UN General Assembly’s Anti-Israel Bias

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) is the main policy organ of the UN; it makes policy recommendations to states that are not binding under international law. The UNGA disproportionately targets Israel and delegitimizes the only democracy in the Middle East.

The UNGA disproportionately condemns the world’s only Jewish state.

- The Palestinian Authority and Syria compelled the Assembly to adopt six resolutions against Israel in one session on November 24, 2015.ii
  - In that same session, not a single other country was condemned.
  - The session was held during a heightened wave of Arab-Palestinian terror. No resolutions or condemnations were issued towards the Palestinian Authority and the 174 recent acts of terror it incited its citizens to commit in the weeks preceding the session.iii
- The next day, the GA adopted 20 resolutions condemning Israel, and only 3 against the rest of the world combined: One on Iran, one on Syria, and one on North Korea.iv
  - North Korea places its citizens in concentration camps for speaking out against the government,‘ while Iran hangs individuals for the “crime” of being gay.vi
  - On the other hand, all Israeli citizens (Arab, Druze, Jewish, etc) enjoy full freedoms under the law.vii No other country in the Middle East offers any citizens basic rights.
- In 2015, the GA issued more than a dozen resolutions related to Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs, while issuing zero on Saudi Arabia.viii
  - Saudi Arabia executes women who drive or disobey their husbands; imprisons citizens for drinking alcohol; and tortures and murders members of the LGBTQ community.ix x xi
    - It also forbids human-rights activists and others from speaking out against the government under penalty of torture.xii
  - The U.S. State Department listed Saudi Arabia as being the worst human-rights offender in 2013.xiii

The UNGA declared Zionism, the movement that calls for Jewish self-determination, a form of racism in 1975. In 1991, under the influence of the United States, the resolution was repealed.xiv

- In reality, Zionism entitles Jews to a national homeland, just as all other nations should be entitled to have a nation-state.xv Supporting Zionism means supporting the right of the Jewish people to a safe-haven in their historic homeland.
- The UNGA declared “Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination” in Resolution 3379 in 1975.xvi
The resolution was entitled “Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination.” However, it focused solely on the Jewish State of Israel (the one place in the Middle East that promises equality to all its citizens).

Zionism is the nationalist movement on which Israel was founded. Therefore, by rendering the movement invalid, the Assembly thereby rendered the Jewish State invalid.

Arab states in the UN have used their large representative bloc in the GA as a forum to condemn Israel.\textsuperscript{xvii}

- The bloc of Arab member states use their communal voting power to create several anti-Israel UN committees to promote an anti-Israel sentiment.\textsuperscript{xviii}
  - Most of these Arab countries do not recognize Israel’s right to exist, or the right of the Jewish people to have their own homeland.
- Arab states continue to prevent Israel’s membership into many of the regional geographic groups in the UN today by using their large voting bloc against Israeli membership.
- Both Qatar and the UAE, Arab states in this bloc, treat migrant workers as slave laborers. They enter the country with the hopes of making money, and are then forbidden to leave. Workers are put-up in slave-like conditions and often go unpaid for 24 hours or more.\textsuperscript{xix}
  - Slave labor is being used to build stadiums for the World Cup in 2022 and hotels and museums on Saadiyat Island.\textsuperscript{xx}

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