Josh Ruebner

Josh Ruebner is the National Advocacy Director of the “U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation,” a coalition of anti-Israel groups dedicated to ending U.S. aid to Israel and the destruction of the only Jewish state. He defends U.S.-designated terrorist organizations and spreads lies to demonize Israel.¹

Josh Ruebner excused al-Qaeda’s actions on 9/11, blaming the U.S. and Israel for the attacks.

- Instead of condemning al-Qaeda, Ruebner blamed the 9/11 terror attacks on U.S. support for Israel. In other words, he uses the 3,000 American deaths al-Qaeda is responsible for to promote anti-Semitic conspiracy theories instead of denouncing Islamic extremism.
  - In an article he wrote in 2002, Ruebner speculated that “When the State Department has the audacity to blame the victim and calls on Palestinians to halt Israel’s violence, this is a sure-fire sign of a morally bankrupt policy…How many more Twin Towers need to fall before we realize that there are indeed consequences of the action (or inaction) that our democratically elected government takes in our name?”²

Josh Ruebner equates the Jewish state to the Nazi regime, an act deemed anti-Semitic by the U.S. State Department.³

- He falsely claims that Israel researched and copied tactics Nazis used to attack Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto in order to “attack and kill Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.”
  - In other words, he compares Israel’s self-defense against terrorist groups to the Nazi genocide of the Jewish people.⁴

Josh Ruebner leads an anti-peace, anti-coexistence coalition that seeks the annihilation of the only Jewish state.

- Ruebner’s organization, the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, has the primary goal of stopping all U.S. foreign aid to the only Jewish state -- the only democracy in the Middle East. The funds that Ruebner wants to withhold support the Israeli Defense Forces’ efforts to protect Israeli citizens of all backgrounds from terror attacks.
  - Meanwhile, the organization does not call for withholding aid to countries like Saudi Arabia, where the government murders members of the LGBTQ community and stones women for disobeying their husbands.
- Ruebner and his coalition call for Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions against (BDS)⁵, an anti-Palestinian movement that is also dedicated to the delegitimization of Israel and the prevention of cooperation between Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs.

⁵ Our Work. US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.
○ The BDS movement harms Palestinian-Arabs working in Israel by boycotting companies that employ them. **If BDS succeeds, roughly 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**

○ BDS undermines peace efforts by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners.

○ Freedom House ranked Israel as the only completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets Israel. Why is BDS ignoring actual human rights abuses in the region and instead targeting the only Jewish state?

- Ruebner labels AIPAC supporters as being “Israel first,” channeling the anti-Semitic trope that Jews are more loyal to Israel than the U.S.

- Ruebner and his coalition falsely claim that Israel is an Apartheid state. Equating Israel with an apartheid state is a lie constructed to demonize the only Jewish state and minimize the experiences of those who actually suffered from apartheid in South Africa.
  - In reality, minorities in Israel, including Palestinian-Arabs, enjoy equal rights. This makes Israel the opposite of an apartheid state.
  - Israel does not rule over Palestinian-Arabs in Judea and Samaria (the ‘West Bank’); this is the job of the Palestinian Authority (PA). The PA denies Palestinian-Arabs basic freedoms, but this has nothing to do with Israel, as the PA runs a dictatorship over its citizens.
    - After years of Palestinian-Arab terrorist attacks and hundreds of Israeli civilians massacred, Israel had to place certain restrictions on the movement of Palestinian-Arabs living in Judea and Samaria.

    - These restrictions, such as a security barrier and border crossings into Israel, proved to work, as terrorist attacks have nearly ceased since their implementation.

The following graph demonstrates this:

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6 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.

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

8 Ibid.

9 Our Work. US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.

10 Gay Palestinian to Court: Deport Me and I’ll be Killed. Times of Israel. May 25, 2012


12 Terrorism Against Israel: Number of Fatalities. Jewish Virtual Library.

13 Ibid.