

Israel Uber Alles? Or Is There Finally a Reckoning Developing for Its Sins?

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There have been some interesting developments over the past few days relating to Israel's demonstrated subjugation of the government at all levels in the United States as well as its domination of the entertainment and news media.

Nearly everyone now accepts that the current situation is not due to ordinary Americans actually liking what Israel represents and is instead rather a consequence of the US Israel lobby's deep pockets and the corruption that can be bought by being willing to spend billions of dollars to support a single highly focused cause.

And there is also the tool used frequently to keep potentially troublesome politicians in line, which is the willingness to do whatever is necessary to discredit and marginalize any and all critics of the Jewish state, to include the liberal often bogus claims of the alleged crimes of antisemitism and holocaust-denial to demonize those who are targeted.

Both current and previous Israeli Prime Ministers have boasted that they control the United States and the evidence is there that they can in fact do so.

Most dispiriting in the Zionist induced *sturm und drang* which is a covert war of sorts directed against the United States Constitution has been the impact on the actual rights of all Americans, including freedom of speech.

Last week South Dakota governor and Republican vice-presidential candidate hopeful **Kristi Noem** boasted of new legislation in her state that would criminalize antisemitism. As criticizing Israel is considered to be *ipso facto* antisemitism and criminalized as a so-called "hate crime" it means, as some have observed, that Americans in South Dakota and also in Florida (thanks to Ron DeSantis) can criticize their own country, but not the self-declared Jewish state. Paul Craig Roberts puts it another way, observing that

"I find it extraordinary that Jews alone among all ethnicities can control what can be said about them. The real threat is not anti-semitism. The real threat is the destruction of free speech and the rise of status based law that protects some chosen ethnicities and persecutes others. What is really needed is an alliance against those who are destroying the foundations of truth, freedom, and accountable government."

Last week there was also an interesting vote in Congress, <u>blocking or forcing the sale</u> of the Chinese social media and networking site TikTok, which has become very popular among young people worldwide. What was not much discussed in the media in the lead-up to the vote, which claimed the site was a "national security threat," was who was pushing for the bill. In reality, the story within the story was again all about Israel. "We have a major TikTok problem" complained the grotesque Anti-Defamation League chief executive Jonathan Greenblatt, apparently freaking out because global youth aren't buying Israel's propaganda anymore since the site has something like a "memory" that directs readers and viewers to new information or videos that they had previously expressed an interest in. Many users were, per Greenblatt, interested in what is going on in Gaza and were receiving information hostile to Israel. The passage of the bill overwhelmingly, which was rushed through Congress, demonstrates yet again the Israel Lobby power. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) was reportedly heavily engaged in lobbying up until the voting took place. It unfortunately demonstrates how Israel is able to decide how Americans choose to communicate and socialize with one another and the world. Summarizing the Israel Lobby's view on the issue was the ever-delightful ex-presidential candidate Nikki Haley who responded to the legislation with

"We really do need to ban TikTok once and for all and let me tell you why. For every 30 minutes that someone watches TikTok every day they become 17% more antisemitic, more pro-Hamas based on doing that."

And there's even more to the damage done. The bill doesn't just ban TikTok. It also creates a new unilateral authority for any president to ban any app or website he or she deems to be a "national security threat" if its owned or controlled by a "foreign adversary," which includes not just China but also Russia, North Korea, and Iran. Goodbye free speech and association!

Image: Sen. Chuck Schumer in 2018. (AFGE, Flickr, CC BY 2.0)



So, in return for considerable pain and nothing tangible to benefit the United States and its citizens, Israel is celebrated as America's best friend and closest all" while also getting a free ride of billions of dollars from the US taxpayer and complete political protection bestowed by the clowns that run Washington no matter what it does and how much damage it actually inflicts on American people or interests. Along those lines, the biggest story recently has been Senate Majority Leader **Charles Schumer's** <u>denunciation</u> of the Israeli government of **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** in a <u>40 minute speech</u> delivered from the Senate floor followed up by an X tweet.

Schumer, who is the highest ranking elected Jew in the US government, accused Netanyahu of continuing the Gaza war and running it is such a fashion so as to demonstrate that he "has lost his way to allow his political survival to take precedence over the best interests of Israel." Schumer observed that Israel's government, whoever heads it, must make "course corrections" and that "[Netanyahu] has been too willing to tolerate the civilian toll in Gaza, which is pushing support for Israel worldwide to historic lows. Israel cannot survive if it becomes a pariah" among nations, which has already to a certain extent taken place. In light of that, Schumer recommended that "At this critical juncture, I believe a new election is the only way to allow for a healthy and open decision-making process about the future of Israel," Schumer said in a speech, adding that it's "a time when so many Israelis have lost their confidence in the vision and direction of their government."

Schumer <u>also criticized</u> Netanyahu for rejecting the Biden administration's proposal to discuss the establishment of a Palestinian state immediately after the war ends.

"As a lifelong supporter of Israel, it has become clear to me: The Netanyahu coalition no longer fits the needs of Israel after Oct. 7. The world has changed — radically — since then, and the Israeli people are being stifled right now by a governing vision that is stuck in the past." He added that "As a democracy, Israel has the right to choose its own leaders, and we should let the chips fall where they may. But the important thing is that Israelis are given a choice. There needs to be a fresh debate about the future of Israel. In my opinion, that is best accomplished by holding an election."

An election would not necessarily produce a change in Gaza policy, with most Israelis supporting the war by a large margin, according to opinion polls. But one survey released in January suggested that only 15% of voters wanted Netanyahu to remain in office after the conflict ends. War cabinet minister **Benny Gantz**, Netanyahu's rival and most likely successor, basically supports the ongoing Gaza slaughter with only minor deviations from what the prime minister is currently doing.

Many congressional Democrats praised Schumer's speech and a follow up X tweet but Republicans in the United States and leaders in Israel <u>quickly responded</u> negatively to his remarks. Israel's Likud party saying Israel is not a "banana republic" while House Speaker **Mike Johnson** said in a statement "It is highly inappropriate and simply wrong for Senator Schumer to be calling for new elections in Israel." Senate Minority Leader **Mitch McConnell** agreed with that judgment:

"It is grotesque and hypocritical for Americans who hyperventilate about foreign interference in our own democracy to call for the removal of a democratically elected leader of Israel. This is unprecedented."

Opposing the Republican onslaught, some Democrats pushed back, including Senator

Mark Warner of Virginia, who observed that

Netanyahu has certainly not been shy about trying to interfere in American politics."

Schumer's speech must be placed in context. Schumer, who has been in the US Senate for 25 years, has always been a strong and uncritical supporter of what Israel does and how it manages its security. He has described his own surname as <u>derived from</u> the Hebrew word "shomer" which means "protector" or "guardian" and has elaborated on that theme to declare openly that he is "Israel's protector" in the Senate. That said, it is quite possible that Schumer does believe that Israel's ongoing slaughter of Palestinians with no end in sight is doing grave damage to the long-term viability of the Jewish state. Many other prominent American Jews and friends of Israel <u>like Tom Friedman</u> of the *New York Times*, are likewise warning that the Jewish state is acting recklessly, not in its own self-interests. Polls suggest that Israel is the most despised nation in the world due to its torturing, starving and outright killing of Palestinian civilians. Number two in those polls is the United States, which is paying the price of being Netanyahu's political, financial and weapons supplier, enabling the deaths and making it complicit in the conflict, much of it being done in secret by Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and covered by a series of lies.

The impact of Israeli actions with elections coming up in the US might well have motivated Schumer to speak up now while there is still time to correct course and reduce both the Palestinian death toll and the damage being done to the White House. President Joe Biden almost certainly would have approved of the Schumer speech, but he characteristically did not want to get too far in front on the issue. The trick will be making the Gaza conflict look like it is Netanyahu's war while also establishing one's "humanitarian" principles in a way that does not actually blame Israel. It will be difficult and there is no certainty of success, but Schumer and Biden might be smelling electoral defeat in November with the margin of difference being the Gaza war and how the Democratic Party base and independent voters have responded to it.

The White House has powerful allies, interestingly enough, in the Republican Party, which has <u>been transformed into</u> a hardline Israel loving propaganda machine, as well as in the mainstream media, which continues to slant its coverage of Gaza to favor Israel. Indeed, Schumer's remarks came, not coincidentally, a day after Senate Republicans invited Netanyahu to speak as their special guest at an upcoming party retreat in Washington. Voters who are genuinely antiwar might well vote Democratic as the lesser of two evils, particularly given Donald Trump's advice to the Israelis to "finish the job" in dealing with the Palestinians. In any event, it is likely that such possibilities are currently swirling through the heads of Biden and Schumer as well as those who are directing the Democratic Party campaign.

And make no mistake that the Administration is currently making sure that those who want to continue the struggle against what is being consistently labeled the international terrorist threat, which justifies ongoing wars, will have something to promote. Top US intelligence officials last Monday at an annual hearing on global security threats held at the Senate Intelligence Committee offices warned that the war in Gaza could embolden terrorist groups, which are aligned in their opposition to the United States for its support of Israel.

"The crisis has galvanized violence by a range of actors around the world. And while it is too early to tell, it is likely that the Gaza conflict will have a generational impact on terrorism," <u>said Avril Haines</u>, who is of course Jewish, the director of national intelligence.

At the meeting **Senator Tom Cotton** a Republican from Arkansas and a stalwart backer of Israel, prodded CIA Director William Burns and Haines to refute critics' allegations that Israel is 'exterminating the Palestinian people' with its military campaign." Indeed, Zionist apologists like Cotton aside, no one in the room suggested that putting an end to the Israeli genocide might be the best way to put an end to the proliferating terrorism threat.

And so the beat goes on. How to do everything Israel wants without appearing to do so has plagued every White House since Harry Truman, only it has gotten harder to execute as Israel behavior has worsened and American politicians have become more corrupted and openly dependent on Jewish political contributions. It will be interesting to see if the Schumer speech will actually have some resonance or will only serve to trick the public into believing that the US government has actually regained its independence. Only time will tell but it might become an interesting run politically speaking between now and November.

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