



The Lamest Excuse

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That American progressives should have aligned themselves with the terrorists in Gaza comes as no surprise and is hardly interesting. American progressives have aligned themselves with totalitarian movements since 1917 and, indeed, since 1789. It is what they do and who they are. What is interesting are the pathetic excuses they make for 21st Century Nazis.

In the December 28th *Nation* Chris Hedges has a defense of Jimmy Carter's latest effort to throw the Jews to the lions. In the course of feeding the anti-Jewish frenzy of the Islamic crusaders, Hedges explains the fratricidal conflict between Palestinian factions in Gaza. For those not paying attention, a highlight of this mayhem was the assassination of three Palestinian children aged 3 to 9 who were on their way to school. The deed was done to punish their father for belonging to the wrong Palestinian ter-

rorist group. Approximately 500 Palestinians have been killed by other Palestinians in this feud.

Hedges' explanation for this nightmare is drawn from the fertile brain of an Israeli leftist: "[The Palestinians in Gaza] are behaving as expected at the end of the extended experiment called 'what happens when you imprison 1.3 million human beings in an enclosed space like battery hens.'"

This is pretty neat. For forty years – since Israel liberated Gaza from Egyptian rule – Arabs have complained about the "occupation" of their "homeland." To begin with, this is one of innumerable Arab lies that underpin their unworthy cause. The reason for the presence of Israeli troops was 1) Gaza was a hostile corridor across which Israel was invaded three times; 2) the Arabs have been in a state of declared war against Israel

since 1948; and 3) there were 7,000 Jews living in Gaza who, unlike the Arabs living in Israel, would be slaughtered if there were not Israeli troops to protect them.

Hedges and his friends, of course, relentlessly overlook the genocidal ambitions of the Palestinians in discussing the conflict in the Middle East. In 2005, the Israelis left Gaza and evacuated the Jews – by the way its most productive and law-abiding citizens.

So now that it is liberated, Gaza is – a prison! This is the explanation for Palestinian crimes against themselves. And of course the entire Middle East will be a prison until Jew-haters like Hamas and *Nation* progressives have their way and Israel is wiped off the map.

But this is only the beginning of the progressive explanation for the assassinations of three-year-olds. It seems that in the progressive mind Palestinians have the brains of chickens. When cooped up, they kill each other. Actually, not even chickens are this clueless, They have to be more than cooped up; they have to be packed like sardines.

But why do only Palestinians react this way? Gaza is a lot bigger than the Warsaw Ghetto, for examples, where 500, 000 Jews were actually imprisoned (unlike the Arabs of Gaza). Yet no Jews, in those circumstances, went around killing three- to nine-year-olds. Anne Frank and her family were actually penned up like battery hens. It didn't make them assassins. Of course they didn't have a religion like Islam in which assassins -- the word itself is Islamic -- are regarded as

saints.

There are more than a million Arabs living in Israel – roughly the number of Arabs living in Gaza. By *The Nation's* standards, you could say they were penned up like battery hens. Yet they don't go around killing each other.

The reason is that in Israel – unlike any other Arab state – they are free. They are even part of the Israeli government. And unlike the Arabs in Gaza they are not followers of a state-sponsored death cult which teaches them to kill for Allah and especially to kill Jews. This death cult is the problem in the Middle East, the source of the conflict and the reason why Palestinian factions are killing each other.

The death cult calls on its followers – the same religious fanatics that progressives have embraced – to kill and be killed for God. Of course, this genocidal mission begins with the Crusader-Zionist alliance, Americans and Jews. But it hardly ends there. Here is a frenzied utterance of the late and unlamented head of Hamas, Abdel Azziz al-Rantissi (mercifully terminated by Israel): “We realize that Bush is the enemy of God, the enemy of Islam and Muslims. America declared war on God. Sharon declared war on God and God declared war on America, Bush and Sharon.”

But it only begins with Bush and Sharon. If you are in the army of God then those who opposed you, even if they are in your own camp, are not. During the current mayhem in Gaza, followers of Mahmoud Abbas and Fatah fired on a Hamas rally in the West Bank. This was the response, as reported by ABC on December 16:

"What a war Mahmoud Abbas you are launching, first against God, and then against Hamas," senior Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya told a Gaza City rally of 100,000 Hamas supporters, who fired their guns in the air and chanted 'God is Greatest.'"

In other words the sickness that has

consumed the Palestinians of Gaza and the West Bank is self-generated, an emanation of the death cult they have been nurturing for decades. On the other hand, if you're a progressive, blame it on the Jews. After all that is how your genocidal friends would explain it themselves.