

Jewish Voice for Peace: Anti-Jewish, Anti-Peace

JVP works to destroy the Jewish state in the Jewish homeland. The group does not think Israel has the right to exist and often lies in order to demonize Israel. Overall, JVP promotes anti-Jewish policies that also hinder peace and even harm the Palestinian-Arabs they claim to support

- **JVP supports BDS, a movement dedicated to the destruction of the only Jewish state. BDS also harms Palestinian-Arabs and peace efforts.**
 - JVP officially supports BDS and claims it is not anti-Semitic to attack the only Jewish state.ⁱ
 - In reality, the group’s BDS movement, called “We Divest,” is structured to attack Israel for being a Jewish state, rather than to criticize Israeli policy.ⁱⁱ
 - 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 ranks Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets the Jewish state.ⁱⁱⁱ
 - BDS ignores countries (Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Iran, 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 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.**^{iv}
 - 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.
- **JVP attacks people and calls them racist solely for supporting Israel’s right to exist.**
 - JVP has claimed that anyone who supports Israel is by definition an Islamophobe,^v despite the fact that Israel is the only country in the Middle East that grants full rights to Muslims.
- **JVP supports and attends numerous anti-Semitic rallies, attacking the nature of the Jewish state rather than its policies.**
 - JVP protests Israel’s right to exist and has hosted events to counter Israeli independence day gatherings in Baltimore,^{vi} San Francisco,^{vii} Boston,^{viii} and many other cities nationwide. These protests solely **seek the destruction of Israel, instead of seeking peace and dialogue** between the two sides.
 - Some of these JVP-sponsored anti-Israel rallies **turn violent against Jews**. JVP protesters have physically attacked Jews solely for their faith.
 - A JVP protester during an anti-Israel rally attacked and severely beat Leonard Petlakh in Brooklyn in October of 2014. Petlakh was **attacked because he is a Zionist Jew**.^{ix}
 - JVP protested a Holocaust memorial in the New York City Council in 2015, verbally attacking Jews and comparing Israel to the Nazi regime.^x This protest, planned and sponsored by JVP, was **deliberately anti-Semitic**.
 - Comparing Israel to the Nazis directly violates the U.S. State Department’s definition of anti-Semitism,^{xi} as it spreads lies about the only Jewish state and offends the real victims of genocide.

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- ⁱ *Jewish Voice for Peace and BDS*. June 9, 2010.
- ⁱⁱ *Profile: A Jewish Voice for Peace*. Anti-Defamation League, 2013.
- ⁱⁱⁱ Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.
- ^{iv} *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.
- ^v Islamophobia and Palestine. Vimeo. January, 2015.
- ^{vi} *'Celebration of ethnic cleansing is intolerable': Baltimore JVP crashes 'Israeli Independence Day' party* MondoWeiss. April 24, 2015.
- ^{vii} *JVP and friends protesting a Jewish cultural fair. Again*. June 22, 2011.
- ^{viii} *Jewish Voice for Peace anti-Israel protest in Boston turns antisemitic*. July 13, 2014.
- ^{ix} *Head of Hebrew association attacked outside Barclays Center*. New York Post, Oct. 8, 2014.
- ^x *Anti-Israel activists disrupt NYC Council vote commemorating liberation of Auschwitz*. January 22, 2015.
- ^{xi} *Defining Anti-Semitism*. U.S. State Department. June 8, 2010.