

TOP FIVE LIES ABOUT ISRAEL

and why you don't know the truth

LIES	TRUTHS
Jewish settlements are an obstacle to peace.	Even the US has recognised that a settlement freeze will not lead to progress on the core issues, primary of which is Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state with Jerusalem as its capital. Before 1967 there were no settlements and yet there was no peace. Houses can always be torn down after borders are determined. Or maybe Jews could be allowed in a Palestinian state, as Israel has accepted its 1.4 million Arab citizens.
Israel's claim to its land is not legitimate.	The land of Israel has been occupied continuously by Jews for over 3000 years. Israel is the only country with UN authorization for its existence.
Palestinians have a legitimate claim to Jerusalem as their capital.	Jerusalem was the capital of a Jewish state for 1000 years, and has been the focus of Jewish tradition and prayer ever since. It has never been the capital of an Arab state nor is it mentioned in the Koran. Under Jordanian rule (1948-1967) Jews were killed or expelled, holy places were desecrated and Jewish grave-stones were used for urinals. Under Israeli rule, Arab holy places are protected.
Israel's 2009 invasion of Gaza was not "proportional".	Over 7000 rockets were fired at Israel from Gaza. The proper response to attacks that kill and injure children is not to kill an equal number of enemy children, but to try to eliminate the source of the attacks. According to a British expert, Israel "did more to safeguard the rights of civilians... than any other army in the history of warfare" while fighting an enemy that hides among civilians. The Palestinian lies about civilian casualties were refuted by Hamas itself, which admitted in November that 600-700 Hamas men were among the 1300 casualties. A simple gender analysis shows that the ratio was even higher.
Israel's blockade of Gaza is illegal.	According to the UN charter, a blockade is one of the first actions to be taken against an aggressor. Israel's "blockade" is in fact an arms embargo. Goods are shipped daily from Israel to Gaza, where there is much prosperity. Sick Gazans are brought to Israel for treatment.

Those who know these truths understand that:

- **Houses are not an obstacle to peace; the real obstacle is the Palestinians' refusal to accept a Jewish state.**
- **Israel has more right to its land than most other countries.**
- **Israel's claim to Jerusalem is far stronger than the Palestinian claim.**
- **Israel's invasion of Gaza was moral and legal.**
- **Israel's arms embargo of Gaza is moral and legal.**

Why don't most people know these truths? Because the news media either ignore them or bury them under a deluge of Palestinian claims.