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Fighting Media, Myths & Misconceptions

One of the most powerful tools in developing and nurturing opinion and mindsets is the media- in all of its forms

Hidden agendas, skewed frame of reference, prejudices and misinformation too often bring a distorted and biased interpretation of events leading to wrong conclusions

As we have briefly touched on during this seminar- there has been an escalation in distorted worldwide media coverage of Israel, particularly with the Palestinian situation

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On Feb 7, 2004, this picture was published in newspapers across the globe. It depicted an elderly Palestinian woman standing by the security fence. It appeared as if she were spontaneously filmed grieving. However, the complete photo was not faithfully reproduced in the media..

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The real image told a different story

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We must remember not to assume that a photograph is truly authentic.... The cover photo from U.S. News & World Report is from their July 31st edition. With the title "Lebanon's new ruins", it implies that the destruction that you see there is a Lebanese town, with an armed Lebanese man identified as a "Hezbollah fighter near Beirut."

But upon closer inspection: It's a garbage dump! And the armed fighter? It is ex-Reuters cameraman Adnan Hajj. He's pointing a gun at the site of the explosion.

A week after this edition, TIME publishes the photo in their magazine.

Both claim that the fire is the result of a wreckage of an Israeli jet trying to target Hezbollah trucks. Wrong!!!

Regularly- in print or in photo, a battle for the hearts and minds of the global community wages on. The weapon is imagery..... Most often the truth and Israel are the victims

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(from Palestinian Media Watch)

Often bias is the result of photographs NOT used that would have clearly illustrated an accompanying story. On January 3, 2004, three Palestinians were killed by Israeli soldiers. This is how the events were reported by Reuters and the Associated Press.

Reuters: **"Israeli soldiers have shot dead three Palestinians, including a 15-year-**

old boy, who were throwing stones in protests around the West Bank city of Nablus early on Saturday local time, Palestinian medics and witnesses said."

Associated Press: "On Saturday, troops opened fire at a large number of Palestinians throwing stones, an army spokesman said."

Most readers will be lead to believe that the Israeli soldiers severely overreacted to children throwing small rocks. Yet if the following photograph had accompanied the story, readers would have gotten a much clearer view of what really happened on that day:

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CNN has reported that 30 Palestinian women have died in labour while being held up at Israeli checkpoints. The story is a complete fabrication, generated from Palestinian spokesperson, Nabil Sha'ath. To this day, CNN has neither published a categorical withdrawal nor the main proven fact, that not a single woman had died

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When 100,000 supporters of Israel marched down Manhattan's 5th Avenue to celebrate Israel's 54th birthday this May, the New York Times photograph was of a placard "end Israeli occupation." 2005

In March 2001, two separate acts of terrorism occurred a few days apart, providing the opportunity to compare the media's selective use of terminology. The BBC's article on an IRA car bomb in London carries the headline "BBC bomb prompts terror warning," and the word "terror" (or its derivatives) is used 5 other times in the article. The IRA alerted police ahead of time, and one man was slightly injured in the blast.

But after a Palestinian suicide bomber killed three Israeli civilians (without prior warning) in Netanya that same week, the BBC purposely avoided the label "terrorist," and instead used the far milder term "militants."



One example says it all-

On the day the Intifada broke out, Tuvia Grossman was riding a taxi to visit the Western Wall. He was unwittingly thrust into the international limelight -- and nearly killed in the process.

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Here's how the story was reported across the world

On September 30, 2000, The New York Times, Associated Press and other major media outlets published a photo of a young man -- bloodied and battered -- crouching beneath a club-wielding Israeli policeman. The caption identified him as a Palestinian victim of the recent riots with the clear implication that the Israeli soldier is the one who beat him.

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The victim's true identity was revealed when Dr. Aaron Grossman of Chicago sent the following letter to the Times:

“Regarding your picture on page A5 of the Israeli soldier and the Palestinian on the Temple Mount -- that Palestinian is actually my son, Tuvia Grossman, a Jewish student from Chicago. He, and two of his friends, were pulled from their taxicab while traveling in Jerusalem, by a mob of Palestinian Arabs, and were severely beaten and stabbed.

That picture could not have been taken on the Temple Mount because there are no gas stations on the Temple Mount and certainly none with Hebrew lettering, like the one clearly seen behind the Israeli soldier attempting to protect my son from the mob.”

In response, the New York Times published a half-hearted correction which identified Tuvia Grossman as **"an American student in Israel"** -- not as a Jew who was beaten by Arabs. The "correction" also noted that "Mr. Grossman was wounded" in "Jerusalem's Old City" -- although the beating actually occurred in the Arab neighborhood of Wadi al Joz, not in the Old City.

In response to public outrage at the original error and the inadequate correction, The New York Times reprinted Tuvia Grossman's picture -- this time with the proper caption -- along with a full article detailing his near-lynching at the hands of Palestinians rioters.

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Knesett member Natan Sharansky, who as a Jewish dissident in Russia served nine years in the Soviet Gulag, and 400 days in punishment cells, served a minister in

the Israeli government in charge of monitoring anti-Semitism which is the root of the distorted media coverage.

Natan Sharansky developed a test he termed “the 3-D test,” which he designed specifically to help us make a vital distinction between legitimate criticism of Israel and a bias rooted in anti-semitic bias. Called the 3D test

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I. Demonization- refers to horrific - and often extremely outlandish – accusations directed toward the Jewish people in an effort to inspire hatred

- Like the program “al Shatat”: 29 episodes of a multi million dollar TV series in Syria which presented a story of Jews wanting to rule the world.
- One most graphic scene showed a kidnapped Christian boy, having his jugular cut and his blood poured out after which Jews enjoyed matza made with his blood. **This aired during Ramadan**
- **2005:** 10 episodes aired in France on Shakar TV on Hotbird Satellite and because of outcry of anti-Semitism, banned by the govern’t
- Shakar TV (Iran) also aired “Zara’s Blue Eyes” a story of a young Palestinian girl who was part of the Israeli gov’t plot kidnapping Palestinian children to harvest their organs. Young innocent and pretty Zara’s eyes are removed and given to the paralyzed, devilish looking son of an Israeli general,

The producer publicly declared that the particular story line was fabricated but he claimed that it accurately portrayed the horrific organ harvesting by Jews

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II. Double Standards (harder to detect) A double standard means singling out a group and judging them by a different set of rules; in other words, treating a group very differently or using a different yardstick to judge their actions. For thousands of years, discriminatory laws subjugated Jews in many nations.

Today, it is often the entire state of Israel that is treated with bias and partiality

So while the General Assembly has passed over **400 resolutions against Israel since 1964** and adopts no less than **19 anti-Israel resolutions annually**,

- it has not passed a single resolution condemning the relentless terror attacks that have nearly 1,000 Israelis since September 2000

-while countries that use torture, teach their children to hate, and deny their people basic civil rights constantly evade criticism.

The automatic majority enjoyed by the Arab bloc and their supporters in the UN General Assembly enables them to pass any resolution against Israel, no matter how ridiculous, prejudiced, or ill-intentioned.

-And prevents the passage of any resolution with even a hint of criticism against the Palestinians or any Arab state.

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How does Israel's Human Rights record compare with that of the Arab world?

10% of all resolutions passed by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights have targeted Israel;

- There was not a single resolution regarding any human rights violations by any of the 21 Arab states

The Western World compares Israel to the Western Democracies & applies to Israel Western Standards for human rights.

**But the Arab nations surrounding Israel, do not play by the same rules
Nor are they judged by the same rules. (ex. Kassam rockets into Israel.)**

-It's the double standard that Natan Sharansky described

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The World Condemns Israel Yet Turns a Blind Eye to Other Nations

- 1982 - Syrian President Assad killed over 20,000 civilians in the city of Hama.
- Iraq has also killed more than 5,000 of its own Kurdish citizens by poison gas,
- Saudi Arabia killed over 400 Muslim pilgrims in one bloody day in Mecca in 1987.
(Slaves kept & public amputations
- Egyptian troops killed over 100 people during public riots in 1986.
- In April of 1989, Algerian government troops opened fire in the city of Souk Ahras against Algerian citizens who were protesting food prices and corruption.
350 people were killed in less than an hour

Human Rights Violations Against Palestinians by Arab Nations

With the sole exception of Jordan, not a single Arab state has granted citizenship to its
Palestinians

Egypt, which administered the Gaza strip for 19 years. Gazans could not attend
Egyptian universities and could not travel to Egypt except in the most pressing
circumstances.

In 1970, during the "Black September" uprising, Jordan killed 3,400 Palestinians in just
ten days

In 1976, the Syrian army killed over 23,000 Palestinian

In the three year war of the camps, the death toll of Palestinians reached 3,000.

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III. Deligitimization

In the past, anti-Semites tried to reject the legitimacy of the Jewish religion, the Jewish
people, or both.

-Today, they are trying to deny Israel's right to exist.

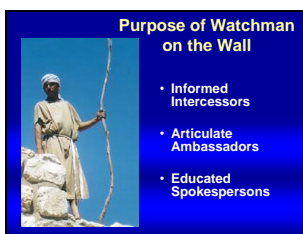
-In the Arab world, only Egypt and Jordan officially recognize Israel, while many Arab states call outright for Israel's destruction.

-In fact, many schoolbooks used in the Arab world do not even have Israel on their maps.

California Congressman, Tom Lantos, Chairman of the House Comm. On Foreign Affairs said, in describing the evolution of anti-semitism **says "it begins with the de-legitimation of Israel and ended an Auschwitz"**

Interesting enough, this holocaust survivor said that the antedate to this evil is a committed Christian community!

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Because of the massive misinformation and bias we need a clear understanding of the media myths and misconceptions if we're going to be:

-Informed intercessors

-Articulate Ambassadors

-Educated Spokespersons for current Israeli issues

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Most “Media Myths” Fall into 2 Categories

- those that speak about the very **character of Israel**
- Those that focus on **the actions of Israel**, specifically with the Arabs & Palestinians

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Let’s begin to look at the particular ways Israel and the Jews are portrayed in the media

Misconception #1: Zionism is a racist ideology

- Zionism is the national movement of rebirth and renewal in the land of Israel as a national homeland for the Jews
- It’s the cornerstone of Jewish life since the exile 2,000 years ago (sense that at the Western Wall)

Zionism is rooted in liberal principals of freedom, democracy, equality and social justice

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-Zionism is opposed to Racism..... Israel is composed of Jews and non-Jews from over 100 countries..... every color

-David Ben Gurion was a secular Jew, as well as many of the early founding mothers and fathers of the State of Israel

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(Origins of the Lie that Zionism = racism)

The lie “Zionism = Racism” originated with an Arab-Russian sponsored UN resolution on Nov. 10, 1975 calling Zionism a form of racism and racial discrimination

-Finally repealed in 1991 but the message has remained.... And even become stronger over the years



Misconception #2 As a self-described "Jewish State" Israel is by nature an undemocratic and discriminatory country

- Unlike come Arab states Israel is NOT a theocracy (i.e. a gov't run by priests or men claiming to know the will of God
- They are governed by laws drafted by democratically elected parliament
- It is influenced but not governed by Jewish values .. observes Jewish religious holidays like Christian nations observe**
- Democracy is the cornerstone**



Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel ensures democratic rights

- Ensures complete equality to all, irrespective of race, religion of sex
- Guarantees freedom of religion

-God is not mentioned in the document....

-Israel has **NO state religion ALL faiths enjoy freedom of worship**

Bahai Temple in Haifa, Mormon Univ. in Jerusalem, Catholic Churches, Armenian, Anglican Church in the Old City, Mosques

-There are 21 Arab states that have Islam as its “state religion” and MOST do not allow freedom of other religions

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So- Democracy is the Cornerstone of the State of Israel NOT Religion

The Jewish people are a nation.....

-with a shared origin, religion, culture, language, and history – like all nations

-Arabs have 21 nations of their own..... as do Swedes, Germans, Chinese, Catholics have a state

-It is not unusual that one community should be a majority within a nation

-Societies usually reflect the cultural identity of the majority

-Example: India (Hindu... cows treated as sacred) and Pakistan (Islam)

-To suggest that Zionism, the national movement of the Jewish people, is the only form of nationalism that is illegitimate is pure bigotry

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The Palestinians

-Who are they

-What is the real story?

Israel and the Palestinians- the greatest area of misunderstanding and misrepresentation in the world media

To understand fully the present Palestinian situation we need to look back to 1948 and the War of Israel's Independence



On May 14, 1948, the day Israel was declared an independent nation -5 Arab

Arab nations declared war against the Israel. 5 million Arabs

Egypt

Syria

Transjordan

Lebanon

Iraq

-Palestinian Arabs encouraged to leave temporarily so armies would be unimpeded....

-with a promise of quick victory, they would share the spoils of the Jewish properties etc.

-However- Israel encouraged them to stay with a promise that they would not be harmed and would be given citizenship.....

Arabs Fled

They numbered between 472,000 to 650,000 The 1948 progress report by U.N. Mediator on Palestine gave the number 472,000.

The last census taken by British Authorities of permanent Arab residents in that part of Mandatory Palestine that became Israel was 809,100. After the war, the number of Arabs counted in the first Israeli census, 160,000. The difference between the number of Arabs within Israel just prior to the 1948 War and the number counted in the first census was 650,000

-A vastly outnumbered, under equipped Israel miraculously won!

Now- those Arabs who fled found themselves homeless

Instead of the vast Arab nations, some of the richest in the world, absorbing their brothers, no attempt was made to solve the refugee problem. Instead, the Arab nations kept them in refugee camps intending to use them as political pawns.

-The Palestinians are the children and mostly grandchildren of Arabs who fled in 1948 and have now become over 5 million.

It continues unabated today and has become an effective strategy to garner sympathy for the Arab cause and anger against Israel

(It must be noted that Arabs resident for as little as two years in what became Israel received refugee classification. And only Palestinian Arabs, of all post-World War II refugees groups, have been permitted to claim refugee status as an inheritance.)

-here is a truth that the world seems to ignore

Malcolm Hedding (Exec. Director of the Intern'l Christian Embassy, in the March 2007 J Post Christian Herald wrote: **"Palestinians have received more international aid per capita than any other people in history, though they have very little to show for it."**

. -\$1.8 billion has been spent on their maintenance so far.

-Through UN World Relief Agency, the United States contributes more than 60%

-Arabs have never contributed a penny to their maintenance

It is being kept alive .."a red herring"- to be used by Arabs as a "non-negotiable" bargaining chip

So, after almost 60 years many of the Arab Palestinian and their 2nd and 3rd generations remain in what has been classified as “refugee camps” throughout the West Bank (Judea and Samaria), Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. Although, As has been described, “many of these so called “refugee camps” include double and triple level homes in which one can find computers and internet connections. However, they still guard their refugee status

-Purpose: to destroy the State of Israel -- a feat that the Arabs have attempted several times by military means and failed, NOW becoming more effect a weapon thru public sympathy in nations

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There is another side of the "refugee" story that few know and few have ever discussed

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1948 – Approx. 820,000 Jew fled Arab countries where the had lived for centuries.

For ex. 350,000 Jews fled Iraq alone- this was 1/5 of Baghdad’s total population.

Jews had lived there for over 2,000 years. 586,000 of the Jews fleeing Middle Eastern nations settled in Israel where they were absorbed into the life of the nation. This was in addition to all the dispossessed European Jews from the Nazi holocaust

-Every one was immediately accepted, resettled, cared for, & given full citizenship

-The Arab "refugees" who fled Israel left little wealth and little history

-Jews left behind land, wealth, and a long history ; came with “shirts on their backs”

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Video clip from “The Silent Exodus” a Pierre Rehov documentary:

Right of Return

- It would change Israel's demographics
- Millions of Arabs into Israel
- Israel- no longer a Jewish majority

Population Transfers historically common in times of war

- 1923 - resettlement of 2 million Greeks and 800,000 Turks
- 1945 - 3 million Germans from Poland and Czechoslovakia
- After collapse of its North African Empire, France accepted close to 1.5 million people
- More than 12 million Muslims and Hindus were exchanged between India and Pakistan

Yet- because of a double standard applied in Israel's case- to the Palestinian situation

Much of the Arab world is demanding a "Right of Return" for the Palestinians

The term **Right of return** reflects a belief that members of an [ethnic](#) or [national](#) group (in this case Arab Palestinians) have a right to [immigration](#) and [naturalization](#) into the country that they, the country, or both consider to be that group's [homeland](#), without prior personal citizenship in that country.

Apart from the unsolvable social problems it would create... bringing in 5 million Arabs would change the demographics of a nation of 6 million Jews and inevitably destroy Israel

This in a state that is 1/10 of 1% of the entire Middle East



Misconception #3 Israeli treatment of the Palestinians today is comparable to the treatment of Nazis toward the Jews, with policies of "ethnic cleansing" or "genocide."

Labeling Israel's treatment of the Palestinians as akin to the Nazi holocaust or genocide is to attempt to cause emotional reaction against Israel thru inflammatory rhetoric

This distorted view is growing rapidly in Europe and is promoted across many of our colleges and universities, as well

-68 percent of Germans believe that Israel is waging a 'war of extermination' against the Palestinians."

Newspapers, magazines and other expressions of media foster this throughout the Middle East

A holocaust cartoon exhibit linking Israel as causing a Palestinian Holocaust was recently held in Iran

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There is Comparison with the-

Nazi's "Final Solution" killed 6 Million Jews & destroyed 5,000 communities throughout Europe.

And

Israeli Policy towards Palestinians, which dictated solely by its need to defend its citizens



At the outbreak of violence in September 2000...

99% of the Palestinian population were living under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, and not under Israeli administration.

- During this time Israeli felt compelled to impose in the Gaza and West Bank area some harsh measures and tragically there were some casualties

There is NO Israeli ideology, policy or plan to persecute, exterminate or expel the Palestinian population

However, there is a growing move in the Middle East to fabricate a revisionist history

The present Palestinian Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheik Ikrima Sabri declared, “There is not the smallest indication of the existence of a Jewish Temple on this place in the past; in the whole city there is not even a single stone indicating Jewish history.”

(originally cited in an interview with the German newspaper Die Welt, Jan 17, 2001)

The PA denies the Jews any right to Israel, the Temple Mt, denies the holocaust



Misconception #5 Israel's treatment of Palestinians is similar to the treatment of blacks in apartheid South Africa

Arabs are the minority but are full citizens with voting rights and government representation

- Under apartheid, Blacks were the majority but were not allowed to vote and were not allowed to be citizens

Whereas blacks did not seek the destruction of South Africa, only the apartheid regime the Palestinians in the territories typically dispute Israel's right to exist,.

Israel has been forced to enact security measures and restrictions on the Arabs not living in the '67 borders (Gaza and the West Bank) because of the often violent attacks poised against Israelis

Despite stricter security measures recently – Palestinians generally...

Have been allowed to work in Israel

Received similar pay and benefits to their Jewish counterparts

They are allowed to attend schools and universities.

None of this was true for South African Blacks.

The New York Times reported, April 2, 2003 and reprinted January/Feb 2007 in *Israel My Glory*

“ in that despite all their (the Palestinians) criticism, when asked what governments they admired most, more than 80% of Palestinians consistently choose Israel because they can see up close the thriving democracy in Israel and the rights the Arab citizens enjoy there. By contrast Palestinians place Arab regime far down the list and their own Palestinian Authority at the bottom, with only 20 per cent saying they admire the corrupt Arafat regime in 2003.”

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Misconception #6 Israel discriminates against its Arab citizens.

Israel is one of the most open societies in the world

-Out of a population of 6.3 million

Jews 77.2%

Muslims 15.4%,

Christians 2.1%,

Druze 1.6%

unaffiliated citizens 3.5%.

The percentage of Israeli residents who are Arab is 19%- while the Jews are the majority, the Arab minority are full citizens who enjoy

- equal voting rights
- Israel is one of the few places in the Middle East where Arab women can vote.
- And are represented in all branches of government (In 2001 - Arabs held 10 seats in the 120 seat Knesset (Israel's Congress) .
- They have served in the Cabinet, high level foreign ministry posts EX. Ambassador to Finland) and on the Supreme Court

Arabic, like Hebrew, is an official language in Israel.

More than 300,000 Arab children attended Israeli schools

The sole legal distinction between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel is that Arabs are not required to serve in the Israeli Army (Although the Druze: who broke away from traditional Islam in the 15 century, have made military service compulsory)

They are very patriotic and some of the best soldiers..... (contrast "Syrian Bride" produced in France about Majdal Shams

Ariel Sharon's cabinet included the first Arab minister, Salah Tarif, a Druze who served as a minister without portfolio

Israeli Arabs have also held various government posts, including one who served as Israel's Consul – General in Atlanta.

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There are some economic and social gaps between Israeli Jews and Arabs

For example:

Veterans qualify for many benefits not available to non-veterans

Funding to improve minority opportunities & education diverted recently due to increased need for security & welfare for terrorist victims

Employment Opportunities & Education for Palestinians has ***decreased under Palestinian Rule*** (under Oslo Accords)

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One of the areas of much misinformation and misconception is the construction of Israel's Security Fence.

It has become a hot button issue across the world

After more than three years of the "intifada", Israel decided to build a protective fence that would separate "Israel proper" from the "West Bank,"

protecting its citizens from murderous assaults which have caused well over 1,000 Jewish civilian deaths

The truth is: Israel is at war — a war imposed on it by its mortal enemies

Over the last 3 years of the Al Aksa intifada, scores of young Palestinians have blown themselves up in order to take as many Jews as possible with them.

Clearly, Israel's military might would enable it to destroy its enemies quickly, but decency and respect for human life keep it from that. ..**therefore The Fence!**

But because it is Israel the security fence is compared to the Berlin Wall

Even though not a single suicide bomber as since been able to cross into Israel

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The Fence follows the “green line”

The Green Line = the armistice line from the 1948 War of Liberation

West Bank's "Green Line" has never represented an international boundary

No more than 7 % of the West Bank will be on the western side of the security fence.

(as of Feb. 20, 2005)

The Fence does cause hardships for the Arabs

Before the intifada, up to 200,000 went daily to their jobs in Israel from Judea/Samaria (“West Bank”).

Now, over 50 % of them unemployed.

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Who's really to Blame for the Fence.... The need for a fence!

Yasser Arafat, the late president of the so-called “Palestinian Authority.”

Sole Purpose of Fence = to keep suicide bombers from killing Jewish men, women, & children.

Why Arafat?

Since the Oslo Accords in 1993, the **international community has given \$5 billion to the Palestinian Authority.**

The World Bank : 'donor disbursements to the Palestinians currently amounts to approx. **\$1 billion per year or \$310 per personhighest in history of foreign aid.**

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Palestinian Poverty

This money is enough to...

- feed 3 million Palestinians for 1 year
- buy 1,000 mobile intensive care units
- fund 10 hospitals for a decade and still leave \$585 million to fund other social projects.

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So Where's all the Money?

The independent Funding for Peace Coalition (FPC) found overwhelming evidence that **“European aid has not reached its intended target — the Palestinian people. It has been diverted towards graft, terrorism and incitement to hatred.”**

Arafat's Wealth

2004 – Forbes listed Arafat's wealth at “at least \$300 million.”

Israeli and US officials estimate Arafat's personal holdings at between \$1-3 billion

Rachel Ehrenfeld - *Director of the American Center for Democracy*, arrives at a figure of \$1.3 billion

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Palestinian Poverty

International Monetary Fund report says **8% (\$135 million)** of the PA's annual budget was handed out by Arafat at his sole discretion.

-“60 Minutes”- CBS: the average Palestinian barely subsists, while Arafat’s wife, Suha, was given \$100,000 a month living in Paris.

-CBS also reported Arafat had secret investments in Ramallah based Coca Cola,, a Tunisian telephone company and venture capital funds in the US and Cayman Islands

-Arafat's control of 60 percent of the security apparatus budget, left him with at least an additional \$360 million per year to spend as he chooses

In 1999 a Palestinian prof. of political science in Nablus, Abdel Sattar Kassem, signed the “petition of 20” written to take a public stand against Arafat’s tyranny and corruption... for this he was imprisoned.

More recently:..... in May 2007

“The incoming Finance Minister of the PA has admitted that hundreds of millions of dollars transferred to the Palestinian Authority have disappeared.” Salam Fayed reports that he has no idea where the more than US \$700 million granted to the PA since Hamas rose to power has gone. He told the reported that no one can guarantee that the money is not going to finance terrorism! (by Ezra HaLevi of Arutz Sheva, (Israel Independence News Agency))

We are continually told that the reason for Palestinian terror is “Israel Occupation & Oppression

25% of Palestinians are Christians, yet, there has NOT been a single Christian Suicide Bomber to anyone’s knowledge.

WHY?

Are Christian Palestinians LESS OCCUPIED & OPPRESSED than Muslim ones?

There is ever-deepening poverty, rising unemployment and lawlessness in Gaza and the West Bank..... funds that should have been used to build an infrastructure for the people for 14 years have been siphoned off to private accounts of Fatah leaders, as well as funding more than 60,000 uniformed gunmen.

More international aid was given to the Palestinians than to any other people group in modern history

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The New York Times blamed Israel's Fence on the mass exodus of Christian Palestinians from Bethlehem

Once 90 % Christian and now only 35%

Five years ago when the mass exodus began, construction on the Fence had not even begun!

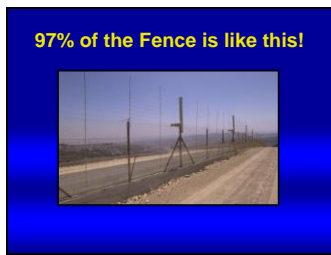
Since Israel withdrew, the Palestinian Authority has waged a jihad against the Christian community .(Joseph Farah)

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Images Promoted by Media

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97% of the Fence like this!

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MISCONCEPTION: Fence is a Land Grab of “Palestinian land.”

Israel's ambassador to the US, Daniel Ayalon: 1/3 of 1% of the total land. with No Resources

This is a buffer zone. It's certainly not a political border because it can be removed at any time.

People argue that Israel has de facto annexed “Palestinian land.” There is no “Palestinian land.”

-Judea/Samaria (the “West Bank”) is part of the Jewish homeland, won in a war brought on by enemies.

Land for Palestinian state = Israel's Gift

If the Palestinians stop terrorism, we won't need a fence.

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There are many “accepted fences” in the world today:

There has been a **wall for decades dividing North & South Cyprus**, which has kept the **Greeks and the Turks** from killing each other.

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The U.S. has a 70-mile-long fence—ultimately to be lengthened to 330 miles—snaking along the Mexican border.

There is a wall in Saudi Arabia being built to keep out terrorist & smugglers from Yemen.

There is an **extensive wall – twice as long as Israel’s - in the disputed area of Kashmir between India and Pakistan.**

There have been “**peace lines**” (nice name for “**fence**”) that the **British have put up in Belfast** to curb bloodshed on both sides.

There is a fence between **North and South Korea**

Spain erected a barbed wired fence, guarded by soldiers, in Ceuta, on the border with Morocco

There is an Electric Fence between Botswana and Zimbabwe

But again- there is a double standard with the world media and Israel

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I would like to end this portion of the seminar with an example of subtle reporting that happened just before Aglow’s last trip.

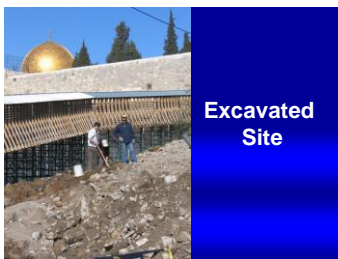
The week of February 9th it was reported that rioting broke out in Jerusalem. Arab muslims accused Israel of attempting to damage the Al Aqsa Mosque situated on the Temple Mount.

The original ramp that led from the Western Wall area up to the Mugrabi Gate through which tourists can visit the Mount area was severely damaged in an earthquake in

2004 . (Visitors enter only through this gate and only after going through a strict security check and paying an entrance fee to the Islamic Wafq.)

Sheik Raed Salah, former mayor of Umm Al Fahm and founder of the Islamic movement in Israel (Hamas) incited riots. (was imprisoned for funneling millions to Hamas)

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By law the Israeli Antiquities Authority must excavate on holy sites before any construction may resume. Though it delays the work of building projects it has often resulted in the discovery of major archaeological historic finds.

The work on the ramp in no way effects the Al Aqsa area as it is completely outside the Temple Mount platform, yet is has been portrayed as compromising the Temple Mount area and the Al Aqsa mosque.

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A Syrian television channel claimed on Feb. 6 that Israel had destroyed several parts of the Temple Mount. A government minister told a Syrian television reporter on Feb. 13, "We shall not allow those [i.e., the Jews] who killed the prophets to also destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque."

"We oppose the **destruction** of Al-Aqsa Mosque," one protester told Ynet. "It hurts Muslim pride, the world, and Israel. The works could cause the situation in the whole region to deteriorate and even intensify the intifada."

The media positioned themselves with cameras waiting in anticipation of some violent reaction and certainly added fuel to inflaming Palestinian youths to riot.

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How can Israel, which occupies one-tenth of one percent of the lands called Arab, be responsible for the political dissatisfaction of 22 Arab countries

How can the 13 million Jews in the world be blamed for the problems of the 300 million Arabs, who have brotherly ties to 1.4 billion Muslims worldwide?

- because there is a double standard applied to Israel,
- because people do not view the situations in the Middle East in context to all of history,

- because the world now questions Israel's sovereign right to exist
- because distortions and falsehoods spoken enough become the new truth

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How Do you fight the media distortion and deception that is so prevalent

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First, prayer.....with weapons that are not of this world but are mighty to the tearing down of strongholds. (2 Cor. 10:4)

Standing in the gap, bringing down strongholds, praying that every hidden thing be exposed and truth revealed

Second – doing what former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Danny Ayalon wrote:

“Speak of peace with all who embrace peace, and speak truth about those who do not. We will identify evil for what it is, and expose it.”

Exposing lies and speaking truth to others so that they have a new understanding is also a form of intercession. It is based on a heart being captured and engaged with God's heart and that happens when a person comes into the truth from Heaven's perspective.

Thirdly- be active to engage others with awareness of the truth of the issues
Be proactive to be intentional about finding ways of sharing the truth.

But in everything- do it with love.

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We can combat the lies of the enemy because we know that-

Informed intercession is effective intercession..... prayer