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## THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE IT – AND THAT'S GOOD!

I have come to the sad conclusion that the people in Washington are not very bright. They have an enormous advantage in the struggle against America's enemies but they don't take advantage of it.

The basic rule of winning is to find and exploit the opponents' weakness. But the weakness I have in mind has, as far as I know, never been addressed – maybe never even noticed - by those who plan our strategy.

Now here is what we should have done after the recent unsuccessful North Korean missile launch.

The White House should have issued a strong statement immediately after one of missiles had malfunctioned and dropped into the sea. We should have categorically denied involvement in the destruction of the missile, declared that we have confirmed that it was an unfortunate technical problem that caused it to dive into the sea, and emphasized that it was purely coincidental that the only missile to crash was the one that might have reached the United States. We should have indignantly rejected the suggestion that we had targeted that missile, and *only* that missile, and expressed our hope that our explanation would be accepted.

I am quite certain that if we had sent this disclaimer, most of the world would be convinced that we have developed an incredibly efficient and secret anti-missile system that assures our invulnerability.

I wish we had a policy of routinely issuing statements denying responsibility every time a major earthquake shakes Iran so that everyone should become convinced that we are capable to direct and cause earthquakes at will.

I believe that we should issue similar disclaimers of U.S. responsibility wherever and whenever there is a major flood, a hurricane or volcanic eruption. Maybe we can even

deny that Katrina was a failed experiment in climate control that got out of hand.

Will they believe our disclaimers? Of course not!

Our enemies – mostly in the Moslem world, but in Europe and in the U.S. as well - refuse to be confused by facts when facts and reality contradict their wishful thinking.

Fanciful and absurd theories are presented as truth, accusations and proofs of conspiracies by U.S. and Israel are spread by reputable and respected sources within the highest echelons of government and academia. Those who doubt are seen as simpletons or agents of the evil Judeo-Christian capitalist and imperialist global cabal.

Here is some nonsense that they already believe:



■ Most Moslems and about 20% of all Europeans are convinced that the 9/11 tragedy was organized and carried out by the CIA and the Israelis. They also believe that Jews working in the Twin Towers were warned not to come to work that day.

■ Underwater explosions set off by CIA and Mossad caused the deadly Indian Ocean tsunami as part of the American anti-Moslem crusade.

■ The AIDS virus is created in American laboratories and spread throughout Asia and Africa by sinister American imperialists and neo-colonialists. Israel is using infected Eastern European prostitutes to spread AIDS in the Arab world. As part of this campaign an Israeli businessman imported AIDS infested underwear to Egypt and tried and was given a long sentence. In May 2004, five Bulgarian nurses and a physician were sentenced to death in Libya for participating in a Mossad operation of "injecting AIDS into children in a Benghazi hospital that infected 426 children and killed at least 40".

■ As revealed by TV programs, academic experts and prominent political and religious figures, the Jews are using the blood of non-Jewish children to make matzos for Passover. In addition, the Jews, lately aided by evangelical Christians, control the world's news media, banks, national economies and governments – the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" have been republished and are bestsellers around the world - and have invented the myth of the Holocaust to create the evil state of Israel to conquer and destroy Islam.

(Once in a great while these absurd beliefs bring about unintended results. A good example is the outcome of the struggle for free emigration of Soviet Jews. The American Soviet Jewry movement managed to convince the Soviet government – and many U.S. politicians as well - that the entire 6 million American Jews were deeply involved in the cause in spite of the obvious fact that, overwhelmingly, many more Jews went to football games than to Soviet Jewry demonstrations or wrote letters to Washington. Meanwhile, the Soviet state-controlled propaganda apparatus kept asserting that Jews controlled the American media and government. The Soviets blinked and the Jews became the only Soviet citizens allowed to emigrate).

The lightning campaign against Saddam's Iraq appeared to show America's strength and caused Libya's abandonment of its nuclear policy, withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon and a nervous silence from a frightened Iran. In the years since then our enemies are no longer as afraid as they were three years ago.

I believe that we must rebuild our enemies' respect and, yes, fear. A psychological campaign to convince them of our power is an easy and inexpensive way to work on their weaknesses.

Let's tell them the truth. Our ace in the hole is that they truly cannot and will not accept it. ☐

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among all intellectuals. But American Jews at large respect their intellectuals as much as any group does, and more than most--and way too much for common sense.

The Palestinian Arabs who cheer terrorists on do so out of hate, which is far stronger than intelligent self-interest (or any other emotion). American Jews used to act out of very different motives; used to vote left out of idealism. But that is starting to change. As the left-wing agenda dries up, nothing remains to feed on (if you are used to getting your nourishment left of center) but the bitter weeds of hate. And thus the tragic, pathetic surge of hatred for George Bush on the left, including among left-wing Jews. As I heard someone say last week, "I think Bush is doing great on Israel. Naturally, I still hate his guts."

For those who continue to insist on voting Democratic, the future is written in a recent column by Richard Cohen--who explains that the "greatest mistake Israel could make at the moment is to forget that Israel itself is a mistake." Who advises Israel to "hunker down," while "waiting (and hoping) that history will get distracted and move on to something else." It is hard to understand why Israel is a mistake if Switzerland isn't--or the United States, or any other nation or (for that matter) human being. Cohen himself is occupying space right now that someone else could be using, and maybe wants to. The earth's surface did not expand to make room for him. Births have outstripped deaths on this planet for many generations. But we are not in the habit of demanding that human beings justify their existence or be mowed down, and the idea is equally bad in the case of nations.

Life is valuable in itself--human life or the life of nations; one of the main differences being that it is so much harder to create a

nation. That the Israelis have done so--have created in fact a free nation and a hugely productive one that treats all its citizens humanely and is a world center of science, medicine, scholarship, and argument (all flavors)--is one of the stunning facts of modern history.

And, of course, the origins of no two nations more resemble each other than Israel's and America's, both created by Europeans clutching Bibles, searching for freedom, prepared to fight for a room of their own. Both populated by human beings, a species not noted for perfection. Yet both strongholds of democracy, freedom, and tolerance nonetheless. Anyone who has decided that Israel is a mistake is likely to come around to the same view of the United States.

But let's consider Cohen's offensive question anyway. Imagine how Jews might have fared in the Middle East over the last half century with no Jewish state to protect them. Would they have done as well as the Syrians, Egyptians, Libyans? Or would they all be dead, along with countless other victims of mass-murdering Arab tyrants? Or should the Middle East have been "restricted," like tony New York clubs in the 1930s--no Jews allowed? And Europe doesn't like Jews any better than the Middle East does; should Europe be restricted too? And what about America?

But Jews no longer have to ask such questions. Cohen may not be so sure that Jews have the same rights as other nations, but thanks to Israel's existence the question is closed and his view no longer matters. One thing is certain: Palestinians and left-wing American Jews would understand each other beautifully if they ever got together for a conference on refusing to face reality.

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## **NO TO SYRIAN, IRAN AGENTS** By Ahmed Al-Jarallah

**This remarkable editorial appeared in the "Arab Times" (Kuwait) on July 15, 2006.**

PEOPLE OF ARAB COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS, HAVE been held hostage for a long time in the name of "resisting Israel." Arab governments have been caught between political obligations and public opinion leading to more corruption in politics and economics. Forgetting the interests of their own countries, the Hamas Movement and Hezbollah have gone to the extent of representing the interests of Iran and Syrian in their countries.

These organizations have become the representatives of Syria and Iran without worrying about the consequences of their action.

Recently Hamas kidnapped an Israeli soldier and bombed Israeli settlements with locally manufactured missiles. Soon Hezbollah followed suit, kidnapping two Israeli soldiers. Both these organizations claimed they had kidnapped Israeli soldiers to exchange them for Arab prisoners who are being held in Israeli jails. The fact that Hamas and Hezbollah gave the same reason for kidnapping Israeli soldiers gives us a glimpse their agenda, which is similar to the one followed by Syria and Iran in their conflict with the United States.

While the people of Palestine and Leba-

non are paying the price of this bloody conflict, the main players, who caused this conflict, are living in peace and asking for more oil from Arab countries to support the facade of resisting Israel. With the Palestinian Authority close to collapse and the Lebanese government beginning to give up responsibility for what is happening in its territory, Saudi Arabia has been forced to come out of its diplomatic routine and indirectly hold Hezbollah responsible for what is happening in Lebanon.

Without mentioning Hezbollah by name Saudi Arabia blamed certain "elements" inside Lebanon for the violence with Israel and said "it is necessary to make a distinction between legitimate resistance and uncalculated adventures adopted by certain elements within Lebanon without the knowledge of legal Lebanese authorities."

While reiterating its support for Palestinian and Lebanese resistance against Israeli occupation, Saudi Arabia has clearly said it is against irresponsible adventures undertaken by certain elements in the region without consulting the legal authorities putting all Arab nations at risk. The Kingdom has also said "these elements must take responsibility for their irresponsible actions and they alone should end the crisis cre-

ated by them."

This angry response from Saudi Arabia has politically isolated Hezbollah and Hamas besides holding them responsible for their actions.

This attitude of Saudi Arabia, which has been doing all it can to protect the Arab world from Israeli aggression, is enough to unmask the adventurers, who have violated the rights of their own countries and tried put their people under the guardianship of foreign countries like Iran and Syria. A battle between supporters and opponents of these adventurers has begun, starting from Palestine to Tehran passing through Syria and Lebanon. This war was inevitable as the Lebanese government couldn't bring Hezbollah within its authority and make it work for the interests of Lebanon. Similarly leader of the Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas has been unable to rein in the Hamas Movement.

Unfortunately we must admit that in such a war the only way to get rid of "these irregular phenomena" is what Israel is doing. The operations of Israel in Gaza and Lebanon are in the interest of people of Arab countries and the international community. Ω

# IT'S THE HATRED (AND STUPIDITY), STUPID!

By Dennis Prager, July 18, 2006

## The Middle East conflict is difficult to solve, but it is among the simplest conflicts in history to understand.

## The Arab and other Muslim enemies of Israel (for the easily confused, this does not mean every Arab or every Muslim) want Israel destroyed. That is why there is a Middle East conflict. Everything else is commentary.

Those who deny this and ascribe the conflict to other reasons, such as "Israeli occupation," "Jewish settlements," a "cycle of violence," "the Zionist lobby" and the like, do so despite the fact that Israel's enemies regularly announce the reason for the conflict. The Iranian regime, Hizbollah, Hamas and the Palestinians -- in their public opinion polls, in their anti-Semitic school curricula and media, in their election of Hamas, in their support for terror against Israeli civilians in pre-1967 borders -- as well as their Muslim supporters around the world, all want the Jewish state annihilated.



In 1947-48, the Arab states tried to destroy the tiny Jewish state formed by the United Nations partition plan. In 1967, Egypt, Syria and Jordan tried to destroy Israel in what became known as the Six-Day War. All of this took place before Israel occupied one millimeter of Palestinian land and before there was a single Jewish settler in the West Bank.

Two months after the Six-Day War of June 5-10, 1967, the Arab countries convened in Khartoum, Sudan, and announced on Sept. 1, 1967, their famous "Three NOs" to Israel: "No peace, No recognition, No negotiations."



Six years later, in 1973, Egypt invaded the Israeli-held Sinai Peninsula, a war that ended in a boost in Egyptian morale from its initially successful surprise attack. Though nearly all of the Sinai remained in Israel's hands, the boost in Egyptian self-confidence enabled Egypt's visionary president, Anwar Sadat, four years later (November 1977), to do the unimaginable for an Arab leader: He visited Israel and addressed its parliament in Jerusalem. As a result, in 1978, Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty in return for

which Israel gave all of the oil-rich Sinai Peninsula back to Egypt.

Three years later, in 1981, Sadat was assassinated by Egyptian Muslims, a killing welcomed by most Arabs, including the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization). Why welcomed? Because Sadat had done the unforgivable -- recognized Israel and made peace with it.



Israelis ache for peace.

Think about Israel for one moment: Israel is one of the most advanced countries on earth in terms of culture (most books published, translated from other languages and read per capita; most orchestras per capita, etc.); major advances in medicine; technological breakthroughs; and decency as a society, as exemplified by its treatment of its women, gays and even its large Arab minority (particularly remarkable in light of the widespread Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism and desire to annihilate Israel). This is hardly a picture of some bloodthirsty, land-grabbing society. And Jews, whatever their flaws, have never been known to be a violent people. If anything, the stereotypical Jew has been depicted as particularly docile.

As a lifelong liberal critic of Israeli policies, the New York Times foreign affairs columnist Thomas Friedman wrote just two weeks ago: "The Palestinians could have a

state on the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem tomorrow, if they and the Arab League clearly recognized Israel, normalized relations and renounced violence. Anyone who says otherwise doesn't know Israel today."

Give Israel peace, and Israel will give you land.

Which is exactly what Israel agreed to do in the last year of the Clinton administration. It offered PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat about 97 percent of the West Bank and three percent of Israel's land in exchange for peace. Instead, Israel got its men, women and children rou-



tinely blown up and maimed by Palestinian terrorists after the Palestinians rejected the Israeli offer at Camp David. Even President Clinton, desirous

of being the honest broker and yearning to be history's Middle East peacemaker, blamed the ensuing violence entirely on the Palestinians.

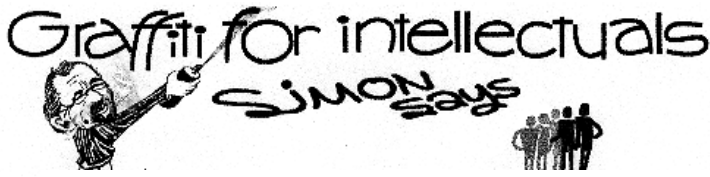
Israel's Camp David offer of a Palestinian state for Palestinian peace was rejected



because most Palestinians and their Arab and Muslim supporters don't want a second state. They want Israel destroyed. They admit it. Only those who wish Israel's demise and the willfully naive do not.

If you don't believe this, ask almost anyone living in the Middle East why there is a Middle East War, preferably in Arabic. If you ask in English, they will assume you are either an academic, a Western news reporter, a diplomat or a "peace activist." And then, they will assume you are gullible and will tell you that it's because of "Israeli occupation" or "the Zionist lobby."

But they know it isn't. And it never was. ☆



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# When Will They Ever Learn...

Why do so many American Jews hate the president who stands by Israel? By David Gelernter, Weekly Standard,

FOR YEARS I have watched the Palestinians do absurdly self-destructive things, and have never understood them until now. But watching the Bush administration stoutly defend Israel this week against the background of an American Jewish population that vocally (often sneeringly) dislikes him and his administration, and consistently votes by massive majorities for his Democratic opponents, I start to understand the Palestinians just a little.

American Jews are not Palestinians and have not sunk to the level of supporting terrorist murderers. But their behavior is a lesson in self-destructive nihilism that could teach even the Palestinians a thing or two. U.S. Jews remain fervent supporters of an American left that is increasingly unable or unwilling to say why Israel must exist. Of course American Jews, like all Americans, define their interests in terms of many issues and not just one. But there is a reason why so many used to put Israel's safety near the top of their lists: Israel has been caught in a life-or-death struggle since birth; American support is critical to her survival.

True: Jewish support for President Bush moved upward in the 2004 election relative to the 2000 figures. It moved all the way up to 25 percent. During the five presidential elections of the 1970s and '80s, American Jews averaged 35 percent support for the Republican candidate, so 25 percent for Bush in '04 was not exactly a landslide move to the GOP. But even this pint-sized move seems to have petered out earlier this year. Jack Abramoff does not make an attractive spokesman for Jewish Republicans. The fall of Tom DeLay silenced one of the best friends Israel ever had in American politics, and one of the most effective symbols of Republican support for Israel. So the pattern of the '90s is likely to continue: American Jews move left as the left moves away from Israel.

Merely look at American universities and

their disastrous left-wing tilt (many are close to capsizing), and check out recent studies that document a startling deterioration in knowledge of and sympathy for Israel on U.S. college campuses, and you will learn plenty about the American left and its increasingly anti-Israel tendencies.

When you vote for a presidential candidate, you are voting to award jobs to a few of his supporters, and influence to vast numbers of them. Most Democratic politicians speak up for Israel. But grassroots Democrats are increasingly dangerous to the Jewish state (not to mention the American state). Still, American Jews vote for (and bankroll!) Democrats. And each time they repeat this performance, the risk is greater.

Will they risk it again in 2008? Will the Arabs force Israel into yet another round of catastrophic, self-destructive bloodletting after this round is over? In both cases, probably yes.

American Jews (especially the intellectual leadership) have a tragic history of acting against their own professed interests. In the years before Pearl Harbor, U.S. intellectuals on the whole (especially New York intellectuals) vehemently opposed American entry alongside Britain into the war against Nazi Germany. Of course many New York intellectuals were not Jews, and many American Jews didn't care for New York intellectuals. But journals like *Partisan Review* helped

shape the cultural climate--and were fiercely antiwar until Pearl Harbor--and were shaped, themselves, by Jewish intellectuals. Leading Jewish intellectuals signed a *Partisan Review* statement explaining that "Our entry into the war, under the slogan of 'Stop Hitler!' would actually result in the immediate introduction of totalitarianism over here. . . . The American masses can best help [the German people] by fighting *at home* to keep their own liberties."

Before Pearl Harbor, many prominent (non-intellectual) U.S. Jews failed to support war against Hitler because they were scared--understandably if unforgivably. Anti-Semitism was still real in this country, Jewish influence in America was brand new, and Jews did not want to be blamed for involving their country in another world war. Which makes the case of *Partisan Review* and other intellectual organs so fascinating. In some respects, left-wing Jewish intellectuals were admirably fearless. Most were Marxists and didn't give a damn what the country thought of them. Nonetheless: The *Partisan Review* crowd did *not* speak up for war against Hitler. Just the opposite.

Read that ancient *Partisan Review* statement and the truth hits home. The problem with the American Jewish left, from 1940 through 2006, is not malevolence but naiveté--naiveté so great, it is the next best thing to stupidity. Naiveté is an occupational hazard

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