

DEMONIZATION: ISRAELI APARTHEID WEEK

For Jewish students around the globe, no event is more dreaded on campus than Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW), when anti-Israel student groups seize control of university quads, classrooms and student centers to propagate the destruction of the Middle East's only democracy.

The mission of these student groups, many of whom sympathize with Hamas and the Iranian regime, is to eliminate Jewish self-determination in Israel. In pursuit of a racist, fanatical ambition, these groups plague their campuses with slander, hate speech, and even violence.

Why target Israel?

Many of the global IAW movement organizers are part of the Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS) movement, aimed not at ending human rights violations, but at damaging Israel.*

Are IAW activists concerned with human rights?

IAW activists perpetuate selective outrage. If they were actually concerned with human rights, they would sponsor North Korea Apartheid Week, Iran Apartheid Week or Syria Apartheid Week, or march against Saudi Arabia, where violations of human rights laws are enshrined in the Kingdom's legal code. Abuses in these countries including the systemic discrimination against women and minorities, where citizens are subject to arbitrary arrest and detention, denial of fair and public trials, torture and abuse, restrictions on freedoms of speech, assembly, association, movement, severe restrictions on religious freedom, and where homosexual activity is punishable by flogging or death by stoning.

Is Israel an apartheid state?

No.

Are Arabic citizens and minorities treated equally in Israel?

Yes. All Israeli citizens, Arab Israelis included, are afforded equal rights under Israeli law. It is one of two countries rated Free (the other being Tunisia, which was rated "partially free") in the Middle East and Africa.**

How do I effectively counter Israel Apartheid Week?

To effectively counter Israel Apartheid Week it is essential to think Big Picture and long-term, in essence, to develop a year-long strategy that fosters dialogue and the legitimacy of Israel as a Jewish State.

Did you know?

Israel was ranked "Free" in 2016 by the Freedom House in their annual "Freedom in the World" report. They were the only country in the Middle East and Africa to do so.



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A policy or system of racial segregation in South Africa; literally "separateness" in Afrikaans.



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*For more on BDS, check out Avishai Don's article in the Harvard Crimson on page 42

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