

Will the Israel Lobby Cause America's Downfall?

In full view of the world, the US is facilitating "some of the worst crimes of our age," an action that could ultimately cause America's downfall... Why is this happening and what can be done about it?

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British journalist and author Owen Jones recently made a video describing in excruciating detail Israel's ongoing [genocide](#) against the Palestinian [people](#) in Gaza and the West Bank. Many others have also reported on this. Medical Aid CEO [Melanie Ward](#) says [that](#) "children are being starved at the fastest rate the world has ever seen."

Jones concludes that Israel's ruthless actions – publicly supported by Western governments at a time when the world is seeing them in real time – could prove the downfall of the West.

He points out that "Western governments have openly facilitated some of the worst crimes of our age" and concludes: "I don't think the West is ever going to recover from this."

It's important to examine why the West is taking such irrational, immoral, and self-destructive actions.

The causation is clear, although relatively [few](#) are willing to mention it, and there's always a cost in stating it. The major factor in this potentially catastrophic situation is the pervasive and extremely powerful influence of the pro-Israel lobby.

There are highly influential lobbies for Israel in many countries, including the [UK](#), [France](#) ([also see this](#)), and [Europe in general](#).

In this piece I will focus on the United States. Since in today's world the US is considered the world's most powerful country, the lobby is especially active here.

However, as I document in my [book](#), the importance of the United States to the establishment of Israel was recognized even before that – over a century ago, in the early years of the movement to create a Jewish state on land that was 95% non-Jewish. As I report:

One of the founders of political Zionism, Max Nordau, wrote a few years after the [1897] Basel conference, “Zionism’s only hope is the Jews of America.”

At that time, and for decades after, the large majority of Jewish Americans were not Zionists. In fact, many actively opposed Zionism. In the coming years, however, Zionists were to woo them assiduously with every means at hand. The extent to which Nordau’s hope was eventually realized is indicated by the statement by a prominent author on Jewish history, Naomi Cohen, who in 2003 wrote, “but for the financial support and political pressure of American Jews... Israel might not have been born in 1948.”

To this might be added Zionists’ success in influencing American politicians, the media, and much of the general public.

While there are many [Jewish Israelis](#) and [Jewish Americans](#) who fervently [oppose](#) Israeli [actions](#), their efforts are eclipsed by [virtually all](#) the national Jewish establishment organizations in the US. These have multi-million dollar budgets, enormous reach, and falsely imply that they represent all Jewish Americans, even though a [growing number](#) impose Israeli violence.

These organizations continue to support Israel even in the midst of today’s carnage in Gaza.

For years, ambitious politicians from both parties have competed to be more pro-Israel than anyone else, repeatedly vowing their loyalty to Israel and its alleged [right to exist](#).

Numerous pro-Israel billionaires (some of them are listed [here](#)) donate to political parties with the condition that they support Israel. (It is difficult to find any American billionaires who donate on behalf of full rights for Palestinians.)

In addition, Israel partisans are embedded in the government and successfully [promoted](#) the devastating Iraq War. Pro-Israel [organizations](#) and individuals have similarly long pushed for [war against Iran](#).

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[Individuals close to Israel](#) have repeatedly been investigated for leaking classified information to Israel, but these [investigations](#) are almost always [quashed](#).

Pro-Israel [individuals](#) play a major role in news [media, sometimes](#) at the [top](#).

While on occasion there are excellent, accurate media reports on Israel-Palestine, in general US news coverage is [Israel-centric](#) and often extremely [flawed](#).

The situation is similar for popular media, where [Hollywood](#) plays a significant [role](#) in influencing attitudes about Israel, [Arabs](#), and [Muslims](#). Top [movie producers](#) have worked with Israel to defend its actions.

Similarly, social [media](#) and internet companies [include](#) numerous Israel [partisans](#) and periodically shadow ban or outright ban [organizations](#) and [individuals](#) that provide factual information on the situation.

Lobby [organizations](#) also target campuses.

A study found that advocacy organizations supporting Israel spent roughly [100 times more](#) than their opposition.

A number of books have documented the influence of the Israel lobby in the US, including: [They Dare to Speak Out](#), by Paul Findley; [The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy](#), by John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt; and [The Lobby: Jewish political power and American foreign](#)

[policy](#), by Edward Tivnan.

While pro-Israel organizations and individuals attacked these books and tried to claim they are “antisemitic,” these well-documented books make clear that there have long been Jewish groups and individuals opposing the lobby and supporting Palestinian rights.

Experts Raise the Alarm

Meanwhile, intelligence, military, and diplomatic experts have periodically pointed out the damage Israel is doing to the United States, but the media rarely report their statements.

Below are a few:

(More videos on the topic are [here](#) and [here](#).)

It is time for more Americans to learn these facts and to speak out. It is time to stop allowing Influential [groups](#) of [all sorts](#) to [cancel](#) those whose information they dislike.

If Americans are to avoid their country’s decline and protect their families from its impact, it is essential to diagnose the cause and address it.

Until enough people are more concerned about supporting genocide and ethnic cleansing than they are of spurious accusations of [antisemitism](#) and are willing to speak about these uncomfortable facts, this lobby on behalf of a ruthless, [supremacist](#) foreign country will continue to dominate US policies, causing intolerable tragedy abroad and potentially fatal destruction at home.

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