

Steven Salaita

Steven Salaita supports U.S.-designated terrorist organizations and praises acts of terrorism against children. He also spreads anti-Semitism and claims that hatred of Jews is a logical response to Israel. Finally, he supports policies that seek to harm both Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs.

Salaita strongly supports Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization that violently abuses both Palestinian-Arab and Israeli civilians.

- Salaita claims Hamas is an **“always compelling social movement.”**ⁱ However, the Hamas charter calls for the **genocide of the Jewish people** and the destruction of the only Jewish state.
 - For example, the charter says:
 - **“The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them.”** (Article 7)
 - **“The Nazism of the Jews** does not skip women and children, it scares everyone.” (Article 20)
 - **“Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.”** (Hamas Covenant, *In the Name of Merciful Allah*)
- Salaita also praised Hamas’ kidnapping of Israeli teenagers in June of 2014.
 - **“You may be too refined to say it, but I’m not: I wish all the fucking West Bank settlers would go missing.” - Salaita via Twitter, June 19th, 2014, shortly after the kidnapping.**
- Salaita supports and defends Hamas, even though it uses Palestinian-Arab civilians as human shieldsⁱⁱ and launches rockets at Israeli children.ⁱⁱⁱ

Salaita advocates for anti-Semitism as a logical response to the Arab-Israeli Conflict.

- **“The logic of ‘antisemitism’ deployed by Zionists, if applied in principle, would make pretty much everybody not a sociopath “antisemitic.”** -Steven Salaita, via Twitter July 17, 2014
- Salaita argues in his thesis that **“all Jews” oppress Palestinian-Arabs.**^{iv} In blaming ‘all Jews,’ Salaita labels the entire religion as a target for criticism and attack.

Salaita calls for the annihilation of the world’s only Jewish state and compares Israel to the Nazi regime, both of which are blatant acts of anti-Semitism, according to the U.S. State Department.^v

- Salaita equates Israel and Israel advocates with Nazi Germany and Nazi propagandists:
 - **“The @IDFSpokesperson receives money to justify, conceal, and glamorize genocidal violence. Goebbels much?”** -Salaita, via Twitter - July 16, 2014
 - **“#IsraeliIndependenceEquals sustenance of the European eugenic logic made famous by Hitler.”**- Salaita, via twitter - May 6, 2014

Salaita generalizes all Jews as oppressors:

- Salaita claims that because Jewish religious organizations, such as college campus Hillels, are supportive of Israel’s policies, anti-Semitic discourse is justified against all Jews.^{vi}
- Salaita claims Israel is **“the exclusive territory for Jews around the world,”** even though roughly **25 percent of Israeli citizens (who receive equal rights) are not Jewish.**^{vii}
- Salaita denies the legitimacy of a Jewish state, claiming that Zionism and Israel are only a construction of European powers.
 - He stated, **“The American fascination with the Holy Land and “restoring” it to the Jews is a peculiar Protestant phenomenon that has existed since the 19th century, one that shares a causal relationship with expansionist attitudes vis-à-vis Indians.”**^{viii} He also said that Zionism is nothing more than a European **“colonial fetish.”**^{ix}

- However, **in reality, Zionism is the Jewish people's civil rights movement dedicated to providing a safe-haven for the Jewish people in the 3,000-year-old historic Jewish homeland.**

Salaita supports BDS, an anti-Palestinian movement that is also dedicated to the delegitimization of Israel and the prevention of cooperation between Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs.

- The BDS movement harms Palestinian-Arabs working in Israel by boycotting companies that employ them. **If BDS succeeds, roughly 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**^x
- BDS undermines peace efforts by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners.
- Freedom House ranked Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets Israel.^{xi} **Why is BDS ignoring actual human rights abuses in the region and instead targeting the only Jewish state?**

ⁱ *Steven Salaita's Academic Work Is Just as Hateful as His Tweets.* Liel Leibovitz. Tablet Magazine. September 5, 2014

ⁱⁱ *Conclusive Proof that Hamas Uses Palestinians as Human Shields.* Moshe Phillips and Benyamin Korn. Algemeiner. August 7, 2014.

ⁱⁱⁱ 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

^{iv} 'The Ethics of Intercultural Approaches to Indigenous Studies Conjoining Natives and Palestinians in Context,' Steven Salaita. International Journal of Critical Indigenous Studies Volume 1, Number 1, 2008

^v *Defining Anti-Semitism.* U.S. Department of State. June 8, 2010.

^{vi} *Israel's Dead Soul,* Steven Salaita. Page 23. 2011.

^{vii} *Steven Salaita's Academic Work Is Just as Hateful as His Tweets.* Liel Leibovitz. Tablet Magazine. September 5, 2014

^{viii} 'The Ethics of Intercultural Approaches to Indigenous Studies Conjoining Natives and Palestinians in Context,' Steven Salaita. International Journal of Critical Indigenous Studies Volume 1, Number 1, 2008

^{ix} *How to practice BDS,* Salaita. Electronicintifada. May 27, 2014.

^x *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.

^{xi} Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.