

# Noam Chomsky

Noam Chomsky supports U.S.-designated terrorist organizations and racist policies that hurt both Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs. He also spreads lies about the only Jewish state and is against cooperation between the two sides.

- **Noam Chomsky claims that Hamas – an internationally recognized terrorist organization dedicated to the destruction of Israel – is a legitimate peaceful government.**
  - **Chomsky defends Hamas, which prohibits peace between the two sides and has a charter that calls for the destruction of the only Jewish state.** The following are excerpts from the group's charter:
    - “[Peace] initiatives, and so-called peaceful solutions and international conferences are in contradiction to the principles of the Islamic Resistance Movement... **There is no solution for the Palestinian problem except by Jihad.** Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are but a waste of time, an exercise in futility.” (Article 13)
    - “Israel exists and will continue to exist until Islam will **obliterate it...**” (Preamble)
    - “**The Nazism of the Jews** does not skip women and children, it scares everyone.” (Article 20)
  - **Chomsky supports and defends Hamas, even though it uses Palestinian-Arab civilians as human shields<sup>i</sup> and launches rockets at Israeli children.<sup>ii</sup>**
- **Noam Chomsky supports BDS, a movement that hurts Israel, Palestinian-Arabs, and peace prospects:**
  - Chomsky states that he is “strongly supportive of [BDS].” He boasts that he “was involved in them and supporting them before the BDS movement even existed.”<sup>iii</sup>
  - BDS is an anti-Semitic movement because it spreads lies about the only Jewish state in an attempt to isolate it politically, economically, and socially.
    - Freedom House ranked Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets the Jewish state.<sup>iv</sup>
      - BDS ignores countries (Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Syria, etc.) with the worst human rights records.
  - BDS has harsh repercussions for both Palestinian-Arab and Israeli civilians.
    - The BDS movement against Israel harms Palestinian-Arabs working in Judea and Samaria (the ‘West Bank’) by boycotting products they produce and eliminating their places of work and sources of income. **If BDS succeeds, roughly 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.<sup>v</sup>**
    - BDS undermines peace negotiations by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners. It also distorts reality by demonizing Israel and insisting it is to blame for the entire conflict.
- **Noam Chomsky denies the Jewish people’s right to self-determination in their native homeland.**
  - Chomsky claims that all Jews living in Israel today are “settlers who came in, originally from Europe,” and “immigrants.”<sup>vi</sup> He denies the 3,000-year-old Jewish connection to the land.<sup>vii</sup>
    - Archeological evidence proves at least 3,000 years of Jewish history in Israel.<sup>viii</sup> To deny Jewish history to the land is to deny the nationhood of the Jewish people.
  - **He claims that Israel, along with the United States, is a “rogue state.”<sup>ix</sup>**
- **Chomsky demonizes the State of Israel by spreading lies about its actions and intentions.**
  - He claims that Israeli Jews are racist against all Arabs, because he equates Jews with Europeans (who, he presumes, are also all inherently racist). This is inaccurate and offensive to both Jews and Europeans.

- He says, “It’s part of European culture to have racist attitudes toward the Third World... Naturally the Jewish community shared the attitudes of the rest of Europe...”<sup>x</sup>
  - In reality, Israel has a robust democracy, in which all of its citizens, Arabs and Jews alike, enjoy full and equal rights. For example, the Arab List is the third largest political party in the Israeli government today.<sup>xi</sup>
  - Moreover, in reality, more than half of Israel’s Jews come from a Middle Eastern and Arabic background and are not White. By definition, they are Arab.
- Chomsky claims that Israel “bombed Lebanon in retaliation against the United Nations, killing about 50 people, no excuse at all, just a fit of anger”<sup>xii</sup> in January of 1976.
  - This assertion is **utterly false and a slander against Israel**. There is no existing record of such an attack. In that same month, however, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) destroyed the Christian Lebanese town of Damour, killing almost 600 people.<sup>xiii</sup>
- Chomsky demonizes Israel’s actions against Hamas in Gaza, claiming “there is a definite pattern: A ceasefire is reached; Israel disregards it and continues its steady assault on Gaza...Hamas observes the ceasefire, as Israel officially recognizes, until some Israeli escalation elicits a Hamas response.”<sup>xiv</sup>
  - **This assertion is a lie**; Hamas has broken numerous cease-fire agreements, while Israel has not. In fact, the IDF released an outline of the 12 times Hamas broke ceasefire agreements in the summer of 2014 alone.<sup>xv</sup> At one point, Hamas continuously fired rockets at Israel for 6 hours before Israel responded.<sup>xvi</sup>

<sup>i</sup> *Conclusive Proof that Hamas Uses Palestinians as Human Shields*. Moshe Phillips and Benjamin Korn. Algemeiner. August 7, 2014.

<sup>ii</sup> Hamas fires rockets for first time since 2012, Israeli officials say. The Times of Israel. Avi Issacharoff and Times of Israel Staff. June 30, 2014

<sup>iii</sup> *A Hideous Atrocity”: Noam Chomsky on Israel’s Assault on Gaza & U.S. Support for the Occupation*. Democracy Now! August 7, 2014.

<sup>iv</sup> Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.

<sup>v</sup> *EU Survey: Palestinians working for Israelis are paid double those working for Palestinians in the West Bank and triple those in the Gaza Strip*. Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik. Palestinian Media Watch. February 26, 2015.

<sup>vi</sup> *Israel, the Holocaust, and Anti-Semitism*. Noam Chomsky. Excerpted from *Chronicles of Dissent*, 1992.

<sup>vii</sup> *Response To Common Inaccuracy: Jews have no Connection to Israel*. ADL.

<sup>viii</sup> *Archaeological evidence of a Jewish Jerusalem*. United With Israel.

<sup>ix</sup> *Noam Chomsky Rails Against Israel, Again, Conjures images of apartheid, and the United States as a “Mafia don”*. BU Today. March 3, 2010.

<sup>x</sup> *Israel, the Holocaust, and Anti-Semitism*. Noam Chomsky. Excerpted from *Chronicles of Dissent*, 1992.

<sup>xi</sup> *Arab Alliance Rises as Force in Israeli Elections*. New York Times. March 15, 2015.

<sup>xii</sup> *Israel, the Holocaust, and Anti-Semitism*. Noam Chomsky. Excerpted from *Chronicles of Dissent*, 1992.

<sup>xiii</sup> Samuel Katz. *Armies in Lebanon*. The Lebanese Civil War, 1975-76. 1985.

<sup>xiv</sup> *In U.N. Speech, Noam Chomsky Blasts United States for Supporting Israel, Blocking Palestinian State*. Democracy Now! November 27, 2014.

<sup>xv</sup> *Protective Edge: Hamas’ violations of ceasefires - A chronology*. Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. August 19, 2014.

<sup>xvi</sup> *IDF responds to 6 hours of Hamas rocket fire, and Guardian blames Israel for breaking ceasefire!* Adam Levick. UK Media Watch. July 15, 2014.