry honey but sadly that's just how the left are. Hard for an empath and especially since U had previously admired her

19 w Like Reply

2 🗨️

I don't even attempt to interact these days. It's a very sad state of affairs 😞

19 w Like Reply

2 🗨️

You could try to share the pro rape verse in the Quran, and the anti-rape verse in the Torah, to illustrate the fundamentally different perspectives on the issue, but as you can see, she's immature, unreasonable, and easily manipulated.

Feminism does have a tendency to empower that sort of thing, as well as dramatically lowering birth rates, and both of those things are bad for a society as a whole.

I've never had to block anyone ever. Can't you just refute her arguments with logic, even if it's just for practise?

19 w Like Reply

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The pro Palestinian protesters are doing everything they can to seed hate in our kids hearts. This time they are using the beloved kids character Bluey to promote their standard Israeli genocidal phrase. Don't think they have the rights to use Bluey this way.



Freedom Fighter Bluey T-
Shirt

... frustration and anger, and I agree these Protests are not simply Freedom of Speech, they are not peaceful. they are inciteful, hateful and are screaming for the destruction of Israel and hate towards all Jewish people, whether Zionist or not. What I don't understand is why the Mayor of Melbourne, and the councilors or Police not stopping these, protests. They are not just encouraging hate, violence, antisemitism, but disturbing the public, and disturbing the Peace of the City as well as stopping traffic etc. Why isn't there a letter to the Mayor or a stronger stance against their protests. They are taking over our City of Melbourne and I'm sure this is not good for tourism either.

11 w Like Reply



Hi, ... Why do you think these stickers and boycotting are anti-Semitic?

I'm sorry you had to hear people screaming those things at you. These protests have a very wide range of people and causes - also the reason I never felt safe to attend or come close to...

12 w Like Reply



... some of the stickers are more obviously antisemitic than others but yes, the ones inciting violence and hate, and these peoples general obsession with the only Jewish state, I do personally feel stems from antisemitism, in any means, it is completely wrong and in no way helps Palestinians or true to their cause

12 w Like Reply



25 Jan · 🌐

I've got a big pack of stickers, and I'm on a mission!
I'm going to get some extras for friends also.
Cover up the hate!

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The increasing license people seem to have, for this kind of hatespeech, is becoming very concerning. Even on a local Warrandyte facebook page, there are attacks on people like me who call out the biased BS posts

13 w Like Reply

And silly me thought Gazan Muslims mass raping , be heading babies , shoving babies in oven , mutilating children in front of parents mass kidnapping elderly children even babies were a war crime !

13 w Like Reply

not when it's against Jews and we apparently deserved it

13 w Like Reply

I've never been more ashamed to be Australian. Yesterday my American friend of over 40 years arrived at Station Pier on a cruise for her first visit to Australia and walking along Beaconsfield Parade and Boycott Israel on lamposts, rubbish bins, the pavement etc. It was appalling and she will take that experience back to her family and friends. Australia is the loser for all this fanatical, delusional hatred.

13 w Like Reply

5

sorry to tell you it's the world over. We went from Israel to London for two months. It's way worse. But neither government stands up to this population and one day the price

unfortunately she should be used to seeing this coming from America. You guys are going to have to get used to it, it's not going away and in all probability will only get worse. All governments have allowed this disgrace to happen.

13 w Like Reply

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👍👎👏 26 9 comments

26 Feb · 🌐

Hi all,

The current Jewish students at Victoria University, of whom we are only aware of 7... are feeling vulnerable due to a lack of a Jewish student union.

This is furthered by these students being on multiple campuses, most of which are in the west, a hotspot for anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, meaning there is a decent presence of flags and posters.

We have formed a Victoria University WhatsApp group so that these students can discuss any concerns on campus and where necessary, approach the relevant student services together.

If you are, or know of a Jewish student that has just started at Victoria University, please PM me so that I can add you to the group.

There is safety in numbers!

[Image taken by a student this morning at



👍👎👏 38 53 comments 3 shares

7 Jan · 🌐

Hey guys, so I don't know if anyone has been game enough to go into the city during the protests, I live in the city and actually usually avoid leaving my house when they are on. Due to the rain, the protests were pushed back today and I had the displeasure of seeing the complete barbarity first hand.

Anyway, I have been trying to do a petition and also organising stickers to retaliate for the ugly blatant antisemitic stickers they have been putting up.

I suppose the most difficult issue is that you don't want to impinge on freedom of speech and our liberal values as a democracy right? So, what I witnessed was not freedom of speech, it was plainly inciting violence, tens of people were chanting, not for a ceasefire, but for a one state solution, to "boycott Israel", they were stopping at businesses like McDonald's and Starbucks chanting to this crap while also worrying immensely about close friends in Israel, and everyone in the Jewish community in general. As I walked through a crowd, I saw a long line of police and while I was in front of the police and felt safe to do so, I just stuck both my middle fingers up at them 🖕, they were screaming "go back to Israel you Zionist pig" and " Hamas will finish every last one of you", although I respect i incited that interaction (and I hope I'm not on the news or something), what they said was far more serious and violent than my middle finger.

I guess what I am trying to say is, these protests are NOT exercising freedom of speech, they ARE simply encouraging violence, radicalism, and antisemitism, not only that, many of the images they are printing are not in support of Palestinians, they are blatantly antisemitic.

I am going to go to the police and talk to them about these issues and find out what we can do, I have also found out the printing company making these stickers, if anyone is interested in helping DM

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25 Jan · 🌐

I'm here with my 2 young daughters at the Immigration Museum in Melbourne and found the following drawing in the kids activity section on Level 2. Of all places an institution that is fundamentally based on tolerance, acceptance and inclusion shouldn't be subjecting any children to racism. I'm happy to say the staff took my complaint seriously and removed the drawing. [Dvir Abramovich](#)

Where were these people when the Assad regime murdered more than 500,000 plus Syrians?
Crickets!
We did not see the same level of absolute hatred that is being directed towards Israel and Jews.
We saw nothing!
Why?
It has emboldened closet bigots that hate Jews to come out of the woodwork, and have that hatred be made ok by the community.
All we can do is keep speaking up and having these things removed.

9 w Like Reply 5 🗳️

Shocking to see this! Good on you for taking action. It does seem to reflect a shackling of the "Palestinian" militant cause to that of the cause of our

9 w Like Reply 2 🗳️👍

the cause of our Australian indigenous people.

Good for you for speaking up

9 w Like Reply 2 🗳️

Good on you

9 w Like Reply 2 🗳️

This is where the misinformation and learned hate starts. Shame on the Immigration Museum's very poor choice of activity!!
Intolerable.....

9 w Like Reply 1 🗳️

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Bravo for speaking up and getting it removed !

9 w Like Reply 4

Unfortunately they don't know any better. They are raised on hatred

9 w Like Reply

I went to Yad Ve Shem in Israel and someone smeared human faeces throughout the exhibition. Little wonder there can be no peace

9 w Like Reply



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12 Dec 2023 · 🌐

There is someone putting these posters up all over Swinburne University Hawthorn campus now.



👍👎🗨️ 52 38 comments 10 shares

They've been doing this for years. Nothing new.

16 w Like Reply 2

Disgusting

16 w Like Reply 2

Absolutely disgusting behaviour 🤢

16 w Like Reply 6

Report it! Tell them you don't feel safe on campus, that you feel targeted as a Jewish person, that's it's blatant racism.

16 w Like Reply 18

The entire religious centre at Swinburne has been taken over by a mosque and has its own imam. Supposed to be a multi faith centre but theres a tiny side room for Christians and an office sized room which is

And so you and others have to graffiti them and get the message out!! Thanks for sharing 🙌 Most of the students wouldn't even know what they're actually signing up for. They JUST NEED A CAUSE 🙄

16 w Like Reply 4

The entire religious centre at Swinburne has been taken over by a mosque and has its own imam. Supposed to be a multi faith centre but theres a tiny side room for Christians and an office sized room which is advertised for "everyone else"

16 w Like Reply 5

Report to CSG. They will remove tgem

16 w Like Reply 5

Get CSG to storm an SRC meeting at Swinburne. 🤔

15 w Like Reply

Rules

All comments ▾

Need to put a big black texta mark through the QR code so it can't be scanned.

16 w Like Reply 10

David Brash
Ay Oh No texta.. can of spray 🤔

15 w Like Reply

Write a reply...

Dvir Abramovich did you see this?

16 w Like Reply 1

Rip them off

16 w Like Reply 3

Judi Goldbaum Bad idea

15 w Like Reply

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to AUJS. If there isn't a local AUJS at Swinburne anymore, you can contact AUJS Victoria and they will assist in getting it in front of the Chancellor if you want.

15 w Like Reply 1

report it to whom, another bunch of anti semites? Words are not good enough, fight them PROPERLY with legal action.

15 w Like Reply

That MIGHT be an option, but you can go above the anti--semities straight to someone like the chancellor. They usually care enough if a student says that they *rightfully* feel unsafe on campus. But if that doesn't work, legaliteis are always an option if costs permit.

15 w Like Reply

swinburne has always been a very active pro Palestine campus. Get in touch with the Swinburne Jewish Students Society or AUJS.

15 w Like Reply 1

Just walk around with a can of black spray paint

15 w Like Reply 3

Threaten the uni with legal action by way of a class action if they are not removed immediately but be prepared to go through with it .

16 w Like Reply 1

Take them down. I removed posters at West Footscray station.

16 w Like Reply 3

They just replace them and you are putting your life in danger. Not worth it.

15 w Like Reply

reply...

Rip them off!

15 w Like Reply 1

Bad idea

just like Harvard or Pen, action NOT words is what works. Obviously non violent , the chancellor will say that he agrees and will "condemn in the strongest terms" which all means nothing. As far as legal action, I'm pretty sure that you would find great Jewish lawyers who would act for you pro bono. I hope that I would be correct in this matter.

15 w Like Reply 1

reply...

write a reply...

Contact [Dvir Abramovich](#) or [David Southwick MP](#)

16 w Like Reply 2

It is all over in national parks as well

16 w Like Reply

Could it be connected with this post by Najwa Arab??? Very concerning



16 w Like Reply

[David Southwick](#) [John Pesutto](#)

15 w Like Reply

reply...

[David Southwick](#) [Dvir Abramovich](#)

16 w Like Reply

Debate them in public.



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11 Dec 2023

I was disappointed to see my favourite lunch spot, the spring street grocer, sporting signage like "Free Palestine" and "From the River to the Sea", I spoke to them personally and followed up with an email explaining that it is highly inflammatory and deeply offensive and does not make Jews, Israelis or anyone else who has lost people in the war feel welcome or safe on their premises. I will not visit the venue again but if anyone can back me up and also follow up with an email, it would be much appreciate. I really hope we can get our voices heard and for people to start to understand how deeply offensive and dangerous this "activism" is.

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All comments

What was their response after you spoke to them?

16 w Like Reply

shocked. I took the sign down myself. They didn't know what to say nor did they try

Rules

I should have taken a photo but i was too passionately throwing it in the bin to think that far.

16 w Like Reply

Write a reply...

Kudos for taking action but I would not use inflammatory and offensive to describe it. It is of genocidal intent

16 w Like Reply

you're right, I did explain to them clearly that it is a genocidal phrase

16 w Like Reply

Write a reply...

I emailed the place that wrote about above. I got an email from their representative (maybe owner).

Thank you for getting in contact

Rules

Write a public comm...

have you got photos of the signage? It's part of a group of venues owned by extremely prominent Melbourne hospitality identities and I'm curious to know if they are aware of it...

16 w Like Reply

it was on the counter being displayed. I asked them if them or a customer displayed it there and the sales assistant proudly said "a customer" like she'd helped them out or something, I said "I am going to take this down then" and took it and threw it in the bin. Probably not something I would usually do but I'm well past my limit with society right now.

16 w Like Reply

They had used blue tack so it was clearly intentional

16 w Like Reply

I emailed the place that wrote about above. I got an email from their representative (maybe owner).

Thank you for getting in contact.

It was brought to our attention that during the recent protests that happen surrounding our shop that members of the public stuck paraphernalia around the general area of Spring Street and also to our Gelati Bar. When this was brought to our attention it was removed immediately. To put it simply, we want to provide great food, coffee, gelati and take away products to all of our guests. Because o... See More

16 w Like Reply

that was me that took it down 😊😊 I do really respect their response and appreciate the effort they have made in getting back to me and anyone else. Seems like it was just an ignorant staff member allowing it. They also mentioned that staff members have been abused by protestors before so maybe they were scared to say no, they can be very aggressive. I am glad I followed it up

16 w Like Reply

my reply was thanking him for his response and communication goes a long way to clarify what happened.

16 w Like Reply

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Victoria, Australia. 1 Jan · 🌐

UPDATE: Flag taken down.

My brother saw this on Blackburn Rd over the Monash Fwy.
Is this acceptable in Australia?
Can it be reported or condemned?



👍👎 25 17 comments 1 share

I saw one on dandenong Rd between chadstone and warrigal rd on sat. Sickening that Australians support terrorism

13 w Like Reply 10 🗨️

not surprising, sadly. We live in a very racist country

13 w Like Reply

report it to the local council

13 w Like Reply

a reply...

And one today on Dandenong Road just after North Road

13 w Like Reply 4 🗨️

Report to local council to have it removed.

It's a pigeon who shit on the flag. That's why it's green and red. He was sick You can't expect too much from 🐦

13 w Like Reply

Ring the council to have it removed or use the app "Snap Send Solve"

13 w Like Reply

3 🗨️



13 w Like Reply

3 🗨️

SICKENING!!!

13 w Like Reply

1 🗨️

It's sickening. All it's doing is inciting violence and anti-Semitism.

13 w Like Reply

1 🗨️

I am definitely not an apologist for the PLO/Hamas/ Fatah/PLFP/Islamic Jihad/El Shabab etc. However,..... there are many groups (basic tribalism), that use various motifs to promote their case and cause; Native title, Rising Sun, LGBTQ, Ukraine, Boxing kangaroo (1980's), MAGA. All these groups (and others) promote their cause. That we don't like a cause or their symbol is something that needs to be taken up with legislators to curb their display. It took 90 years to ban the swastika and associated symbols of that tyranny but it was eventually banned as a reminder of an abhorrent reign of a fascist dictatorship. The Palestinian flag is a symbol of Palestinian self determination. And the Palestinians (in their own right) are NOT a terrorist organisation. Hamas flags however present a different arrangement of repression, tyranny and destruction. From a Palestinian perspective, the star and stripes of Israel represent 75 years of repression and occupation. What should the Palestinians do when they see blue stripes glued to lamp posts. Coins have TWO sides.

13 w Like Reply

1 🗨️

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

The impact of Zionist lateral violence.

10 Nov 2023 · Melbourne, VIC · 🌐

I am also sad that I don't feel comfort and safety in mainstream Jewish community spaces because of lateral violence from Zionists. It is alienating but I'm a mix of stubborn and determined so I am still alive today.

If a state must be a thing at all, then a single binational state without one group having control over another is the only way forward. Take a leaf out of Martin Buber's book for this solution.

I will continue to live in the diaspora that has existed since the Assyrian exile because I feel safer in diaspora and have no connection or loyalty to nation states or borders.

20 w Like Reply 11 🍷👍🙄

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

The "beheaded babies" story was discredited and proven as false more than two months before this post. No one challenges it.

20 Dec 2023 · 2

How come ABC reporter Tom Joyner is back covering the Middle East and commenting on Israel?
(Far from being impartial, he had made disgraceful comments that reports of beheaded Israeli babies in the October 7 attacks were BS)

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All ABC24 and SBS reports are bias against Israel. If not directly, they do it 'subliminary'.

14 w Like Reply 1

Steven Korin SBS is a bit better.

14 w Like Reply

Write a reply...

Sadly I agree, but in this case he has been proven to be hostile towards

Sadly I agree, but in this case he has been proven to be hostile towards Israel (and continues so in his latest), so he is unbiased, and they shouldn't have him reporting on the Middle East (move him to another region, e.g. to cover the war on Ukraine)

14 w Like Reply 1

I noticed that on the ABC News this morning as well and I wasn't too impressed.

14 w Like Reply

... again I ask, why do you expect anything different from ABC.

14 w Like Reply 1

A good article about double standard and hypocrisy in reporting; <https://quillette.com/2023/11/18/the-return-of-the-progressive-atrocity/>



The Return of the Progressive Atrocity

quillette.com

14 w Like Reply

A long read from Quillett. Essentially, the world is blind to atrocities committed in the name of colonialism that aids and abets western interests, (or is NOT in western interests) (think 8.0m displaced from Aleppo and Mariopol razed by Wagner or El Shabab raping, pillaging and killing in central Africa wholesale) but, the unconscious (maybe conscious) bias of antisemitism shines through on mid-east matters to do with Israel. It's camouflaged protecting left progressive victimhood against colonial oppression, made perverse by the aggressor transferring and projecting their own aggression onto

Strategies we urge organisations and communities to commit to:

- a.** Promote equal worth and dignity of all people, and universal protections for all groups - not separate standards of racism that discriminate against others.
- b.** Encourage confidence to be an upstander against racism and dehumanisation.
- c.** Create safe space for discussions about how words are heard and experienced within a human rights framework.