

Palestine Response Roadmap

When I hear this:

"Israel has the right to defend itself."

"Do you condemn Hamas?"

"Hamas uses civilians/children as human shields."

"Palestinians want the destruction of Israel."

"You are antisemitic"

"Gaza elected Hamas and they're a terrorist organization."

"Palestinians hate Jews."

STEP 1

CHOOSE MY OPENER

"Of course we condemn killing of ALL innocents on all sides"

"False Narrative"

"This is a Common Trope"

"This is a stereotype"

"That's Islamophobia"

"Lazy Thinking"

"Propaganda from the military/industrial complex"

"This is not about Jews. This is about violent Zionism & Illegal Occupation"

"That's only part of the picture..."

"What does international law say?"

You are an ambassador —speak, dress, and act, with dignity, respect, and lawfulness.

STEP 2

CHOOSE MY ARGUMENT

THIS IS ABOUT OCCUPATION

- **International law** condemns Occupation
- **Occupying land** illegal
- **Blockading territory** illegal
- **Building Settlements** illegal
- **Restricting daily movements** illegal (600 checkpoints/roadblocks)
- **130,000 homes destroyed** by occupation. Families dragged out of their home and watch the destruction
- **Rachel Corrie** was an American college girl who was run over by an Israeli bulldozer when she stood in front of a Palestinian home
- **Resisting Occupation** is legal right per Human Rights Act

THIS IS ABOUT APARTHEID

- **Amnesty International**, Human Rights Watch, and UN has stated that Israel is an illegal apartheid state
- **Our US President** Jimmy Carter wrote a book titled "Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid"
- **Nelson Mandela**: "The treatment of the Palestinians is the worst moral crisis of our times"
- **Grandson Of Nelson Mandela**: "What I have seen here is worse than the apartheid I have experienced growing up"
- **Archbishop of the Catholic Church** Desmond Tutu: "Actually in some ways it is worse"

THIS IS ABOUT SETTLER COLONIALISM

- **Building & Expanding settlements** illegal
- **Stolen lands** used by illegal settlements according to the UN, Amnesty International, and international law
- **250,000** acres of land and orchards stolen

THIS IS ABOUT THE GAZA CONCENTRATION CAMP

(see "Genocide" in Step 3)

- **Concentration camp**, or at best caged hostages
- **17-Year** illegal blockade
 - **No one can** go in or out. Think about that.
 - **No chocolate**, potato chips, baby chicks allowed
 - **Israel calculated** calories that can enter at starvation level and added a little
- **Massacres** (5 massacres in 15 years)
 - **Flattened factories**, infrastructures, homes, and unarmed humanitarian flotilla, and killed thousands of innocent civilians & children
 - **International Red Cross** President: "never in my life saw such destruction"
 - **Palestinians tried** 6 weeks of non-violent protests, and Israel targeted children, medical professionals, elderly, and handicapped

STEP 3

CHOOSE MY RHETORIC

Home Analogy: Imagine someone occupies your home, shoves you in the bathroom. Then enjoys your kitchen and food, sleeps in your bedrooms. Then you jump out of your bathroom into your home and resist the occupier. Are you a freedom fighter? Is the occupier "defending"?

Reverse Roles: Imagine if the roles were reversed, and the Palestinians were a super-military nuclear power colonizing & occupying Jewish people. And then shoving 2.3m Jews in a cage-like concentration camp, cutting off water, electricity, food, fuel and bombing them...

MLK Jr., Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela, Gandhi, Abolitionist Nat Turner? Were deemed terrorists by the US at one time, and then heroes.

Double Standard? History didn't start on Oct 7. Palestinians breached international law on Oct 7 and the world condemned. Israel breaches international laws every day for decades and why not condemned?

Double Standard? Why is Ukraine a victim and Palestine a villain? Both have occupiers. Is Palestine like Russia?

Question: Why do Muslims and Jews get along everywhere else in the world and here in the US? Because no one is occupying the other.

Question: Does Palestine have the right to defend itself?

Genocide: "Israel has the right to defend itself" interpreted to mean "Israel has the right to commit genocide." License to bomb civilians, schools, hospitals and infrastructure. To displace 1m civilians, deny food, energy, medicine, and water to a population. Green light for Genocide?