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[The Problem with Israeli Settlements Is Not that They Are Illegal. It's that They Are Immoral.](#)

By [Prof. Peter Beinart](#), November 26, 2019

Yesterday the Trump administration said Israeli settlements in the West Bank [don't violate international law](#). That's absurd. Among international lawyers, the consensus that settlements are illegal rivals the consensus among international scientists that humans contribute to climate change. As UCLA's Dov Waxman has pointed out, the legal advisor to Israel's own foreign ministry [admitted that](#) "civilian settlement in the administered territories contravenes explicit provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention" after Israel conquered the West Bank in 1967.



[Eroding Free Expression in Israel Updated](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), November 26, 2019

Like the US and other Western societies, democracy in Israel is pure fantasy, the notion

abhorred by its ruling authorities.

Ordinary Jews are exploited to benefit privileged ones. Separate and unequal is official policy.

Arab citizens are considered 5th column threats, Arab Knesset members treated like potted plants, Occupied Palestinians reviled as enemies of the state, Gazans harmed most of all — suffocating under a politicized medieval siege.

Speech, press, and academic freedoms in Israel are gravely endangered.



### [Is Netanyahu Ready to Inflamm War to Escape His Legal Troubles?](#)

By [Jonathan Cook](#), November 26, 2019

The decision to indict Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on three separate criminal counts pushes the country's already unprecedented electoral stalemate into the entirely uncharted territory of a constitutional crisis.

There is no legal precedent for a sitting prime minister facing a trial – in Netanyahu's case, for bribery, fraud and breach of trust. Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert was charged with corruption in 2009 but only after he had resigned from office.



### [Pompeo Gives Away the Palestinian West Bank](#)

By [Philip Giraldi](#), November 26, 2019

Mike Pompeo's [latest concession](#) to the war criminals in charge of Israel, clearly intended to boost the electoral chances of Benjamin Netanyahu, is only the most recent dose of the Secretary of State's falsehood piled on fiction. It is generally assumed that the move to help Bibi by interfering in Israeli politics has been made in an effort to have Tel Aviv reciprocate by putting pressure on its many American fellow travelers in the media and congress to go easier on Trump in the impeachment saga. And Trump would also expect additional reciprocity when he runs again in 2020. Even though Netanyahu, who has been indicted over bribery and fraud, will not be able to shift many liberal Jewish votes, he will be able to get allies like mega billionaire Sheldon Adelson to pony up tens of millions of dollars to support the GOP campaign.



### [Netanyahu's Real Crimes](#)

By [James J. Zogby](#), November 26, 2019

After years of investigation and months of delay, Israel's Attorney General Avichai

Mandelblit formally indicted Benjamin Netanyahu for crimes ranging from his violation of public trust to bribery and fraud. Israel's apologists will argue that the fact that a sitting Prime Minister has been charged with crimes against the state and people presents compelling evidence of the country's democracy and commitment to the rule of law. This is the very point that Mandelblit made in announcing the indictments – "The public interest requires that we live in a country where no one is above the law." However, this is only partially true since it appears that in Israel the principles of democracy or the rule of law only apply to Israeli Jews or the interests of the state, itself. In fact, Netanyahu's entire sordid career is evidence of the selectiveness of Israelis' sense of justice.



### [Attacking Palestine's Future. "Omnipresent are the Prison Guard Towers, the Barbed Wire, the Israeli Soldiers"](#)

By [Greg Shupak](#), November 25, 2019

The night before my talk at Birzeit University near Ramallah, a group of undercover Israeli forces broke into its campus and [kidnapped three Palestinian students](#).

Persecuting students in this manner is part of a larger pattern as is Israel's routine killing and maiming of Palestinian children, [44 of whom it shot on 25 October in Gaza](#).

The implications of these abductions and shooting sprees go beyond the direct physical and psychological harm to victims themselves and the agony and fear Israel inflicts on Palestinian families and communities.



### [International Law Is Clear on One Point: Israel's Settlements Are Illegal](#)

By [Richard Falk](#), November 25, 2019

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made headlines around the world this week in announcing that the US had shifted its position, and no longer viewed Israeli settlements as a violation of international law.

In one of the stupider public statements of our time, Pompeo explained that "arguments about who is [right and wrong](#) as a matter of international law will not bring peace". It is stupid, first, because there is no genuine argument about the unlawfulness of the settlements; until the US spoke out of turn, Israel was alone in defending their legality.

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