

BDS is Anti-Palestinian

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

BDS hurts the Palestinian-Arab Economy and causes Palestinian-Arabs, the people the movement supposedly supports, to lose their jobs.

- The Palestinian-Arab economy relies heavily on Israel for imports and exports.ⁱ **If BDS succeeds, it will shut down a majority of the Palestinian-Arab economy.**
 - In 2012, Palestinian-Arab sales to Israel accounted for 81 percent of total exports from the Palestinian Authority (PA).⁵
 - Imports from Israel account for two-thirds of all Palestinian-Arab imports, or 27 percent of the Palestinian-Arab GDP.⁵
 - As of 2014, more than 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs from the PA work in Israel, according to a report by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics.ⁱⁱ
 - **If BDS succeeds, more than 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**
 - Palestinian-Arabs, on average, earn roughly twice as much working in Israel as they do working in the PA. If BDS succeeds, these Palestinian-Arabs will see their paychecks cut in half and will have trouble supporting their families.
 - In 2014, the BDS movement pressured SodaStream to move its headquarters out of Judea and Samaria (the “West Bank”).ⁱⁱⁱ
 - When SodaStream moved, **hundreds of Palestinian-Arabs lost their high-paying jobs** with benefits such as free transportation and daily breakfast and lunch.^{iv}

While BDS falsely accuses Israel of human rights violations, it detracts from actual human rights abuses committed against Palestinian-Arabs.

- Both the PA and Hamas persecute minorities and deny all their citizens basic freedoms and human rights.
 - Both groups persecute women and permit honor killings (the killing of women for acting “dishonorably” toward their families).
 - Women are denied legal protection against domestic abuse. In order to make a claim against sexual abuse, girls under the age of 18 must be escorted to a police station by a male relative.^v
 - Furthermore, in its charter, Hamas limits the role of women to be mothers and homemakers, raising their children to fulfill the religious commandments of Islam and their role in war.^{vi}
 - Both groups persecute and even murder homosexuals for the “crime” of being gay.
 - Both the PA and Hamas deny their people the rights of free speech and press and they jail journalists for expressing positions against the government.
 - In February of 2013, a court sentenced a 26-year-old man to a year in prison after he posted a photo on Facebook portraying PA President Abbas as a soccer player on Real Madrid.^{vii}

- Hamas commits the war crime of using children and other civilians as human shields while waging war against Israel. It also executes Palestinian-Arabs for allegedly collaborating with Israel.^{viii}

Even the Palestinian Authority (PA) opposes a boycott of Israel, as PA leader Mahmoud Abbas has spoken out against BDS, clearly stating “No, [the PA] do[es] not support the boycott of Israel.”^{ix}

ⁱ *Boycott Israel Movement Stunts the Palestinian Economy*. Carrie Sheffield. Forbes. February 22, 2015.

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^{iv} *Palestinian workers back Scarlett Johansson's opposition to SodaStream boycott*. Christa Case Bryant. The Christian Science Monitor. January 30, 2014.

^v *Data Shows BDS Movement Diminishing Palestinian Economy*. Jacob Kornbluh. JPUupdates. February 23, 2015.

^{vi} *Hidden Injustices*. Jerusalem Institute of Justice. March 2015.

^{vii} *Hidden Injustices*. Jerusalem Institute of Justice. March 2015.

^{viii} *Executions in Gaza are a Warning to Spies*. Fares Akram and Jodi Rudoren. The New York Times. August 22, 2014.

^{ix} *At Mandela funeral, Abbas says he opposes boycott of Israel*. Daoud Kuttab. Al Monitor. December 13, 2013.