



Understanding and Decoding the Anti-Israel Narrative

As you see the horrendous anti-Israel hate fests disguised as pro-Palestinian rallies around the world and in the United States, particularly on college campuses, please understand who and what these protestors really mean. Understand this so that you can respond to the lies and calumny that exist in this rhetoric.

You may see or hear these words. Here's what they actually mean:

- **“Open air prison”**- after these intifadas (I talk about all of them), Israel blockaded Gaza. What else do you do when the people in control of the territory vow to destroy you and launch attacks? Have open borders? Egypt also has a blockade on the Southern border of Gaza. They are never criticized for this. They don't want Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt. Israel still provides humanitarian aid and allow Palestinians to cross into Israel for medical care and work.
- **“Genocide”** – There is no genocide! The number of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza have grown every year. When innocent people die in war, that is not a genocide. The IDF does all it can to protect innocents- the complete opposite of Hamas. What is a genocide is what the Israel haters would do if they had their way which is “From the River to the Sea” they want Israel not to exist. To eliminate Israel would be a genocide.
- **“Colonizer”** - Israel is not a colonizer. It is the Homeland of the Jewish people. We are its indigenous population. But in order to garner support and sympathy, they pretend Israel is a European colonizer – which everyone hates – to say that Jews have not connections and rights to the land.
- **“Occupation”** – There is no occupation. 2005 Israel withdrew completely from Gaza. There is not a single Jew there. They were handed everything to build a mini state. Instead they built a terror enclave. When they say ‘occupation’ they mean the whole of Israel – from the river to the sea. So when they say end the occupation, they mean end Israel

- **“From the river to the sea”** – they mean the whole of Israel – Israel proper. When they say, from the river to the sea Israel will be free they mean the destruction of the state of Israel. That is genocidal.
- **“By any means necessary” – “RESISTANCE”** – That is an endorsement of violence and excusing terrorism. They’ve praised the murderers; they’ve praised their methods.
- **“Apartheid”** – Israel is not an apartheid state. They use this term because of its emotion and to galvanize hostility against Israel as people did with apartheid South Africa. Those accusing it of apartheid have admitted that it’s not like apartheid in SA – the only case in the world – and have changed the definition of apartheid completely. Palestinians in Gaza and West Bank are not citizens of Israel. They are governed by Hamas in Gaza and the PA in West Bank. Different laws apply to them. Those who say Israel is an apartheid state are not recognizing the reality of the current state and these differences
- **“Free Palestine”**- It should mean free Palestine from Hamas terror but the most frequent meaning of “Free Palestine” is removal of Jews from the land and destruction of the State of Israel, replacing it with a Palestinian state. Some believe this chant is calling for human rights for Palestinians, or an end to the occupation of the West Bank, however, you will often see pictures of the entire State of Israel, West Bank and Gaza labeled as “Palestine” on signs, T-shirts and in literature.
- **“Intifada, intifada” or “Long live the intifada”** - Intifada means “uprising” in Arabic. The last intifada occurred in the early 2000s when Palestinian terrorists attacked Jewish civilians inside of Israel, using suicide bombers in buses, cafes, nightclubs, and other locations. Many Israelis died or were injured. This call to “intifada” evokes those murders and does not represent a call for peaceful or civil protest. Instead, whether intentionally or not, it is an inciting call to violence against Jews. Some protests even have signs calling for a “global intifada,” which implies that Jews around the world, including American Jews are targets as well.
- **“Proportionality”** –only Israel is ever asked to respond proportionally when fighting an enemy. To be proportional means to kill exactly the same

number of people that Hamas killed. To murder the exact same number of babies, old people, young people; to rape and torture the same number of women and to take the some number hostage. This is patently absurd.