

# Israel and Hamas

Background of the current Arab-Israel conflict  
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# The Bronze Age

Circa 1,200 years B.C.

- Phoenicia was the major empire on the eastern Mediterranean coast, and Tyre was their major city.
  - The Greeks traded with Tyre and called the land Syria.
- The Philistines inhabited the region around Gaza and Ashkelon.
  - The origin of the Philistines is unknown, but some scholars identify them as the Peleshet of the Sea Peoples invasions of Egypt.
  - The Greeks called the Philistine territory Syria Palestina.
- The tribe of Judah inhabited the inland hills.
  - The Greeks did not trade with them and took no note of them, so there are few historical records other than their own: the Torah.
- The Torah calls the land Canaan.
  - Variants of “Canaan” remain a common surname in both Jewish and Arab families.
  - Egyptian and Jewish records identify the Phoenicians as Canaanites. (William Fink, *Classical and Biblical Records Identifying the Phoenicians*)
- Wandering nomads and outsiders were called “Habiru”, from which descends the word Hebrew.



# The Jewish kingdom at its greatest extent

- The tribe of Judah expanded following the Bronze Age Collapse.
- At its largest extent, Jerusalem ruled over an alliance of 12 tribes.
- The alliance broke apart and the 10 northern tribes formed the Kingdom of Israel.
- All of them were invaded and conquered by foreign powers.
  - The Philistines were defeated by several Assyrian kings and ceased to exist after the conquests of Nebuchadrezzar II of Babylon.
  - Sargon II of Assyria conquered the Kingdom of Israel in 722 B.C.
  - Nebuchadrezzar II of Babylon captured Jerusalem in 587 B.C., ending the kingdom of Judah.
  - The Jewish leaders were held in exile in Babylon, where they recorded their history and legends in the Torah.
- Cyrus the Great conquered Babylon in 539 B.C. and allowed the Jews to return to their homeland, which would be a province of the Persian Empire.
  - Persia was defeated by Alexander the Great, and Judea would be a province of the Ptolemaic Kingdom and later the Selucid Empire.



# The Jewish Revolts

- Greece and later Rome occupied the region and called it Judea.
- Antiochus IV of The Selucid Empire oppressed the Jewish religion, causing the Macabee Revolt of 167-160 B.C.
  - Antiochus's successor Demetrius I defeated the Maccabees and returned Judea to Selucid control.
- Rome took over Judea by intervening in the Hasmonean Civil War in 63 B.C.
- The Jews revolted against Rome several times.
  - First Jewish-Roman War of 66-74 A.D.
  - The Kitos War of 115-117 A.D. in which Jews massacred the populations of Cyrenica and Cyprus.
  - The Bar Kohkba Revolt of 132-135 A.D. in which Rome razed nearly 1,000 Jewish settlements and killed 580,000 in battle, with more killed by famine after the war. (Cassius Dio's Roman History book LXIX)
- After the final Jewish revolt, Rome renamed the territory Syria Palestina, or Palestine, after the ancient Greek name for the Philistine territory.

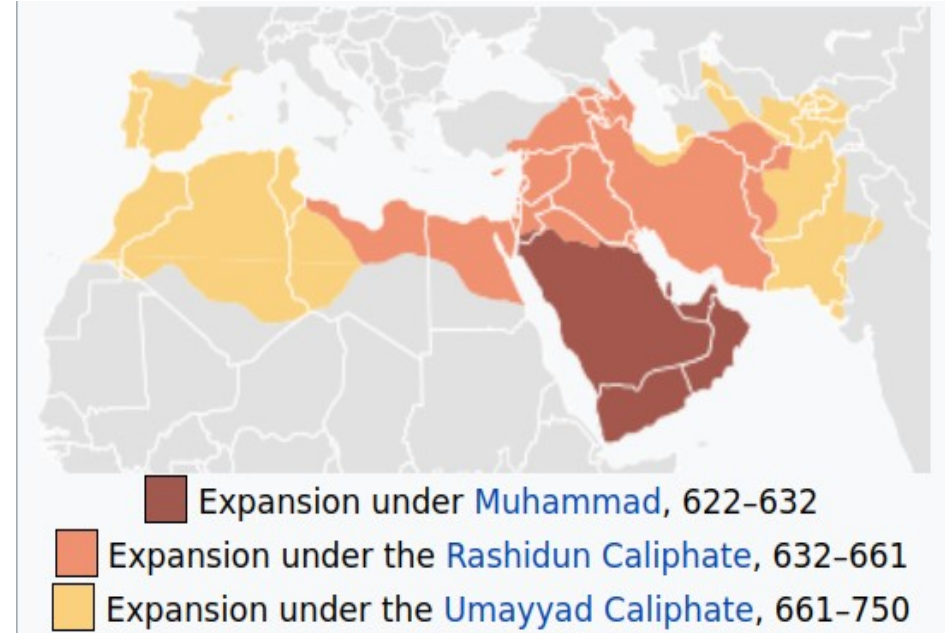
# The Christian Church in Rome

- Jesus of Nazareth founded an offshoot of Judaism called Christianity which grew in popularity.
- Roman Emperor Constantine the Great converted to Christianity and issued the Edict of Milan (A.D. 313) which ended persecutions of Christians.
- Constantine's successor Theodosius I issued the Edict of Thessalonica (A.D. 380) which declared the Christian religion of the Catholic Church to be the religion of the Roman Empire.
- As a derivative of Judaism, Christianity carried on the Jewish tradition of recognizing the Jewish homeland as a holy land with Jerusalem as its capitol.
- Rome and Roman-influenced Europe continued to call the Jewish homeland Palestine.



# The Conquests of Islam

- Mohammed founded the Islamic religion in the 7<sup>th</sup> century A.D.
- Islam views the world as Dar el-Harb, the “land of war” to be conquered by Islam.
  - Christians and Jews are recognized as worshiping the same god and are allowed to live if they pay protection money to their Muslim rulers.
  - Everyone else must convert to Islam or be killed.
- Mohammed conquered Arabia before his death in 632 A.D.
- By 750 A.D. Mohammed’s followers had conquered Palestine, Persia, North Africa, Spain, and the Indus Valley of India.



# Jewish life under Islam

- Lyn Julius, *Exploding the Myth of Moroccan Tolerance*:
  - Jews could not build new synagogues or repair them without permission.
  - Jews were forbidden from teaching their children the Koran. This was to prevent Jews engaging in theological polemics with Muslims.
  - Jews could be accused of insulting Islam on the slightest pretext. The penalty was conversion to Islam.
  - For 600 years, and as late as 1890, Jews had to submit to a humiliating slap on the neck when they handed over the jizya or poll tax.
- Arnold Blumberg, *Zion Before Zionism*:
  - A mosque had been erected over the burial cave containing the remains of the biblical patriarchs and matriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah. Jews were permitted to climb only the first seven steps of the mosque leading to the shrine and suffered varying degrees of harassment even while submitting to that humiliating limitation.
  - Jews praying at the western wall at the Temple Mount, Judaism's holiest shrine, were prohibited from sounding the ram's horn. Moslems freely threw garbage upon the heads of Jewish worshippers from the Temple Mount without interference by the authorities. Only Moslems could climb the Temple Mount.
- Muqata Blog, *The Case of the Drunk Muslim*, citing Rabbi Obadiah of Bertinoro
  - A Muslim got so angry with his mother that he "slaughtered her like a sheep". When he was brought to court, he claimed he had been drunk. Who makes wine? Only the Jews and Christians do, so obviously they were to blame. The Jews were fined 6 gold florines, the Christians 12 gold florines, and the Muslim got off scot-free.
- Execution of Sol Hachuel of Tangiers (1834)
  - A Jewish woman named Sol Hachuel refused an offer to convert to Islam. She was therefore found guilty of apostasy and blasphemy, and was beheaded.
- Michael Glatzer, *The Fez Pogrom of 1912*
  - The anger of the Arabs was aroused by the agreement between the French authorities and Sultan Malai Hafiz making Morocco a French protectorate. They saw this agreement as a betrayal and turned their anger against the Jews, the traditional scapegoat for their wrath.



# The Middle East before World War I

- The Ottoman Empire ruled the Islamic world from Istanbul, Turkey.
  - Former Islamic territories in North Africa had fallen to the European powers.
- The Ottoman Empire included the Jewish homeland within the district (*vilayet*) of Damascus (*al-Sham*) which was still known to the West as Syria
  - The district of Damascus was divided into subdistricts (*sanjaks*) of Damascus, Acre, Aleppo, Tripoli, and Gaza, each named for their principal cities.





# World War I

- Both the British and German factions attempted to raise Islamic armies by convincing the Muslims that their cause was grounds for a holy war.
- England inspired Arab nationalist revolts against Turkish rule in Arabia.
  - Sir Mark Sykes designed the Arab Revolt flag that would later be used by Arab nationalist governments, including the Palestine Liberation Organization.
- The Ottoman Empire allied with Germany and lost much of its territory to British and French invasions.
- England's Arab allies captured the Islamic holy cities of Mecca and Medina and became the new rulers of the Islamic world.



# The Founding of Palestine

- Theodore Herzl founded the Zionist Organization in 1897 to advocate for the creation of a Jewish state.
- At the 1919 Paris Peace Conference that ended the First World War, the Zionist Organization argued for the creation of a Jewish state in the Jewish homeland to be named Palestine.
- With the 1922 Mandate for Palestine, the League of Nations directed Britain to establish a “Jewish national home” in Palestine and to encourage Jewish immigration into the land.
- Britain quickly gave away the eastern portion of Palestine to its Hashemite Arab allies who had lost control of Mecca to Britain’s Saudi Arab allies.
  - The British Survey of Palestine found no Jewish residents in this region.



# The Mandate Period 1922-1948

- England wanted to keep Palestine for itself and took measures to prevent the Jews from gaining independence.
  - While the League of Nations directed England to encourage Jewish immigration, England instead encouraged Arab immigration while restricting Jewish immigration.
  - Jews were discouraged from serving in the British Mandate government whose positions were mostly filled by Englishmen and Muslims.
  - Jewish industries were targeted for taxation.
- A large faction of Muslims viewed the Jews as sub-human and rejected European notions of equal rights. Many also believed that any land once conquered by Islam could not be owned or ruled by a non-Muslim.
  - This led to race riots against the Jews, which were often led by the leaders of the police forces.
- England appointed riot leader Haj Amin al-Husseini as Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, making him the leader of Palestine's Muslims.
  - Amin al-Husseini called for a holy war against the Jews and recruited Muslim leaders from around the world to his cause.
  - Arab Revolt of 1938: Amin al-Husseini's followers assassinate competing Arab leaders and attack anyone wearing the Fez hat as it is a sign of Ottoman Turkish influence.
- Further reading: William Ziff, *The Rape of Palestine*

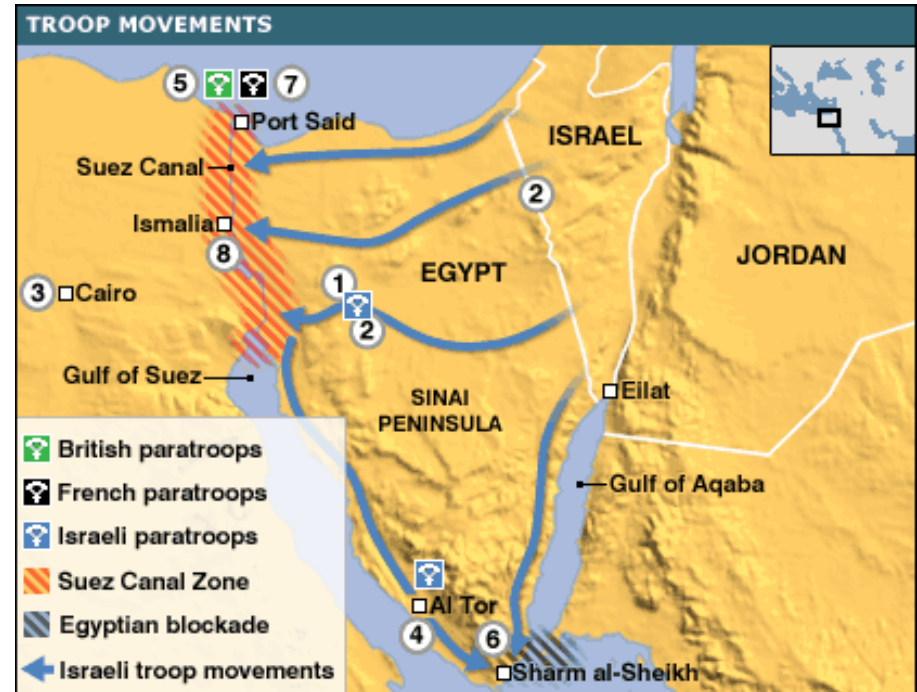
# 1948 War of Independence

- Palestine sought independence from England during the worldwide decolonization of European empires following the Second World War.
- The United Nations proposed that Palestine be divided into separate Jewish and Arab countries.
- The Arab world rejected the United Nations partition plan. The combined armies of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Arabia, Iraq, and Jordan invaded Palestine with the stated goal of killing the Jews.
  - “This will be a war of extermination and a momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongolian massacres and the Crusades.” – Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League (BBC, May 15, 1948)
- The Jews won the war, but lost territory to the invaders.
  - Egypt captured Gaza while Jordan captured Judea and Samaria which become known as the West Bank.
- The Jews rejected the name of Palestine as a foreign name, and called their country Israel.



# The Suez Crisis and the 1956 War

- The Muslim Brotherhood continued attacking the British who controlled the strategic Suez Canal.
- Egypt took control of the Suez Canal in 1956.
- England and France allied with Israel to invade Egypt and reclaim the canal.
  - As Egypt had been sponsoring attacks on Israeli villages, Israel felt it had grounds for war with Egypt.
- America and Russia sided with Egypt and pressured England, France, and Israel to withdraw.
- Russia adopted a strategy of seeking closer relations with the Muslim world by opposing Israel and European colonialism.



# The Six-Day War of 1967

- Israel launched a preemptive attack as Arab armies deployed to its borders, destroying the Arab air forces on the first day.
- With control of the air, Israel dominated the battlefield and captured the Golan Heights, West Bank, Gaza Strip, and the Sinai peninsula.
- In response to the offer of peace, the Arab alliance issued the Three 'No's of Khartoum: no peace with Israel, no negotiations with Israel, no recognition of Israel.





# The Yom Kippur War of 1973

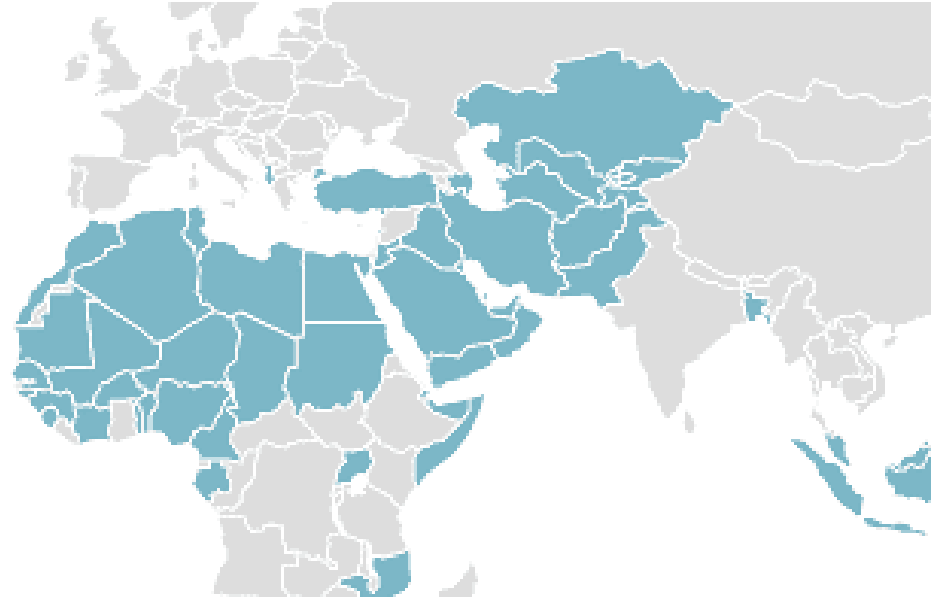
- Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel during the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.
- America sent Israel ammunition and anti-tank missiles to counter the tanks that Russia had sent to Egypt and Syria. These supplies allowed Israel to win the war.
- The oil-producing Arab nations declared an embargo on America, causing an economic recession.



# Arab and Islamic Alliances

- The Arab League was founded in 1945 as an alliance of Arab nationalist states.
  - The Arab League charter declared Palestine to be an Arab state whose “existence and independence in the legal sense cannot, therefore, be questioned”, citing the 1919 League of Nations Covenant which granted the Western powers control over “certain communities formerly belonging to the Turkish Empire”.
  - The Arab League banned Lebanon’s Arab representatives Hamid Frangieh and Fuad Shehab from attending its meetings because they were Christians.
- The Organization of the Islamic Conference was founded in 1971 as an alliance of Islamist states.
  - The OIC adopts Russian rhetoric endorsing the “struggle of the Palestinian people, who are presently under foreign occupation”.
  - The OIC would grow to 56 states.
- Saudi Arabia founded the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to create a monopoly on the oil trade.

Organization of the Islamic Conference



# The Muslim Brotherhood

- Founded in 1928 by Hasan al-Banna in Ismailiya, Egypt
  - Viewed themselves as “soldiers for the message of Islam”
  - Opposed British ownership of the Suez Canal
  - Opposed the presence of Christian missionaries in Muslim lands
  - Formed a media network, industries, a paramilitary force (Kata’ib), and a chapter of Boy Scouts (Jawwala) that would become a religious police
- Allied with Haj Amin al-Husseini in 1935
  - Sent aid to the 1938 Arab revolt in Palestine
  - Fought alongside Egyptian forces in the 1948 war
- Carried out bombings and assassinations of British soldiers throughout the 1940s
- Suppressed by the Egyptian government in December 1948 following a number of scandals
  - Two Muslim Brothers were convicted in the assassination of judge Ahmad Al-Khazindar Bey who was killed in March 1948 for sentencing a Muslim Brother to prison for attacking a British soldier.
  - Police in Cairo searching for Israeli spies instead discovered a covert network of Muslim Brotherhood spies.
  - The Muslim Brotherhood was accused of bombing the publishing agency Société Orientale de Publicité.
  - After rioting students killed the chief of Cairo police Salim Zaki, authorities blamed the Muslim Brotherhood for the riot.
- Further reading: Richard P. Mitchell, *The Society of the Muslim Brothers*

# The Muslim Brotherhood Turns East

- Western intelligence agencies adopted the Muslim Brotherhood as part of the captured German intelligence network and trained its soldiers to carry out attacks on Israel.
- After America cut off their support in the 1960s, the Palestine Liberation Organization toured the Communist nations and gained support from North Vietnam, China, and Russia.
- In 1968 Russia formally sponsored the Palestine Liberation Organization and began to describe the organization as “the Palestinian people” under the “foreign” “occupation” of Jews, the native people of Palestine.
- The Palestine Liberation Organization adopted the slogans of the Soviet Union in exchange for continued Russian support, and pretended to be a socialist organization.
  - With Russian support, in 1974 the United Nations declared the PLO to be the “sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people”.
- The Muslim Brotherhood created Hamas to continue espousing religious grounds for the war against the Jews.
  - The Hamas charter cites the Koran to call for killing all Jews.
- Further reading:
  - Abu Iyad, *Palestinien Sans Patrie*
  - John Loftus, *The Secret War Against the Jews*
  - Roberta Goren, *The Soviet Union and Terrorism*

# A Changing Strategy

- 1970: The PLO launched a rebellion in Jordan and were expelled to Lebanon.
- 1972: The PLO killed several Israeli athletes at the Olympics, operating under the name Black September in reference to their defeat by Jordan.
- 1974: The PLO adopted the Ten Point Program, also known as the Phased Plan.
  - The PLO will oppose “recognition” (of Israel), “peace”, or “secure frontiers”.
  - The PLO will use “armed struggle” to “liberate Palestinian territory”.
  - This “Palestinian national authority” “will strive to achieve a union of the confrontation countries, with the aim of completing the liberation of all Palestinian territory”.
- 1975: The PLO fought in the Lebanese Civil War, joining the National Movement alliance of Islamists and Socialists fighting against the country’s Christian population.
- 1979: The PLO-trained forces of Ayatollah Khomeini overthrew the government of Iran.

# The Lebanese Civil War

- The Palestine Liberation Organization fought as part of the Lebanese National Movement.
  - The Lebanese National Movement was an alliance of Islamist and Socialist parties.
  - Muslims in the armed forces mutinied and joined the Lebanese National Movement to fight the Christians.
- Syria intervened in support of the Christian forces in 1976 and enforced a ceasefire.
- Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 to retaliate against PLO artillery strikes on Israeli cities.
  - The PLO was exiled to Tunisia.
  - Israel seized a strip of land in southern Lebanon as a “security zone” and would abandon it in 2000.
- America brokered a ceasefire and sent soldiers to Lebanon to act as peacekeepers.
  - Iran bombed their barracks, killing nearly 300.
- Iran founded the militia Hizbullah (the party of God) and used it as a proxy army.
  - Syria formed an alliance with Hizbullah and Iran.
- The war ended in 1991 with the Christians defeated and Hizbullah in control of Lebanon.



# The Intifada of 1987

- The Palestine Liberation Organization had infiltrated the Arab cities in Israel, gathered support over the years, and incited riots in 1987.
  - The riots began as unarmed demonstrations where Arabs would assault the police, film any retaliation, and complain to the media.
    - The media would repeat the PLO's Russian-directed propaganda as facts.
  - Within a month the violence had escalated to shootings and firebombings.
    - The media continued to report the riots as “peaceful”.
  - Several factions took part in the riots, including Hamas.
- The PLO captured and killed hundreds of Arabs who reported their activities to the police.
- America passed the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987 banning the PLO from operating within the United States.

# The Oslo Accords

- In 1993 the Palestine Liberation Organization was granted control of the Arab cities in Israel in exchange for ending its attacks on Jews.
  - Under the agreements, Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip and Jericho but retained legal title to the majority of the West Bank.
    - Jordan surrendered its claim to the land by recognizing the Jordan River as the eastern boundary of Israel.
- Ongoing PLO attacks led Jews to flee from the Arab-majority cities.
  - After expelling the Jews, the PLO accused Israel of “Apartheid”.
  - Israel built a concrete wall to prevent snipers from shooting Jewish civilians in the next town over.
- Israel offered to surrender the majority of the West Bank to the PLO in 2000. The PLO responded by declaring war on Israel and launching attacks under the name of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades.
- Hamas captured Gaza from the PLO with support from the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood.

# The Media Takes A Side

- 1970s: Western media adopted the Russian narrative that the Palestine Liberation Organization is “the Palestinian people”.
- 1993-2000: Western media declared the Arab cities under PLO control to be “occupied” by Israel years after the last Israeli had left them.
  - The Arab cities under Israeli control that actually are occupied by Israel were not described by the media as “occupied”.
- 2000: The boy Muhammad al-Dura was shot a block away from a gun battle between Arab and Jewish forces. France 2 television declared that he was murdered by an Israeli sniper.
  - Israel initially accepted blame for the shooting until the soldiers that were present denied responsibility and pressured the government to investigate it.
  - An Israeli analysis of the bullet holes in the wall in the video concluded that the gunfire had come from the direction of the France 2 camera team.
    - Israel had destroyed the area to prevent it from becoming a shrine, leaving the video as the only evidence.
  - France 2 later released footage of Arab children faking injuries for its camera team for an hour before the shooting.
  - France 2 maintains that its original report was correct.

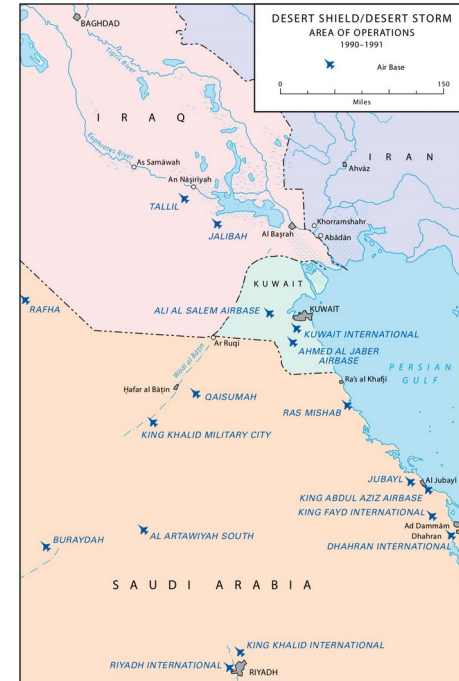


# Hamas takes the Gaza Strip

- 2006: Hamas wins a majority in elections held for the government of the PLO. The PLO refuses to recognize the result.
- 2007: The PLO attacks Hamas in Gaza with Western support. Hamas defeats the PLO and routs them from the Gaza Strip, monopolizing its power in the region.
  - The PLO retains control of the West Bank.

# The Desert Storm War of 1991

- Iraq invaded and annexed Kuwait.
  - Iraq had accused Kuwait of drilling oil wells at an angle to take oil from beneath Iraqi land.
- Saudi Arabia accused Iraq of threatening its oil wells, and invited America to attack Iraq and return the Kuwaiti monarchy to power.
  - Both Iraq and Saudi Arabia were allies of America. America sided with Saudi Arabia.
- Islamic preachers denounced the presence of non-Muslims on Muslim land.
  - Saudi Arabia argued that the Americans were mercenaries, permitting their presence under Islamic law.
- Iraq, which had been a secular state, took advantage of the theological divide and began presenting itself as a leader of Islam.
  - Iraq hired Sudanese Muslim Brotherhood leader Hasan Turabi to manage its public relations for the war.
  - Iraq scheduled a conference of Muslim leaders in Baghdad on the same day as a conference of the same name in Saudi Arabia, forcing them to choose a side.
  - Iraq bombed Israel, which had no part in the conflict, to gain support from the worldwide Muslim community.
- After losing the war, Iraq formed a covert alliance with Syria and its former enemy Iran to oppose American dominance of the Middle East.



# The Popular Arab and Islamic Congress

- After Iraq lost the war, Hasan Turabi formed an international alliance of Islamic terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Palestine Liberation Organization.
  - The Palestine Liberation Organization played a leading role in directing the organization's political strategy.
- These organizations had laundered their money through the Bank of Commerce and Credit International (BCCI) which collapsed in mid-1991.
- Hasan Turabi directed Osama bin Laden to build a new money laundering network to replace BCCI.
  - Osama bin Laden's network of financiers was larger than BCCI had been.
- Further reading:
  - History Commons, *After July 1991: Bin Laden, Al-Zawahiri, and Muslim Brotherhood Benefit from Collapse of BCCI, Form New Financial Network to Replace It*
  - J. Millard Burr, *The Terrorists Internationale*

TABLE 1  
The 1st Popular Arab Islamic Conference  
April 25-28 1991

<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Afghanistan	Gulbuddin Hekmatyar	Hezb-i-Islami
Afghanistan	unknown	Jamiat-i-Islami
Afghanistan	Abdul Rasul Sayyaf	Istehar-i-Islami
Albania	unknown	unknown
Algeria	Abbasi Madani, others	Islamic Salvation Front
Bahrain	unknown	unknown
Bosnia	unknown	unknown
Canada	unknown	unknown
Egypt	Ibrahim Shukri	Muslim Brotherhood
Egypt	Ayman al-Zawahiri	Egyptian Islamic Jihad
Egypt	commanders	al-Gamaa al-Islamiya
Eritrea	unknown	Eritrea Islamic Jihad
Ethiopia	unknown	Oromo Liberation Front
Iran	unknown	Iran Embassy
Iraq	Saad al-Tikriti	Government
Iraq	?	Trade Union Delegation
Jordan	Delegation	Muslim Brotherhood
Lebanon	Delegation	Muslim Brotherhood
Lebanon	Imad Mughniyah	Hezbollah
Libya	unknown	Government
Malaysia	unknown	unknown
Morocco	Delegation	unknown
Pakistan	unknown	Jama'at-i Islami
Pak/Kashmir	Mubarak Ali Shah Jilani	Hizb al-Mujahideen
Palestine	Nayif Hawatma	DFLP
Palestine	George Habash	PFLP
Palestine	Yassir Arafat	PLO
Palestine	Ibrahim Ghousha	Popular Struggle Front
Palestine	Fathi al-Shirazi	Palestine Islamic Jihad



# The Muslim Brotherhood in America

- The Muslim Brotherhood established offices in most large American cities beginning in the 1950s.
- The Muslim Brotherhood network in Falls Church, Virginia was known as the SAAR Network due to its funding by Saudi national Suleiman Abdul Aziz al-Rajhi.
  - Several of the names on the Golden Chain list of Osama bin Laden's financiers are affiliated with the al-Rajhi Bank .
  - The SAAR Network spawned numerous subsidiaries:
    - International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)
    - Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)
    - Muslim Students Association (MSA)
    - North American Islamic Trust (NAIT)
      - Controls approximately 80% of the mosques in the United States (Hisham Kabbani)
- Hasan Turabi's followers Maher and Hasan Hathout founded the Muslim Public Affairs Council in Los Angeles.
  - The Muslim Public Affairs Council became a partner of the Pacific Council on International Relations, a subsidiary of the Council on Foreign Relations.
- Hamas founded the Islamic Association for Palestine which later became the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

# Religious influences of the Muslim Brotherhood

- Naqib al Misri, *The Reliance of the Traveler* (14th century)
  - Islamic law is the only measure of what is good or evil.
  - Islamic law may only be studied by those who seek to believe in it. Studying it to debate its meaning is forbidden.
  - Material science, the belief that materials have properties that cause reactions independent of the will of God, is forbidden as a form of blasphemy alongside witchcraft, astrology, and philosophy.
    - The belief in causes and effects is blasphemy because it denies the absolute power of God to create whatever effects he wants. (al-Ghazali)
  - Anyone who commits apostasy (refusing to obey Islam) deserves to be killed.
    - Apostasy includes any disagreement with the consensus of Islamic scholars.
      - The *Reliance* is itself the consensus of the major Islamic schools of thought at its time.
    - The belief that anything has “causal influence independent of the will of Allah” is apostasy.
    - Pretending to commit apostasy as a joke is itself apostasy.
    - Apostasy includes “the intent to commit unbelief, even in the future.”
  - Jihad means “to war against non-Muslims” and is an obligation of the entire community.
    - The obligation is fulfilled when the non-Muslims convert to Islam or pay protection money.
    - Jihad becomes an obligation of every individual Muslim “when non-Muslims invade a Muslim country or near to one.”
    - Peace is forbidden. Only a temporary cease-fire is allowed, and only if something is gained by the agreement.

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- Sayyid Abul Ala Maududi of Jamaat-e Islami (1939)
  - Adopted the terminology of Marxism to describe Islam as an “International Militant Party”
    - “Islam is not the name of a Religion, nor is Muslim the title of a Nation. In reality Islam is a revolutionary ideology and programme which seeks to alter the whole world and rebuild it in conformity with its own tenets and ideals.”
    - “Islam wishes to destroy all states and governments anywhere on the face of the earth which are opposed to the ideology and programme of Islam regardless of the country or the Nation which rules it.”
- Sayyid Qutb
  - Author of *Social Justice in Islam* (1949) and *Milestones* (1964)
    - *Milestones* defines Islam as “the way of life ordained by Allah for mankind” and therefore defines all wars to impose Islam as “defensive”
    - *Milestones* defines freedom as “the freedom of man on earth from every authority except that of Allah... Islam establishes a new social, economic and political system, in which all men and women enjoy real freedom.”
  - Member of the Muslim Brotherhood’s global board and chief editor of its publications.
  - Denounced America’s atmosphere of “seductive” “passion” after seeing men and women at a church dance together to the song *Baby It’s Cold Outside* in 1948.
  - Proposed to flood the Nile delta to “rid the land of infidels” (Fouad Allam, Egyptian Interior Ministry)
  - His brother Mohammed Qutb recruited Ayman Zawahiri and Osama bin Laden.

# Muslim Brotherhood strategy documents

- *Towards a worldwide strategy for Islamic policy*, also known as *Points of Departure*
  - Establish a parallel Islamic state and control local centers of power.
  - Cooperate with nationalist movements in the “struggle against colonialism” and preaching against the Jewish state.
  - Use surveillance systems to gather information for the worldwide Islamic movement.
- Mohamed Akram, *General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America*
  - “The process of settlement is a Civilization-Jihadist Process with all the word means. The Ikhwan [Brothers] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and sabotaging its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.”
- *Phases of the World Underground Movement Plan*
  - Phase One: Discreet and secret establishment of leadership.
  - Phase Two: Gradual appearance on the public scene.
  - Phase Three: Escalation prior to conflict and confrontation with the rulers, utilizing mass media. “Currently in progress” as of 2004.
  - Phase Four: Open public confrontation with the government through political pressure.
  - Phase Five: Seizing power to establish the Islamic Nation under which all parties and Islamic groups are united.

# SAAR Network influence in Washington, DC

- 1991: Congress invited the Muslim Brotherhood's Siraj Wahhaj to give its opening prayer.
  - 2019: Police in Alabama discovered a terrorist training camp for children on property owned by by Siraj Wahhaj.
- 1996: Abdurahman Alamoudi organized the first Iftar dinner at the White House at the invitation of the President's wife Hillary Clinton.
  - Mid-1990s: Abdurahman Alamoudi founded the Pentagon's Muslim chaplains program.
  - 2000: Abdurahman Alamoudi declared loyalty to Hamas and Hezbollah in a rally at Lafayette Square.
  - 2003: Abdurahman Alamoudi was accused of conspiring with Libyan intelligence and al-Qaeda to assassinate Saudi crown prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz.
    - Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir claimed the assassination was ordered by Qatar's king Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani and relayed through Libya's dictator Muammar Khaddafi.
- 2001: Anwar Awlaki hosted the first prayer meetings of the Congressional Muslim Staffers Association which was organized by Suhail Khan of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).
  - 2011: Anwar Awlaki was killed in an American drone strike while commanding al-Qaeda forces in Yemen.

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- 2007: Representatives of ISNA, MPAC, and the American Task Force on Palestine are hosted by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund's U.S.-Muslim Engagement Project.
  - The Rockefeller Brothers Fund thereafter begins sponsoring the Palestine Liberation Organization's *Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions* (BDS) movement within the United States. (Ziva Dahl, *The Rockefeller Brothers Fund Is Bankrolling Israel's Destruction*)
- 2009: Aimen Nabi Mir, former head of the ISNA youth and the son of Ghulam Nabi Mir who co-founded the World Kashmir Awareness Forum with Pakistani spy Ghulam Nabi Fai, was appointed chief of staff at the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).
- February 2011: CAIR led protests against Congressional hearings on the Somalian al-Qaeda affiliate al-Shabaka recruiting in Minneapolis.
  - The protests were joined by the Open Society Foundations of George Soros whose International Crisis Group was partnered with former Russian Security Council secretary Igor Ivanov and Saudi intelligence minister Turki al-Faisal.
  - Democrats called the investigation of al-Shabaab "white supremacy" and demanded that the FBI investigate white supremacy instead.
- 2011: ISNA president Mohamed Magid participated in the Inclusive America Project with former National Counterterrorism Center director Michael Lieter and Meryl Chertoff the wife of former Department of Homeland Security secretary Michael Chertoff.
  - Mohamed Magid and Suhail Khan founded Muflehun whose Viral Peace project was sponsored by DHS.
  - 2014: Viral Peace and MPAC partnered with Harvard University's Institute of Politics and Berkman Center for Internet and Society "to fight hate speech online" at the direction of Lisa Monaco, White House Assistant to the President for Homeland Security.
- 2011: Suhail Khan was appointed as Microsoft's Director of External Affairs at the recommendation of Fred Humphries, Microsoft's Vice President for U.S. Government Affairs.

# One headline, three networks

- Cynthia Miller
  - Runs the Polarization and Extremism Research Lab (PERIL)
    - Operated by former members of the East German STASI (Russian intelligence)
    - Hosted by the American University in Washington DC as one of its Centers of Excellence
    - Used by the Department of Defense to identify “extremism” in the military
- Shamil Idriss
  - Chairman of the board of Soliya
    - Advised by Muna Abusulayman of Saudi Kingdom Holdings
    - Soliya and Silatech are the two partners of the UN Alliance of Civilizations
  - CEO of Search for Common Ground
- Marriage officiated by Feisal Abdul Rauf
  - Board member of OneVoice

The New York Times

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WEDDINGS/CELEBRATIONS

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Oct. 27, 2002

# PLO network Al-Shabaka

- Members include:
  - Ali Abunimah, co-founder of Electronic Intifada
  - Naseer Aruri, advisory board of The Hague
  - Fateh Azzam, director of al-Haq (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) and former human rights officer at the Ford Foundation
  - Tareq Baconi, Israel/Palestine Analyst at the International Crisis Group
  - Sami al-Banna, chief technology officer at Corporation Service Company (CSC), former director of knowledge systems at McKinsey
  - Omar Barghouti, founder of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign
  - Hatem Bazian, chairman of American Muslims for Palestine
  - Muhammad Jaradat, founder of the Palestine Right to Return Coalition
  - Rashid Khalidi, PLO representative to the Oslo Accords
- Financiers include:
  - The state of Switzerland
  - The state of Germany, through the Heinrich Boll Stiftung
  - The Foundation for Middle East Peace
  - The Rockefeller Brothers Fund
  - The Open Society Foundations



# British support for the PLO

- OneVoice

- Included members of the PLO legislative council and industry, and the son of PLO chairman Mahmoud Abbas.
- “This Land Is Ours” campaign trained Arab children to agitate for the PLO to seize Israeli land.
- Endorsed by the UK Conservative and Labour parties.
- Sponsored by the Eranda fund of Sir Evelyn de Rothschild.
- Other sponsors included the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Google, and the Skoll Fund of PayPal founder Jeff Skoll.

- US-Palestinian Partnership

- Chaired by Aspen Institute CEO Walter Isaacson and Madeleine Albright.
  - Walter Isaacson served on the board of Harvard University from 2010-2016 concurrent with Sir Ronald Cohen.
  - Madeleine Albright was on the board of America Abroad Media.
- Members included Ziad Asali and Craig Newmark, both members of OneVoice.
- Members included Lester Crown, former president of weapons firm General Dynamics.
  - Co-founder of the Mega Group with Charles Bronfman and principal financier of Jeffrey Epstein. (*Whitney Webb, Mega Group, Maxwells and Mossad: The Spy Story at the Heart of the Jeffrey Epstein Scandal*)
- Members included investors affiliated with Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.
- Members included Ed Bice and Joichi Ito of Meedan, which is advised by Muna Abusulayman of Saudi Kingdom Holdings.

# British support for Hamas: Avaaz

- Avaaz was founded by the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office as a front for Hamas, PFLP, and other banned terrorist organizations
  - Also goes by names: Purpose, GetUp!, Res Publica, SumOfUs
  - Subsidiaries include Center for American Progress, J Street, MoveOn.org, New Israel Fund
  - Partners include the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the World Bank
  - Co-founder Eli Pariser was on the Anti-Defamation League Technology Advisory Board
    - Other members included Craig Newmark and Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian
  - Members include John Podesta, the 2016 campaign manager for Hillary Clinton
  - Ran the PR campaign describing the Turkish al-Qaeda affiliate IHH delivery of recruits to Hamas in Gaza as a “humanitarian flotilla”
  - Ran the PR campaign for the White Helmets of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria

# British support for Hamas (2/3)

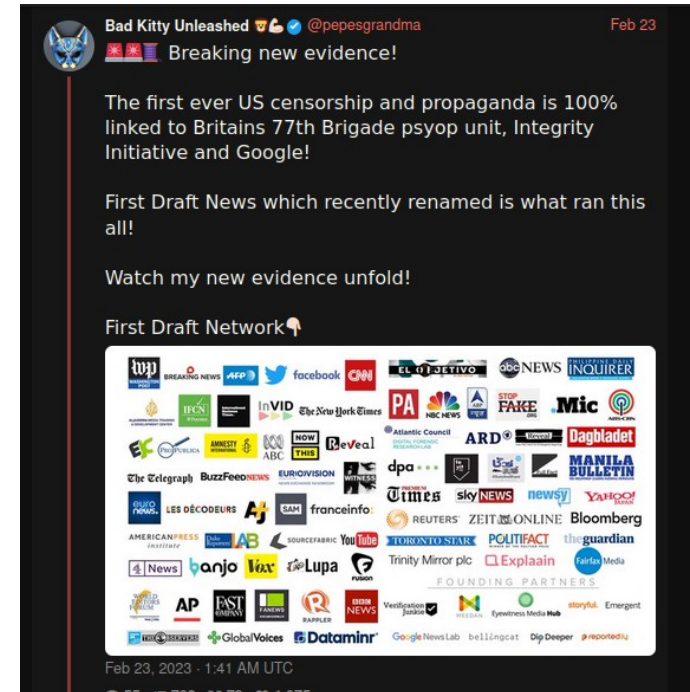
- Avaaz shares leadership with the B Team of Sir Richard Branson
  - Operates from the London headquarters of Unilever
    - Unilever CEO Paul Polman is a business partner of Paypal co-founder Pierre Omidyar in the TPG Rise Fund
- B Team member Kathy Calvin was president and CEO of the United Nations Foundation
- The United Nations operated the Alliance of Civilizations through the “civil society” organizations Soliya and Silatech
  - The Alliance of Civilizations was founded by Iran and directed by Iqbal Riza of Pakistan
  - Avaaz co-founder Ricken Patel attended the meetings of the Alliance of Civilizations
- Soliya was sponsored by Muna Abusulayman of Saudi Arabia’s Kingdom Holdings
  - Muna Abusulayman’s father authored the “Islamization of Knowledge” plan for the SAAR Network’s IIIT
  - Soliya chairman Suhail Rizvi was a major investor in Twitter
  - Soliya CEO Shamil Idriss is married to Cynthia Miller of the Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL) of Germany which is run by former members of the East German STASI
- Silatech was partnered with Sir David Bell of Common Purpose and Martti Ahtisaari of the International Crisis Group

# British support for Hamas (3/3)

- Purpose president Kevin Steinberg was chief operating officer of World Economic Forum USA
  - WEF founder Sir Klaus Schwab was a member of OneVoice
- Steinberg was on the board of Claridge, the company of Canadian investor Stephen Bronfman.
  - Bronfman was Chief Revenue Officer of the Liberal Party of Canada.
- Kevin Steinberg was a member of the McKinsey Social Initiative with:
  - Dominic Barton, later Canada's trade representative to China
  - Lubna Olayan, CEO of Saudi-British Bank
  - Mona Mourshed, a member of the Qatar Foundation and the New America Foundation
  - Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka of the Russian front African National Congress Party
    - Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka was also the head of UN Women at this time
  - Helene Gayle of President Obama's Commission on White House Fellowships

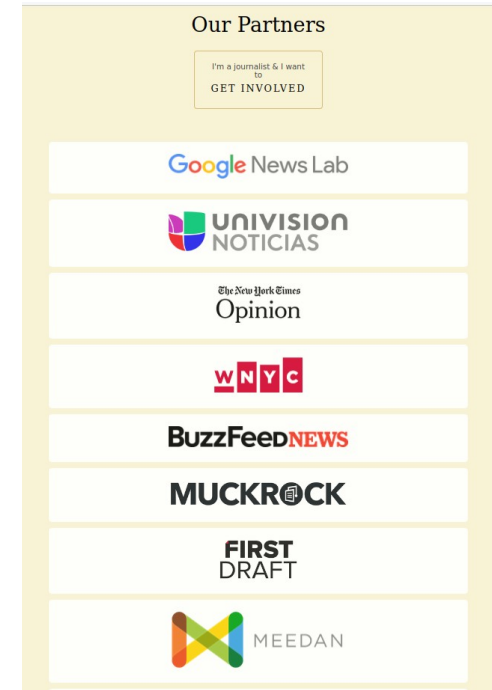
# The First Draft Network as a Saudi Front (1/3)

- First Draft Network initial partners included:
  - Meedan
    - Advised by Muna Abusulayman of Saudi Arabia's Kingdom Holdings
    - Part of the Aspen Institute's U.S.-Palestinian Partnership
    - Co-founders included Ed Bice, a follower of the Electronic Intifada
  - Storyful
    - Global managing director Alastair Aiken CBE founded the 77th Brigade information warfare unit



# The First Draft Network as a Saudi front (2/3)

- First Draft and Meedan formed the Documenting Hate network
- Partners included:
  - Nearly all American media
  - Anti-Defamation League
  - Human Rights Campaign
    - The gay marriage movement
  - Council on American-Islamic Relations
    - Hamas
- Threefold purpose:
  - Create the perception of a need to suppress “hate”
  - Promote Hamas as a partner
  - Identify enemies (“documenting”)



# The First Draft Network as a Saudi front (3/3)

- Joi Ito is affiliated with Meedan.
- Joi Ito is a member of the MacArthur Foundation's Data and Society Research Network which is affiliated with Dame Sandra Dawson of England.
  - The network's Ethan Zuckerman is on the board of the Fund for Policy Reform with George Soros, and was an advisory board member of the Wikimedia Foundation that runs Wikipedia.
- Joi Ito's sister Mimi Ito ran the Digital Media and Learning (DML) network and the MacArthur Foundation's Youth and Participatory Politics (YPP) network.
  - Mimi Ito was an advisory board member of the Wikimedia Foundation that runs Wikipedia.
  - The YPP network's researchers included Ethan Zuckerman.
  - DML co-founder David Goldberg runs HASTAC, another large academic network.
- This group controlled Wikipedia, multiple networks of academics to author articles, and a network of youth activists, all aligned with the PLO and Saudi Arabia.

MIDDLE EAST PROGRAMS

## US-Palestinian Partnership Leadership



**Walter Isaacson**  
President and CEO  
The Aspen Institute  
UPP Chair



**Ziad Asali**  
President and Founder  
American Task Force on Palestine  
UPP Co-Chair

Madeleine Albright

**Madeleine K. Albright**  
Chair

Albright Stonebridge Group  
Former U.S. Secretary of State  
UPP Honorary Chair  
*(photo by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders)*

Ed Bice

**Ed Bice**

Chairman and CEO  
Meedan  
UPP Co-Chair  
*(photo by Joi Ito)*

# Russian origin of the anti-hate campaign

- Russian billionaire Moshe Kantor published the *Manifesto for Secure Tolerance* in 2011 and promoted it through the World Jewish Congress, European Jewish Congress, and European Council on Tolerance and Reconciliation.
- The European Council on Tolerance and Reconciliation published the proposed law *A European Framework National Statute for the Promotion of Tolerance*.
- The advisory board of the European Council on Tolerance and Reconciliation included Igor Ivanov of Russia.
  - President of the Russian International Affairs Council
  - Former secretary of the Russian Security Council
  - Russia's representative to the United Nations
  - A board member of the International Crisis Group of George Soros
- The International Crisis Group and the United Nations began enforcing this law on the United States, using Avaaz ( Hamas ) as enforcers.



# Islamist interest in the anti-hate campaign

- The SAAR Network's International Institute of Islamic Thought created the term Islamophobia "to beat up their critics." (Abdur-Rahman Muhammad)
- The Muslim Public Affairs Council ran the Safe Space campaign of April 2014 to demand censorship of its opposition in public schools.
- The Organization of the Islamic Conference sought to impose a global law against "defamation of Islam" through the United Nations.
  - The law was proposed by the OIC after several European artists drew cartoons of Mohammed in protest against a publisher's inability to find an artist to draw a children's book about Islam because the artists were afraid of being murdered.
  - The United Nations Human Rights Council passed Resolution 16/18 against more vaguely defined "Intolerance" and "Negative Stereotyping"
  - The OIC promoted its agenda as the Istanbul Process and the Rabat Plan of Action.
- Saudi Arabia founded the United Nations Counterterrorism Centre in 2011.
  - Later renamed UN Office of Counterterrorism and run by Vladimir Voronkov of Russia.
  - Assistant director Raffi Gregorian is the son of Vartan Gregorian, a board member of Qatar Foundation International.
- The UN Counterterrorism Directorate promotes: "#migration, #diversity, social #inclusion, and the prevention of #xenophobia"
  - The UN Counterterrorism Directorate operates Tech Against Terrorism "on the margins of RightsCon".
  - RightsCon founder Brett Solomon was the campaigns director for Avaaz, the UK FCO front for Hamas.

# Twenty US Attorneys General join the Russian/Islamist anti-hate campaign

- August 5, 2020, 20 US state Attorneys General ordered Facebook to ban “hate speech” as the result of a Civil Rights Audit by Laura W. Murphy, director of the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).
- In a Twitter post of 2 May 2018, Malkia Cyril of the Media Action Grassroots Network / Center for Media Justice credited several organizations for the Civil Rights Audit:
  - Color of Change, also known as Demos
  - Muslim Advocates, an association of Muslim attorneys
  - NAACP
  - Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- The Center for Media Justice operates RiseUp Networks which advocates for the violent overthrow of the United States.

# The Internet Censorship Mechanism

- Tech Against Terrorism founded the Global Internet Forum to Combat Terrorism (GIFCT).
- GIFCT operates the Shared Industry Hash Database of “hashes” (numbers produced by a computer algorithm) that represent Internet content.
- The attack on a mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand was cited as grounds for building the system.
  - Amazon, Microsoft, Google, Facebook, and Twitter supported the “Christchurch Call” to adopt the GIFCT system.
- How GIFCT is really used:
  - OnlyFans paid Sir Nick Clegg and other top Facebook executives to add thousands of competing adult entertainers to the Shared Industry Hash Database, thereby banning them from all participating Internet services.

# The Internet Censorship Mechanism

- The Aspen Commission on Information Disorder was granted the authority to determine what is “misinformation” to be banned from the Internet.
  - Financed entirely by Craig Newmark of OneVoice and the US-Palestinian Partnership.
  - Members include Danah Boyd of the MacArthur Foundation’s Data and Society Research Network, which includes Joi Ito and Ethan Zuckerman.
  - Members include Rashad Robinson, the president of the activist group Color of Change that pressures businesses to fire political opponents.
  - Members include Prince Harry of England who can give orders to any British agent.
- Color of Change was sponsored by the British as Demos.
  - Demos chief executive Polly MacKenzie was policy director for Sir Nick Clegg.
- Demos co-founder Stephen Heintz was a board member of the US-Muslim Engagement Project.
  - Heintz may have asked the British to suppress political opponents of the SAAR Network entities in USMEP.

# USMEP and the Bridgespan Group

- Paul Brest
  - US-Muslim Engagement Project
  - Director of the Stanford University Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society
- John C. Whitehead
  - New America Foundation
  - Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- Pierre Omidyar and Steve Ellis
  - TPG Rise Fund
- Fay Twersky
  - Strategic advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Bain Capital
  - Robert Bechek, Mark Nunnally, Thomas Tierney
  - Bain CEO Orit Gadiesh was a board member of the World Economic Forum of Sir Klaus Schwab
    - Former Russian trade minister Herman Gref was on the board of the WEF at this time

# USMEP and the 2020 Election

- Mind the Gap Voter Registration Project
  - Co-Founder: Paul Brest
    - US-Muslim Engagement Project
    - Bridgespan Group
    - Stanford University Center for Effective Philanthropy
  - Co-Founder: Barbara Fried
    - Mother of Sam Bankman-Fried
  - Headquarters: Baker-Tilley
    - Also known as Bronfman-Rothschild
  - Lead contractor: State Voices
    - Board members include Rashad Robinson of Color of Change and Demos
      - These organizations were directed by staff of Sir Nick Clegg
    - Subcontractors: NGP VAN, Catalist, VVN
      - These organizations ran the Democratic Party's get-out-the-vote efforts.

# Marketing Firms as Foreign Agents

- United Business Media (UBM) CEO David Levin was a member of OneVoice.
- Edelman was the PR agency for several initiatives:
  - Alliance of Youth Movements
  - Aspen Commission on Information Disorder
  - Inclusive Capitalism
    - Included Dominic Barton of the McKinsey Social Initiative
    - Affiliated with Leonard Blavatnik of Russia's Alfa Group
  - New Organizing Institute
  - US-Muslim Engagement Project
  - Edelman's Eastern European operations were managed by Stan Polovets of Alfa Group
- Global Voices – operated by associates of George Soros

# Investment Firms as Foreign Agents

- Global Steering Group for Impact Investment – associates of Sir Ronald Cohen
  - Claimed \$23 trillion in assets under management
  - Subsidiaries included:
    - Ford Foundation
    - MacArthur Foundation
    - Omidyar Network
    - Social Finance
- TPG Rise Fund – associates of Sir Richard Branson and Unilever’s Paul Polman
- Bridgespan Group – associates of Paul Brest of the US-Muslim Engagement Project
- Simon Clark, *American Billionaires Vanish From Russian Fund’s Website*, Wall Street Journal, Sept. 3 2014
  - Named the chairman of Sir Ronald Cohen’s Apax Partners and the CEO of TPG



# Education Publishers as Foreign Agents

- McGraw Hill
  - Owned by Robert Maxwell
    - Foreign agent of England and Israel
    - Father of Ghislaine Maxwell and early Internet investor Isabel Maxwell
- Pearson
  - Former CEO Marjorie Scardino
    - On the boards of Twitter and ‘the MacArthur Foundation
      - MacArthur sponsored the Data and Society Research Institute
      - These were the same people as the Aspen Commission on Information Disorder
    - Married to former Guardian executive editor Albert Scardino
      - A member of the Media Standards Trust with Sir David Bell and Demos co-founder Julia Middleton.
- Common Core
  - Created a market for new textbooks to meet the new standards
  - Sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation
  - Origin and funding came from Qatar, Libya, and Saudi Arabia (Bethany Blankley, Washington Times)