

# Robin D. G. Kelley

Robin D.G. Kelley is an advisory board member of the “U.S. Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel” (USACBI), an anti-peace and anti-coexistence organization dedicated to the annihilation of the only Jewish state. He is a terrorist-sympathizer who spreads anti-Semitic and anti-Israel propaganda to demonize and delegitimize Israel.

## Robin D.G. Kelley has advocated for terrorism at his events.

- Kelley spoke at an event entitled “International Solidarity with Palestine: Towards a Global Intifada” in 2014.<sup>1</sup> This event promoted another “Intifada,” which refers to waves of terrorist attacks that have murdered hundreds of Jewish civilians.
  - The following are only a few of the deadly attacks committed by terrorists during the second intifada:
    - A Hamas suicide bomber **murdered 21 civilians (mostly youths)** and injured 120 more outside a nightclub in Tel Aviv on June 1, 2001.<sup>2</sup>
    - A Hamas suicide bomber **murdered 15 civilians** on the evening of August 9, 2001 at the Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup>
    - A Palestinian-Arab bus attacker **killed eight young adults** on February 14, 2001 outside Tel Aviv.<sup>4</sup>

## Kelley spoke out in support of an anti-Semitic, terror-supporting professor.

- Kelley wrote a letter to the University of Illinois’s chancellor advocating for Steven Salaita, an openly anti-Semitic professor who supports U.S.-designated terrorist organizations and praises acts of terrorism against children.<sup>5</sup> He wrote this after Illinois rescinded its job offer to Salaita because of his terror-supporting activities.
  - Salaita praised Hamas’ kidnapping of Israeli teenagers in June of 2014.
    - You may be too refined to say it, but I’m not: I wish all the fucking West Bank settlers would go missing.” - Salaita via Twitter, June 19th, 2014, shortly after the kidnapping.
  - Kelley wrote to the chancellor that if he does not hire Salaita, he “cannot in good conscience step foot on your campus so long as you hold the position as Chancellor. And I will encourage my colleagues to do the same.”<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Robin D.G. Kelley. Canary Mission.

<sup>2</sup> Suicide Bomb kills 17 at Tel Aviv Nightclub, The Telegraph. June 2, 2001.

<sup>3</sup> The Massacre at the Sbarro restaurant, The Malki Foundation.

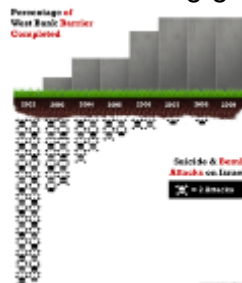
<sup>4</sup> Victims of Palestinian Violence and Terrorism since September 2000. Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

<sup>5</sup> Steven Salaita’s Academic Work Is Just as Hateful as His Tweets. Liel Leibovitz. Tablet Magazine. September 5, 2014.

<sup>6</sup> In Support of Professor Steven Salaita: A Letter to Chancellor Phyllis Wise. Robin G. Kelley. The Feminist Wire. August 12, 2015.

**Kelley is an advisory board member of the “U.S. Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel” (USACBI)<sup>7</sup>, an anti-Semitic organization that seeks to destroy the only Jewish state.**

- USACBI is an affiliate of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against (BDS) movement, an anti-Palestinian movement that is also dedicated to the delegitimization of Israel and the prevention of cooperation between Israelis and Palestinian-Arabs.
  - 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.**<sup>8</sup>
  - BDS undermines peace efforts by encouraging Palestinian-Arab leaders to not associate or negotiate with Israeli peace partners.
  - Freedom House continuously ranks Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets Israel.<sup>9</sup> **Why is BDS ignoring actual human rights abuses in the region and instead targeting the only Jewish state?**
  
- **Kelley falsely claims that Israel is an Apartheid state.<sup>10</sup> Equating Israel with an apartheid state is a deliberate 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 nearly all 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.<sup>11</sup>
    - 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.<sup>12</sup>
      - These restrictions, such as a security barrier and border crossings into Israel, proved to work, as terrorist attacks have nearly ceased since their implementation.<sup>13</sup> The following graph demonstrates this:



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<sup>7</sup> Robin D.G. Kelley. Canary Mission.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics.

<sup>10</sup> Robin D.G. Kelley. Canary Mission.

<sup>11</sup> Gay Palestinian to Court: Deport Me and I'll be Killed. Times of Israel. May 25, 2012

<sup>12</sup> What's the Truth Behind Checkpoints and Crossings in Judea and Samaria? IDF Blog. May 6, 2013.

<sup>13</sup> Terrorism Against Israel: Number of Fatalities. Jewish Virtual Library.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

<sup>15</sup> Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Suicide and Other Bombing Attacks in Israel Since the Declaration of Principles (Sept 1993), 2013.