## **Angela Davis**

Angela Davis is a professor and political activist who spreads libelous information about Israel. She exclusively blames Israel for the conflict, ignoring Palestinian Arab terrorism against Jews.

## Davis calls Palestinian Arab terrorism an acceptable form of "resistance." 1

- She minimizes Palestinian Arab terrorism, stating that "the question of [Palestinian Arab] violence... [is not one of] the issues that are at the center of struggles for justice."<sup>2</sup>
  - The Palestinian Authority (PA), which controls parts of Judea and Samaria (the 'West Bank'), incites terrorism, even putting terrorists on a payroll.<sup>3</sup> Also, Hamas, a U.S.-designated terrorist group forcibly controlling Gaza,<sup>4</sup> is openly dedicated to murdering Israeli civilians. It has killed at least 1,400 Israelis since 2000, and injured thousands more.<sup>5</sup>
  - Ignoring the key role Palestinian Arab terrorism plays in perpetuating the conflict, Davis exclusively blames Israel for preventing a peaceful resolution.

## Davis spreads propaganda suggesting that Israel is a colonial state that ethnically cleanses Palestinian Arabs.

- Davis falsely asserts that Israel occupies Palestinian Arab land.<sup>6</sup>
  - There has never been an internationally recognized state of "Palestine."
  - In reality, Israel has legal rights to all the land it governs.<sup>8</sup>
  - During the 1967 Six-Day War, a defensive war against surrounding Arab aggressors, Israel legally won Judea and Samaria, the Golan Heights, the Sinai Peninsula, and Gaza.
    Although Israel later relinquished its control of Gaza and the Sinai Peninsula in hopes of furthering peace, it was under no legal obligation to do so.<sup>1011</sup>
- Davis spreads false propaganda accusing Israel of ethnically cleansing Palestinian Arabs, while ignoring Palestinian Arab leadership's call for the extermination of the Jewish people.
  - The Arab population in Israel has been growing at a rapid rate, and by 2059, the percentage of Arabs in Israel is projected to grow from 20% to 23%.<sup>12</sup> This growth would not be possible if Israel was ethnically cleansing Palestinian Arabs.
  - On the other hand, Hamas' founding document calls for the destruction of Israel and the genocide of the Jewish people, which Davis conveniently ignores.<sup>13</sup>

Davis falsely claims that Israel is an apartheid state. She also promotes a conspiracy theory connecting the experiences of Palestinian Arabs to racism in the U.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Progressive Struggles Against Insidious Capitalist Individualism: Interview with Angela Davis. Frank Barat. Jadaliyya. September 21, 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Palestinian Incentive Program for Killing Jews. Eli Lake. Bloomberg View. July 1, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Foreign Terrorist Organizations. U.S. Department of State.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Summary of Terrorist Attacks in Israel. Compiled by Wm. Robert Johnston. Johnston Archive. January 8th, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Angela Davis Attacks Israel, Prisons in Speech at GW. Kara Zupkus. Campus Reform. March 31, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> West Bank. StandWithUs. 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Creation of the State of Israel. Anti-Defamation League. 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Key Maps, 1967 Six-Day War. BBC News.

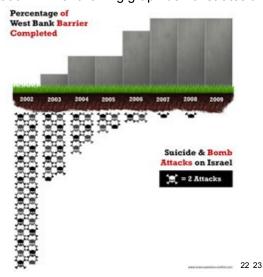
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Disengagement. Anti-Defamation League.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Interim Agreement between Israel and Egypt (Sinai II). United Nations Peacemaker. April 9th, 1975.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Israel's Soaring Population; Promised Land running out of room? Tova Cohen and Steven Scheer. Reuters. Sept. 25, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The Covenant of the Hamas. Information Division, Israeli Foreign Ministry Division. Fas.

- Davis starred in a video promoting Black-Palestinian solidarity, which compares the police killings of innocent African Americans with Palestinian Arabs terrorists killed by the IDF.
  - Unlike unarmed Black victims of police brutality in the U.S., the Palestinian Arabs Davis sympathizes with were killed while carrying out terrorist attacks.
  - Davis' Black-Palestinian solidarity project falsely claims that Israel targeted civilian populations in Gaza during Operation Protective Edge in 2014.<sup>14</sup>
  - o In reality, Hamas used their people as human shields, which is illegal under international law. Hamas has been hiding their weapons in UN hospitals, shelters, and schools.<sup>15</sup>
- Davis falsely accuses Israel of being an apartheid state, thereby minimizing the experiences of those who actually suffered from apartheid in South Africa.
  - Israel is not an apartheid state according to the UN's definition;<sup>16</sup> all minorities possess equal rights in Israel including Israeli Arabs.<sup>17</sup>
  - Arabs and Israelis are equally encouraged to participate in all aspects of society. For example, Israeli Arabs have been democratically elected to hold top positions in the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) and Supreme Court.<sup>18</sup>
  - Israel does not rule over Palestinian Arabs in Judea and Samaria; this is the job of the PA. The PA denies Palestinian Arabs basic freedoms, but this has nothing to do with Israel, as the PA runs a dictatorship over its citizens.
  - After years of Palestinian Arab terrorist attacks, Israel had to place certain restrictions on the movement of Palestinian Arabs living in Judea and Samaria.
    - These restrictions, such as a security barrier and border crossings into Israel, proved to work, as terrorist attacks have nearly ceased since their implementation.<sup>21</sup> The following graph demonstrates this:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Black Palestinian Solidarity. About Page.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> UN Report Confirms Stored and Fired Weapons from UN Schools. The tower.org Staff. The Tower. April 28th, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid. John Dugard. Audiovisual Library of International Law. November 30, 1973

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Sabel, Robbie. "The Campaign to Delegitimize Israel with the False Charge of Apartheid." *Jewish Political Studies Review*. 22 <sup>18</sup> Ibid. 22

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Gay Palestinian to Court: Deport Me and I'll be Killed. Times of Israel. May 25, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> What's the Truth Behind Checkpoints and Crossings in Judea and Samaria? IDF Blog. May 6, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Terrorism Against Israel: Number of Fatalities. Jewish Virtual Library.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>lbid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Suicide and Other Bombing Attacks in Israel Since the Declaration of Principles (Sept 1993), 2013.