

Every U.S. Senator Takes Israel Lobbyist Money

Incremental Genocide and Displacement and Replacement in Gaza

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Courtesy of OpenSecrets.org, I saw a chart on AIPAC contributions to U.S. senators that showed that all 100 senators have taken AIPAC money.

Leading the way are senate "giants" like **Mitch McConnell** (nearly two million dollars) and **Chuck Schumer** (roughly \$1.7 million).

Talk about bipartisanship! I'm sure it's just a coincidence that the U.S. Senate is so strongly pro-Israel. It obviously has nothing to do with the power of AIPAC and all that money.



Bipartisanship and no divisiveness. Who says we have a dysfunctional and divided Congress? Nonsense!

Here's how AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) describes itself on its own website:

The Largest Pro-Israel PAC in America

WE STAND with those who stand with Israel. The AIPAC PAC is a bipartisan, pro-Israel

political action committee. It is the largest pro-Israel PAC in America and contributed more resources directly to candidates than any other PAC. 98% of AIPAC-backed candidates won their general election races in 2022.

That last sentence is a killer. AIPAC is reminding Members of Congress that if you want to be elected, or win reelection, you very much want AIPAC on your side. And if you don't kowtow to their agenda, they will do everything in their power to defeat you.

Imagine if there was an American Palestine Public Affairs Committee, an APPAC, that contributed hundreds of thousands if not millions to every U.S. senator and that boasted of a 98% success rate in getting APPAC-anointed candidates elected or reelected. Do you think maybe the U.S. Senate would have a different position on Gaza and the West Bank?

Speaking of Gaza, I watched Chris Hedges <u>interview</u> Ilan Pappé, an Israeli historian. Pappé put it simply and clearly: Israel is engaged in "incremental genocide" against the Palestinian people, a genocide in slow motion, a strategy of "displacement and replacement." The "displacement" of the Palestinians is done by mass bombing, mass destruction, mass death, and (hopefully for the Israelis) mass migration, and the "replacement" will come when Jewish settlers take possession of Gaza (after a lot of munitions cleanup and infrastructure redevelopment, I suppose, probably paid for by the U.S. taxpayer).

There's an Orwellian term for this. For mass death followed by forced expulsion, Israel is using the term "voluntary migration" (or "voluntary" emigration). But of course there is nothing "voluntary" about any of this.

If U.S. government officials appear clueless about what's happening in Gaza, they're not. They're just bought and paid for.

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