SJP's Founding – Based in Terror

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) was founded based off the General Union of Palestinian Students (GUPS). GUPS was founded in Egypt in 1950[i] and came to the United States at San Francisco State University in 1973.[ii] Hatem Bazian renamed GUPS "SJP" at UC-Berkeley in 2001.

- Early GUPS members included Yasser Arafat, Hanan Ashwari, and more members of the PLO, which oversaw major terrorist attacks against American and Israeli civilians.
    - Yasser Arafat was president of the Cairo-based GUPS in 1952.[iii] Later, Arafat founded the PLO in 1964 as a guerilla organization whose charter encouraged terrorist actions as the official means to eliminate "the Zionist entity."[iv] Arafat also oversaw the Second Intifada (see below), a wave of terrorist attacks that murdered hundreds of civilians.
    - Hanan Ashwari attempted to revise history and ignore crimes against Jews, claiming that "there are no Jewish refugees from Arab countries" and that Jewish refugees are merely a "plot by Zionists."[v]
        - In reality...**Arab persecution of Jews led to more than 1 million Jewish refugees and the eradication of the millennia-old Jewish communities in the Arab world.**

Country	Number of Jews in 1944	Number of Jews in 2004
Iraq	150,000	16
Algeria	140,000	80
Egypt	80,000	40
Libya	38,000	0
Syria	27,770	26
Morocco	265,000	5,000
Tunisia	105,000	1,500

SJP was co-founded at UC-Berkeley by Hatem Bazian in 2000. Bazian is an anti-American and anti-Semitic activist that calls for the killing of Jews and the destruction of Israel.[vi]
- In 2004, Bazian called for an "Intifada" in America, thus calling for the killing of American civilians.
    - During the Second Intifada that ended around this statement by Bazian, Palestinian-Arab terrorists murdered hundreds of Israeli civilians in suicide bombings, mass shootings, and rocket attacks. Here are just a few examples:
        - A Hamas suicide bomber murdered 21 civilians (mostly youths) and injured 120 more outside a nightclub in Tel Aviv on June 1, 2001.[vii]
        - A suicide bomber murdered 15 civilians and injured about 100 more on the evening of August 9, 2001 at the Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem.[viii]
        - A Palestinian bus attacker killed 8 young adults on February 14, 2001 outside Tel Aviv.[ix]

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- While at SFSU in the 1990s, Bazian accused the Golden Gater student newspaper of being full of "Jewish spies."[x]
- Bazian blocked the approval of a Jewish student to the Student Judicial Council at SFSU in the 1990s, using the reasoning that the student supported the Jewish State and was therefore racist.[2]
- Bazian spoke at a KindHearts fundraising event entitled "Palestinians in Agony!" in June of 2004.[1]
  - In 2006, KindHearts' assets were frozen by the U.S. Treasury for allegedly transmitting money to terrorist organizations. According to the Treasury, KindHearts was trying to replace the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF), the main fundraising division of the U.S.-designated terrorist group Hamas.

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