



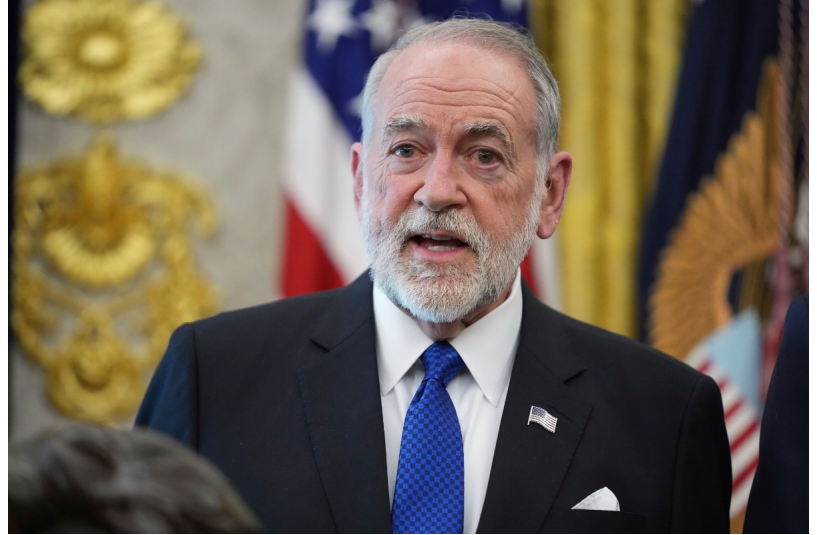
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Huckabee Contradicts Trump: Without Israel, U.S. Wouldn't Exist

For the second time this year and the third time in two years, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee has embarrassed the Trump administration. Also for the second time, he suggested that his true loyalty lies with Israel.

Contradicting President Donald Trump, who rightly said Israel would not exist without the United States, Huckabee said the United States would not exist were it not for Israel.

But Huckabee's fervid devotion to Israel is no surprise. The former Arkansas governor told Tucker Carlson that Israel is entitled to conquer the entire Middle East. And last year, he met with American traitor Jonathan Pollard, the Israeli spy who gave Israel secrets that likely wound up in the Soviet Union.



AP Images
Mike Huckabee

Huckabee's outrageous historically ignorant comment invited ridicule on social media.

WATCH: Trump's Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, defies Trump:

Without Israel, there would not be an America.

We owe our very existence to what happened in this land. pic.twitter.com/vPebgzLmBo

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America Wouldn't Exist Without Israel

Huckabee unbosomed himself of the bizarre claim at the International Conference on Israeli Heritage in Judea and Samaria.

Turning around his role as ambassador *to* Israel *from* the United States, Huckabee said, "It's also my job to represent the importance of Israel to the United States."

This is just another reminder that it is your heritage without a doubt, but ... it is also the heritage of the United States. Without Israel, without the Jewish foundation, there would not be an America. We owe our very existence to what happened in this land.

Although about 100 Jewish patriots fought against England during the American Revolution, none of the Founding Fathers were Jewish. Nor were any signers of the Declaration of Independence or U.S.



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Constitution.

Amusingly, [Huckabee contradicted](#) what Trump told a reporter the same day. "Without the United States there would be no Israel," Trump said. As is his wont, Trump [lapsed into wild exaggeration](#):

Without me, there would be no Israel, because no other president was willing to do what I did. ... Israel would have been blown up a long time ago, had I not gotten involved.

President Trump said he is "not happy" with how Israel has handled the conflict with Hezbollah in Lebanon, arguing it has dragged on too long and risked undermining negotiations with Iran.

"I've had a great relationship with Bibi," Trump said, but also stated that Israeli Prime...
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Founded in 1948 after [17 years of terrorism](#) by the [Irgun](#), which famously bombed the [King David Hotel](#) and [British Embassy](#) in Rome in 1946, Israel has raked in more than \$300 billion from U.S. taxpayers since 1948.

Thus, Trump was right; Huckabee was wrong.

Previous Embarrassments

Huckabee's remarkable claim that Israel created the United States follows a more serious diplomatic faux pas.

During an interview with Carlson, Huckabee claimed that God gave permission for Israel to conquer the entire Middle East; that is, everything from the Nile River in Egypt to the Euphrates River in Iraq.

As [he did](#) during his testy exchange with Israel First GOP Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, [Carlson pressed Huckabee](#) on the meaning of Genesis 15:18: "To thy seed will I give this land, from the river of Egypt even to the great river Euphrates."

That would include the "entire Middle East," including Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, Carlson said. In other words, whole countries.

"It would be a big piece of land," Huckabee agreed:

But here's the point. ... This particular area that we're talking about now, Israel, is a land that God gave through Abraham to a people that he chose. It was a people, a place, and a purpose.

Carlson asked just what "land" Huckabee was discussing. "Does Israel have the right to that land? Because you're appealing to Genesis, you're saying that's the original deed?" Carlson asked.

"It would be fine if they took it all," Huckabee answered.

[During that](#) same interview, Huckabee defended [meeting Pollard](#). Despite Pollard's treachery, which likely led to the death of American agents abroad, Huckabee said the hubbub was nothing to worry



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about.

“You see why the U.S. ambassador hosting a convicted betrayer of his own country, who’s encouraging Americans to continue to betray their country, would seem shocking,” Carlson said.

“You make it sound like I’m hosting a meeting,” Huckabee replied:

I simply met with him. I meet with people all the time. ... He was able to come to the U.S. embassy to have a meeting at his request. I did. And frankly, I don’t regret it.

During his failed bid for the GOP nomination in 2011, Huckabee campaigned for Pollard — now living in Israel — to be released from prison. America’s most reliable ally welcomed Pollard as a hero.

Huckabee Ridiculed

Accompanying video of Huckabee’s claim that the United States wouldn’t exist without Israel was richly deserved ridicule.

“We owe our existence to God,” America First former congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene [wrote on X](#).

[Wrote CLR711](#):

America became a nation in 1776 — Israel in 1948. So, for 172 years, America survived without Israel, so explain to us what the hell you mean? Moreover, since 1948, America has given Israel \$318 billion, so clearly, without America, there would be no Israel.

“Im pretty sure the US would be doing pretty good on its own without Israel,” [X user Peter wrote](#):

Also America is one of the reasons Israel exists. Without the allies permission and plan to divide British Palestine Israel would have never been a state to begin with.

“Just imagine how many national secrets he hands over on the daily to Tel Aviv,” The Grayzone editor [Max Blumenthal wrote](#).

Another unhappy X user wrote, “This madman is overdue for a room in the house of lost minds.”



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Yet another user noted that President Trump is older than Israel. Between 14 million and 16 million Americans [are older](#) than Israel.

And Florida Man posted an amusing meme that features three of the Founding Fathers.

Ben Franklin: *Where's the part about Israel?*

Thomas Jefferson: *Who?*

Bless his heart. pic.twitter.com/YPBSZ0geeE

— FloridaMan [REDACTED] (@votebymail_) [June 17, 2026](#)



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