

The Moral Bankruptcy of the West. Prof. John J. Mearsheimer

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On 19 December 2024, **Human Rights Watch** issued a 179-page report detailing Israel's **genocide** in Gaza.

On 5 December 2024, **Amnesty International** issued a 296-page report detailing Israel's **genocide** in Gaza.

On 21 November 2024, the **International Criminal Court** issued arrest warrants for Israeli **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** and former Israeli **Defense Minister Yoav Gallant** for **crimes against humanity and war crimes**.

On 26 January 2024, the **International Court of Justice** found that a plausible case can be made that Israel is committing **genocide** in Gaza.

Given the West's presumed commitment to human rights and especially to preventing genocide, one would have expected countries like the United States, Britain, and Germany, to have stopped the Israeli genocide in its tracks.

Instead, the governments in those three countries, especially the United States, have supported Israel's unimaginable behavior in Gaza at every turn. Indeed, those three countries are complicit in this genocide.

Moreover, almost all of the *many* human rights advocates in those countries, and in the West more generally, have stayed silent while Israel executed its genocide. The mainstream media has made hardly any effort to expose and challenge what Israel is doing to the Palestinians. Indeed some key outlets have staunchly supported Israel's actions.

One wonders what people in the West who have either supported Israel's genocide or remained silent tell themselves to justify their behavior and sleep at night.

History will not treat them kindly.

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