

The Media's Fabricated Cognitive Dissonance and Palestine Genocide Denial

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Genocide-denying legacy-media frames discussions about Gaza from supremacist perches.

It puts truth and context into the Memory Hole of obliteration much as Winston from Orwell's 1984 did. History itself becomes malleable to suit current diktats.

Novelist and activist Susan Abulhawa notes that when Piers Morgan, or Christiane Amanpour, or any other legacy media operatives discuss the current genocide against everything and everybody in Gaza, they frame the discussion in terms of October 7, and as an Israeli reaction to a specific incident, even as Israeli sources admit that IDF forces [killed many innocent Israelis on that fateful day](#) and the entire operation was very likely the fruit of collaboration between the Israeli military and elements of or within Hamas.

Keeping the focus on elements of October 7 obliterates [Apartheid Israel's](#) longstanding policies of criminality and brutality against Palestinian civilians, many of whom have been subjected to administrative detention, torture, and massacres, outgrowths of the 1948 Nakba, and longstanding state policies of persecution, dispossession, and genocide.

Mainstream media erases the context as provided by Eva Bartlett and others, of Israel's longstanding [criminality](#), its starvation policies, its destruction of wells and cisterns, its crop-burning and sniping of civilians, as well as its oppressive and long-standing de-development agenda(1).

When presented with these on-the-ground realities in Gaza, Western audiences seek comfort from consistent TV and newspaper mainstream messaging which serve to justify that which can not be justified — [genocide](#). This strategy of "confirmation bias" is consistent with what Susan Abulhawa calls "cognitive dissonance".

Recall former [CIA director William J. Casey's statement that](#),

"We'll know our disinformation program is complete when everything the American public believes is false. "

The West, Abulhawa reminds us, has a long and sordid history of destroying target countries, one and after another, but also concurrently. The [list is long](#) and includes Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Ukraine, each country far worse off than before the invasions.

And yet high up on their colonial perches, far-removed from the bombs and the genocide, mainstream media interrogators would have us forget all of that, they would have us believe that Western foreign policy is about humanitarianism or freedom or democracy, as the Truth becomes the Lie and the Lie becomes the Truth.

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(1) Eva Bartlett, "Canadian journalist & author, Yves Engler, on Canada's complity in Israel's genocide of Palestinians in Gaza." In Gaza (wordpress). ([Canadian journalist & author, Yves Engler, on Canada's complity in Israel's genocide of Palestinians in Gaza - In Gaza \(wordpress.com\)](#)) Accessed 20 July, 2024.

(2) Philip Giraldi and Prof. M. Chossudovsky, "Is the Gaza-Israel Fighting 'A False Flag'? They Let It Happen? Their Objective Is 'to Wipe Gaza Off the Map' ?" ([Is the Gaza-Israel Fighting "A False Flag"? They Let It Happen? Their Objective Is "to Wipe Gaza Off the Map"? - Global ResearchGlobal Research - Centre for Research on Globalization](#)) Accessed 20 July, 2024.

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