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U.S. MEDIA & THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

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NOTE TO TEACHERS

Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land: U.S. Media & the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, written and directed by **Bathsheba Ratzkoff** and **Sut Jhally**, is eighty minutes long. This discussion guide is designed to help you work with high school, undergraduate, and graduate students from a wide range of fields of study (e.g., American studies, sociology, cultural studies, critical pedagogy, communications, media literacy, journalism, history, etc.), as well as adult education students, community groups, and activists. It is structured to engage and manage the information presented in this video. Given that it can be difficult to teach visual content—and difficult for students/participants to recall detailed information from videos after viewing them—the intention here is to give you a tool to help your students/ participants slow down and deepen their thinking about the specific issues the video addresses.

We've structured the guide so that you have the option of focusing in depth on one section of the video at a time. The structure of the guide mirrors the structure of the video, moving through each of the video's sections with a series of key summary points, questions, and assignments specific to that section. We encourage you to select, modify, and build on these activities, adapting them to meet class/workshop objectives and time constraints. It is important to note that while this guide offers direction, it should not discourage students/participants from asking and pursuing their own questions and interests.

Previewing Questions & Exercises: inspires preliminary discussion about the video's issues prior to viewing.

Key Points: provides a concise and comprehensive summary of each section of the video making it easier for you and your students/workshop participants to recall the details of the video during class/group discussions, and providing a reference point for students/participants as they work on assignments.

Questions for Discussion & Writing: provides a series of questions designed to help review and clarify material for students/participants; to encourage them to reflect critically on this material during class/workshop discussions; and to prompt and guide their written reactions to the video before and after these discussions. These questions can therefore be used in different ways: as guideposts for class/workshop discussion, as a framework for smaller group discussions and presentations, or as self-standing, in-class/workshop writing assignments (e.g. as prompts for "free-writing" or in-class reaction papers in which students are asked to write spontaneously and informally while the video is fresh in their minds).

Assignments: encourages students/participants to engage the video in more depth – by conducting research, working on individual and group projects, putting together presentations, and composing formal essays. These assignments are designed to challenge students/participants to show command of the material presented in the video, to think critically and independently about this material from a number of different perspectives, and to develop and defend their own point of view on the issues at hand.

USING THIS VIDEO IN THE CLASSROOM

- » View the video prior to showing it to your students.
- » Review the study guide and choose which exercises you will use with your students.
- » Use the previewing activities to help your students prepare for the ideas presented by the video.
- » Encourage *active listening*. Because the content of this video is likely to elicit emotional responses from the students, it is important that the students engage with each other in ways that ensure everybody has the opportunity both to speak and to be listened to. It is advised that you set guidelines or norms to ways to “actively listen” in advance of classroom discussions. Check out MEF’s handout, *Techniques for Active Listening*. (<http://www.mediaed.org/handouts/pdf/ActiveListening.pdf>)
- » Have the students keep a journal. It will be an effective place for them to explore their own attitudes and opinions and to record their observations about the media.
- » Review and discuss the handout *How to be a Critical Media Viewer*. (<http://www.mediaed.org/handouts/pdf/CriticalViewing.pdf>)
- » Incorporate activism and advocacy into your media literacy study. They are an important part of empowering students.

OVERVIEW

PEACE, PROPAGANDA & THE PROMISED LAND: U.S. MEDIA & THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

In 1967, following a war between Israel and the countries of Syria, Jordan, and Egypt, Israel militarily occupied the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem. The three million Palestinian residents of these areas have since lived under an occupation that is illegal, being in violation of the UN Security Council Resolution passed in 1967. The years since then have been marked by constant violence between Israel and the Palestinians. This video examines the conflict, and the extreme pro-Israel bias of coverage in the American media. Rarely, if ever, do the American media provide a criticism of the occupation itself. Without the daily context of the brutal occupation, the resistance of the Palestinians appears as acts of violence which have no reason other than a blind hostility towards the state of Israel. Since most Americans get their news from television and newspapers, the video argues that their understanding of the Middle East crisis thus directly reflects the messages that the media put out. In fact, a good many, if not most, people don't know there is an occupation going on.

The content and nature of the media coverage are analyzed in three primary ways: direct viewing of American television footage and the language of its presentation; interviews with media critics such as **Noam Chomsky** and journalists such as **Robert Fisk**; and comparison of American coverage with that of non-American news organizations like the BBC.

The video discusses the historical and political reasons for the pro-Israeli slant of American policy, and argues that unless American foreign policy changes, the media will not dare challenge it. And the only way for that to happen is if the public wakes up to the reality of what is happening in their name, and opposes it.

PRE-VIEWING EXERCISES

- 1.** What comprises the Middle East region? Locate Israel, West Bank, and the Gaza strip on a map. A good source is available at BBC Online (BBC World > Middle East > Choose a Country > Israel/Pal areas > Israel and the Palestinians yellow banner > Key Maps)
- 2.** What is the population in these areas?
- 3.** What is your understanding of the Middle East situation? From where do you get most of your information about it?
- 4.** What do you understand by “occupation”? Can you think of other areas in the world that are “under occupation” today?
- 5.** What do you understand by **a)** propaganda **b)** public relations **c)** lobbying? Are there differences between these three?

INTRODUCTION

KEY POINTS

- » The Israeli-Palestinian conflict dominates American international news, but what is the accuracy of this coverage?
- » Life is unlivable for the Palestinian population under the longest military occupation in modern history.
- » The unemployment rate is over 60 percent, land and homes are bulldozed every day, and Israeli checkpoints prevent Palestinians from moving freely and are a constant source of harassment.
- » But Americans do not see this suffering at all. The absence of any such reporting in the media is such that people don't know there is an occupation going on.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. Are these scenes of violence (checkpoints, harassment etc.) familiar to you on daily television or in the newspapers? If not, what are the images that you see more frequently?
2. What is the power equation that is drawn out in this section?
3. Do you agree with Alisa Solomon that there is an absence of voices in the media describing the experience of Palestinians?
4. What do you understand by "mainstream media" and "alternative media"? List a few examples of each.
5. Why do you think checkpoints exist? Why would the Palestinian woman not be let through?
6. What is Gordon's explanation for acts of Palestinian violence? Do you agree with him or not?

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Solomon and others point to the absence of the Palestinian experience in American media. Let's attempt a simple content analysis of media coverage to see whether this argument bears out. Choose a well known daily newspaper or magazine of your choice. (Television clips will of course be harder to get. If you choose to analyze television, you will probably have to watch TV coverage into the week/s ahead). Create a few categories of analysis, for instance: the positioning of the article, what the headline says, whose point of view is represented, what roles are ascribed (attacker versus victim, offense vs. defence etc.), whether there is an expression of sympathy and for whom, etc. Examine the Israel-Palestine conflict in the past four months of the newspaper or magazine, using these categories. Now write a one-page summary of your conclusions based on this analysis.
2. Look up the meaning of propaganda in the dictionary. Also consult a social science dictionary or glossary, or websites. Two useful websites are www.historians.org/Projects/GIRoundtable/Propaganda/Propaganda8.htm and www.wordiq.com/definition/Propaganda_model. Find an example of a film, book, website, or anything you consider propaganda, and discuss why you think so. Some examples are located on www.wordiq.com/article/Propaganda+Model. Would this video meet your criteria of propaganda? Explain your answer with specific instances from the video.

AMERICAN MEDIA: OCCUPIED TERRITORY

KEY POINTS

- » News, especially TV news, exerts a powerful influence on our perception of world events.
- » The U.S. plays a central role in the Middle East conflict, and media coverage has become a component of this role.
- » Israel is waging a two-pronged battle: one is a military battle against the Palestinians to occupy their land, the other is a fight to occupy and control American media coverage, and keep it pro-Israel.
- » This public relations campaign began with the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.
- » For the Israeli government, the problem was not the mass civilian casualties but the damage to Israel's image around the world.
- » Israel set up the Hasbara project the next year, to ensure favorable coverage in the U.S. media.
- » The PR machine is constantly in action, providing journalists with a flood of information. The Palestinian press office is quite useless in contrast.
- » The Israeli PR machine is one of the three "filters" which influence American news.
- » The other two are the economic interests of media owners, and the interests of the political elite.
- » There are also several media "watchdog" groups that pressure journalists to keep on the side of Israel in all their reporting.
- » One is more likely to find less biased reports in Israeli newspapers like *Ha'aretz* than in a major American paper.
- » Fear of angering and isolating political powers keeps journalists compliant—and fear is a difficult thing to lose.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. Why are the American media compared to an occupied territory?
2. What was the reason for Israel's attack on Lebanon?
3. What are the three important institutional reasons ("filters") for American media bias on the Middle East issue?
4. What is the "strategic importance" of the Middle East for American political and corporate interests?
5. Discuss what you think are cultural and historical reasons for America's staunch support of Israel.
6. What do you think are some ways pro-Israel groups can pressure the media to report in Israel's favor. Include Seth Ackerman's examples in your discussion.
7. Why do you think that, according to Ackerman, even Israeli newspapers are more likely to provide balanced reports than major American newspapers?
8. What are lobbyists? How do you think they operate to influence U.S. government policy? Two examples you could consider are the pharmaceutical lobby and the gun lobby.
9. Journalist Robert Fisk discusses the fear factor in journalistic reporting. Discuss the culture of fear in the United States today, using examples you can think of from media coverage and the speeches of politicians.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. The Israeli attack on Lebanon is described as a public relations disaster. Read the Wexner Analysis, an Israeli PR strategy prepared by the PR firm Luntz Research Companies and the Israel Project. The pdf version is online at www.adc.org/luntzwexneranalysis.pdf. The MS Word version is at www.adc.org/ATT00017.doc. Assuming you

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are a PR firm hired by the U.S. government, create a basic point-by-point PR strategy for the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Take into consideration strategies such as embedded journalists, different audiences such as the general public, press conferences, and the American Muslim population, and concepts such as the “global war on terror.”

2. The video offers three “filters” that influence American coverage of the Middle East. The concept of filters and the propaganda model were proposed by Noam Chomsky in his book *Manufacturing Consent*. Read this chapter of the book (pages 1 to 35). Do you think this model applies fully today? How might it be affected by **a)** sources of news outside the mainstream media, such as the Internet and alternative media, **b)** the different groups that people are associated with in their daily lives, such as churches, labor unions, peace groups, universities, and so on.

PR STRATEGY 01: HIDDEN OCCUPATION

KEY POINTS

- » What's left out of a news story is as important as what's included, in terms of how people make sense of it.
- » The missing context is that the Palestinians are fighting a 35-year occupation. If there's no occupation in the story, the fighting makes no sense.
- » The riots shown on television are not shown as occurring on occupied territory.
- » Only four percent of network news reports mention that the West Bank and Gaza strip are occupied.
- » Israel is not shown as attacking people on their own soil, but defending itself from attacks.
- » When you are militarily occupying someone else's land, defense is a false and misleading term to defend your actions.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. Jensen and Solomon state that the absence of context is more important than what's included in a news report. What is the missing context here?
2. Why do you suppose that Israel has an army while Palestinian resistance is normally from people pelting stones, firing mortars etc?
3. Throwing stones at fully armed soldiers, and tanks, seems rather a futile exercise. Why do you think they do so, and what do you think they hope to achieve?
4. What specific instances of language can you recall that the news media use frequently in describing the clashes? What do you think is the importance of the daily repetition of this language?
5. Israel is in defiance of UN Security Council Resolution 242. What is a Security Council Resolution? What authority does it have?
6. Where do groups like Hamas figure in this picture of the conflict?
7. What is Ariel Sharon's position on the invasion of the West Bank?
8. Who is his counterpart on the Palestinian side?

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Choose two news stories, from different sources, on the Middle East conflict. Keeping context in mind, rewrite or rescript (if it's a TV report) these reports. Enumerate the changes you made and give your reasons for doing so.
2. Read a copy of the UN Security Council Resolution 242. It can be found on the website of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) at www.jcrc.org, on page 19 of the report *JCRC's In-Depth Review of Peace, Propaganda and the Promised Land* that is on their home page. Next, read Appendix A, Assertion 2 in the same report. Write a one-page outline of the conclusions you draw from this reading, and from watching the film? Do you feel you have enough information to take a clear stand on the issue? Is there too much information or do you need more? What areas are clear to you and what are not? Finally, reflect on what this means for getting news stories on the whole from one source of information.

PR 02: INVISIBLE COLONIZATION

KEY POINTS

- » One must ask why Israel continues to maintain the occupation, knowing it is illegal.
- » Israel's colonization process has been through the building of settlements on Palestinian land, through illegal force.
- » These settlements and by-pass roads are a strategy of control over the area.
- » The settlements are couched in friendly language to hide the fact of their illegality and strategic proliferation.
- » The British press offers a very different view of the settlements from the American press.
- » Inserting a large Israeli population in the occupied territories gives the Israeli government a reason to not give up control over these regions.
- » The settlers are often very aggressive and threatening towards the Palestinians, and many refuse a compromise with Palestinians.
- » Palestinian homes are regularly demolished because they are often built without a permit.
- » It is next to impossible for a Palestinian to get a building permit.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. What, according to the film, is the reason Israel continues an illegal occupation instead of withdrawing?
2. In what ways do settlements work as a strategy in the occupation?
3. What is the difference between calling a settlement a "settlement" and a "neighborhood"?
4. What is the difference in the BBC's depiction of settlements? Why this difference?
5. What does the Israeli government stand to gain by allowing more settlements?
6. Since settlements are built by encroaching on Palestinian land, what do you think the actual scenario of building these settlements involves? Would they be met with resistance? Would they need military back-up?
7. The video depicts the aggressive behavior of settlers. How does this agree with or contrast with images you may have seen on television?
8. What is the "two-fold" process of colonization discussed in the film?
9. Why are Palestinian homes demolished so frequently?

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Language plays a crucial role in shaping our perception of an issue. Examine the language used in the current conflict and policy in Iraq, looking at the past week's news reports in a newspaper or TV news show. Pick out key words and phrases such as the Patriot Act, The War on Terror, Iraqi terrorists vs. rebels, "support the troops" vs. "oppose the war" etc. What do you think are the intended and the actual effects of such language?
2. The language used in opinion polls determines the way the questions are answered. Working in groups, construct a 10-question telephone poll on a recent act of violence in the Middle East, such as a suicide bombing by a Palestinian suicide bomber in Israel, or the razing of homes by an Israeli army unit. What are the major problem areas you encounter in constructing the poll? Take into account factors such as choice of issues, sequence of questions etc.

PR STRATEGY 03: VIOLENCE IN A VACUUM

KEY POINTS

- » Palestinian resistance has been nonviolent as well as violent.
- » Suicide bombings on Israeli soil have been one form of violence.
- » Violence like this is perhaps not surprising when people are pushed to extremes of desperation.
- » There is increasing support for these measures among Palestinians.
- » Military action is no substitute for a political settlement.
- » Unlike in the foreign press, there is no attempt in American media to understand or lend context to suicide bombings.
- » In the American media, the occupation is in fact shown as the result rather than the cause of the bombings.
- » If these bombings are shown without context, Palestinians appear as inherently violent people.
- » Israel has real defense needs. The word “defense,” however, is extended to almost anything and then justified.
- » Since 9/11, Israel’s PR strategy has been to repackage its military occupation as part of America’s “war on terror.”
- » The strategy has worked because American journalists confuse the two without question.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. The film talks about violent and nonviolent resistance by the Palestinians. What might some of these non-violent means be? What of these do you recall seeing on television or reading of in the papers?
2. What is the context within which suicide bombings occur?
3. How do media reports on suicide bombings compare with this segment of the video?
4. Why are civilians the targets of suicide bombings?
5. In what specific ways are the BBC’s report of the suicide bombing different from an American channel?
6. In Lerner’s opinion, Israeli punishments upon the entire Palestinian people create an easier climate to recruit terrorists. Do you agree?
7. How does the language of cause and effect used by American media compare with the language used by Colin Powell about the cause of the crisis being terrorism in its rawest form?
8. What, according to Jensen, has been Israel’s PR strategy post 9/11? What issues and emotions does such a strategy seek to blend?

ASSIGNMENTS

1. The newscast mentions the “best intentions of the Saudis” being unable to stop the Palestinian attacks. Read page 10 of the JCRC report on the role of Saudi money. In a brief research project, gather some information on the influence of the Saudis. Some sources could be the *New York Times* news report on the Port Authority of New York suing the Saudi Government; the book *House of Bush, House of Saud*; and the movie *Fahrenheit 911* or the book *The Fahrenheit 911 Reader*. Find out who are the world’s largest oil producers and consumers. One useful site is www.opec.org/FAQs/QuestionsAboutPrroleumInd.htm. Summarize your understanding of the politics of the petrodollar.

PR 04: DEFINING WHO IS NEWSWORTHY

KEY POINTS

- » The periods described as “relative calm” by the American media are those when Palestinians have often been killed.
- » Israeli victims are empathized with in American TV and newspaper reports.
- » The Jenin refugee camp invasion that was condemned as a war crime was downplayed in the American media.
- » Israeli soldiers are presented in a way that Americans can identify with, while Palestinians are mentioned as mere numbers or anonymous faces.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. What does a period of “relative calm” imply to a reader? What does Jensen say is actually going on during this calm period?
2. What was the context of the invasion of Jenin?
3. The Jenin invasion was called a war crime by several human rights organizations. What is a war crime?
4. What does Ashrawi mean by saying that the media give a killed Israeli soldier the fullness of his humanity?
5. What is “collateral damage”?
6. What does Ashrawi refer to when she talks about the normalization of horror?
7. Examine and comment upon the statement, “Israeli soldiers fired on Palestinians violating the curfew. At least four were killed.” What are the unanswered questions in such a sound bite?
8. What does Jensen mean by saying that the American media blame Palestinian victims for their deaths?
9. What do you understand by a “human interest story”?

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Take a look at Noam Chomsky’s examination of worthy and unworthy victims in Chapter Two of *Manufacturing Consent*. Imagine you are writing a section in that chapter using the war in Iraq as your example. Use past and ongoing media reports to create a detailed table that compares the presentation of victims in the Iraq war by media and human rights groups, respectively. Take into consideration factors such as personalizing the victims mentioned by Ashrawi in the video. Some websites that might be useful include www.iraqbodycount.org, and www.uslaboragainstar.org, and the websites of Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. *The New York Times* has a daily update on American army casualties.

PR STRATEGY 05: AMERICAN NEUTRALITY

KEY POINTS

- » Media commentators keep urging the U.S. to take a more active role in negotiations in the conflict.
- » The U.S. has presented itself as a neutral broker between the two sides.
- » Its overt support for Israel however belies its position.
- » The U.S. has exercised its veto in the Security Council in favor of Israel several times.
- » U.S. military aid to Israel has made Israel the fourth most powerful military in the world.
- » Control over Middle East oil will provide the U.S. veto power over Japan and other countries that rely on Middle East oil.
- » The state policy of the U.S. has been one of supporting Israel as a projection of U.S. power in the region.
- » There seems to be no difference any more between U.S. and Israeli Middle East policy.
- » The mainstream media has never challenged this issue.
- » U.S. journalists are so embedded in this power scheme that they will do nothing to rock the boat, to ask questions, for fear of being excluded.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. What does a neutral broker between two parties aim to do?
2. Who are Israel's closest allies in the world? Who are the Palestinians' allies?
3. What is a U.N. Security Council veto? Which countries have the right of veto?
4. What is implied by American media reports that constantly urge the U.S. to be more actively involved in the conflict's negotiations?
5. Why does Pfeifer call U.S. brokering the peace a "cruel joke"?
6. The video mentions the U.S. as suppliers of Israeli defense needs. Who supports the defense needs of the Palestinians?
7. What, according to Chomsky and Pfeifer, is the oil interest at stake here?
8. How have U.S. relations with Israel changed since Clinton and the Bush administration?
9. Do you agree with Fisk that Israel is the last taboo subject in the U.S.?
10. What does Fisk say could happen if a journalist decides to challenge the U.S. policy on Israel? What does this imply for accurate reporting on the Middle East conflict?

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Examine past vetoes in the U.N. Security Council on the issue of the Middle East conflict. Who issued most vetoes, what were the issues? What does veto power depend on? Do you think veto power allows for democratic functioning in the UN? Why do you think veto power is necessary?
2. Prepare a two-page report on U.S. government policy on the Middle East, U.S. relations with Israel, and U.S. relations with the Palestinian Authority, by simply examining the websites of these states.

PR STRATEGY 06: GENEROUS OFFER

KEY POINTS

- » Since 1991 there have been a series of peace efforts.
- » The best known peace talks held were at Camp David in 2000.
- » These peace talks broke down, and the Israeli propaganda machine portrayed an effective version of why this happened.
- » But what was being offered to the Palestinians was a deal they could not accept.
- » The Palestinian Intifada was sparked by a provocative visit by Ariel Sharon to a holy site in Jerusalem.
- » The Israeli PR machine neatly tied the Intifada to the Palestinian rejection of the peace talks, although it was a separate issue.
- » Major American editorials sided with Israel and blamed the Palestinians for the failure of the Camp David talks.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. What did the Camp David peace talks intend to achieve?
2. What was Barak's offer to the Palestinians?
3. Why was this an unacceptable offer for the Palestinians?
4. What does full statehood require?
5. What two pieces of propaganda did the Israeli PR machine spin regarding the failure of the talks?
6. Did the American media buy into this spin?
7. Why do you think Ariel Sharon chose that time to visit a contested holy site?
8. What is an "intifada"?

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Choose five U.S. newspapers from around the country. Doing an archive search, summarize the contents of their editorials regarding the Camp David Talks. On what points do they tend to agree and disagree? Summarize the information on Palestinian sources of information such as the website www.palestinefacts.org/pf_1991to_now_campdavid_2000.php or www.mediamonitors.net/pnt1.html and the report on FAIR's website www.fair.org/extra/0207/generous.html. On what points do the latter agree and disagree with the American media?

PR STRATEGY 07: MARGINALIZED VOICES

KEY POINTS

- » Part of the goal of public relations exercises is making sure that only select voices are heard, and that others are not.
- » The Israeli peace movement has constantly maintained an opposite view to that of the U.S. and Israeli governments, on the issue of the conflict.
- » The image, however, of Israelis dissenting with the official position, and working alongside Palestinians, would contradict the dominant media message.
- » Such dissenters include groups for peace involved in house building for Palestinians, Israeli soldiers, and Jewish American rabbis.
- » These groups pay a price for their opposition to Israeli and U.S. positions.
- » Israel's best strategy has been to peace groups' their opposition with anti-Semitism.
- » There is a huge danger in making this fallacious link because it obscures true instances of anti-Semitism.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. What is your knowledge of the Israeli peace movement from your daily sources of news i.e. television, radio, newspapers?
2. Gordon describes the peace movements as a "dissonance" in the media. What does he mean?
3. Do you think the majority of Israelis and Palestinians want peace with one another?
4. Courage to Refuse was a controversial group of Israeli soldiers who refused to serve in occupied territories. What do you know of such an action, either by one person or a group, in the American army?
5. Refusal to serve is punishable in various ways in the army. Should dissent among soldiers, in your opinion, be a right? Or is it their duty to follow all commands rather than question them?
6. What is Major Adivi's defense on his right to dissent?
7. Critics such as the soldiers and rabbis are often labeled self-hating Jews, or anti-Semitic. Critics of the American war on Iraq have been called unpatriotic. What is the common basis of such labeling and allegations?
8. Why is the labeling of a protestor of Israeli policy as anti-Semitic **a)** particularly effective, and **b)** particularly dangerous?

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Labeling has been a significant part of post 9/11 American politics, especially with regard to the war, the antiwar movement, and the presidential campaigns. List some of the common instances of labeling, and who does the labeling against whom. Why do you think this has been such a weapon? In what ways do you think they worked or did not work?

CLOSING SEGMENT: IS PEACE POSSIBLE?

KEY POINTS

- » The struggle for peace in the Middle East has to be waged in the U.S.
- » There is nothing anti-Semitic about condemning U.S. policy in the region.
- » Americans need to wake up to what is happening in their name.
- » Once people know the truth of the occupation, it is unlikely they will not react.
- » Public opinion in the U.S. is the starting point for change in the Middle East.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & WRITING

1. Why is American policy cited as the main obstacle, and therefore the main factor, in success for a Middle East solution?
2. All speakers in this segment see American public opinion as a crucial element. Yet media control public opinion. How does this chicken and egg situation get resolved?
3. Student movements have played important roles in political change. Discuss some movements in the U.S. or abroad that you are aware of.
4. Can you think of small, yet effective ways that students can effect change in U.S. Middle East policy? Check the email activism on FAIR's website.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Public opinion is a powerful weapon in influencing a country's policy. The closing segment of the film sees the following chain of effect: public activism > public opinion > government policy > media coverage. Do you agree with this possibility? Write a brief report on the anti-sweatshop movement in the United States as an example of public opinion influencing government policy. Outline what their major steps were, what their major arguments are, who the major players are, and what their strategies have been. Useful websites are www.usas.org, www.nlcnet.org, and www.uniteunion.org. Do you think the sweatshop issue is a comparable example of the working of public opinion?
2. Edward Said's book *Covering Islam* looks at how the Islamic religion has been reported on. Read the chapter "Islam as News." Write a page about how this informs your understanding of the coverage of the Middle East in particular and Islam in general.

BIOGRAPHIES OF COMMENTATORS

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(See Also: *News & Analysis: Alternative Media; Human Rights & Advocacy*)

* indicates Middle East focus

***Al-Awda Media Committee**

al-awda.org/media

***Ali Abunimah's Bitter Pill**

www.abunimah.org

***Arab Media Watch (UK)**

www.arabmediawatch.com

Columbia Journalism Review

www.cjr.org

Cursor

www.cursor.org

Daily Howler

www.dailyhowler.com

***Electronic Intifada**

electronicintifada.net

Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting

www.fair.org

Free Press

www.freepress.net

Freedom Forum

www.freedomforum.org

***Honest Reports (UK)**

www.honestreports.com

***If Americans Knew**

www.ifamericansknew.org

Index on Censorship (UK)

www.indexonline.org

Institute for Public Accuracy

www.accuracy.org

Media Channel

www.mediachannel.org

Media Education Foundation

www.mediaed.org | www.mef.tv

Media Lens (UK)

www.medialens.org

Media Transparency

www.mediatransparency.org

***Palestine Media Watch**

www.pmwatch.org/pmw/index.asp

Noam Chomsky Archive

www.zmag.org/chomsky

Online Journalism Review

www.ojr.org/ojr/page_one/index.php

PR Watch & the Center for Media & Democracy

www.prwatch.org

Project Censored

www.projectcensored.org

***SEARCH For Justice & Equality In Israel-Palestine**

www.searchforjustice.org

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ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: U.S. SOURCES

Against the Current

solidarity.igc.org/indexATC.html

Published bi-monthly by SOLIDARITY, a socialist organization.

*** Al-Hewer Magazine**

www.alhewar.com/magazines.html

Published quarterly on a wide variety of Middle East and Islamic issues.

Alternative Press Center

www.altpress.org

A subject index to radical and lefty periodicals.

Alternet

www.alternet.org

Alternative news wire.

American Prospect

www.prospect.org/web/index.wv

Monthly liberal political magazine.

Antiwar.com

www.antiwar.com

Libertarian news and analysis.

Bad Subjects: Political Education for Everyday Life

www.eserver.org/bs

Online journal providing political commentary and social criticism, published by Bad Subjects.

Center for Investigative Reporting

www.muckraker.org

Investigative journalism.

Common Dreams News Center

www.commondreams.org/newswire.htm

Breaking news and links to highlights from the day's progressive press.

CounterPunch

www.counterpunch.org

Daily updated leftist site muckraking U.S. domestic and international politics.

Disinformation

www.disinfo.com

Collects data on current affairs and politics ignored by corporate-owned media conglomerates.

Dissent

www.dissentmagazine.org

Culture and politics magazine of the left.

Extra!

www.fair.org/extra/index.html

Published by Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting.

Guerilla News Network

www.guerrillanews.com

Alternative coverage of the war on terrorism, corporate crime, and the environment.

Harper's Magazine

www.harpers.org

Left leaning monthly covering social, political, and cultural issues.

In These Times

www.inthesetimes.com

News and investigative reporting from the progressive left.

Jay's Leftist & 'Progressive' Internet Resources Directory

www.neravt.com/left

Collection of lefty and progressive news, analysis, and commentary.

Left Business Observer

www.leftbusinessobserver.com

Monthly newsletter on economics and politics edited by Doug Henwood.

*** The Link**

www.ameu.org/thelink.asp

Published bi-monthly by Americans for Middle East Understanding.

Media Monitors Network

usa.mediamonitors.net/

Alternative news source.

*** Mid-East Realities**

www.middleeast.org

Alternative news source on the Middle East.

*** Middle East Journal**

www.mideasti.org/programs/programs_journal.html

Published by the progressive Middle East Institute.

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ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: U.S. SOURCES (CONT.)

* **Middle East Policy Journal**

www.mepc.org/public_asp/journal/archive.asp
Quarterly journal of political, economic and social analysis by the progressive Middle East Policy Council.

* **Middle East Report Online**

www.merip.org/mero/mero.html
Published by Middle East Research and Information Project.

Monthly Review

www.monthlyreview.org
Long-standing socialist magazine.

Mother Jones

www.motherjones.com
Left wing magazine of investigative journalism.

The Nation

www.thenation.com
News analysis from the left.

New Republic

www.tnr.com
Opinion magazine with a liberal bent.

News Alternative

www.asia-stat.com
Alternative news source.

* **NileMedia**

www.nilemedia.com
Cyber magazine offering news and editorial content.

Online Journal

www.onlinejournal.com
Variety of dissident news and views.

Pacific News Service

news.pacificnews.org/news/
Alternative world news wire and daily news syndicate through the AP newswire.

* **Palestine Chronicle**

www.palestinechronicle.com
U.S. based online magazine providing news and commentary on Palestine and the Middle East.

Progressive

www.progressive.org
Monthly alternative news magazine.

Salon

www.salon.com
Investigative online news magazine, slightly to the left.

Sam Smith's Progressive Review

www.prorev.com
"Washington's most unofficial source."

* **Tikkun Magazine**

www.tikkun.org
Progressive Jewish perspective, founded and edited by Rabbi Michael Lerner.

TomPaine.com

www.tompaine.com
Progressive site providing news, analysis, and commentary.

Toward Freedom

www.towardfreedom.com
Progressive international news, analysis and advocacy.

Utne Reader

www.utne.com
Reprints articles from over 2,000 alternative media sources.

Village Voice

www.villagevoice.com
Alternative news weekly.

* **Washington Report on Middle East Affairs**

www.washington-report.org
News and analysis from and about the Middle East and U.S. policy in the region, published by the American Education Trust (AET).

Working For Change

www.workingforchange.com
Online journal of progressive news and opinion published by Working Assets.

World Press Review

www.worldpress.org
English-language digest of international media as an alternative to mainstream U.S. media.

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ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: U.S. SOURCES (CONT.)

World Tribune

www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune

Online newspaper specializing in international affairs. Offers exclusive stories and links to the top news of the day.

YellowTimes.org

www.yellowtimes.org

Opinion based lefty publication on current events.

Z Magazine

zmagsite.zmag.org/curTOC.htm

One of the U.S. premier alternative political magazines.

ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: U.S. SOURCES (BROADCAST)

Alternative Radio

www.alternativeradio.org

Weekly one-hour public affairs program.

C-SPAN

www.cspan.org

Created in 1979 by the cable television industry as a public service "to provide public access to the political process".

CounterSpin

www.fair.org/counterspin

Radio Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting.

DemocracyNOW!

www.democracynow.org

National, daily, independent news program hosted by award-winning journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez.

Flashpoints

www.flashpoints.net

Investigative news radio.

Free Speech Radio News

www.fsrn.org/news

Daily half hour radio news cast broadcast over community stations and five Pacifica stations.

Free Speech TV

www.freespeech.org

Independent non-profit TV on DISH satellite and community access cable stations.

KPFA Radio Berkley

www.kpfa.org

Community supported radio.

NPR

www.npr.org

National Public Radio serves more than 750 independently operated, noncommercial public radio stations.

Pacifica Radio

www.pacifica.org

Independent community media.

PBS

www.pbs.org

The Public Broadcasting Service provides TV programming to hundreds of non-commercial stations.

Sunday Salon

sundaysalon.org

Weekly public affairs program on KPFA radio, hosted by Larry Bensky.

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ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: INTERNATIONAL & GLOBAL SOURCES

* **FromOccupiedPalestine.org (Canada)**

www.fromoccupiedpalestine.org

Independent online journal and resource archive of the Israel-Palestine conflict. Based in Canada.

Independent Media Center

www.indymedia.org

Collective of independent media organizations and journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate coverage.

Inter Press Service

www.ips.org

International press agency, HQ in Rome, Italy.

* **Middle East International (UK & US)**

www.meionline.com

Alternative magazine based in London but also published in the U.S.

* **Middle East News and Information Bureau (UK)**

www.menib.com/V2/index.php

Alternative source of news, dedicated to Israel Palestine issues. Based in the UK.

OneWorld Online

www.oneworld.net

Global news with a focus on the developing world.

OpenDemocracy (UK)

www.opendemocracy.net

Online global magazine of politics and culture.

Palestine Times (UK)

www.ptimes.org

Monthly political British publication.

Red Pepper (UK)

www.redpepper.org.uk

British magazine of the green and radical left.

Spiked (UK)

www.spiked-online.com

London based magazine publishing a range of dissident views.

U.N. News Center

www.un.org/news

A project of the United Nations.

U.N. Wire

www.unwire.org

Independent service that covers the U.N. and the world.

ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: ISRAELI SOURCES

Note: Israeli-Palestinian sources are cross-referenced.

Ariga

www.ariga.com

Web-based source of news from Israel, emphasizing the peace process, but including other subjects of interest.

Between The Lines

www.between-lines.org

A monthly Israeli-Palestinian online journal of analysis produced and edited by two former editors of News from Within.

Bitterlemons.org

www.bitterlemons.org

Articles representing Israeli and Palestinian perspectives on current events relating to the occupied territories.

Challenge

www.hanitzotz.com/challenge

Bi-monthly leftist magazine focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and published in Jaffa by Arabs and Jews.

Israel Independent Media Center

israel.indymedia.org

Part of a collective of independent media organizations and journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate coverage.

The Jerusalem Report

www.jrep.com

Left-wing daily news magazine covering Israel, the Middle East, and the Jewish world.

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ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: ISRAELI SOURCES (CONT.)

Mid East Web

www.mideastweb.org

Uses the internet as an educational and organizing tool towards peaceful coexistence.

Middle East Review of International Affairs (MERIA)

meria.idc.ac.il

A quarterly academic journal on Middle East issues.

News From Within

www.newsfromwithin.org

A monthly magazine presenting a critical perspective on current events. Published by the Alternative Information Center, a joint Israeli Palestinian organization.

Uri Avnery's Analysis Page

www.avnery-news.co.il

Uri Avery is a founding member of "Gush Shalom" (Peace Bloc), Independent Peace Movement, and a former Israeli Knesset member.

ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: PALESTINIAN & PAN-ARAB SOURCES

Note: Israeli-Palestinian sources are cross-referenced.

Al-Bab

www.al-bab.com/Default.htm

News by country, as well as country guides, run by British Guardian journalist, Brian Whitaker.

Alternative Information Center (AIC)

www.alternativenews.org

Palestinian-Israeli organization striving to provide balanced news analysis.

Arabic Media Internet Network (AMIN)

www.amin.org

News coverage by Palestinian journalists and officials.

Between The Lines

www.between-lines.org

A monthly Palestinian-Israeli online journal of analysis produced and edited by two former editors of News from Within.

Bitterlemons.org

www.bitterlemons.org

Offers articles representing Palestinian and Israeli perspectives on current events relating to the occupied territories.

Challenge

www.hanitzotz.com/challenge

Bi-monthly leftist magazine focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and published in Jaffa by Arabs and Jews.

Independent Media Center – Palestine

www.jerusalem.indymedia.org

Part of a collective of independent media organizations and journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate coverage.

Jerusalem Media and Communication Center

www.jmcc.org

Provides a wide range of services to journalists, researchers, international agencies, individuals and organizations.

Jerusalem Quarterly File

www.jqf-jerusalem.org

Scholarly journal on Jerusalem and Arab residents of Jerusalem, published by the Institute of Jerusalem Studies (IJS), an affiliate of the Institute for Palestine Studies.

Journal of Palestine Studies

www.palestine-studies.org/final/en/journals/jour_item.php?id=1

The only English language quarterly devoted exclusively to Palestinian affairs and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Published and distributed for the Institute for Palestine Studies (Beirut) by the University of California Press, Berkeley.

Middle East Times

metimes.com

The online edition publishes stories censored by Arab government(s).

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News From Within

www.newsfromwithin.org

A monthly magazine presenting a critical perspective on current events. Published by the Alternative Information Center, a joint Palestinian-Israeli organization.

Palestine-Israel Journal

www.pij.org

A quarterly Jerusalem based journal.

Palestine Monitor

www.palestinemonitor.org

News and analysis. Based in Ramallah, Palestine.

Palestine Net

www.palestine-net.com

Maintained by Al Quds.

Palestine Report

www.palestinereport.org

Jerusalem based publication focusing on internal Palestinian politics, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and diplomatic maneuvers.

Palestinian Human Rights Monitor

www.phrmg.org/monitor.htm

Bi-monthly publication of The Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group (PHRMG) primarily dedicated to the monitoring of human rights violations committed by the Palestinian Authority.

MAINSTREAM MEDIA: U.S. SOURCES (NEWSPAPERS)

Boston Globe

www.boston.com/news/globe/

Chicago Tribune

www.chicagotribune.com

Christian Science Monitor

www.csmonitor.com

Los Angeles Times

www.latimes.com

Miami Herald

www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald

New York Times

www.nytimes.com

USA Today

www.usatoday.com

Wall Street Journal

online.wsj.com/public/us

Washington Post

www.washingtonpost.com

Washington Times

www.washtimes.com

MAINSTREAM MEDIA: U.S. SOURCES (WORLD NEWS SERVICES & NEWS WIRES)

ABC News

abcnews.go.com

Also broadcast.

Associated Press (AP)

www.ap.org

CNN

www.cnn.com

Also broadcast.

Google News

news.google.com

Online world news service.

Yahoo! World News

story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=index&cid=721

Online world news service.

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MAINSTREAM MEDIA: U.S. SOURCES (BROADCAST)

CBS News

www.cbsnews.com

FOX News

www.foxnews.com

MSNBC News

www.msnbc.msn.com

Voice of America

www.voanews.com

International multimedia broadcasting service funded by the U.S. government.

Vanderbilt University TV News Archive

tvnews.vanderbilt.edu

Extensive archive of television news.

MAINSTREAM MEDIA: INTERNATIONAL & GLOBAL SOURCES

1st Headlines

www.1stheadlines.com

An aggregator of headlines.

Agence France-Presse AFP (France)

www.afp.com/english/home

World news service.

BBC News (UK)

news.bbc.co.uk

Broadcast and world news service.

Bloomberg World News

www.bloomberg.com/news/index.html

World news service.

CBC News (Canada)

www.cbc.ca/news

Canadian broadcast.

Daily Telegraph (UK)

www.telegraph.co.uk

Major British newspaper.

The Economist (UK)

www.economist.com

Major British newspaper.

Financial Times (UK)

www.ft.com

Major British newspaper.

Globe and Mail (Canada)

www.globeandmail.ca

Major Canadian newspaper.

The Guardian (UK)

www.guardian.co.uk

Major British newspaper.

Independent (UK)

www.independent.co.uk

Major British newspaper.

International Herald Tribune

www.iht.com/frontpage.html

Major newspaper based in France.

ITN (UK)

www.itn.co.uk

One of the largest news organizations in the world, producing news and other programs for television, radio and other media outlets in Britain and overseas.

JournalismNet

www.journalismnet.com

Created and maintained by Julian Sher, an award-winning documentary TV producer and an advisory board member of the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression, that monitors press freedoms around the world.

Le Monde Diplomatique (France)

mondediplo.com

Left-wing reputable French monthly.

Observer (UK)

www.observer.co.uk

Major British newspaper.

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Reuters

www.reuters.com/news.jhtml

International multimedia news agency and world news service, founded in London.

Times of London (UK)

www.thetimes.co.uk

Major British newspaper.

Toronto Star (Canada)

www.thestar.com

Major Canadian newspaper.

United Press International (UPI)

www.upi.com

HQ in Washington, D.C. Audience is mainly decision-makers in the business or policy communities.

*** World News Network**

www.worldnews.com

Online world news.

World-Newspapers.com

www.world-newspapers.com

Links to international media sources.

On-line Newspapers

www.onlinenewspapers.com

Extensive online list of newspapers, arranged by country of origin.

MAINSTREAM MEDIA: ISRAELI SOURCES

Arutz Sheva

www.israelnationalnews.com

Major news service presenting viewpoint of hardliners.

Ha'aretz

www.haaretzdaily.com

Respectable daily newspaper with a broadly liberal outlook both on domestic issues and on international affairs.

IsraNews

isranews.com/indexe.htm

Information about Israel, with daily news, taken directly from the Israeli media.

Jerusalem Newswire

www.jnewswire.com

Online daily news source for headline stories, analysis and commentary on Israel and the Middle East.

Jerusalem Post

www.jpost.com

Major right-of-center Israeli daily newspaper.

Ma'ariv

www.maarivenglish.com

Selected articles and news summaries from centrist Israeli daily.

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MAINSTREAM MEDIA: PALESTINIAN & PAN-ARAB SOURCES

Al Ahram Weekly

weekly.ahram.org.eg

Published in Cairo by Al-Ahram. Updated every Thursday.

Al Jazeera

english.aljazeera.net/HomePage

Arabic TV news network based in Qatar that provides breaking news and footage censored by Arab and U.S. governments. Now also available in English online.

Albawaba.com

www.albawaba.com/main/index.ie.php3?lang=e

Middle East gateway.

Arab News

www.arabnews.com

Saudi English-language daily newspaper.

Arabic News

www.arabicnews.com

Daily news in English from the Arab world.

Daily Star

www.dailystar.com.lb/home.asp

Daily Lebanese newspaper.

Dar Al Hayat

english.daralhayat.com

An English language source based in Lebanon.

Jordan Times

www.jordantimes.com/tue/index.htm

Daily Jordanian newspaper.

The Khaleej Times

www.khaleejtimes.com

English language daily newspaper published in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Kuwait Times

www.kuwaittimes.net

Daily Kuwaiti newspaper.

Palestine Media Center

www.palestine-pmc.com

Official news site under the direct supervision of PLO Executive Committee Member Mr. Yasser Abed Rabbo.

Wafa: Palestine News Agency

english.wafa.ps | www.wafa.pna.net

Official Palestinian news agency.

HUMAN RIGHTS & ADVOCACY

NON-GOVERNMENTAL & HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS; ADVOCACY & ACTIVISTS ORGANIZATIONS; PEACE & ANTI-WAR GROUPS; PROGRESSIVE RESEARCH INSTITUTES & THINK TANKS

(See Also: Critique of Media Coverage)

AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

* Middle East focus † predominantly Christian ☪ predominantly Muslim

* **Academics for Justice**

www.academicsforjustice.org

* **Advocacy Project**

www.advocacynet.org

* **Al Aqsa Intifada**

www.alaqsaintifada.org

* **Al-Awda, The Palestine Right to Return Coalition**

www.al-awda.org

* † **Al Bushra, Arab-American Roman Catholic Community**

www.al-bushra.org

* † **Alliance of Middle East Scientists & Physicians**

www.keck.ucsf.edu/~yoram/amesp.html

* **Alternative Palestinian Agenda**

www.ap-agenda.org

* **American Arab Anti Discrimination Committee (ADC)**

www.adc.org

* **American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights**

www.americansforpalestine.org

* † **American Friends Service Committee (Middle East)**

www.afsc.org/middleeast/default.htm

* ☪ **The American Islamic Congress**

www.aicongress.org

* ☪ **American Muslims for Jerusalem**

www.amjerusalem.org

* **American Task Force On Palestine**

www.americantaskforce.org

* **Americans and Palestinians for Peace**

www.ampal.net

* **Americans for Middle East Understanding**

www.ameu.org

* **Americans for Peace Now**

www.peacenow.org

* **Arab American Institute**

www.aaiusa.org

Center for Economic and Social Rights

www.cesr.org

† **Christian Peacemaker Teams**

www.cpt.org

* † **Church Network for Education on Palestine**

www.cnep.org

* † **Churches for Middle East Peace**

www.cmep.org

* **Citizens for Fair Legislation**

www.cflweb.org

* **Compassionate Listening Project**

www.compassionatelisting.org

* † **Colorado Campaign for Middle East Peace**

www.ccmep.org

† **Council for a Livable World**

clw.org

Council for the National Interest

www.cnionline.org

* ☪ **Council on American Islamic Relations**

www.cair-net.org/default.asp

* **Direct Action for Justice in Palestine**

www.directactionpalestine.com

* **Faculty for Israeli Palestinian Peace**

www.ffipp.org

Fafo Institute: Publications on the Middle East

www.fafo.no:80/english/pub/Emner/mideast.htm

Fellowship of Reconciliation

www.forusa.org

(Interfaith)

* **Foundation for Middle East Peace**

www.fmep.org

Global Exchange

www.globalexchange.org

HUMAN RIGHTS & ADVOCACY

NON-GOVERNMENTAL & HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS; ADVOCACY & ACTIVISTS ORGANIZATIONS; PEACE & ANTI-WAR GROUPS; PROGRESSIVE RESEARCH INSTITUTES & THINK TANKS

(See Also: Critique of Media Coverage)

AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

* Middle East focus ✝ predominantly Christian ☪ predominantly Muslim

Grassroots International

www.grassrootsonline.org/pal_main.html

Human Rights First

(Lawyers Committee for Human Rights)

www.humanrightsfirst.org

* **Humanity Check:**

Interfaith Peace and Reconciliation Project

home.earthlink.net/~humanitycheck

(Interfaith)

* **Humanity on Hold**

www.humanityonhold.org

Institute for Policy Studies

www.ips-dc.org/

International Action Center

www.iacenter.org

International A.N.S.W.E.R.

www.internationalanswer.org

*☪ **Islamic Association for Palestine**

www.iap.org

* **Jerusalem Fund for Education & Community Development**

www.palestinecenter.org

*☪ **KinderUSA**

www.kinderusa.org

Lawyers Without Borders

www.lawyerswithoutborders.org

✝ **Methodist Federation for Social Action**

www.mfsaweb.org

* **Middle East Children's Alliance**

www.mecaforpeace.org

Middle East Crisis Committee

www.thestruggle.org

(American Jewish & American Arab)

* **Middle East Information Center**

www.middleeastinfo.org

* **Middle East Institute**

www.mideasti.org

* **Middle East Research and Information Project**

www.merip.org

*☪ **Muslim Public Affairs Council**

www.mpac.org/default.aspx

* **New Israel Fund**

www.nif.org

* **Palestinian American Research Center**

www.parcenter.org

Physicians for Human Rights

www.phrusa.org

* **Playgrounds for Palestine**

www.playgroundsforpalestine.org

* **Rebuilding Alliance**

www.rebuildinghomes.org/start.php

* **Refuser Solidarity Network**

www.refusersolidarity.net

✝ **Sojourners: Christians for Justice and Peace**

www.sojo.net

* **Stop Caterpillar**

www.catdestroyshomes.org

* **Stop U.S. Tax-funded Aid to Israel Now! (SUSTAIN)**

www.sustaincampaign.org/

* **Students for Justice in Palestine**

www.justiceinpalestine.org

Tolerance

www.tolerance.org

* **Trans-Arab Research Institute**

www.tari.org

* **United for Peace and Justice**

www.unitedforpeace.org

* **United Palestinian Appeal**

www.helpup.com

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AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

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* **U.S. Campaign to End the Occupation**

www.endtheoccupation.org

* **Voices of Palestine**

www.voicesofpalestine.org

† **Washington Peace Center**

www.washingtonpeacecenter.org

AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

* Middle East focus

* **America-Israel Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace**

otherisrael.home.igc.org

* **Brit Tzedek v'Shalom**

(Jewish Alliance for Justice & Peace)

www.btvshalom.org

* **Jewish Friends of Palestine**

www.jewishfriendspalestine.org

* **Jewish Peace Fellowship**

www.jewishpeacefellowship.org

* **Jewish Voice for Peace**

www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org

* **Jews Against the Occupation**

www.jatonyc.org

* **Jews for Justice in the Middle East**

www.cactus48.com

* **Jews for Peace in Palestine and Israel**

www.jppei.org

* **Jews for Racial & Economic Justice**

www.jfrej.org

* **Jews Renounce**

www.jewsrenounce.org

* **Not In My Name**

www.nimn.org

* **Visions for Peace with Justice in Israel/Palestine**

www.vopj.org

INTERNATIONAL & GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS

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(Note: for UN links see 'International Governmental Institutions')

Amnesty International

www.amnesty.org

* **Canadian-Palestinian Educational Exchange**

www.cepal.ca/

(Canada)

† **Christian Aid**

www.christian-aid.org.uk

(UK & Ireland)

* **Defense for Children International: Palestine**

www.dci-pal.org

* **Enlighten**

www.enlighten-palestine.org

(UK)

Human Rights Watch

www.hrw.org

Institute for Media, Peace and Security

www.mediapeace.org/middleeast.htm

(Costa Rica)

† **Inter-Church Committee for Refugees (ICCR)**

www.web.net/~iccr

(Canada)

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INTERNATIONAL & GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

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† Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation

www.icco.nl/delivery/icco/en
(Dutch Protestant-Christian)

International Committee of the Red Cross

www.icrc.org | www.icrc.org/eng/israel

International Federation for Human Rights

www.fidh.org/_news.php3

*** International Solidarity Movement**

www.palsolidarity.org

*** International Women's Peace Service**

www.womenspeacepalestine.org

*** Palestine Solidarity Campaign**

www.palestinecampaign.org
(UK)

Palestinian Refugee Research Net

www.arts.mcgill.ca/mepp/new_prn
(Canada)

People-to-People Program

www.People-To-People.org
(Norway, Israel & Palestine)

ReliefWeb (U.N.)

www.reliefweb.int/w/rwb.nsf

Reporters Without Borders (Reporters Sans Frontieres)

www.rsf.fr
(France)

Seeds of Peace

www.seedsofpeace.org

World Organization Against Torture

www.omct.org
(Switzerland & Belgium)

ISRAELI ORGANIZATIONS

(Note: Israeli-Palestinian organizations are noted and cross-referenced)

Alternative Information Center

www.alternativenews.org
(Israeli-Palestinian)

Association for Civil Rights in Israel

www.acri.org.il/english-acri/engine/index.asp

Bat Shalom (Israeli Women for Peace)

www.batshalom.org

B'Tselem, Israeli Human Rights Center

www.btselem.org

Coalition of Women for Peace

www.coalitionofwomen4peace.org

Gush Shalom (Peace Bloc)

www.gush-shalom.org/english

Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information

www.ipcri.org/index1.html
(Israeli-Palestinian)

Israel Religious Action Center (Movement for Progressive Judaism)

www.irac.org/index_e.asp

Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions

www.icahd.org/eng

Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace

otherisrael.home.igc.org/ICIPP.html

Machsom Watch

(Blockade Watch: Women for Human Rights)
www.machsomwatch.org

MidEast Web

www.mideastweb.org

Neve Shalom/ Wahat al-Salam (Oasis of Peace)

www.nswas.com
(Israeli-Palestinian)

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(See Also: Critique of Media Coverage)

ISRAELI ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

New Profile, Movement for the Civil-ization of Israeli Society

www.newprofile.org/default.asp?language=en

Occupied Territory

www.occupied.org

Oz v'Shalom - Netivot Shalom

(Movement for Judaism, Zionism, and Peace)

www.netivot-shalom.org.il

Parents' Circle

www.theparentscircle.org

(Israeli-Palestinian-American)

Public Committee Against Torture in Israel

www.stoptorture.org.il

Rabbis for Human Rights

www.rhr.israel.net

Ometz Le'Sarev (Courage to Refuse)

www.seruv.org.il/english/default.asp

Shalom Achshav (Peace Now)

www.peacenow.org

Shministim, Israeli Youth Refusal Movement

www.shministim.org/english

Shvil Zahav (The Middle Way)

www.middleway.org/English/index.html

Ta'ayush (Arab Jewish Coexistence)

www.taayush.org

(Jewish- Arab)

Women in Black

www.womeninblack.net

PALESTINIAN & PAN-ARAB ORGANIZATIONS

(Note: Israeli-Palestinian organizations are noted and cross-referenced)

Adalah

(The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel)

www.adalah.org/eng/index.php

Addameer

(Prisoners Support & Human Rights Association)

www.addameer.org

Al-Haq (Human Rights)

www.alhaq.org

Al Mezan Center for Human Rights

www.mezan.org/site_en/index.php

Al Mubadara, The Palestinian National Initiative

www.almubadara.org/eng/index.html

Al Multaqa, Arab Thought Forum Center

www.multaqa.org

Alternative Information Center

www.alternativenews.org

(Palestinian-Israeli)

Annadwa, International Center of Bethlehem

www.annadwa.org

Arab Association for Human Rights

www.arabhra.org

Arij Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem

www.arij.org

Association of Forty

www.assoc40.org

Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights

www.badil.org

Baladna, Association for Arab Youth

www.baladnayouth.org/index.shtml

Birzeit University Development Studies Program

home.birzeit.edu/dsp

East Jerusalem YMCA

www.ej-ymca.org/site

First Ramallah Group

www.sirreyeh.org

Gaza Community Mental Health Programme

www.gcmhp.net

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PALESTINIAN & PAN-ARAB ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

Health Development Information & Policy Institute

www.hdip.org

Institute for Palestine Studies

www.palestine-studies.org/final/en/index.html
(Lebanon)

Israel-Palestine Center for Research & Information

www.ipcri.org/index1.html
(Palestinian-Israeli)

Ittijah, Palestinian NGO network

www.ittijah.org

Jerusalem Center for Social & Economic Rights

www.jcser.org/main.html

Jerusalemites

www.jerusalemites.org
(Jordan based)

Land Research Center

www.lrcj.org

LAW: The Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights & the Environment

www.law-society.org

Ma'an Development Center

www.maan-ctr.org

MIFTAH: The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue & Democracy

www.miftah.org
(also semi-official news site)

Muwatin: The Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy

www.muwatin.org

Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute

www.palecon.org/masdir/main1.html

Palestinian Academic Network

www.planet.edu/

Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA)

www.passia.org

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees

www.pal-arc.org

Palestinian Center for Human Rights

www.pchrgaza.org

Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy

www.arts.mcgill.ca/MEPP/ngoproject/pcpd.html

Palestinian Center for Rapprochement Between People

www.rapprochement.org

Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network

www.pengon.org

Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group

www.phrmg.org

Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights

www.piccr.org

Palestinian Prisoner Society

www.ppsmo.org

Palestinian Red Crescent Society

www.palestinercs.org

Palestinian Working Women Society for Development

www.pwwsd.org

Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation

www.pyalara.org

Panorama: The Palestinian Center for the Dissemination of Democracy & Community Development

www.panoramacenter.org

Parents' Circle

www.theparentscircle.org
(Palestinian-Israeli-American)

Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center

www.sabeel.org

Shaml Palestinian Diaspora and Refugee Center

www.shaml.org

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PALESTINIAN & PAN-ARAB ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

Society of Ina'ash El-Usra (Palestinian women)

www.inash.org

Stop the Wall Campaign

www.stopthewall.org

Ta'ayush (Arab-Jewish Coexistence)

www.taayush.org

(Arab-Jewish)

Tamer Institute for Community Education

www.tamerinst.org

Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees

www.upmrc.org

Wahat al-Salam/Neve Shalom (Oasis of Peace)

www.nswas.com

(Palestinian-Israeli)

Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling

www.wclac.org

Women's Studies Center

www.wameed.org

GOVERNMENT & STATE INSTITUTIONS

INTERNATIONAL, ISRAELI & PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

(See Also: International Human Rights Organizations)

United Nations Division for Palestinian Rights

www.un.org/Depts/dpa/qpalnew/dpr.htm

United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine (UNISPAL)

domino.un.org/unispal.nsf

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)

ochaonline.un.org

United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

www.ohchr.org/english/

United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)

www.un.org/unrwa/

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

www.un.org/Pubs/ourlives/unrwa.htm

ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS

Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)

www.idf.il

Israeli Embassy (Washington D.C.)

www.israelemb.org/

Israeli Government Gateway

147.237.72.16/eng/mainpage.asp

Israeli Knesset (Parliament)

www.knesset.gov.il/index.html

Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs

www.mfa.gov.il/MFA

Israeli Office of the Prime Minister

www.pmo.gov.il/PMOEng

Permanent Mission of Israel to the U.N.

www.israel-un.org

PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS

Palestine Ministry of Health

www.moh.gov.ps

Palestine Ministry of Information

www.minfo.gov.ps/en_index.htm

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

www.pcbs.org

Palestinian Economic Council for Development & Reconstruction (PECDAR)

www.pecdar.org

Palestinian Legislative Council

www.pal-plc.org/english/english.html

Palestine Media Center

www.palestine-pmc.com

(Official news site, under the direct supervision of the PLO)

Palestinian National Authority

www.pna.gov.ps

Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations

www.palestine-un.org

PLO Negotiations Affairs Department

www.nad-plo.org

BACKGROUND & HISTORY

BACKGROUND ON & HISTORY OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

(See Also: Human Rights & Advocacy; International Governmental Institutions; News & Analysis: Alternative Sources; Critique of Media Coverage)

Al Nakba (The Catastrophe)

www.alnakba.org

Arab-Israeli Conflict (HistoryTeacher.net)

www.historyteacher.net/Arab-Israeli_Conflict.htm

Background to the Israel-Palestine Crisis (Z Magazine)

www.zmag.org/shalom-meqa.htm

Bitterlemons.org

www.bitterlemons.org

Coming to Terms With Deir Yassin (Ariga)

www.ariga.com/peacewatch/dy

Deir Yassin Remembered

www.deiryassin.org

Edward Said Archive

www.edwardsaid.org/modules/news

Historic Documents & Treaties (Ariga)

www.ariga.com/treaties/index.shtml

In Depth: Israel and the Palestinians (BBC)

news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_depth/middle_east/2001/israel_and_the_palestinians/default.stm

Israel and the Occupied Territories (U.S. State Department Annual Report)

www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2001/nea/8262.htm#ot

Israel, Palestine, & the Occupied Territories (Global Policy Forum)

www.globalpolicy.org/security/issues/isrlindx.htm

Israel, the Occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and Palestinian Authority Territories (Human Rights Watch Annual Report)

www.hrw.org/wr2k2/mena5.html

Maps (Center for Policy Analysis in Palestine)

www.palestinecenter.org/cpap/map.htm

Matrix of Control

(The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions)

www.icahd.org/eng/articles.asp?menu=6&submenu=3

Media Style Sheet

(Americans for Middle East Understanding)

www.ameu.org/lexicon.asp

Middle East 1916 - 2001: A Documentary Record (The Avalon Project at Yale Law School)

www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/mideast/mideast.htm

Middle East Bibliography (Cornell University)

www.library.cornell.edu/colldev/mideast/qbib.htm

Middle East Reference Guide

www.middleeastreference.org.uk

Middle East Studies Internet Resources (Columbia University)

www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvlm/index.html

Occupied Golan (Syria)

www.golan-syria.org/

Origin of the Palestine-Israel Conflict (Jews For Justice in the Middle East)

www.cactus48.com/truth.html

Origins and Evolution of the Palestine Problem: 1917-1988, part 1

(Shaml: Palestinian Diaspora and Refugee Center)

www.shaml.org/resources/docs/un/dpr_pp_1.htm

Origins and Evolution of the Palestine Problem: 1917-1988, part 2

(Shaml: Palestinian Diaspora and Refugee Center)

www.shaml.org/resources/docs/un/dpr_pp_2.htm

Origins and Evolution of the Palestine Problem: 1917-1988, part 3

(Shaml: Palestinian Diaspora and Refugee Center)

www.shaml.org/resources/docs/un/dpr_pp_3.htm

Origins and Evolution of the Palestine Problem: 1917-1988, part 4

(Shaml: Palestinian Diaspora and Refugee Center)

www.shaml.org/resources/docs/un/dpr_pp_4.htm

Oslo Accords and Related Agreements (Al Mashriq)

almashriq.hiof.no/general/300/320/327/oslo.html

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Palestine Facts & Info

(PASSIA: Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs)

www.passia.org/index_pfacts.htm

Palestine Home of History

www.palestinehistory.com

Palestine, Israel and the Arab Israeli Conflict: A Primer (MERIP: The Middle East Research & Information Project)

www.merip.org/palestine-israel_primer/toc-pal-isr-primer.html

Palestine Remembered

www.palestineremembered.com

Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Research Guide (by Robin Miller)

www.robincmiller.com/melinkfr.htm

Primer on the Uprising

(MERIP: The Middle East Research & Information Project)

www.merip.org/new_uprising_primer/primer_intro.html

Question of Palestine (United Nations)

www.un.org/Depts/dpa/ngo/history.html

Reference Maps

(PRCS: Palestine Red Crescent Society)

www.palestinercs.org/reference_maps.htm

Suggested General Sources on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (Z-Mag)

www.zmag.org/meastwatch/mideastsources.htm

United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine (UNISPAL)

domino.un.org/unispal.nsf

Voices From the Conflict (BBC)

news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/static/in_depth/middle_east/2002/voices/default.stm

Warfare and Conflict: Israel-Palestine (PolitInfo.com)

web.politinfo.com/dir/Society/Issues/Warfare_and_Conflict/Specific_Conflicts/Middle_East/Israel-Palestine/

Water in the Middle East (Columbia University)

www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvm/water.html

Web Guide to Maps of the Middle East

(MERIA: Middle East Review of International Affairs)

www.biu.ac.il/SOC/besa/meria/research-g/maps.html

West Bank & Gaza Maps (University of Texas)

www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/gazastrip.html

Zionism & Its Impact

(WRMEA: Washington Report on Middle East Affairs)

www.wrmea.com/html/focus.htm

RIGHT WING ZIONIST PERSPECTIVES

MEDIA MONITORING; AMERICAN & ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS; JOURNALS & PUBLICATIONS

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CONSERVATIVE & RIGHT WING MEDIA MONITORING & ACTIVISM

Accuracy in Media

www.aim.org

Conservative watchdog of the news media "biased" toward liberal politics.

*** American Friends of Likud**

www.thelikud.org

Right wing Zionist media monitoring group.

*** Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace**

www.edume.org/index.htm

Monitors Israeli and Arab school books' content.

*** Committee for Accuracy in Mid East Reporting (CAMERA)**

www.camera.org

Monitors anti-Israel bias in media.

DEBKAFfile (Israel & U.S.)

www.debka.com

Right wing site devoted to analysis in the fields of terrorism, intelligence, military affairs, and politics. HQ in Israel with offices in U.S.

*** Exist: Examining Israel, Security & Terrorism**

www.righttoexist.org

"Myth busting" and media monitoring.

*** Eye on the Post**

www.eyeonthepost.org

Monitors anti-Israel bias in the Washington Post.

*** Facts & Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)**

www.factsandlogic.org

Monitors anti-Israel bias in media.

*** Fair Reporting (UK)**

www.fair-reporting.com

Monitors anti-Israel bias in the British media.

*** Hasbara**

www.hasbara.us

U.S. organization that monitors anti-Israel bias in the media.

*** Hasbara Fellowships (Aish HaTorah)**

www.israelactivism.com

Campus media monitoring.

*** Honest Reporting**

www.honestreporting.com

Monitors anti-Israel bias in media.

*** Israel Hasbara Committee (Israel)**

info.jpost.com/C002/Info/Organizations/Hasbara

Based out of Israel.

Media Research Center

www.mediaresearch.org

Conservative media watchdog group and news archive.

*** Media Watch International - Caravan For Democracy**

www.caravanfordemocracy.org/bin/en.jsp?enPage=HomePage

Monitors anti-Israel bias in the media.

*** Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)**

www.memri.org

Provides translations and analysis of Arabic and Hebrew media reports.

*** OZ Media Maccabee (Australia)**

klik.to/maccabee

Australian group Monitors anti-Israel bias in media.

*** Palestinian Media Watch (Israel)**

www.pmw.org.il/new

Israeli organization that monitors Palestinian media for incitement against Israel.

*** Promoting Responsibility In Middle East Reporting (PRIMER)**

primerct.org

Monitors anti-Israel bias in the media.

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CONSERVATIVE & RIGHT WING AMERICAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS

American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

www.aei.org

Hawkish pro-Likud think tank.

American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)

www.aipac.org

American Israeli lobby, considered one of the most influential foreign lobbies in Washington D.C.

American Jewish Committee (AJC)

www.ajc.org

Influential Jewish interest group.

American Jewish Congress (AJC)

www.ajcongress.org

Influential Jewish interest group.

Americans For a Safe Israel (AFSI)

www.afsi.org

Extreme right wing Zionist organization.

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

www.adl.org

Influential U.S. Jewish Zionist organization directed by Abraham Foxman.

Campus Watch

www.campus-watch.org

Established by the Middle East Forum to monitor Middle East studies programs and professors on college and university campuses.

Center for Security Policy

www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/index.jsp?section=today

Hawkish foreign policy think tank with ties to the defense establishment.

Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

www.conferenceofpresidents.org

Represents 52 major national Jewish organizations.

Israel On Campus Coalition

israeloncampuscoalition.org

National college and university campus pro-Israel advocacy group.

Jewish Defense League

www.jdl.org

Founded by right wing extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA)

www.jinsa.org

Hawkish pro-Likud think tank.

Jewish Task Force

www.jtf.org

Extreme right wing site whose mission is "the nonviolent human rights struggle for Israel's right wing Jewish dissidents".

Jewish Virtual Library

www.us-israel.org

Extensive online Jewish encyclopedia by the conservative American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise.

Middle East Facts

www.middleeastfacts.com

Right wing Zionist site that includes news, commentary and "myth busting".

Middle East Forum

www.meforum.org

Think tank that promotes American interests in the Middle East through strong ties with Israel. Publishes the Middle East Quarterly and established Campus Watch.

Project for the New American Century

www.newamericancentury.org

Hawkish foreign policy think tank directed by William Kristol.

Stand By Israel

www.standbyisrael.org

American Jewish advocacy group.

Stand With Us

www.standwithus.com

American pro-Israel advocacy group.

Virtual Israel Political Action Committee (VIPAC)

www.vipac.org

Online pro-Israel advocacy.

RIGHT WING ZIONIST PERSPECTIVES

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CONSERVATIVE & RIGHT WING AMERICAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

Washington Institute for Near East Policy

www.washingtoninstitute.org

Conservative, right wing think tank.

With Israel Now

www.winsomegifts.com/win/win_main.htm

American pro-Israel advocacy group.

Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)

www.zoa.org

Oldest American pro-Israel organization.

CONSERVATIVE & RIGHT WING CHRISTIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS

Christian Action For Israel

www.cdn-friends-icej.ca

Right wing Zionist Christian evangelical.

Christian Broadcasting Network

cbn.org

First Christian television network in the U.S. founded by Pat Robertson, host of the 700 Club.

Christian Coalition of America

www.cc.org

Founded by Pat Robertson.

Christian Friends of Israeli Communities (CFOIC)

www.cfoic.com

American Christian supporters of the settlements and settlers.

Christians for Israel

www.christiansforisrael.org

Christian Zionist organization founded in Holland with offices in seven countries including U.S.

The Elijah Prayer Army

www.thewatchman.org

A project of The Watchman International with the aim of "uniting the church in prayer for end time revival in Israel and the Middle East that will prepare the second coming of Jesus". Sees the conflict in the Middle East as "a religious and spiritual conflict between the God of the Bible and Islam".

Focus on Jerusalem

focusonjerusalem.com

Zionist prophecy ministry.

Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry

www.foigm.org

Evangelical Christian Zionists.

International Christian Embassy Jerusalem

www.icej.org

Evangelical Christian with ICEJ branches world-wide.

International Fellowship of Christians and Jews

www.wingsofeagles.tv

Zionist organization whose programs include pro-Israel advocacy and assisting with Jewish immigration to Israel.

Israel My Beloved

www.israelmybeloved.com

Christian Zionist.

Jewish Voice Ministries International

www.jewishvoicetoday.org/index.htm

Messianic ministry "dedicated to bringing the Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus) to the Jew first".

Jews for Jesus

www.jewsforjesus.org

Jewish evangelism.

Messianic Jewish Alliance of America

www.mjaa.org

One the largest Messianic Jewish organizations whose main goal is "to introduce our Jewish brothers and sisters to the Jewish Messiah Yeshua".

National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel

www.nclci.org

Zionist Christian network.

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CONSERVATIVE & RIGHT WING CHRISTIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

National Unity Coalition for Israel

www.israelunitycoalition.org

Coalition of over 200 Jewish and Christian organizations.

Our Jerusalem: National Unity Coalition for Israel

www.ourjerusalem.com/index.html

Right wing Christian Zionists.

Prophecy Today

www.gospelcom.net/shofar/pp

Zionist Christian evangelical current events radio talk program providing daily news and analysis.

Stand for Israel

www.standforisrael.org

A project of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

Trinity Broadcasting Network

www.tbn.org

World's largest religious network.

CONSERVATIVE & RIGHT WING JOURNALS & PUBLICATIONS

American Conservative

www.amconmag.com

Journal of traditional conservatism from Pat Buchanan.

American Enterprise

www.taemag.com

Influential policy magazine published by neo-conservatives' think tank, the American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

American Outlook

www.americanoutlook.org

Analysis of foreign policy issues from conservative think tank, the Hudson Institute.

Atlantic Monthly

www.theatlantic.com

General editorial magazine focusing on contemporary social and cultural issues.

Commentary Magazine

www.commentarymagazine.com

Neo-conservative publication with a special interest in Jewish affairs.

Foreign Affairs

www.foreignaffairs.org

Most influential journal in geo-strategy and defense policy areas. Published by New York based think tank, the Council on Foreign Relations.

FrontPage Magazine

www.frontpagemag.com

Daily conservative comment from David Horowitz.

Middle East Quarterly

www.meforum.org/meq

Founded by Daniel Pipes, edited by Martin Kramer and published by The Middle East Forum.

National Review

www.nationalreview.com

Conservative magazine on politics and culture.

New American

www.thenewamerican.com

Conservative publication "that defends Constitutional principles and traditional values".

New Republic

www.tnr.com

Edited by Martin Peretz.

Policy Review

www.policyreview.org

Influential conservative journal from the Hoover Institution.

Spectator (UK)

www.spectator.co.uk/frontpage.php

Conservative British magazine.

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CONSERVATIVE & RIGHT WING JOURNALS & PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

Weekly Standard

www.weeklystandard.com

Rupert Murdoch's influential magazine of the neo-conservatives.

World Magazine

www.worldmag.com/newsite/content

Analysis of current events and society from a conservative Christian viewpoint.