

To be Pro-Israel Is to be Pro-War

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The way raw video evidence [debunked the "Amsterdam pogrom"](#) narrative in real time in full view of the entire world is exactly why Israel hates journalists. It's why it won't let the western press visit Gaza, and it's why it murders Palestinian journalists at every opportunity.

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Trump's "America First" cabinet is being [packed full of swamp monsters](#) who want to pour American money into helping Israel destroy the middle east, pour American money into the unwinnable proxy war in Ukraine, and prepare American troops to fight a war with China to defend Taiwan.

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And just as we're reacting to the news of Trump filling his new cabinet with murderous warmongers, the Biden administration comes in with a helpful reminder that they too are evil blood-soaked monsters. The White House [has announced](#) that it will be imposing zero consequences on Israel for failing to abide by its 30-day deadline to let more aid into Gaza. The "deadline" was a phony election ploy, just as [we said it was](#) at the time.

Friendly reminder that Biden could still end the genocide in Gaza right now. He could end it today. He could have ended it any day over the last thirteen months. Israel's atrocities will continue into the next administration because the Biden administration wants them to.

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Everything American liberals are worried will be done to them by the Trump administration are things that were done to people in other countries by the Biden administration.

Anyone who supported Trump on anti-war grounds already has more than enough evidence to stop doing so. If you're still supporting him after his cabinet picks thus far you're going to support him no matter what he does on foreign policy, because you don't really care about peace—you just care about your favorite political party winning.

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I'm already getting Trump supporters all over my replies telling me that the hawkish inclinations I'm seeing from the incoming administration aren't what they look like. They did this throughout his entire first term. Four fucking years of morons telling me the insane acts of warmongering I was witnessing were actually fine and good, or even brilliant strategic maneuvers against the deep state warmongers. Really not looking forward to another four years of this shit.

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Being pro-Israel is being pro-war, because the state of Israel cannot exist in its present iteration without nonstop US-backed military violence. Supporting Israel necessarily means supporting endless western military interventionism in the middle east. Trump supporters keep lying to themselves about this.

It was obvious that Trump's "anti-neocon" schtick was bullshit even before his cabinet picks. You cannot be "anti-neocon" and also be Israel's BFF. That's not a thing. US military support for Israel is absolutely central to the neoconservative ideology—just research the history of neocons and PNAC. Trump and his allies talk a big game about massively unpopular Bush-era neocons, but Trump has always been fully aligned with those same neocons on Israeli warmongering. He had actual PNAC members in his cabinet like **Elliott Abrams** and **John Bolton** for fuck's sake, and he has [openly admitted](#) to being bought and owned by the Adelsons.

So the Trump faction is doing this weird cognitive dissonance straddle where they're more or less completely aligned with the neocons on middle east policy (and China policy as well for the record) while posturing as big opponents of neoconservatives and warmongers. There is a faction of the "MAGA" movement which is anti-Israel, or at least anti US aid for Israel, but they are a much smaller and far less powerful contingent. It will be interesting to see how this plays out.

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When people defend the Gaza genocide by saying "those Arabs hate gay people" or whatever, they're admitting that they think someone having different beliefs than their own justifies wiping out their entire population.

You normally hear this argument from right wing Israel supporters speaking to left-wing Palestine supporters. They assume it's a debate-winning argument because they know leftists support LGBTQ rights, so upon hearing this the leftist will say "Oh okay well kill them all then."

Leaving aside the premise that all Palestinians hate gay people (which is of course silly), the fact that they project this assumption onto others says a lot about their own worldview. Anyone making this argument is telling you they would support the mass military slaughter of you and everyone who thinks like you if given the opportunity, because they believe those who think differently than themselves should be exterminated.

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Leftists, liberals and rightists all mean very different things when they say they support free speech.

When an anti-imperialist socialist says they support free speech, they mean they want the freedom to hold power to account, scrutinize their government's actions, and share dissident ideas and information. This is the original reason freedom of speech has been enshrined as an important value in our society, and it's why leftists (the real kind) aggressively defend it.

When a rightist says they support free speech, they typically mean they want to be able to say racist things without any consequences and make mean jokes about trans people on social media. It's less about holding power to account and more about being able to say what you want wherever you want for its own sake, because not being allowed to say what you want doesn't feel very nice. This is what you're looking at when you see Trump [talking about the importance of free speech rights](#) while also saying he wants to [jail people for burning the American flag](#) and [telling donors](#) he'll crack down on pro-Palestine protests. He's not promising the freedom to speak truth to power, he's promising the freedom to say racial slurs.

When a liberal says they support free speech, they typically mean they support free speech for themselves and people who think like them, and for the citizens of enemy countries like Iran and China. They're more than happy to see speech critical of the powerful curbed in the name of stopping "disinformation" or "Russian propaganda". They support Silicon Valley tech platforms collaborating intimately with US government agencies to suppress dissident ideas and information, so long as doing so doesn't benefit a rival political faction. They believe their worldview is the way, the truth and the light, and that information needs to circulate in a way that helps others believe this too.

There are of course exceptions and variations on this; American libertarians are often an odd hybrid of the leftist and rightist schools of thought on free speech, for example. It's good to be aware that when someone says they support free speech, they could mean something very, very different from what you mean when you say it.

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