

ILAN PAPPÉ

A REAL HISTORIAN?

Pappé has long acknowledged that he is not objective and cares little about factual accuracy. He readily admits that ideology drives his “historical” writings and statements.

“Indeed the struggle is about ideology, not about facts. Who knows what facts are? We try to convince as many people as we can that our interpretation of the facts is the correct one, and we do it because of ideological reasons, not because we are truthseekers.”

“There is no historian in the world who is objective. I am not as interested in what happened as in how people see what’s happened.
 (“An Interview of Ilan Pappé,” Baudouin Loos, *Le Soir* [Bruxelles], Nov. 29, 1999)

“I admit that my ideology influences my historical writings...”

“Pappé has been noted to change historical events/timelines in order to fit his narrative, rather than the other way around. Pappé published an article in the *Journal of Palestine Studies* (JPS) in which he included a false quote from David Ben-Gurion.”

He promotes the myth of a 1948 massacre of the villagers of Tantura, claiming that the Israeli academic establishment is conspiring to repress the information, and he continues to propagate the lie that Israeli committed a massacre in Jenin in 2002 despite copious refutation (including United Nations reports) of the bogus claim. As in the Tantura case, he suggests there is a conspiracy to cover-up the Jenin “massacre.

WHAT OTHER HISTORIANS SAY ABOUT PAPPÉ

“He’s not a good historian, he distorts quotes and he has an agenda to destroy the Jewish state. He’s dangerous.”

Dr. Roberta Seid, historian and adjunct UC Irvine professor.

“...Unfortunately, much of what Pappé tries to sell his readers is complete fabrication...”

Benny Morris, Historian, BGU professor



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