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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Cynthia Leive, Editor-in-Chief
Glamour Magazine
4 Times Square
New York, NY 10036-6518

Dear Ms. Leive:

We were appalled to learn that Glamour magazine has included Linda Sarsour among the organizers of the Women's March last January who are being honored as Glamour's Women of the Year for 2017. Sarsour's photo with other March organizers is on display on Glamour's website.

Sarsour is undeserving of this recognition from Glamour, a magazine that is supposed to exemplify true leadership for women. As the following examples illustrate, Sarsour is an anti-Semitic, anti-Israel bigot and a terrorist sympathizer who divides rather than unites us:

- Sarsour ostracizes and excludes Jews and other Israel supporters from the fight for women's rights and equality, [promoting](#) the false notion that if you are a Zionist, then you cannot be a feminist. There is absolutely no conflict between Zionism and feminism. We are proud that both women and men at the Zionist Organization of America are strong Zionists and strong feminists.
- Sarsour condemns and delegitimizes brave, true feminists who speak out against radical Islam. Ayaan Hirsi Ali, once a devout Muslim, has courageously criticized the role that Islam plays in tolerating the abuse of girls and women, including genital mutilation and so-called honor killings. She knows about these abuses first-hand, and has faced death threats for her advocacy for girls and women. Instead of showing her respect, Sarsour disgustingly [tweeted](#) that Ayaan Hirsi Ali's "vagina should be taken away" and that she does not "deserve" to be a woman.
- Sarsour [opposes](#) the right of the Jewish State of Israel to exist, expressing her unbridled hatred on Twitter with statements such as "[Nothing is creepier than Zionism](#)" and "[Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] [Netanyahu is a waste of a human being](#)."
- Sarsour promotes violence against Jews and terror wars against Israel. She posted a photo of a young Arab child walking toward Israeli soldiers, holding rocks in both hands, and [praised](#) it as "the definition of courage." When there was justifiable backlash from

New York City Council Member Rory Lancman and others, Sarsour [tweeted](#), “The Zionist trolls are out to play. Bring it.” Sarsour also [tweeted](#) her support for the intifada – the term for the Palestinian Arab terror war against Jews in Israel – describing it as “invaluable on many fronts.”

- Sarsour openly [supports](#) the anti-Semitic Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement which targets one country alone for punishment and elimination – the Jewish State of Israel – while ignoring the actions of genuine human rights abusing countries.
- Sarsour claims to care about bigotry – except when it is directed against Jews, [stating](#) that anti-Semitism “can’t exactly compare to . . . anti-black racism or Islamophobia.” She also showed shocking insensitivity and ignorance about the suffering of black slaves in the U.S. when she [tweeted](#), “The sacrifice [that] the black Muslim slaves went through in this country is nothing compared to Islamaphobia [sic] today.”
- Sarsour is a terrorist sympathizer. In April, she shared a podium with Rasmea Odeh, a convicted terrorist responsible for murdering two college students in a 1969 supermarket bombing in Israel. Sarsour [said](#) she was “honored and privileged to be here in this space, and honored to be on this stage with Rasmea.” Odeh was recently deported from the U.S. for lying about her terrorist crimes on her immigration forms.

With millions of print readers, monthly users online, and followers across social media platforms, Glamour has a huge influence on young women. Your readers and followers know that the Women of the Year who are chosen by Glamour are game changers, rule breakers, and trailblazers. They are meant to inspire us. They should not be anti-Semitic bigots who divide rather than unite us.

Linda Sarsour is not worthy of being honored among the Women’s March organizers as Glamour’s Women of the Year for 2017. Please remove all references to Sarsour as well as her photo from your website. Including her taints the other honorees as well as the reputation of your magazine.

Very truly yours,



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