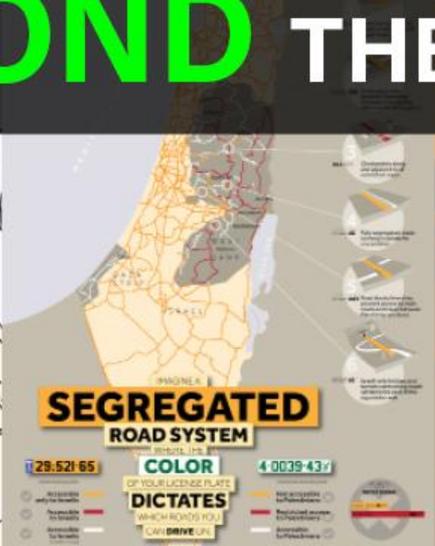
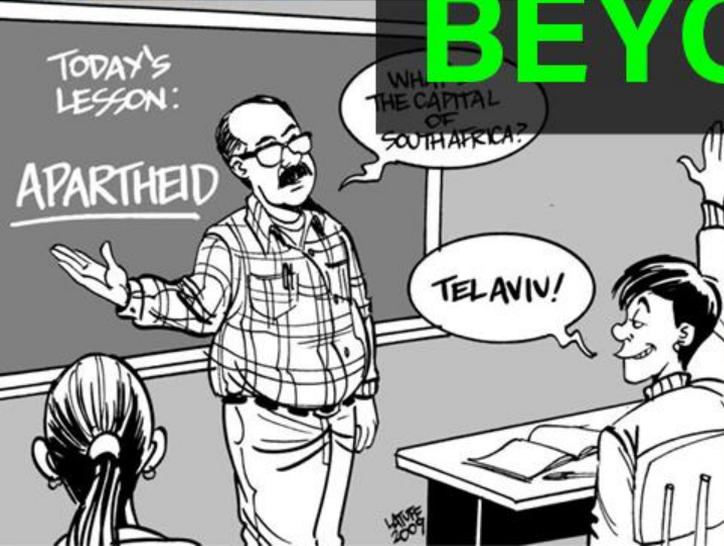


ISRAELI APARTHEID: BEYOND THE LIES



FIGHT THE LIES

People often say that what's happening in Israel and the continued assault on its existence is difficult to understand, or too complicated to take a stand on. In this resource, we show that the situation, in its essence, is actually pretty straightforward and help you debunk the lies that are spreading around the world.

There are a lot of lies out there about Israel being an apartheid state, and some can be very convincing, if you don't have the right tools to see through them. Here we have a list of just a few lies that they use to try to win us over with propaganda, and next to them are some images debunking those lies.

DEFINITION OF APARTHEID

A policy or system of institutionalized segregation and social and economic discrimination on the basis of race.

SEGREGATED BUSES

In light of the geographical and social division of communities, as well as the ongoing threat of terror, Palestinian Arabs have their own bus system for their commute in and out of Israel's borders. Arabs are not forbidden to ride on any Israeli transportation system. Jews, however, while not forbidden from riding Arab buses, are well aware that it is at risk to their lives - a fact emphasized by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas leadership, as well as by the Palestinian Arab populations who support terror and the murder of Jews.



SEGREGATED ROADS

Like with Israel's bus system, the claim that the roads themselves are segregated is propaganda, a biased misrepresentation of the truth. The only "forbidden" roads in Israel are the ones forbidden to Israelis. While border checkpoints do exist on other roads (which Israelis must pass through as well), these have only been established due to an extended history of terror and violence against Israeli vehicles and/or from terrorist-driven vehicles. Actually driving within Israel is permissible to everyone.

TYPOLOGIES OF SEGREGATION

- ALLIED:** Land expropriated by Israel on either side of major roads.
- ROAD 57:** Underpass roads between West Bank settlements, with access often restricted by gates.
- ALLIED:** Checkpoints along and adjacent to all restricted roads.
- ROAD 45:** Fully segregated roads running parallel to one another.
- ROAD 443:** Road blocks and fences prevent access to roads, roads and travel between Palestinian enclaves.
- ROAD 60:** Israel-only bridges and tunnels connecting Israel settlements east of the separation wall.

IMAGINE A SEGREGATED ROAD SYSTEM WHERE THE COLOR OF YOUR LICENSE PLATE DICTATES WHICH ROADS YOU CAN DRIVE ON.

29:52:65 Accessible only to Israelis
4:0039-43 Not accessible to Palestinians

Legend:
 - Accessible only to Israelis (Orange)
 - Accessible to Israelis (Red)
 - Accessible to Israelis (White)
 - Not accessible to Palestinians (Orange)
 - Restricted access to Palestinians (Red)
 - Accessible to Palestinians (White)

WEST BANK ROAD

SEGREGATED ROAD SYSTEM

Visualizing Palestine

ARABIC SIGN:
 רדך זו חובילה לשטח א בשליטת הרשות הפלסטינאית הנניסה לישראלים אסורה, חסכנה את חייהם ומהווה עבירה פלילית (i) هذه الطريق تؤدي الى منطقة (i) التابعة للسلطة الفلسطينية الدخول للمواطنين الاسرائيليين ممنوعة وخطرة على حياتهم وتشكل مخالفة جنائية في حقهم
 This Road leads To Area "A" Under The Palestinian Authority The Entrance For Israeli Citizens Is Forbidden, Dangerous To Your Lives And Is Against The Israeli Law

What they SAY

What it MEANS

SOCIAL SEGREGATION

Arabs in Israel are given full equality and access to transportation, recreation, politics and social involvement. Living, working, studying in universities along with Jewish, Christian and other citizens of Israel, Arabs in Israel in fact enjoy more freedom than in any Arab country in the world.

The dynamics of Arab/Muslim culture, however, inhibit their integration or assimilation into Israeli society. The education and religious systems in their communities are a primary source of advancing the lies against Israel and the “Yehud”, the Jew who has been demonized as responsible for their social, economic and geographic realities.



Apartheid?
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EQUAL RIGHTS

Within Israel, Arabs and Jews live side-by-side. Israeli Arabs, who account for approximately 20% of Israel's population, are citizens of Israel with equal rights.

Arabs can vote and even have their own parties, Arabs and Jews work together in Israel's hospitals, businesses and schools. There are no restrictions on their travel, their occupations, or even, as is sometimes argued, their right to buy land.

Unlike South Africa, which enshrined its racial segregation policies in law, Israeli law is the same for Jewish citizens and other Israeli citizens, with no explicit distinction between race, creed or sex.



Just two girls bonding over lipstick and selfies while riding the bus
Photo credit: Danielle Ben-Shabat (R)

SEGREGATED SCHOOL SYSTEMS

LIE: There is institutionalized ethnic separation maintained by the Israeli education system.

TRUTH: Most educational institutions in Israel are divided into Arab and Jewish ones as a result of the acceptance of social and cultural distinctions between the different communities in Israel. Israeli Arabs can and do study in some Israeli schools and universities, but are discouraged to do so by their own communities. Palestinian Arabs who have refused Israeli citizenship are not automatically entitled to benefit from the higher level Israeli school system, just as any non-citizen in any country in the world. Many Palestinian Arab schools support terrorism, honor and/or are named after terrorists, and continue to perpetuate lies and incite hatred against Israel and Jews.



Apartheid?

SEGREGATED SCHOOL SYSTEMS

Jews and Arabs are afforded equal rights under Israeli law. But in many ways, the two sectors live in separate societies, attending different schools, living in different cities, reading different newspapers and espousing different political ideals. Much of this separation stems from long-standing structural factors like language, culture and religion. Israel's schools are separated by both religion and race. Jewish students attend either secular, religious or ultra-Orthodox schools, while the Arabs also attend separate school systems where Muslim, Christian, or Druze students are taught in Arabic.

The split education system, where students are taught in their own language and according to their own cultural norms, is and has always believed to be the answer to the Arab community's needs and not a reflection of Jewish ideals.



Photo courtesy of Hand in Hand Schools, a bicultural school system gaining momentum across Israel

SEPARATE COURT SYSTEMS

Israelis, including all Israeli Jews, Arabs, Muslims, Christians, and members of all faiths and races, are under the jurisdiction of a civil court system. Israel also fully recognizes the rights of religious groups to have and maintain religious court systems.

Palestinians are subjected to a military court system only as a result of the Palestinians having no single civil representative body.

The use of separate court systems is in keeping with the internationally recognized practice for handling legal matters in disputed territorial regions.



Israel's President Reuven Rivlin, alongside Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked and Shariya Court of Appeals President Abed Alhakim Samara presents a certificate to Hana Mansour Khatib, the female Qadi (judge) of Israel's Shariya Court system. Photo credit: Mark Neyman/GPO

OPEN AIR PRISON

LIE: “Palestinians in Gaza are segregated and locked inside the world’s largest open-air prison” is a prominent claim, often paired with accusations of Gaza as a “concentration camp” or “ghetto”.



TRUTH: Gazans are separated from Israelis as a result of their refusal to accept Israeli citizenship at the time of the establishment of the state in 1948, their denial of Israel’s ancestral rights, and their continued support of terror. The governing body of Gaza is not Israel but Hamas, who furthers the confinement of its population by enforcing class structures, inhibits social or economic advancement and provides minimal provisions for its inhabitants so as to demonize Israel as the faulty party.

ETHNIC CLEANSING

The Palestinian campaign calls to destroy Israel for the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state which, as their leaders have affirmed, will not allow a single Jew to live within its borders.

In effect, they are demanding that every Jew leave the “West Bank”, a form of ethnic cleansing. The Palestinian call to remove all Jewish presence is not only discriminatory and morally reprehensible; it has no basis either in law or in the agreements between Israel and the Palestinians.

Advocating an "Ethnically Cleansed"
Palestine



The Palestinian Authority says that any Arab who sells land to a Jew should be put to death.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas himself was quoted in Egyptian Media, July 28, 2010 saying,

"I will never allow a single Israeli, soldier or civilian, live among us on Palestinian land."

Also known as
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THE “APARTHEID WALL”

On December 9, 2003, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution referring to the International Court of Justice the question of the legal consequences of Israel’s construction of the security fence, calling it a “wall.”

Israel’s opponents continually refer to it as a “separation barrier” for the specific purpose of evoking the image of separation between Israel and the Palestinians in a hijacking of the term “apartheid.”

Israel's security barrier has prevented hundreds of Palestinian terrorist attacks and eliminated the need for retaliatory strikes by Israel. This has saved hundreds of lives on both sides.



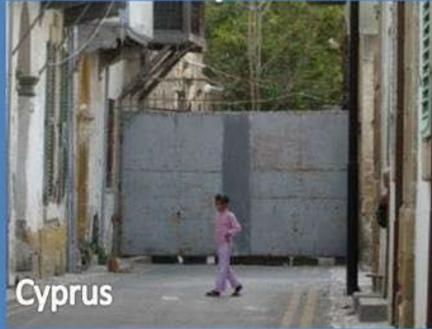
It's not an "Apartheid Wall." It's a PEACE WALL.

DOUBLE STANDARD

More than 12 countries in the world have physical barriers along their border, to prevent the infiltration of illegal immigrants.

Israel's security fence was set up along temporary border lines to prevent the infiltration of terrorists determined to murder Israelis. Egypt also has a security barrier with Gaza for the same purpose, yet has never been condemned in the international scene.

Apartheid Walls?



CHECKPOINTS

LIE: Israel practices institutional humiliation and dehumanization of Palestinian men, women, and children made to wait hours at Israeli military checkpoints routinely when trying to make the most basic of trips to visit relatives or attend school or college.

TRUTH: There are border passes in every country in the world. The checkpoints on Israel's borders with the disputed territories are run by the military because they exist for security reasons: to prohibit and prevent the entrance of terrorists seeking to harm innocent Israeli civilians.



IDF soldiers manning a border checkpoint offer candy to a Palestinian child.

APARTHEID FACTS COMPARISON

Calling Israel an Apartheid state is part of the current campaign by enemies of the Jewish state to delegitimize and demonize that state.

While it is perfectly legitimate to criticize the current Israeli government and its policies, to refer to the country as an apartheid state is completely wrong and evidence of either stupidity or malevolence. Anyone who studies the apartheid system in South Africa or who lived in that country during that time will immediately see the difference between that situation and the situation in present day Israel.

IS ISRAEL AN APARTHEID STATE?		
	Israel	South Africa
ARE ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION ALLOWED TO VOTE?	✓	✗
ARE ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION ALLOWED TO ORGANISE POLITICALLY?	✓	✗
ARE ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION REPRESENTED IN THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM?	✓	✗
ARE ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION ALLOWED TO BE NOMINATED TO MINISTERIAL POSTS?	✓	✗
ARE ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION ALLOWED TO BE NOMINATED TO JUDICIAL POSTS?	✓	✗
ARE ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION ALLOWED TO SPEAK AND PUBLISH FREELY?	✓	✗
ARE ANY SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION RESTRICTED FROM CERTAIN JOBS?	✗	✓

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's the most common claim you've heard about Israel being an Apartheid state?
- How would you respond to that said claim now?
- What are 3 things you read that surprised you or was contradictory to something someone had said in the past about Israel?
- What are 3 things you will take with you from this?

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