How Much do Zionists Control Our World...? 2: The Western Media

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Harrison Ford is Jewish.

An intriguing dispute is raging in conspiracy theorist circles. One group is sure that Zionists have taken substantial control over the United Nations and the West. Others conclude that the people with the real power have, in order to divert attention away from themselves, manipulated circumstances to make it *look* like Zionists are the ones with the influence. I'm going to see where the evidence leads. My focus today will be on the mainstream media in the West.

I'll consider some facts and see how the media treats those facts. (I won't attempt to judge the behaviour of the parties warring over the land of Palestine/Israel. I'll simply explore how their behaviour is reported by the media.)

I was surprised to learn that fully one quarter of all the citizens of Israel are Arab Muslims, and that they get to elect members of their choice to the Israeli Parliament. Indeed, under the law, they have the same "political, economic and religious rights and freedoms of citizenship" that Jews enjoy. Israel also has freedom of speech and a free press, and it is something of an understatement to say that it is the only fully democratic country in the region. The question is whether the western press takes advantage of these facts, as might be expected if the media is dominated by Zionists.

The British polling company YouGov undertook a survey a few years ago. It found that the British public considered Israel to be less democratic than Dubai and Russia and less democratic even than *China*. So, if the press is on Israel's side, it has done some poor communicating here. But let's move on.

Many Muslims have been raised to believe that no Israeli Jew would ever help an Arab, yet it's an indisputable fact that Arabs are helped by Jewish doctors in Israeli hospitals every day. People from all over the Arab world come to Israel for serious

medical care and receive the treatment they need. For example, Arab babies with heart defects from across the Middle East are routinely brought to Jerusalem to get specialist care – free of charge too, because a Jewish group pays the bills. Ironically, the daughter of one of the top men in Hamas – a militant Arab organization devoted to Israel's destruction – had her life saved by Israeli doctors. If the western media is truly pro-Israel, it seems odd that they make so little effort to get these pro-Israel facts across to us.

I must briefly turn my attention back to Hamas, but it is important to reiterate here that I'm not passing comment on the *morals* behind any of the following acts. I'm merely asking if the media covers those acts in a Zionist way.

During fights with Israel, members of the Hamas leadership sometimes direct their military operations from civilian hospitals so as to be able to function in safety. There is also little doubt that Hamas, "hijacks international medical aid intended for the Gazan masses, diverting it to special locations where its gunmen are being treated". By keeping its wounded out of sight, Hamas makes it appear – to any reporters at normal hospitals – that only civilians are being hurt. And by using human shields, e.g. by placing rocket launchers in built-up areas, Hamas pretty much guarantees civilian casualties. These tactics naturally help damage Israel's reputation. Why doesn't the western media do a better job of telling us these things, if it is as pro-Israel as some people say?

It seems strange that the western media (if it is pro-Israel) doesn't trumpet such acts.

Incidentally, anyone visiting a military hospital in Israel during a conflict will often find enemy wounded present. And they receive high-quality care alongside the Israeli servicemen they were fighting. I am struggling to remember *ever* hearing this mentioned by the media.

There are plenty of other facts about the conduct of Israel and its Arab neighbours today that the mainstream media doesn't handle in a pro-Israel way. For an extensive supply of these, visit tinyurl.com/israelpg1.

I now need to go back in time.

The Jewish diaspora – Jews dispersed across the globe – began a noticeable migration to the (very sparsely populated) land of Israel during the 1800s. What followed? "Much of the land that the Zionists purchased was desert and swamp, uninhabited and deemed uninhabitable by the Arabs. Modern agrarian techniques instituted by the Jews and the blood and sweat of thousands of idealistic Zionists reclaimed that land and turned it into prime real estate with flourishing farms and rapidly growing communities sporting modern

technology and a healthy market economy. As a result, *Arab* migrants poured into the region from surrounding states, with *hundreds of thousands* [of Arabs] seeking a better life and greater economic opportunity [there].” Thus, many ‘Palestinians’ only arrived in Palestine comparatively recently, their families having moved there to take advantage of the benefits the Jews made possible. But this is rarely alluded to in the press.

Far from driving out Arabs, “the work of the Jewish pioneers in the 19th and early 20th centuries actually enabled the *Arab* population to *quadruple*, the economy to enter the modern era, and the society to [throw off] the shackles of serfdom that typified … the [Muslim] Ottoman era.” Thanks to the Jews, an Arab could now get a decent job and “earn in a month what his father earned in a year eking out a living as a subsistence-level farmer using medieval technology. Arab infant mortality [fell] … and longevity increased as the Jews shared their modern medical technology with their Arab neighbors.”

The perfect “human interest” story for a pro-Israel press, one would have thought. Corporal Levin of the Israeli Defence Force (IDF) holds the Palestinian baby whose life he – along with Jewish settlers – helped save when a heavily pregnant Palestinian woman in need of urgent medical assistance was rushed to a settler community. But that’s merely part of the affair, for this event took place only days after Palestinians broke into the home of a settler family and killed them in their sleep. The murders included the partial decapitation of a 3 month-old baby and the stabbing of a 3 year-old twice in the heart. But even that doesn’t complete the story. On hearing of the murder of the family, Palestinian towns erupted in joy – and their celebrations could be heard by the *very settlers who then rescued this baby and her mother*. Why have the media kept this from you, if they are genuinely pro-Israel?

Based on the above, it is fair to say that “a significant plurality, if not a majority, of Arabs living in Israel today owe their very existence to the Zionist endeavor”. But when was the last time you heard the media acknowledge this?

Another truth a Zionist press would surely want to exploit is that Palestine has never existed as a nation – a fact which, until it became inconvenient following the creation of the State of Israel – was admitted by Arab leaders themselves. For example, the founder of the Palestinian Independence Party put it this way: “There is

no such country [as Palestine].... Palestine is a term the *Zionists* invented … [The land] was for centuries part of *Syria*". Yet the media today is virtually silent about this.

Again, there are numerous other related truths that are not dealt with by the media in a pro-Israel manner. See tinyurl.com/israelpg1.

It actually starts to seem like the media tends to *avoid* making any pro-Israel remark it thinks it can safely omit without complaint from the general public.

So far we've discussed some of the things the press *doesn't* tell us. But we must also confront the accuracy of some of the things the press *does* tell us. The following episode is just one illustration of a common problem.

"On September 30th, 2000, The *New York Times*, [the] Associated Press, and other major media outlets published a photo of a young man – bloodied and battered – crouching beneath a club-wielding Israeli policeman. The caption identified him as a Palestinian victim of the recent riots – with the clear implication that the Israeli [cop] … is the one who beat him."

The young man in question was not Palestinian, or even Muslim. He was actually an American Jew. (His name is Tuvia Grossman.) And the Israeli cop was protecting him from a group of Palestinians who had, after dragging him out of a taxi, kicked him repeatedly, stabbed him, and pounded his head with rocks.

When the young man's father wrote to the *New York Times* to set the record straight, the paper printed a 'correction', but still failed to mention that the victim was Jewish and still said not a word about the Palestinians responsible for the victim's condition (thereby enabling readers to continue assuming it was the Israeli policeman who beat him).

Arabs – including the Egyptian *government* – continued for years to pretend the bloodied man was Palestinian so that they could use this gripping photo for anti-Israel purposes.

Associated Press

An Israeli policeman and a Palestinian on the Temple Mount.

An Israeli policeman protects a Jewish-American tourist from a crowd of violent Palestinian men. Spot the dangerously false caption used by the *New York Times*. (Note: The event did *not* take place on the Temple Mount.)

Such use of deception has regularly been employed by Arabs to help their cause. For instance, "Palestinian news media have invented 'atrocity' stories by reporting supposed Israeli soldier attacks on different Palestinian towns, which upon

verification have turned out to be complete fabrications". And when there *has* been conflict, the numbers of those killed by the Israeli army has been massively inflated (on one occasion, 52 actual dead was claimed to be "at least 1,000" by a top aide to Yasser Arafat). Palestinians have even been known to hold fake funeral processions where the 'corpse' has accidentally fallen off the stretcher only to helpfully jump back onto it.

Turning momentarily to the subject of the Palestinian refugees, it has long been admitted by Arabs that the refugee numbers would have been far smaller if Palestinian leaders in 1948, in an effort to incite the Palestinian people to greater violence against the Jews, had not inadvertently terrified their brethren into fleeing the country by wildly exaggerating Jewish military actions in the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin and making up abuses that never occurred.

It is not the role of this article to discuss whether the Arabs are right or wrong to utilize such deception to further their aims. All I'm arguing is that, since they have used deception so frequently and for so long (since 1929 at least), the western press – assuming it is Zionist – ought by now to make checks before reporting Arab claims as facts. Instead we find, for example, that when Arabs recycle photos of children killed in the current *Syrian* conflict and pretend the images are actually of Palestinians, the western media accepts it blindly, whereas any claims made by Israel are invariably questioned.

Let's leave the State of Israel to one side for a minute. Anti-semitism is on the rise, yet people who lean that way seem unaware that they appreciate, or have benefited from, the work of Jews. Without Jews, we obviously wouldn't have *Jaws* – or any of the other films by Steven Spielberg. But without Jews we also wouldn't have had Kirk Douglas or Lauren Bacall. Coming more up to date, there would have been no Mila Kunis or Robert Downey Junior. The first polio vaccine was invented by a Jew (Jonas Salk). The first blue-jeans were created by a Jew (Levi Strauss). The famous composer Mendelssohn was a Jew. The scientific geniuses John von Neumann, Richard Feynman, and Albert Einstein were Jewish. Ditto the magician David Copperfield and the comedians Harry Shearer, Andy Kaufmann and Gene Wilder. *I'm* not Jewish, but Adrien Brody and Scarlett Johansson both are. I could go on and on. Don't believe me? Just pop to JewOrNotJew.com.

Even when the media give us a report which quickly turns out to be undeniably false, the report is seldom retracted. The press apparently fail to understand that, if someone presents anti-Israel fabrications as truth, they encourage (and indirectly facilitate) violence by Arabs. A case in point was the media's handling of the mock 'shooting to death by Israeli soldiers' of a 12 year-old Palestinian boy, Mohammed al-Dura. This event was later exposed as having been staged for the cameras, but the western media credulously treated it as genuine without making any realistic attempt to verify it. The effect of broadcasting this deception as authentic was to incite hatred against Israel and to cause the public and their politicians in the West to blame the resulting uprising, where *hundreds* of Israeli civilians were killed, squarely on the Israelis themselves. Does that really seem like the work of a pro-Israel press?

For other cases of Arab fakery, and press acceptance of it, see HonestReporting.com. The invention of anti-Israel stories by Palestinians occurs so often that it has been given a name – Pallywood.

This brings us to the other side of the media, i.e. Hollywood and the western TV and film world generally. Jews have long held prominent positions in Hollywood and elsewhere in the industry. Is this not proof of Zionist control over the media? Well, there is a colossal difference between being ethnically Jewish and being a *religiously observant* Jew, let alone a Zionist. And indeed, out of all the films you've ever seen, how many of them have so much as hinted at *any* of the facts about Israel that appear in this article?

Actress Yasmine Bleeth is Jewish.

From all of the above, it is apparent that the mainstream media is actually *anti*-Israel (which is something crucial to bear in mind if one's views about Israel have been shaped by media coverage of the subject). When it comes to the *news* media, there is even evidence of an anti-*semitic* streak. There are several reasons why people can become anti-semitic without it being the fault of any Jew. One of these is jealousy. Among Arabs, for instance, there is embarrassment and jealousy when they compare Jewish accomplishments in Israel with the way Arabs – despite their oil wealth – have run other Middle Eastern states. And Arab and non-Arab alike often seem jealous of Jewish intellect. There is no question that, on average, Jews are smart. Here's an illustration. Jews account for less than one fifth of 1% of the world's population, yet 47% of all the world's chess champions have been Jewish. Jealousy may also extend to Jewish achievements in the arts and other fields. See the green box for just a small fraction of these.

For various further topics that the media misrepresent to Israel's hurt, see the other articles in this series.

I'll end by returning to the two groups of conspiracists mentioned at the start. How does the group which believes Zionist influence over the world is just a mirage explain the evidence – e.g. the number of Jews in charge of Hollywood studios – which has led the other group to the opposite conclusion? The first group responds that there are all sorts of ways to frame Zionists and that, for example, the people with the true power can create studio heads out of a few non-religious Jews who, for the sake of fame, fortune or other such earthly temptations, are willing to obey the non-Zionists who really pull the strings.

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