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Bibi Obliterates Memory of Oct. 7 Martyrs, Creates New Martyrs in Gaza

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It's simple: If you know in advance that your actions will cause the death of thousands of civilians; attached to your criminal actions (*actus reus*) is a guilty mind (*mens rea*), which means [malice aforethought](#), also known as intent in Western jurisprudence and judicial philosophy.

The razing of Gaza and the ongoing murder of thousands of civilians by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), with western imprimatur, is a war crime. Strafing civilian populations and pulverizing entire neighborhoods to ostensibly “soften” the few embedded targets within — this violates natural law, international law, and [Just War Theory](#).

It was true when Genghis Bush [dropped daisy cutters](#) and cluster bombs on Iraqi civilians, killing and displacing hundreds of thousands of them; it was true when allied forces firebombed [Dresden](#) and [Hamburg](#), and it was true when Harry Truman dropped atomic bombs on Japanese civilians.

Not that it helped his victims, but Truman icily expressed some “regret” for “the [beastly] necessity of wiping out whole populations”: “I know that Japan is a terribly cruel and uncivilized nation in warfare,” [he told](#) an ardent supporter, “but I can’t bring myself to believe that because they are beasts, we should ourselves act in that same manner.”

We know ineluctably that Gaza is “a terribly cruel and uncivilized nation in warfare.” The sympathies expressed by Gazans toward their neighbors, victims of the October 7 slaughter, were meager and grudging, coerced by media, for the most.

Leadership in Egypt and Jordan is less than candid as to why they refuse to welcome Gaza’s refugees into their midst as the Polish welcomed the Ukrainians. In fact, the Egyptians [have no intention whatsoever of allowing Palestinians, whom they view as a radicalizing element, into their country](#). Like President Hosni Mubarak before him, President El-Sisi refuses to swell the already-swollen ranks of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt. Mubarak had periodically conducted mini-massacres against the Brotherhood — the organization that sired Hamas — with no particular outcry from the West.

In 1970, King Hussein (ibn Talal) of Jordan massacred thousands of Palestinians for [fomenting a coup against the Hashemite monarchy](#). To avert the anarchy Hussein associated with the Palestinians and their simmering resentments, the King then expelled the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and



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many thousands of Palestinian troublemakers to Lebanon.

Contra the West's angels-and-demons foreign-policy narrative, the mirage of Hamas as an oppressor of its downtrodden people is just that: a mirage.

Last I looked, the Palestinian People had voted with a vengeance for the "Islamic Resistance Movement" (Hamas), an organization whose existence revolves around Israel's destruction. In the last election, Hamas got a majority in all but two of the 16 districts in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

[According to Mark Mellman](#), a pollster, "If new presidential elections were held with two candidates, Fatah's Mahmoud Abbas and Hamas's Ismail Haniyeh, Abbas would receive 37 percent of the vote, and Haniyeh would win in a landslide with 58 percent." Substantial majorities in the West Bank and Gaza [favor](#) "armed conflict" over peaceful, political solutions.

The Arab Street has always been more militant than its leaders. [Said](#) Arab-American scholar Fouad Ajami: "It is a peculiarity of the Arab political order that many of the rulers and the dynasties are more moderate than the populace." This is why Iraqis turned out *en masse* for Sharia law. And why, enabled by George W. Bush and Condoleezza Rice, "the great people of Egypt" sought to replace Hosni Mubarak's ruling party with the banned Muslim Brotherhood. The people's proclivities catapulted Hezbollah into government in Lebanon. And they account for the smashing success enjoyed by Islamists in Saudi and Afghani elections.

These uncomfortable facts notwithstanding, [murder with majority approval is still murder](#), whomever the perpetrator. Whether it is committed by actors *within* or *without* the State, by the designated "good guys" or the "bad guys," murder of innocents is still murder.

Thus, the razing of Gaza by Benjamin Netanyahu, abetted by Joe Biden and his Uniparty accomplices, in the course of which civilians are dying: This is murder with malice aforethought, a concept that includes ["deaths resulting from action that display a depraved indifference to life."](#) Further depraved indifference to life is Israel's throttling of supplies of water, food, and power to the millions of aid-dependent Gazans, as Israel knows full-well this will imperil civilians indirectly.

Silly soliloquies poured into our ears about "Hamas using civilians as human shields" amount to morally bankrupt non sequiturs. True, Hamas has invited the IDF to "come get us if you can find us among Gaza's civilians." The IDF and its handlers, however, have accepted Hamas' invitation to pulverize civilian communities.

In other words, Hamas' culpability does not absolve Israel from blame. One agenda of wrongs doesn't change another.

"To be very good at something inherently stupid," said a great English novelist, "is not the mark of high intelligence." In addition to [betraying its own citizens](#) by [failing to uphold their basic rights](#), the unthinking IDF has effectively bombed Gaza back to the Stone Age. This will do nothing to eradicate Hamas! Previous forays into the West Bank and Gaza signally failed to accomplish this necessary mission.

Gazans, in an extremity of suffering, are instructed to "evacuate to the southern part of the strip." That exhortation reminds me of Ivanka Trump's ludicrous counsel to men in hard hats, whose occupations had been outsourced forever: "Learn how to code." "Evacuate to the southern part of the Gaza strip" is but a ludicrous meme given that Gaza has been leveled. There is nowhere left to run.

Tragically, Israel has squandered much of the goodwill generated by the heinous, diabolical, October 7



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pogrom, executed by spawns of Satan. In the end, Bibi has obliterated the memory of the October 7 martyrs by creating new martyrs in Gaza.

So, “[How to Defeat Hamas and Stop the Carnage in Gaza](#)”?

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