

BDS: Anti-Palestinian, Anti-Semitic, Anti-Peace

The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel hurts Palestinian-Arabs, spreads anti-Semitism, and undermines the peace process.

BDS is *Anti-Palestinian*.

The BDS movement threatens the livelihood of the thousands of Palestinian-Arabs working at Israeli companies, thus harming the people it claims to protect. **Even PA President Mahmoud Abbas has opposed BDS.**ⁱ

- Approximately 80,000 Palestinian-Arabs work at Israeli companies.ⁱⁱ If BDS succeeds in boycotting these companies, **80,000 Palestinian-Arabs will lose their jobs.**
- Palestinian-Arabs earn much more working for Israeli companies than for PA companies.ⁱⁱⁱ
 - Boycotting Israeli companies like SodaStream only hurts the Palestinian-Arab employees who earn 3-4 times what they would at comparable jobs in the PA.^{iv}

BDS is *Anti-Semitic*.

The BDS movement applies a double standard to Israel, the only liberal democracy in the Middle East. Applying a double standard to the only Jewish state **is a direct manifestation of anti-Semitism** as defined by the U.S. government.^v

- Freedom House ranked Israel as the *only* completely free country in the Middle East,^{vi} yet **BDS only targets the Jewish state.** The BDS movement ignores countries (Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Syria, etc.) with the worst human rights records.
- **The founders and supporters of the BDS movement regularly call for the destruction of the Jewish State:**
 - The following BDS leaders support the elimination of the Jewish state by way of a “one-state solution” with an Arab majority:
 - Mazin Qumsiyeh (Co-founder al-Awda, a group with close ties to the US-designated terrorist group Hamas^{vii})
 - Ali Abunimah (equates Jewish self-determination to genocide^{viii})
 - Max Blumenthal (author of the anti-Semitic book, *Goliath*, which anti-Semites, conspiracy theorists, and neo-Nazis cite on a regular basis^{ix})
 - Omar Barghouti, co-founder and leader of the BDS movement, denies the Jewish people's right to self-determination.^x Barghouti also

admits that the campaign against Israel will not end if Palestinian-Arabs receive their own state.^{xi}

- “Ending the occupation doesn’t mean anything if it doesn’t mean upending the Jewish state itself...BDS does mean the end of the Jewish state^{xii}.” - Ahmed Moor, pro-BDS author consistently cited by the movement’s leaders

BDS is *Anti-Peace*.

BDS undermines peace negotiations and distorts reality:

- The BDS movement **incentivizes Palestinian-Arab leadership to refuse negotiation and compromise** by calling for no interaction with the Jewish state.^{xiii}
- BDS **exclusively blames Israel for conflict in the Middle East**, ignoring overwhelming evidence of Arab incitement against Jews and Palestinian-Arab rejection of statehood. This could lead to a dangerous solution based off false realities.

Many BDS advocates openly proclaim their support for US-designated terrorist organizations. The following anti-Israel activists regularly speak on college campuses at pro-BDS events.

- *Monzer Taleb* - a Hamas supporter who has been investigated by the U.S. government for his ties to terrorists.^{xiv}
- *Amir Abdel Malik Ali* - calls for continuous war against Israel and openly supports Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, three internationally recognized terrorist organizations.^{xv}
- *Khader Adnan* - a former spokesperson for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. He openly **encourages suicide bombings**.^{xvi, xvii}

ⁱ “At Mandela funeral, Abbas says he opposes boycott of Israel,” *Al-Monitor*, December 13, 2013.

ⁱⁱ “20,000 Palestinians working in settlements, survey finds,” *The Jerusalem Post*, August 15, 2013.

ⁱⁱⁱ “Palestinian workers back Scarlett Johansson’s opposition to SodaStream boycott,” *The Christian Science Monitor*, January 30, 2014.

^{iv} “Workers at West Bank SodaStream don’t see the fuss” *USA Today*, February 4, 2014.

^v U.S. Department of State: Defining Anti-Semitism, June 8, 2010

^{vi} Freedom House: Middle East and North Africa, Countries and Topics

^{vii} Anti-Defamation League, *Backgrounder: Mazin Qumsiyeh*, March 8, 2007.

^{viii} NGO Monitor, *Electronic Intifada and Ali Abunimah Fact Sheet*, January 14, 2011.

^{ix} “Max Blumenthal’s ‘Goliath’ and the Mainstreaming of Anti-Semitism,” *The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law*, February 17, 2014.

^x “Omar Barghouti at UCLA: Echoes of 1930’s Europe,” *Scholars for Peace in the Middle East*, January 18, 2014.

^{xi} “Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS): An Introduction,” *Honest Reporting*, January 2012.

^{xii} “BDS is a long term project with radically transformative potential,” *Mondoweiss*, April 22, 2010.

^{xiii} “Ten reasons why the BDS movement is immoral and hinders peace,” *Gatestone Institute*, February 12, 2014.

^{xiv} *On Many Campuses, Hate is Spelled SJP*. Daniel Mael. The Tower. October 2014.

^{xv} *Sabiqun and Anti-Semitism on Campus: Imam Amir Abdul Malik Ali*. Anti-Defamation League. September 11, 2009.

^{xvi} *Member Of Islamic Jihad To Address Students At American University*. Anti-Defamation League . October 26, 2012.

^{xvii} *Six Die in Renewed Mideast Violence*. Charles A. Radin. Boston World News June 8, 2005.