BDS: Anti-Palestinian, Anti-Semitic, Anti-Peace

The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel hurts Palestinian-Arabs, spreads anti-Semitism, and undermines the peace process.

**BDS is Anti-Palestinian.**

The BDS movement threatens the livelihood of the thousands of Palestinian-Arabs working at Israeli companies, thus harming the people it claims to protect. Even PA President Mahmoud Abbas has opposed BDS.\(^1\)

- Approximately 80,000 Palestinian-Arabs work at Israeli companies.\(^2\) If BDS succeeds in boycotting these companies, **80,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**
- Palestinian-Arabs earn much more working for Israeli companies than for PA companies.\(^3\)
  - Boycotting Israeli companies like SodaStream only hurts the Palestinian-Arab employees who earn 3-4 times what they would at comparable jobs in the PA.\(^4\)

**BDS is Anti-Semitic.**

The BDS movement applies a double standard to Israel, the only liberal democracy in the Middle East. Applying a double standard to the only Jewish state is a direct manifestation of anti-Semitism as defined by the U.S. government.\(^5\)

- Freedom House ranked Israel as the only completely free country in the Middle East,\(^6\) yet BDS only targets the Jewish state. The BDS movement ignores countries (Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Syria, etc.) with the worst human rights records.
- The founders and supporters of the BDS movement regularly call for the destruction of the Jewish State:
  - The following BDS leaders support the elimination of the Jewish state by way of a “one-state solution” with an Arab majority:
    - Mazin Qumsiyeh (Co-founder al-Awda, a group with close ties to the US-designated terrorist group Hamas\(^7\))
    - Ali Abunimah (equates Jewish self-determination to genocide\(^8\))
    - Max Blumenthal (author of the anti-Semitic book, *Goliath*, which anti-Semites, conspiracy theorists, and neo-Nazis cite on a regular basis\(^9\))
  - Omar Barghouti, co-founder and leader of the BDS movement, denies the Jewish people's right to self-determination.\(^x\) Barghouti also
admits that the campaign against Israel will not end if Palestinian-Arabs receive their own state. xi

- “Ending the occupation doesn’t mean anything if it doesn’t mean upending the Jewish state itself…BDS does mean the end of the Jewish state.” xii

- Ahmed Moor, pro-BDS author consistently cited by the movement’s leaders

**BDS is Anti-Peace.**

BDS undermines peace negotiations and distorts reality:

- The BDS movement **incentivizes Palestinian-Arab leadership to refuse negotiation and compromise** by calling for no interaction with the Jewish state. xiii

- BDS **exclusively blames Israel for conflict in the Middle East**, ignoring overwhelming evidence of Arab incitement against Jews and Palestinian-Arab rejection of statehood. This could lead to a dangerous solution based off false realities.

Many BDS advocates openly proclaim their support for US-designated terrorist organizations. The following anti-Israel activists regularly speak on college campuses at pro-BDS events.

- **Monzer Taleb** - a Hamas supporter who has been investigated by the U.S. government for his ties to terrorists. xv

- **Amir Abdel Malik Ali** - calls for continuous war against Israel and openly supports Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, three internationally recognized terrorist organizations. xv

- **Khader Adnan** - a former spokesperson for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. He openly encourages suicide bombings. xvi, xvii

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