

## For Israel's Sake The Israel Lobby Must Be Held To Account. "The Lobby's Power is a Danger to Israel"

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*It was ten years ago that the London Review of Books published an article on the Israel Lobby by John J. Mearsheimer and Stephen M. Walt, distinguished scholars at two of America's top universities. The following year the publisher, Farrar, Straus and Giroux found the courage to publish The Israel Lobby, a book with 357 overwhelmingly 5 star [amazon.com](#) reviews.*

*The Israel Lobby is an understated critique of the enormous influence that the tiny state of Israel, which consists of land stolen by fire and sword from the helpless Palestinians, exercises over United States foreign policy. The crazed Israel Lobby went berserk. Mearsheimer and Walt were demonized as anti-semitics who wanted to bring back Hitler.*



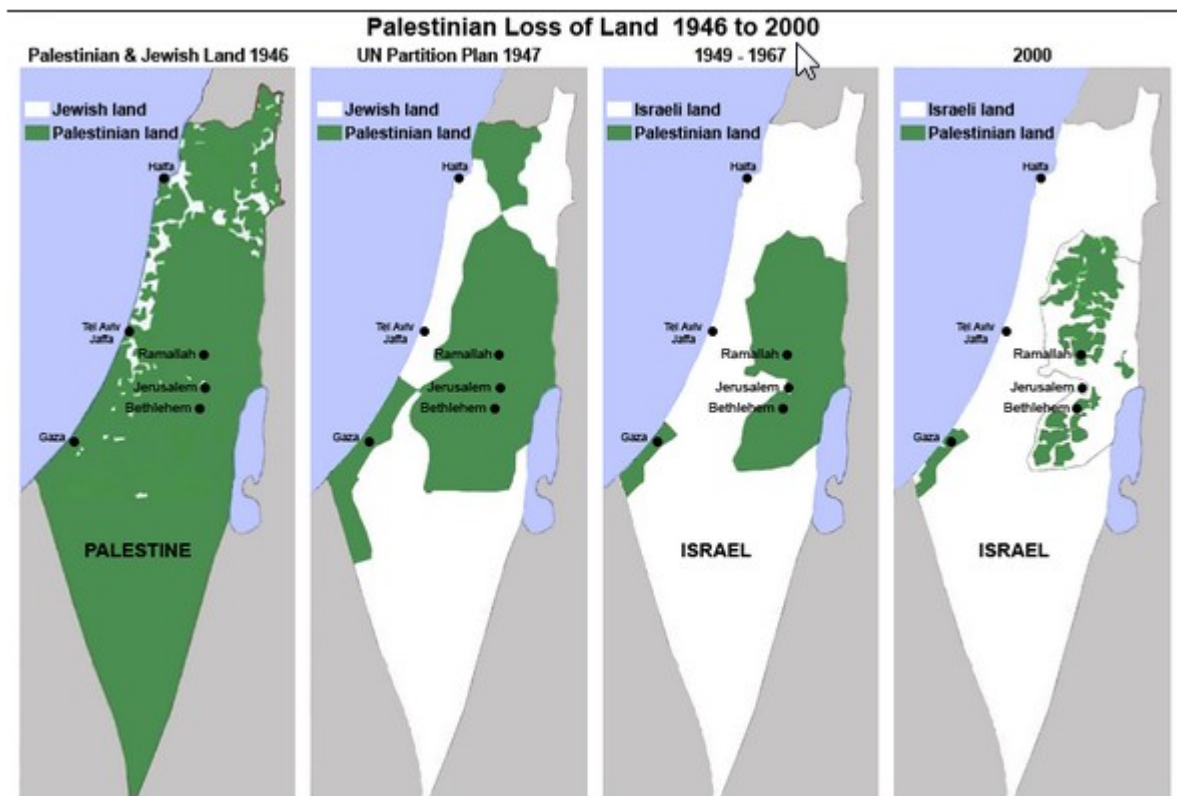
Also in 2006 former President Jimmy Carter's book, *Peace Not Apartheid*, was published by Simon & Schuster and became a New York Times bestseller with 846 overwhelmingly 5 star [amazon.com](#) reviews. Carter, who as US president did his best to bring Israel and Palestine to a settlement, truthfully explained that Israel was the barrier to a settlement. The Israel Lobby demonized Carter as an anti-semite, and the Jews on the board of the Carter Center resigned.

No member of the Israel Lobby has the stature and distinction of Mearsheimer, Walt, and President Carter. The Lobby's operatives are people of no significance who make a living slandering, libeling, and trying to destroy the reputation of everyone who makes the slightest criticism of Israeli government policies.

This tells us that the Israel Lobby knows that Israel's behavior is so atrocious that it cannot stand the slightest examination. We can criticize Moscow without being labeled "anti-Russian," and we can criticize Washington without being labeled "anti-American," but we cannot criticize Israel without being labeled an "anti-semite" and accused of wanting to restart the holocaust.

Nevertheless, just as the Gestapo was untruthful but effective, the Israel Lobby is untruthful but effective. The Lobby has established its hegemony over the US publisher, McGraw-Hill. The cowardly publisher was forced to burn its own books and to destroy all copies of a widely used textbook, *Global Politics: Engaging a Complex World*. The book had to be destroyed, because it contained accurate maps showing the transformation of Palestine from a land inhabited by Palestinians into a land occupied by Zionists, sprinkled with a few Palestinian ghettos.

These maps are available all over the Internet, and any remaining professors sufficiently brave to call them to the attention of students can refer students to the Internet. Here is [the URL to an article by Lawrence Davidson](#) about McGraw-Hill's submission to censorship that contains the maps:



Source: <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article44487.htm>

The behavior of the Israel Lobby indicates that far stronger criticism of the Lobby is warranted than supplied by Mearsheimer, Walt, and President Carter. In 2007 the Lobby was able to reach into a Catholic University, DePaul, and overturn the decision of the tenure committee to award tenure to Norman Finkelstein, a distinguished Jewish scholar of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, who was declared by the Lobby to be an enemy of Israel. The craven cowardice of the DePaul University president, administration, and trustees indicates the power that the Lobby is so proud to have but consistently denies having.

In 2015 the Israel Lobby was able to reach into the University of Illinois and have rescinded

the tenured appointment extended to Steven Salaita and accepted by him. Salaita resigned his tenure at Virginia Tech and sold his home, only to have his appointment resinded by University of Illinois chancellor Phyllis M. Wise and the university trustees, who apparently were offered large monetary donations to the university in return for reneging on the university's contract with Salaita. Salaita had tweeted some criticism of the Israeli government's behavior, and this transformed the scholar into an anti-semitic.

Of all the countries in the world, only Israel cannot be criticized, not even by experts on the basis of established facts. This kind of power is illegitimate and unconscionable. The fact that American universities and publishers submit to it indicates the death of free speech and academic inquiry in the United States.

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The Lobby's reliance and that of the Zionist government on force majeure alienates the rest of the world, but creates a hubristic sense of invulnerability in Israel itself. The pride that Israeli politicians express in their ability to control US foreign policy and the pride that the Lobby enjoys in its influence over US academic appointments, journalism appointments, and decisions of textbook publishers, leads to an arrogance that eventually over reaches.

In the meantime Israel is busy at work eliminating friends whose constructive criticisms are intended to save Israel from a future of woe and misery.

The result for Israel will be isolation.

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