Zionism is Racism

Zionism is a settler colonial ideology which appeared at the end of the nineteenth century. It aimed to establish a Jewish state based on the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian population. Israel defines itself as a Zionist state. Its laws discriminate systematically in favour of Jews.

The Green Party (GP) Conference on 4th October resolved by 1022 to 813 to declare itself as an anti-Zionist party. The resolution also supports Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) and the right of expelled Palestinians to return to Palestine.

We congratulate those members who fought for the resolution against internal and external pressure including from Zionist organisations, the mainstream media and other national political parties.

Previously, Jeremy Corbyn faced false allegations of Anti-Semitism against activists inside and outside the Labour Party. So the widespread assault on the GP and its leader Zack Polanski was expected.

Polanski refuses to apologise

To his credit Polanski, who is Jewish, stated that he is anti-Zionist and refused to apologise, unlike Corbyn. He told BBC Breakfast TV

"*the displacement and genocide of the Palestinian people is clearly underpinned by a racist ideology. I think that's obvious.*"

Before the Conference Polanski faced disgusting anti-Semitic cartoons in the Daily Telegraph, rivalling those found in the Nazi newspaper "Der Sturmer".

The BBC Radio 4 presenter Nick Robinson repeatedly demanded to know if Israel has a 'right to exist'. **But states have no rights; only the people who live in those states have rights.**

Did Apartheid South Africa or Nazi Germany have a right to exist? Welsh, Irish and Scottish people could claim the UK has no right to exist!

Media propaganda

The media claimed the Green Party is in chaos and focused on members who disagreed with the motion. Four of five MPs opposed it and Caroline Lucas was given the freedom of newsrooms to attack Polanski. However, after the Holborn by-election an Opinium poll showed 80% of Green voters supported the resolution, as did 38% of Labour voters!

Israel's supporters aim to invert reality by smearing Palestine supporters as racists. One instrument is the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism which says it is antisemitic to describe a state of Israel as a 'racist endeavour'. The **IHRA definition** has been widely criticised (including by its author Ken Stern) for silencing criticism of Israel and the Palestine solidarity movement. **Labour support the definition, unlike the Green Party**.

The government recently accepted a report calling for schools and colleges to implement the definition. How do they view what is going on in Palestine now?

Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband proclaimed "*we hear you*" and introduced a limited policy of sanctions. Yet Prime Minister Andy Burnham refuses to call out the genocide in Gaza and condemns BDS.

What You Can Do

- **demand Merseyside Pension Fund divestment from Elbit, Amazon, Raytheon… and Israeli banks: tinyurl.com/mpfform1**
- **Demo** 2pm Sun 6 Dec Catholic Cathedral.
- **Boycott Barclays**. Leaflet outside Lord Street branch Mondays 1:30pm. Tell the City Council to switch its account, like LJMU.
- **Boycott Israeli pharmaceutical TEVA.** Give your pharmacist a letter **tinyurl.com/tevalet1**
- **Tell your MP: demand a full two-way arms embargo on Israel. Use the words "ethnic cleansing", "apartheid" and "genocide".**

The illegal occupation of Palestinian Territories, including the siege of Gaza, began long before 7th October 2023. Under international law, an occupied people have the right to resist the occupation, including by the use of force. Targeted attacks on civilians (by both Palestinian and Israeli forces on 7th October) are forbidden, but nothing that happened on 7th October justifies Israel's continued genocide of the Palestinians.

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