

University Encampments and the Freedom Flotilla: Fighting Back Against Historical Racist Genocide

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*"About 60% of Israeli Jews oppose any humanitarian aid to Gaza... As of January, when already it's reaching the ICJ, the International Court of Justice, on charges of genocide, only 3.2 percent of Jewish Israelis believed the Israeli Defense Forces was using too much firepower in Gaza. So, **when people want to lay the blame for the insanity on Netanyahu for the insanity ...that is a misrepresentation of the facts.... The whole population agrees with what Netanyahu is doing.**" – Norman Finkelstein [1]*

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The late Madeleine Albright famously said, referring to the deaths of 500,000 Iraqi children from sanctions imposed following the 1991 War that, "the price, we think, the price is worth it." [2]

This same sentiment would no doubt be expressed by the mentally and linguistically flexible allies of Israel – those who market themselves as the champions of the "rules-based international order" regarding the more than [35,000 Palestinians killed](#) over the 7 month old Israeli rampage of Gaza. [3]

The even more distressing news is that the actions committed by Hamas appear to give the Israeli "[self-defenders](#)" a blank cheque to commit abuses of human rights against [doctors](#), [journalists](#), [patients](#), [aid workers](#) and anyone else who could conceivably be using civilians

as human shields. [4]

Beyond that, there exists even footage of Israelis cheering on the recent attack on Rafah!

BREAKING: ZIONISTS DANCING AND SINGING AS THEY INVADE RAFAH TO KILL CHILDREN

Source: [@stairwayto3dom pic.twitter.com/7VM2ktq1Ux](https://twitter.com/stairwayto3dom/pic.twitter.com/7VM2ktq1Ux)

— Sulaiman Ahmed (@ShaykhSulaiman) [May 6, 2024](#)

And there were even Israeli's caught ransacking aid packages to the civilians in Gaza.

[#IOF](#) helping Israeli settlers to vandalize steal and destroy AID for the starving tortured under criminal bombing genocide [#Palestinians](#) !!!!!
Why is the world only whacting!? [pic.twitter.com/qd6DUhs2Fh](https://twitter.com/qd6DUhs2Fh)

— Brunella C. (@BrunellaCapitan) [May 17, 2024](#)

Disregard for the fate of civilians, even children and babies, takes us beyond levels of what people frightened for their families should tolerate – if they are civilized. We have dug deep in the bowels of human experience of those aspects they have difficulty confronting, and have now struck on a foul emerging stream of filth that has a name – racism.

But we are also seeing many students and volunteers, a lot of them Jews, in the United States, Canada, and around the world determined that they can transcend the unbearable burden of our dreadful legacies, both for those of Jewish ancestry and others who attained certain advantages in European and North American (White) countries at the expense of Indigenous people, and Black people, and Asian people. They are planting tents in universities insisting their schools disclose and divest from companies and institutions tied in with Israel's occupation of Palestinian land. They are actively lobbying governments and boycotting those speaking out in favour of Israel's "Counter-Offensive."

And some are even going to take what could be the ultimate risk in getting aid and supplies to Gaza as an act of basic human decency.

The clash of these two contradictory primal forces playing out on the world stage will be the focus of this spectacular episode of the Global Research News Hour.

In our first half hour, we will speak with return guest, journalist and documentary film-maker Robert Inlakesh about the pro-Palestine encampments across universities everywhere. He also will discuss Israel's decision to end the ceasefire they offered after Hamas agreed to it!

In our second half hour we hear from lawyer, activist and journalist Dimitri Lascaris about the decision by him and others to try to staff the [Freedom Flotilla](#) in a few weeks to take aid and supplies to Gaza. This is followed by a conversation with geopolitical analyst Mike Whitney who will discuss the background of his article [King Bibi's Land Grab](#), discussing the blatant anti-Arab racism that pollutes the Israeli appraisal and fuels the ongoing war.

Robert Inlakesh is a political analyst, journalist and documentary filmmaker currently based in London, UK. He has reported from and lived in the occupied Palestinian territories and hosts the show 'Palestine Files'. Director of 'Steal of the Century: Trump's Palestine-Israel Catastrophe'. Follow him on Twitter @falasteen47

Dimitri Lascaris is a lawyer, a journalist and an activist. From 2004 to 2016 he was a member of Canada's leading class action law firm Siskinds LLP. He now works pro-bono legal cases. In 2020, he ran for the leadership of the Green Party of Canada and placed second with 45.5% of the membership.

Michael Whitney is a renowned geopolitical and social analyst based in Washington State. He initiated his career as an independent citizen-journalist in 2002 with a commitment to honest journalism, social justice and World peace.

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Notes:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu40Mmoo5mw&t=364s> (Starting at 56:03)
2. Jon Jackson (March 23, 2022), 'Watch: Madeleine Albright Saying Iraqi Kids' Deaths 'Worth It' Resurfaces', Newsweek; <https://www.newsweek.com/watch-madeleine-albright-saying-iraqi-kids-deaths-worth-it-resurfaces-1691193>
3. <https://www.justsecurity.org/89960/enough-self-defense-and-proportionality-in-the-israel-hamas-conflict/>
4. <https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/gaza-war-western-rules-based-order-sham-how>

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