

Judith Butler

Judith Butler claims to be a feminist and LGBTQ activist. However, she defends terrorist organizations that persecute women and LGBTQ and she demonizes Israel, which is the only free country in the Middle East for both women and the LGBTQ community.

- **Judith Butler defends Hamas and Hezbollah – two internationally recognized terrorist organizations – both of which call for the killing of civilians and the destruction of the United States and Israel.**
 - Judith Butler claims that Hamas and Hezbollah are legitimate social movements, stating, “understanding Hamas, Hezbollah as social movements that are progressive, that are on the Left, that are part of a global Left, is extremely important.”¹
 - Hamas and Hezbollah oppose peaceful coexistence and call for the annihilation of both the United States and Israel, openly chanting “Death to America” and “Death to Israel.”^{2 3}
 - **Hamas and Hezbollah use Palestinian-Arab children as human shields⁴ and launch rockets at Israeli Jewish and Arab civilians.⁵**
- **Butler refers to these terrorist groups as “progressive” and “on the left,” despite the fact that they persecute women and murder members of the LGBTQ community for the “crime” of being gay.**
 - Both impose Islamic Shari’a law on their people, which calls for the murder of homosexuals by crucifixion and the harsh persecution of women.⁶
 - Both heavily infringe on women’s rights by controlling their public actions and politicizing their private lives. For example, Hamas forbids women from dancing in public and riding with men on motorcycles.⁷
- **Butler aggressively calls for the anti-Semitic Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.**
 - 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 ranked Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets the Jewish state.⁸
 - BDS ignores countries (Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Syria, etc.) with the worst human rights records.
 - This qualifies as anti-Semitism according to the U.S. State Department’s definition of the term because it holds the only Jewish state to a double standard.⁹
 - Furthermore, BDS has harsh repercussions for both Palestinian-Arab and Israeli civilians.
 - The BDS movement against Israel harms the 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs working in Israel every day by boycotting products they produce and eliminating their places of work and sources of income.
 - 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.

¹ *Judith Butler and the politics of hypocrisy.* Petra Marquardt-Bigman, The Jerusalem Post, August, 30 2012

² *Hamas Leaders Call For Death to America and Islamic World Conquest.* CBN News. January 14, 2009.

³ *Masses chant 'Death to Israel' at funeral for Hezbollah commander slain in alleged Israeli strike.* REUTERS. The Jerusalem Post. January 19, 2015.

⁴ *Conclusive Proof that Hamas Uses Palestinians as Human Shields.* Moshe Phillips and Benyamin Korn. Algemeiner. August 7, 2014.

⁵ *Hamas fires rockets for first time since 2012, Israeli officials say.* The Times of Israel. Avi Issacharoff and Times of Israel Staff. June 30, 2014

⁶ *The “Moral Equivalence” – Hamas, ISIS and the Media.* ACDemocracy. Rachel Ehrenfeld. July 20th, 2014

⁷ *Hamas Bans Women Dancers, Scooter Riders in Gaza Push (Update1).* Daniel Williams. Bloomberg November 30, 2009.

⁸ Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.

⁹ *Defining Anti-Semitism.* U.S. Department of State. June 8, 2010.