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How Ed Miliband lost the Jewish vote

He'd be the first Jewish prime minister since Disraeli. So why is a swing-voting community overwhelmingly backing the Tories?

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When he was seven, Ed Miliband was taken to visit his grandmother in Tel Aviv. Pointing to a black-and-white photograph in her home, young Ed demanded to know who 'that man in the picture' was. He was told the man, David, was his grandfather and had died in Poland many years before he was born. Only years later did Miliband realise that his grandfather had been murdered by the Nazis for being Jewish.

Miliband's parents only narrowly escaped a similar fate: fleeing Belgium as the German armies overran it in 1940, his 16-year-old father caught the last boat from Ostend to Britain. In Poland, his mother — together with her sister and mother — was sheltered throughout the war, initially by nuns: Marion Kozak would make it to Britain seven years after her future husband.

In less than a month's time, this son of Holocaust refugees could become the first Jewish occupant of Downing Street since Benjamin Disraeli. Whatever your politics, it is a remarkable and affecting story. But it is a tale with a twist: Miliband's relationship with Britain's Jewish community is an uneasy

one — and in this closely fought election the mutual distrust which now defines it may contribute to depriving him of the premiership.

This was made clear last month at a dinner for the Community Safety Trust, a charity which provides security for Jewish venues. When a fundraising video was screened featuring Miliband, his image was greeted with loud and widely joined-in booing. It was, says Stephen Pollard, editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*, 'an astonishing moment'.

For much of the Jewish community, Miliband was a blank sheet when he was elected Labour leader. This is not altogether surprising. His parents, wrote Miliband in 2012, 'defined themselves not by their Jewishness but by their politics' and they brought up their boys outside the community.

On winning the leadership, Miliband appeared to embark on something of a journey. He was, says one former Labour party staffer, 'forced to get to know the community'. At times, he seemed to enjoy the experience of finding his Jewish self. Dinners, receptions and well-received speeches to Labour Friends of Israel's annual lunch followed. The journey culminated, last spring, in what appeared a highly personal choice for his first major overseas trip: a visit to Israel.

Miliband returned home to declare himself a 'friend of Israel', committed to ensuring 'Israel's security and right to protect itself'. That commitment would, however, be put to the test within weeks, as — following the murder of three Israeli teenagers and a wave of rocket attacks on Israel from Hamas—controlled Gaza — Israel launched Operation Protective Edge. Miliband responded by condemning Israel's actions and suggesting that David Cameron's 'silence on the killing of hundreds of innocent Palestinian civilians' was 'inexplicable'. It was not so much Miliband's condemnation

that angered many British Jews, but its fiery nature, its lack of nuance — the apparent lack of context or empathy for Israeli civilians who found themselves under sustained attack from Islamist terrorists — and the suspicion that he was using the issue as a political football.

But for many, what was to follow was worse: the Labour leadership's fourmonth silence as anti-Semitic attacks doubled at home. 'Only when things got really bad did they feel they had to say something,' says one community activist. 'It felt like it took a very long time.' This was the hardest thing for British Jews to bear, and it made many of them confused and angry.

Instead of attempting to heal the rift, however, Miliband went on to widen it, whipping his MPs last October in support of a motion backing unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state — proposed by a Labour backbencher who the month before had compared the Israeli army to Isis.

But why? What could his motive be? Some think that Miliband wishes to erase all traces of New Labour, others that he's simply weak and has let Diane Abbott and the hard left to dictate his foreign policy. Then there are those who believe him to be a cynic, keen to keep in step with the rise of anti-Zionist, anti-Israel sentiment: these cite his so-called '35 per cent' core-vote strategy. Many British Jews, however, have come to believe that this is simply where Ed instinctively is. For this last group, Miliband is part of the left for which the Palestinian struggle is of central importance.

Jews don't form a homogeneous voting bloc, but they have in the past been a barometer: long left-leaning, they strongly backed Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s before swinging heavily to New Labour in 1997.

This week, a poll for the *Jewish -Chronicle* found that 69 per cent of Jews intend to vote Tory next month, with Labour trailing on only 22 per cent. Moreover, while 64 per cent said David Cameron had the best attitude towards British Jewry, only 13 per cent picked Miliband as the best supporter of the community. The *Jewish Chronicle* poll found 73 per cent of Jews said the parties' approach toward Israel and the Middle East was 'very' or 'quite' important in determining how they would vote, and by 65 to 10 per cent Cameron led Miliband on having the best attitude.

Community activists believe Miliband's position on Israel has become such a sticking point that many Jews who traditionally vote Labour can't bring themselves to do so. One said: 'They have been forced to choose between their party and their support for Israel in a way they never thought they would be.' Some have already made that choice: last autumn, Maureen Lipman declared that, for the first time in five decades, she wouldn't be voting Labour. At the same time, Kate Bearman, a former director of Labour Friends of Israel, resigned her party membership.

Even some Jewish Labour activists believe the party has written the community off electorally. This could turn out to be a costly miscalculation. There are a string of marginals — Finchley and Golders Green, Hendon, Brent Central, Ilford North, Hornsey and Wood Green, Hampstead and Kilburn, Harrow East, Harrow West and Hove — where Miliband has little room for error and Jewish voters could provide the difference between victory and defeat.

The Labour leader has, says one sympathetic observer, shown a great deal of 'carelessness' in his dealings with the Jewish community. If that carelessness costs him the keys to No. 10, he continues, the 'tragedy will be complete'.

Gerschwin

Ed Miliband became the next PM the moment the Tories failed to secure the boundary reforms. Everything else is academic...sadly.

Peter Stroud

You might well be right, and we must never forget why the boundary reforms never became an act. The treachery of the deputy PM and his followers.

Guest

So you're utterly ignorant of the UK constitution...

Peter Stroud

Explain just what the UK constitution has to do with breaking a coalition agreement?

Guest

Yes, why DID the Tories vote Lords reform down?

David Booth.

And I thought we had a referendum on that matter.

Alexsau91

They didn't, Labour did – with the assistance of a fair number of Conservative rebels. Tory MPs had a three line whip to vote in favour, but after it didn't pass the commons it was dropped because it was nearly impossible to get cross party agreement – for the same reason governments have tried and failed since the 1910s to secure reform of the upper house.

The Boundary Reforms were, by the way, linked to the AV referendum not Lords reform – and the AV referendum most certainly happened.

Roger Hudson

No, and i know how boundaries are 'fixed', Westminster needs 500 constituencies maximum.

Guest

So that's your other ID? k. Well then, you know then there's no treachery involved.

And so you know it's done on voters (not population). And that was quite democratically voted down!

jeffersonian

...and the colossal political stupidity of Cameron and Osborne.

Terry Field

Absolutely; the totally hypocritical so-called high minded LibDems.

o Guest

What nonsense. It's very unlikely to make a significant difference – especially compared to, oh, UKIP bleeding off Labour votes. Moreover, if the Tories had been even marginally less dogmatic about fixing it so it favoured them, then they would have had cross-party support for it.

Instead, they insisted on their strict interpretation and were democratically voted down.

This election has been Labour's to lose, and they might yet manage it they don't shut Reeves and her nasty dogmas up.

Gerschwin

You need to email this to the BCE Leon, not me – you tell them how it is and that you know best, I'm sure they'll take you seriously...we all do!

Guest

All your personalties take yourself seriously, more like, as you talk about your time machine to go back to BCE.

global city

The MSM have turned the anti UKIP narrative back into the UKIP are tory's loons in order to help save this loss from labour to them.

o <u>Whizjet</u>

Sadly, I believe you're completely correct.

Had situations been reversed, achieving that boundary reform would have been the first thing on a Blair / Brown / Miliband agenda.

The Tories should have allowed (and supported) HoL reform, it would never have got anywhere, and the can would still be clattering down the road.

But the boundaries were a 'must have'.

I think they expected the good economic news about a year earlier than it happened. Look for a re-run of '97, as the Labour lot inherit a strongly recovering economy – just in time for them to trash, again!

o Terry Field

Absolutely correct; the arithmetic fraud of the hanging chads and the Floridian fraud resulted in the absurd Bush maladministration; the fraud of the undemocratic

boundaries, protected by the putrid and utterly hypocritical 'high-minded' Liberal Democrats – in fact utter political prostitutes – will produce the obscenity of Bilimand in No10. (Labour are SO much more effective at vote management than the lazy, amateurish Tories)

How did the Jews leave him? Simple; they are smart people, and can smell out a lying little sh1t.

Mow the Grass

JINO – jew in name only.

This little adenoidal classroom monitor is no more 'Jewish' – than my cat is. A truly diabolical piece of work – that would sell his soul for bottle caps.

 \circ Mc

Well, some claim (unconvincingly) that they have sexual fantasies about Miliband – http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/life/celebrity/article4412466.ece

Looks like The Times is leaning toward Labour on this election. Not that they leant in any other direction for some time now.

o Guest

What nasty rot. If you're born a Jew, you're a Jew.

You can, of course, be secular as Miliband is.

And I find his policy on Israel mildly offputting. His domestic moves right....far moreso.

Mow_the_Grass

....'find his policy on Israel mildly offputting' 'mildly offputting'

You 'pal' sre a very good example of a JINO.

You and your pal milliband make a nice couple.

Enjoy

Guest

No True Scotsman, right.

In fact, his neoliberal austerity-pushing crap is far more relevant to me for British elections. So sorry I have principles.

Shedboy

He's British and therefore quite rightly puts the concerns of the British ahead of those of a foreign country. It's disappointing that slebs like Maureen Lipman are more concerned about that country than their own, but not surprising.

Guest

Ah, the usual "Jews may not be British" stance.

The main issue for many is his silence on the security issues in the UK, of course.

Shedboy

mightymark

Perhaps its a bell weather of how he would react as a British PM though. He attacked Israeli self defence against the aggression from Gaza because it suited his wooing of another constituency. How can we be sure his heart would be in defending the UK's interests if that conflicted with the actual or supposed views of that constituency. Particularly perhaps if the numbers were going against him close to an election. And it is no answer to say the same might apply vis a vis the Jews. The Jews don't have the numbers.

Infidelissima

I'm a Jew and he is nothing like me!! Neither are you.

Damaris Tighe

Well, that's the point isn't it. It's idiotic to put the Jews or indeed any ethnic subgroup into one homogenous lump by imagining what their opinions are.

Alexsandr

the left have always hated the jews. and jews expose their islam love-in as the stupidity it is.

• *Mc*

"his 16-year-old father caught the last boat from Ostend to Britain."

Am I being a little sceptical in wondering why people who fled the Nazis always seem to have caught the "last boat" out? Why wasn't it ever the second or third last boat? Or is it just a journalistic flourish being trotted out?

o amicus

I expect the boat was very crowded.

• Hippograd

So why is a swing-voting community overwhelmingly backing the Tories?

Because the Tories (thank G*d) have cast off their toxic and disgusting belief in conservatism. Except for firmly backing Israel, that nation of immigrants on the sunny Mediterranean coast which is currently showing the world the best way to handle mass immigration by Pakistanis, Somalis, Jamaicans, Bangladeshis, Nigerians and other vibrancies of colour.

The best way to handle mass immigration by vibrancies of colour

• Guest

Except, of course, that there's very little support for Netenyahu among Britain's Jews, and their loathsome policies there.

You would, of course, expel many British Jews in your little purge. As their skins are not white.

Infidelissima

I'm a British Jew and I fiercely suport Netanyahu, as do all my British Jewish friends, French ones, German ones, etc

you lie again.

Bonkim

Bigoted lot like you should return to Israel – we don't want you here.

logdon

Would you say that to Pakistanis who judging by recent events are a thousand times more toxic than any Jew?

Bonkim

What an idiot again – Pakistanis coming from a backward part of the world and seeped in Islamic bigotry are to be judged by different standards to Israelis who are expected to meet higher international standards.

Damaris Tighe

Israel is expected to meet standards that no first world country would comply with. It reminds me of the old joke. A Jew was buried up to the neck in the Collosseum in Rome & a lion set upon him. As the lion leapt on him the Jew bit him. The crowds shouted 'fight fair Jew!'.

Bonkim

Look beyond the immediate

logdon

Why?

Bonkim

because they should know better and what Pakistanis do and how they behave far away does not matter but what Israel does blackens the West.

logdon

I'd call that racist.

Lamia

Pakistanis coming from a backward part of the world and seeped in Islamic bigotry are to be judged by different standards to Israelis who are expected to meet higher international standards.

Why? Why should any nation be expected to meet higher (or lower) standards of behaviour than another? Tolerating the abysmal while berating the imperfect-but-better is neither moral nor logical.

Bonkim

It all depends on whether those involved matter to you. I would expect higher standards from those I know and have to interact than from those that don't matter to me and don't care much about.

Lamia

I don't agree at all. Personally, I don't estimate the gravity of a wrongdoing primarily according to the identity of those who commit it but according to the degree and scale of harm done to innocents, whether I know those innocents or not.

It should not depend on whether the victims or the perpetrators 'matter to me personally'. The people who matter should be the victims, first and foremost. Everything else is, or should be, secondary.

To make it about those responsible for a wrongdoing and your expectations of them is an exercise in narcissism, not compassion.

Bonkim

No problem – you have every right to your belief in a free country – but I am no humanist but a pragmatist. Under English Law land belongs to the one occupying it for now – as such looking back in history to establish legal title is idiotic.

Having said that Israelis are expected to behave more intelligently and smartly to keep their country from the stoneage Mob that surrounds them and be a little considerate – there are better ways to achieve your goals than to carry out wholesale destruction and killings as all Israel is doing is to create more hatred – and the Palestinians/Hamas can

take punishment and life is cheap in their ranks – so plenty of cannon fodder waiting to die.

The key is to use your strength wisely looking at the longer term and the US/West are not going to Israel's survival for ever if it carries on like this.

Humanity and compassion do not come into my consideration – you have to one step ahead and smarter than the one bent on eliminating you.

Lamia

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This has nothing to do with what I was talking about. I was simply arguing that it is not moral or even logical to expect more of some nations and less of others. I didn't make any comment or argument about legal title to land or anything like that, so I don't know where you got that from.

Bonkim

You don't appear to get the fact that people choose not to associate with some others but those they choose to associate with are judged by their prevailing norms. Israel is linked through history to Britain/Europe and is a guarantor of its survival in a hostile land but Pakistan is far away populated by people from a backward religion and culture and having little in common with Western values. As such what goes on in Pakistan is of no relevance when comparing with the way Israel behaves closer to home. I don't believe all people are equal – those I don't like/care I ignore unless they pose a threat.

Lamia

You don't appear to get the fact that people choose not to associate with others outside their zone of interest.

I do get that many people do that. But not associating with them need not mean using a different set of ethical criteria towards them.

Those they choose to associate with are judged by higher standards.

Speak for yourself.

As such what goes on in Pakistan is of no relevance when comparing with the way Israel behaves closer to home.

In the first place, Israel is not much 'closer to home' than Pakistan, and in the second it is of relevance when Israel is presented as some unique, monstrous, Nazi-like blight

on the world, when it is clearly nothing of the kind and a minor offender compared to plenty of other countries, including in its own neighbourhood.

I don't believe all people are equal – those I don't like/care I ignore unless they pose a threat.

There you go with the narcissism again. Whether or not you like or care about someone has no bearing on whether human beings are or ought to be treated as fundamentally equal.

And you still haven't explained what all this was about:

Under English Law land belongs to the one occupying it for now – as such looking back in history to establish legal title is idiotic.

As already noted, I didn't comment on anything remotely connected to that.

Bonkim

In a discussion one thing leads to another - so don't expect responses to be clinically linked to what you may or may not have written down.

Regards English Law – Israel was founded by force – same as the Russians taking over Crimea or involved in helping Russian Ukrainians. All through history groups of people have occupied land and displaced those that were there. So even assuming Israel has no God given right to occupy Palestinian lands and forming their new country – it is a fact and now more or less irrevocable fact. The Nazi regime did that sort of thing.

Regards higher standards – Israel is embarrassing its supporters/guarantors in the West by blatant illegality of building new settlements on lands occupied following the six day war. Would you have accepted it as legitimate if the US and Britain displaced parts of say Germany to set up US and British settlements? Or say France divided parts of Algeria and Tunisia to set up European settlements and posted an Army to secure these settlement zones? That is the analogy to Israel's settlements on the West Bank and the creeping taking over of Palestinian lands for more settlements. From point of strength Israel is doing it because it has the power to do so – but power does not always equate to right and so expect Israel to be linked to the wild West – the Nazi analogy may be out of scale in comparison but not in principle.

Don't expect a blow by blow response you just have to take it as it is – not of concern to me.

Lamia

I am not interested in being persistently lectured on a subject I haven't made any comment on. Fuck off.

Bonkim

Juvenile tantrums. Mental health is much in the news – get an appointment..

Lamia

The mental health problem is entirely your own. You've ranted at length at about an issue – legal entitlement to land, apparently – that I've made not even the faintest comment on, and despite me pointing this out, you've gone on and on about it as if I had.

You are weirdly obsessed with Israel and its sins. Don't presume that everyone else who disagrees with you on a general point shares your preoccupation with a particular country.

Bonkim

I thought you had disappeared but note removed swear words from your earlier post. I don'r care either way what happens to Israel or Israelis – not my area of interest. Not being judgemental – just an observer of human history and nature.

tonygreenstein

Well Israel calls itself 'the only democracy in the Middle East' and a western state. But less bigotry about Pakistanis. the Americans also did their best to support the most reactionary forms of Islam there (remember Gen. Zia ul Haq who was killed in a plane alongside the US Ambassador)?

Think people like Tariq Ali, leader of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign

Lamia

But less bigotry about Pakistanis

Your comprehension is faulty. There was no bigotry about Pakistanis in what I wrote. None. The bigotry was in the previous poster – writing of them as if nothing good could (and therefore should) be expected of Pakistanis compared to Israelis. Pakistan also terms itself a democracy, as do a number of states in the Middle East, so the suggestion of exceptionalism is meaningless in itself. There is hardly a country in the world that does not call itself a democracy. North Korea terms itself a democracy. That is never used as a reason to criticise it for its human rights abuses.

I do not expect higher or lower standards of human beings due to their nationality; I expect the same. I criticise shortcomings in proportion to degree and scale, not according to nationality. And status as a democracy or not is neither here nor there. Much of the persecution in the world is the work not of states but of groups of ordinary non-state actors and individuals.

tonygreenstein

My apologies for mistaking the previous person's bigotry for your own opinions.

Israel doesn't merely term itself a democracy, as opposed to an ethnocracy which it is, but its propagandists ('hasbaraists) call it 'the only democracy in the Middle East' therefore it should be subject to some scrutiny when we see its own Prime Minister urging Jews to come out and vote as the Arabs are doing so in 'droves'.

If you orientate your policy to ensuring that Arabs or non-Jews remain as small a minority as possible, admitting any Jew and indeed trying to ensure they can't go anywhere else but Israel, as was with the case with Russian Jews, whilst denying Palestinians who've been living abroad the right to come back after a couple of years (Jerusalem residents for example) talk of 'democracy' is laughable.

What happens in Israel is a manipulation of the electorate to ensure that there is a permanent Jewish majority and that meant the forcible expulsion of 3/4 million and the massacre of many thousands in 1948.

Infidelissima

I am a BRITISH JEW AND I AM HERE TO STAY!

My family has been here for centuries, my ancestors fought in both world wars next to non jewish Brits.

I pay taxes, and I'm voting UKIP.

If you like, YOU can phack off to Gaza, to be with your pets and help them launch rockets at Israel.

Bye.

p.s.: but don't complain when you get bombs in return, cause you know that's the deal

Guest

So, you are part of a small, distinct minority – and you only mix with others on the hard right.

I have a wider base of friends based on that, and as I said – the kind of intolerance Netanyahu has shown to other Jews…let alone others..

Infidelissima

if it makes you sleep any better, I suppose you can continue lying to yourself the same ppl who were shouting loudly and adamantly how unpopular Netanyahu was, suddenly shuffled off like cockroaches, when he won – again.

tonygreenstein

then f*ck off and join him. Racists unite

Hippograd

Except, of course, that there's very little support for Netenyahu among Britain's Jews...

Yes, that's why they're boycotting Israel while he's prime minister. "Not one foot will I set on Israel's soil or one grape will I buy till he's gone, already!" as Maureen Lipman, Danny Cohen, Lord Janner and countless others have proclaimed.

their loathsome policies there.

"Not one grape!"

You would, of course, expel many British Jews in your little purge. As their skins are not white.

Me? It's not me who's putting up massive fences to keep members of the Black community out of my so-called country.

Guest

Ah, you'd just kill them all. Right.

Hippograd

Ah, you'd just kill them all. Right.

I suspect your imputation of genocidal tendencies to me is an example of what the late, great Sigmund Freud would call <u>projection</u>:

And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: 14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat

the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. [...] But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: 17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: 18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

The Judeo-Christian tradition

• Linda Smith

How do you know. Is there a poll?

• Peter Stroud

I think we have another example of Miliband's two faced nature. Embraces his Jewishness when it suits his purpose, then rejects it to gain the support of the Muslims.

• Hybird

True. When he went to Israel he was proudly telling them that he was a Zionist – not something he ever mentions (for some strange reason) when wooing the Muslims.

Roger Hudson

His photo-op with Netanyahu was nauseating. Support for Israel as the democratic place in the middle east is good but avoid the militaristic nutters. And avoid the bacon sandwich in future(stick to the smoked turkey). Real support for Jews(religious or just ethnic)in Britain is needed more than ever, all parties need to get with it.

o jim

The "jewish vote" has traditionally always and without exception been in favour of whatever measures will make the white christian west less white,less christian,less western. Immigration is the most important issues facing this country. Like most people I am sick of the middle-east. I feel the Israelis should be given a lot of elbow room when it comes to the measures they deem necessary to keep their citizens safe but it's not my problem and I don't appreciate it always being an issue in our elections when Israel itself has the kind of immigration regulations which the "jewish vote" in my country deems unacceptable for us.

o Vera

Probably the Muslims outnumber Jews.

■ Brian J.

About 10 to 1, as of the 2011 Census.

• Dave

Perhaps they are clever enough to have read the policies and vote on that basis, I know that is my criteria

o Leon Wolfeson

Certainly it's why I'm not voting Labour. Of course, I'm also not voting conservative, being a moderate left winger.

• Damaris Tighe

Miliband & Obama have done a head count & can see that the Muslim electorate are the future. The so-called Jewish vote — which is far more instinctively conservative than some Spectator posters believe — is outnumbered.

sir_graphus

nutshell

o Guest

"which is far more instinctively conservative"

Ah, you knows the Jews. Right.

Infidelissima

I'm a Jew and he is right. I'm voting UKIP.

Bonkim

You are no intelligent Jew or would not have come out with such bigotry. Jews have contributed much to world thinking – but you and Nethanyahu are exceptions.

logdon

You are a disgusting racist.

Bonkim

You are no intelligent Jew – a disgrace to the many intelligent Jews of the world.

• logdon

How would you know?

Bonkim

How do you know I am a racist?

logdon

Because you'd agree with her.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ownvVnxRaUY

Guest

No True Scotsman.

Bonkim

Don't respond to faceless cowards.

Guest

I'll respond to any faceless cowards I like, ty!

Bonkim

Be my guest!

Infidelissima

you would not know what an 'intelligent Jew' would look like, if he rammed his Nobel Prize down your gob

Infidelissima

I revel in the knowledge that you oppose netanyahu: under whose leadership there have never been such few Israeli casualties of terrorism. A true protector of his people. What a monster.

p.s.: Rotherham and the rest of the industrial mass muslim rape machine, would have never happened, had Britain a leader, half like him.

Guest

Yes, he'd of made sure that there were camps for doing it to the opposition.

Your Jihad against people due to their origin, like your far right, continues.

Damaris Tighe

She \square

Shorne

OK, but just bear in mind that polls have shown that UKIP supporters are more anti-Semitic than other political parties' supporters and some of the groups in the EFDD group in the European Parliament that Farage allied UKIP with so as to keep his snout in the EU financial trough are neo-Nazi in all but name.

dlp6666

Interesting points but I wonder, though, if UKIP supporters are much more anti-Islam(ist) than anti-semitic.

The UKIP manifesto itself doesn't seem too 'anti-Jewish'.

Shorne

Well one wouldn't expect any party manifesto to be openly racist, with the possible exception of Britain First and similar.

As I have often mentioned before having spent the final 13 years of my working life working in a prison and thus seen the front line of the negative effects of immigration I support the idea of immigration control.

However I despise UKIP as ,while not appearing to be openly racist, it attracts, and thus acts as a conduit for people with racist and other repellant views. Which is why Farage has to spend a disproportionate amount of time condemning things his supporters have said and then suspending those who said them or ordering them to retract. This from last year for example;

" UKIP MEP apologised last night for retweeting a link to a virulently anti-Semitic

blog after her party had initially mounted an extraordinary defence of the politician. Jane Collins, who was elected this year to represent Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire, posted a link to a page of an extremist blog attacking Labour's deputy leader Harriett Harman over allegations an organisation she once worked for had links to paedophile rights campaigners. The opening sentence referred to the politician as a "Jewess" – which she is not.

Featured elsewhere on the blog are vehemently anti-Semitic posts including one entitled 'Book review: Jewish supremicism by Dr David Duke'. Another post called 'Holocaust or Holohoax? 21 amazing facts' is featured in a list of the site's most popular posts.

Somebody described UKIP supporters as 'Shouting Golf Club bar room bores' quite accurate in my view.

Hybird

But this example in no way proves that the MEP actually shared these views, does it? It just shows that people should be very careful what they link to because these days you are immediately guilty by association. And that is what you have done in this case – by condemning UKIP because of a link provided by one member.

In fact, UKIP should be the party of choice for Britain's Jews. Only Farage dares to mention the Muslim "fifth column" while the rest bleat their "Nothing to do with Islam" lies after every Islamic atrocity. They will still be saying the same when a kosher supermarket is attacked in London. After all, they said it after the attack in Paris. The Tories, Lib-Dems and Labour are not going to help the Jews – they quite obviously are in the pockets of Islam. Cameron quite happily tells us that he wants us to a have a Muslim Prime Minister. I bet British Jews are really looking forward to that.

Guest

So Jews should vote for isolationism and closed borders, and being next up for being purged after the Muslims. Right. UKIP chose to sit with people in the EU Parliament who actively and strongly involved in driving out the Jewish population of their country, for instance.

There has been graffiti from your far right on a Kosher supermarket in London, in fact. You are in the pockets of Anti-Semites.

wudyermucuss

Again,grafitti.And how do you know it was "far right"?Do you consider Islamist far right?

Not a machine gun is it?

I know who I consider the biggest threat.

Shorne

I used that link as an example of the racist and anti-Semitic types that infest UKIP. A recent poll shows that nearly 70% of UK Jews intend to vote Tory with 2% supporting UKIP.

■ Brian J.

That's the same Jewish Chronicle poll discussed in the article. Hey, at least they're tied with the LibDems.

Wessex Man

As far as I can see you've supplied no link at all, this is because you don't have one you liar.

Shorne

I should have said quote rather than link so here's the link: http://www.jewishnews.co.uk/ukips-extraordinary-defence-mep-retweeted-link-anti-semitic-blog/

Yet again you've called me a liar when I'm not, typical desperate UKIP tactics.

milford

As we all are ;-(

wudyermucuss

How about openly Islamist haters who Lab/Lib/Con representatives actually endorse and share platform with and invite to the house?

A dodgy blog link?

Pah!

Somebody described leftist supporters as 'Shouting student union bar bores' quite accurate in my view.

Shorne

I think such people and many UKIP supporters are as bad as each other.

Shorne

Well at my college the bar always seemed full of the members of the college's branch of the Monday Club. Don't assume I'm 'leftist' I was so appalled by the Blair/Brown mob that I voted Tory in 2010.

wudyermucuss

Me too!

Vera

It's just that MSM delights in publishing bad things against UKIP, all parties have these nutters but they are usually overlooked.

Alexsandr

of course there is the racist abbott.....

Jim

If that were true it would be the BNP rather than UKIP on the rise.

Shorne

Their sympathisers have UKIP as a stalking horse.

Jim

And then blam! Thew BNP ride in and take the glory and a load of votes? I don't think so.

Shorne

I didn't say that but UKIP acts as a conduit for BNP and similarly inclined supporters and thus keeps their twisted doctrines alive. Note this is from that noted left-wing publication The Daily Mail,

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2973998/Six-Ukip-candidates-links-racist-groups-Party-launches-probe-BNP-cartoon-stereotyping-minorities-posted-online.html

As I have said very often before the 13 years I spent working in a large Cat. B Local Prison amply demonstrated to me the need for immigration control and effective deportation but I despise UKIP.

Jim

A cheap smear.

Shorne

Stating facts does not amount to a smear.

Jim

Do the same to the other parties with racists tagging along for the ride then.

Leon Wolfeson

Eh – scratch the far right and you'll fine anti-Semetic sentiments under thw surface.

wudyermucuss

Anti Jewish sentiment is cross party/cultural/racial. Attempting to isolate it as a far right issue is simply false.

Leon Wolfeson

Oh right, looking at the majority practitioners is false. Yea.

Hybird

I don't believe these polls of yours. Labour have massive support from the Muslim community and the Muslim community is anti-Semitic to the core. It is actually impossible to be a Muslim and not be anti-Semitic as Islam teaches that the "Last Day" will not come until the Muslims have killed all the Jews.

Guest

You speak for yourself, Muslim. Plenty of other Muslims don't have issues with Jews.

wudyermucuss

Read the book.

Guest

...And then discuss what people actually do.

Or are you saying you follow all of Mein Kampf?

Wessex Man

halfwit.

• Brogan75

I would keep 1 million Jews in my country rather than 1000 muslims.

Shorne

They aren't my polls they were conducted by YouGov and published in the Telegraph in January this year.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11345858/Revealed-the-most-anti-Semitic-people-in-Britain-and-who-they-vote-for.html

■ Brian J.

Sadly, many Christians also believe all the Jews must convert or die when the Rapture comes.

kittydeer

Absolutely untrue with the exception of a few cranks.

■ Brian J.

Must be different in Britain. Rapture belief is very widespread in America.

• Ric Euteneuer

Just a few...

http://www.thecommentator.com/article/3108/awkward anti semitism rears head ag ain_in_ukip

http://metro.co.uk/2013/04/25/ukip-candidate-anna-marie-crampton-suspended-over-holocaust-comments-3667533/

 $\underline{http://hurryupharry.org/2012/05/31/ukip-councillor-resigns-for-saying-jewish-race-is-endemically-racist/}$

http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/394930/Ukip-election-candidate-suspended-over-antisemitic-comments

http://swns.com/news/ukip-candidate-claims-jews-murdered-holocaust-masterplan-create-state-israel-34642/

little islander

'Sadly'?

■ Brian J.

I consider people who wish for the death of millions to be pretty sad. And if you're not familiar with the Rapture, the conversion/ death of the Jews is one of the lesser atrocities that God will supposedly commit.

little islander

'lesser', you said. Dear me. No, I am not that familiar. But I was sure from the few encounters I had with Christians pining for armageddon and Rapture that they aren't sad at all about it. They strike me as people afflicted with a huge schadenfreude complex.

van Lomborg

I watched NOAH over Christmas and then again at Easter – the levels of mindless violence fuelled by religious dogma truly shocked me.

van Lomborg

And then I read a book. This one:

Deuteronomy 7

"When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you— 2 and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them,

then you must destroy them totally.[a] Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.

3 Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, 4 for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the Lord's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you. 5 This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles[b] and burn their idols in the fire. 6 For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession."

WTF dude! You mentally ill or wot?

Shorne

They aren't my polls

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11345858/Revealed-the-most-anti-Semitic-people-in-Britain-and-who-they-vote-for.html

dep

I am presently in Paris. Marine Le Pen has an increasing Jewish and Gay support. I wonder why.

• Gersh Levine

So am I.

I back what you've just said.

Guest

Yea, a whole 3% of the Jewish community in polling. Hmm!

Shorne

Perhaps because she has come out so strongly against her neo-Nazi father. However I am reliably informed that this could be as much a family broigus as anything else as old man Le Pen is favouring a daughter from another marriage.

• john p reid

And the NF in the 1970's liked Islam as it hated the Jews, and hitler admired it as a religion.

jim

Aren't these exactly the same people who have always been belly-aching for more and more mass immigration? Neve could have too much of it. Now they change their tune. Too late. The bigots were right.

wudyermucuss

That was political necessity and involved a few members comments.

I am far more concerned at Islamic anti Jewish sentiment and the ignoring of it by most on the left.

Get back to me when far rightists are machine gunning Jews on a regular intermittent basis.

Exactly.

Shorne

I am concerned too as my wife and children are Jewish and I am always relieved when she gets home from Schul. The views expressed by Golden Dawn, Jobbik and Svoboda suggest they would not hesitate to resort to extreme violence if they thought they could get away with it.

Guest

Right. You want to go back to the Reich.

Wessex Man

You are a liar, show any any link at all that Ukip is anti-Semitic, I've seen your lying posts on these pages before, you should be ashamed of your

• Shorne

I've now posted the link and here's some more

http://rt.com/uk/225575-ukip-anti-semitism-poll/

 $\underline{http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/apr/26/ukip-election-candidate-suspended-\underline{alleged-comments}}$

http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2014/oct/21/nigel-farage-jews-polish-far-right-ukip-deal-robert-iwaszkiewicz

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2314830/UKIP-rocked-Holocaust-row-BNP-members-leader-Nigel-Farage-ad

Also check out Joseph Quirk UKIP council candidate in Bolton, He shares material claiming Jewish bankers financed Hitler, Soviet Communism, 9/11 and Israel, and says: "This doesn't even scratch the surface..."

Quirk warns UKIP's critics: "Watch this space any of you brain deficient doubters out there. I would personally cull the lot of you. You are an absolute disgrace to democracy AND the human race!!!" Hey wait a minute you're not him are you?

UKIP attracts anti-Semites like flies to a dung heap.

Johnnydub

Oh for fucks sake there is far more significant Anti Semitism in the LibDems such as the frothing David Ward or Jenny Tonge.

Shorne

The two parties are as bad as each other.

dep

Me too.

Guest

Part of well under 5%...

wudyermucuss

Me too, but the recent JC poll put Jewkippers at very low numbers.

Gersh Levine

Same here, I'm voting ironically from abroad. Go UKIP

• Ric Euteneuer

http://rt.com/uk/225575-ukip-anti-semitism-poll/

More than half of the UK Independence Party's (UKIP) supporters wouldn't accept a Jewish prime minister, recent polls show. The results come as the British Ambassador to the UN pledged to eradicate anti-Semitism in the UK.

Only 48 percent of UKIP supporters intending to vote for the party in the next general election said they believed a Jewish leader would be as "acceptable" as any other potential candidate.

o jeffersonian

Which is why we need to start talking repatriation. Why not start with the ones who openly want to destroy our society?

albert pike

"Which is why we need to start talking repatriation"

Back to Russia, fantastic idea

Guest

only if you mussies go back to Saudi first!!

• Ric Euteneuer

Coming from an American, that is ironic in the extreme...

jeffersonian

British old chap.

Jerry S

While you talk about repatriating Muslims (sorry, I meant "asians"), Government traitors on the left and semi-right import even more. Time is not on our side.

The Laughing Cavalier

A cynical opportunism that will rebound on them in a big way.

Damaris Tighe

Indeed.

TellyGraf

What an idiot. In the US the percentage of Jews in the population is 1.8% and of Muslims is only 0.9%, less than the number of Buddhists at 1.2%.

http://www.pewforum.org/2015/05/12/americas-changing-religious-landscape/

The growth of the Muslim population is insufficient to make the population a large fraction of the total any time soon:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_United_States#Religions_of_American_adults

Meanwhile the black population is 12.2% and the total Hispanic population amounts to 16.4%.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics of the United States#Race and ethnicity

There is no way any American politician would believe that the secret to his electability is the support of the minuscule number of Muslims.

James

2010 – Jewish lobbyists put Cameron in power – biggest donors to the party.

o tolpuddle1

Until the rest of the Global 1% got on board as well.

• Cobbett

Israel isn't a part of the UK. No reason why any prospective PM should give it any special treatment(Jew or not). Considering Nuttyahoo and the Israel lobby in Washington are hell bent on war with Iran they should be given the widest berth possible.

o Infidelissima

Is Gaza a part of the UK?

Because I remember distinctively the NHS sending teams of doctors and nurses to Gaza last summer, to bandage injured terrorists, in a war, they started, while neglecting the British. And your taxes paid for that.

You also help to pay for their rockets and tunnels, which are dug by children – an estimated 130 died due to tunnel collapse and asphyxiated underground. Kids don't make good engineers and the BBC does not like to mention such minor details.

Bonkim

Israel should know better than any not to behave like Nazis in the occupied lands.

logdon

Oh why don't you just fuck off you boring prat?

Bonkim

What an idiot!

Infidelissima

I wish you'd take a flotilla to Gaza if you love it so much

you will not be missed

Damaris Tighe

That is such an idiotic comment that it makes me wish that you had lived in Nazi occupied Poland so that you could appreciate the difference. Saying that Israelis are like N*zis is simply an attempt to remove guilt for Jewish suffering by alleging that they are the same as their persecutors. That being said, I wish that Israel was out of the West Bank asap.

Bonkim

Bleeding hearts apart – Israelis of all people should not forget the Holocaust – but increasingly appear to be doing so in the way they are terrorizing the refugees in their camps where they were displaced following occupation of Palestine.

The fact remains that Israel has been founded on land occupied by force and no people have any God-given right to territory.

But recognize might is right and natural forces should play out and decide the future. Israel or the Jews should not be part of the British election scene.

I have nothing against Jews or Israel and Jews have contributed much to the world but detest the nationalistic/religious bigotry that triggers the worst in some Jewish people

– not much different from similar sentiments amongst followers of islam or the Nazis in pre-War Germany. Collective punishment was the methods used by the Nazis and not a lot different from Israeli action in the Refugee camps of Gaza. Killing innocent women and children will not gain sympathy or credits for Israelis many of whom detest the crimes carried out in their name.

Damaris Tighe

Israeli doesn't get sympathy or credits whatever it does. People forget that it pulled out of Gaza in order to gain international credit – & look what happened. And then it's still excoriated for dealing with the results of its withdrawal.

Bonkim

Israel particularly Likud no different from the other side – does not wish to implement the two-state solution. Get serious and look up history of Israel's formation and subsequent military occupation, new settlements, and other illegal acts. The West has supported and guaranteed Israel because of the original sin of colluding in its formation out of Palestinian lands.

However recognize the reality and that Israel is a fact regardless of the rights and wrongs – but that does not mean one should not comment or criticize when Israel steps out of line with civilized behaviour. There are more intelligent methods for safeguarding Israeli civilians from the rockets unleashed by Hamas – more in desperation that with any serious intentions/effects.

What Israel is forgetting is that it is in the middle of a people alien to its belief and culture and that the US/West may not be able to guarantee to come to its help for ever. If Israel had any sense would look at its long term future given the situation as it is. The Arab population and global politics are against its long term survival unless Israel becomes permanent part of the local scene rather than as an outpost of the West.

The Jews have been survivors as their history shows and are creative and intelligent – and the present Likud years must be seen as an aberration, will not last if/when there is an all out war – and the Arabs can take the hit as life is cheap but the Israelis are fewer in numbers and despite their superior fire power will have coping with total war. IS is getting stronger every day and they have the strength of the Zealots – the strength that the Zionists had when Israel was created..

Guest

Ah yes, "intelligent"...let's see...evacuating Israel?

And yes, you're quite alien to the West. As you demand Israel dies.

Bonkim

No comment to faceless cowards.

Linda Smith

Isnt that a good reason for staying in the west bank?

Damaris Tighe

Retaining military control there with the intention of one day withdrawing is not the same as building permanent settlements.

Guest

Ah, the camps. The camps which Arab countries have kept Palestinians in. Which are not being threatened, in any way.

And right, no Jews should be allowed in the UK, you have nothing against us but would expel us all, of course, as you blame Jews for everything. And whine because Hamas is opposed.

Bonkim

No comment to faceless cowards. Jews are not victims, can take care of themselves through fair means and don't hide themselves.

Infidelissima

'can take care of themselves'

why do you complain when they do, then?

tonygreenstein

What's this 'N*zis'? Are the Nazis God?

I suggest certain people read up on the Kasztner trial in Israel when the leader of Hungarian Zionism was accused, by survivors of the Hungarian holocaust, of betraying half a million Jews to save the Zionist & Jewish elite

Infidelissima

Israelis show more humanity and compassion to their worst enemies, than muslims show their own

they could easily carpet bomb gaza within a few hours Israelis have had 68 years and countless opportunities, not to mention the right arms to completely obliterate them

Nazis killed 6 Million Jews in 6 years (!), while the total death toll on both sides in the I/P conflict in 68 years numbers less than 20,000

your comparison is ignorant and deeply flawed and a quick google search shows this

insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result, and for 68 years Palestians have been 'resisting', without achieving phack all for their people

sociopaths

• Linda Smith

The Muslim Arabs will never give up fighting Israel cos they' re the infidel jews

o logdon

Considering that only last week Iran yet again promised to wipe out Israel.

Talk about deflection?

Resnonverba59

I care not who makes the laws as long as I control the money No special treatment ??

Cobbett

Exactly(obviously that's how it should be) Even UKIP have a Friends of Israel group. Security for Jewish schools amounts to £2bn a year, and Cameron has pledged more.

Hybird

He's lost the Jewish vote? Perhaps they have seen the nauseating Youtube clips of him wishing our marvellous Muslim community "Eid Mubarak." If anyone hasn't seen them, be warned – you'll need a sick-bag. Grovelling like that should carry a warning.

James Jones

"marvellous"

You mean 'odious' surely?

o will91

Cameron's is worse.

"Charity, now this is something really big in Islam." He say's this with a real shit eating smug grin on his face.

Linda Smith

I think you will find that in Islam charity only extends to Muslims. People of the book, Jews and Christians have to be subjugated and pay a tax, the jizya, to their Muslim overlords.

will91

Oh precisely! That's the funniest part. It's an open secret that the proceeds of "Charity work" goes straight into the coffers of death cults like Hamas.

Alexsandr

and the charity commission stand by and let it happen.

will91

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDbm90BoUK0

Get the sick bag ready. My favourite part is when he says "We see this selfless spirit of giving all year round"

He should have mentioned those who are happily giving up their time to travel to some of the most dangerous conflict zones...:/

o Vera

Maybe it was the bacon buttie what did it for him.

michael boyd

The Casus Belli was the murder of the three Israeli kids, exploited by Likud who hid the confirmed deaths of the children in order to intiate search (and destroy) missions in the West Bank to punish the Palestinians there before unleashing state terror in Gaza- what was Clausewitz's maxim?. What's not to criticise, is he desperate for this inconsequential vote?

Infidelissima

go phake yourself Sir.

Bonkim

I have nothing against the Jews or Israelis but idiotic bigotry expressed here is poor PR for Jews.

Infidelissima

i'd rather be a bigot against muslims and islamophobe, than a dhimmi and islamophile at least that way my daughters are protected and I can still look at myself in the mirror

Shedboy

Mmm, nicely reasoned there.

• Leon Wolfeson

He's Jewish, but secular, which honestly is a little off-putting for many of the more religious Jews in the country in itself. (For myself, I don't care)

He's also very, very badly mis-stepped by criticising the action in Gaza. I am a left winger, a Labour Zionist, a supporter of Peace Now and detest the Israeli government. But...Netenyahu had no choice on Gaza. None at all. This isn't the same as the situation in the West Bank with the ****ing settlements, this is a case of attacks, terror tunnels, and Hamas.

His inattention to community security issues in the UK has also lost him a lot of ground.

o Damaris Tighe

Leon, I'm replying here to your reply to me as you went 'Guest'. I made the point that more Jews are instinctively conservative than some Spectator posters believe because a small number repeatedly post that Jews are in effect a destructive liberal/leftist block. This is of course untrue whether or not you are on the left or right & simply scapegoats (once again) the Jews for Britain's self made problems.

Personally I am right of centre in relation to the UK, but dislike Netanyahu & his party & the **** ing settlements, which would make me left of centre in relation to Israeli politics. You can't conflate the two – the political problems of one country are completely different from the other & call for differing responses.

Guest

Not interested when you do that.

Damaris Tighe

Do what?

o wince

And it might be said that the Israelis had no choice but to re-elect Netenyahu.

Maurice Ernst

I corresponded with Ed Miliband by email before his psuing through Parliament a vote for recognition of a Palestinian State. His aide replied, in his name, stating that the correct response to Palestinian terror and rocket attacks on Israeli civilians was to give into to their demands as this would lessen the violence in the region. This is in shaprt contrast to his brother David Miliband who when interviewed about Winston Churchill said Churchill was correct in his determination to never give in to terror and Hitler.

o Mow the Grass

Miliband's religion is marxism.

He has no connection to Judaism or to Jews.

As such he has no understanding of the situation viz a viz Israel vs Palestinians.

Basically he just wishes that it would all go away ie Israel.

He is a diabolical piece of work and will destroy Britain if he ever manages to get anywhere near no 10.

Miliband is the kind of 'jew' that any self respecting Jew would spit on if they got close enough.

Bonkim

Why should a future British PM pander to bigoted Jewish nationalism?

Mow the Grass

To keep your friendly muslim populace on point. Thats why.

Shedboy

Can we take it that you're not actually a British citizen, and therefore don't really have a say in how we should vote or how a British politician campaigns?

Guest

What utter tosh. If your mother is a Jew, you're Jewish. Dealwithit.

And no, most Jews don't share your kind of hate and filthy personal habits. Not voting for him is quite sufficient, as you make wild claims and blame him for your dislike of the UK.

Mow the Grass

Court jew Worst type

Like a kapo

Aiding and abetting.

You and your little snivelling pal.

Peas in a pod as you would say.

Guest

Yes yes, you keep hating all Jews.

tolpuddle1

Mow_the_Grass:

Aren't you being rather soft on Ed?

I'd always understood that he's a Galactic Fiend who'll unleash a fleet of alien spacecraft against Planet Earth once elected.

Infidelissima

Ed Miliband is a weak and spineless turd.

Bonkim

He is a principled man.

Infidelissima

only if by 'principled' you mean 'traitorous'

tolpuddle1

So you dislike him?

But perhaps that says more about you than about Ed?

Infidelissima

perhaps it does not, since many dislike him

Shedboy

Which country do you think he's betraying?

o Bonkim

Why should Miliband support Israel? And yes – Israelis should know better than any not to behave like the Nazis in dealing with their oppressed minorities.

Infidelissima

If Israel behaved like Nazis, there would be no Palestinians left by now.

Maybe they can ask Muslims how to be like Nazis: after all, Muslims are responsible for ethnically cleansing entire large countries of CHristians and other minorities, not to mention they are GASSING people....

mightymark

The closest the Palestinians have come to being treated as the Nazis treated the Jews was by the fellow Muslims (ISIS) at Yarmouk.

Infidelissima

Is that still going on?

The MSM has been so quiet...

mightymark

I wonder why!

Bonkim

It is all relative. there were many Nazis that helped Jews.

Maurice Ernst

You Bonkim are slandering Israelis and far from truthful. There is no comparison, The Nazis rounded up Jews, created an efficient death machine and literally processed them into soap. On Holocaust rememberance day this weak Israel's president spoke up condemning the murder of tens of thousands of Palestinians in Yarmouk Refugee camp. No other government has shown expressed any interest in their welfare! Israel is without doubt the most moral enlightened country in the world, and a beacon of human rights and democracy in a region filed with despots and religious fanatics.

Bonkim

Maurice Ernst – all these are relative comparisons. Israel given its history needs to be whiter than white in a sea of backward cultures that surrounds it – Ignoring the history of Israel's foundation by force and terrorism, its later history of building settlements on land snatched from Palestinians, or displacing even more Palestinians and the way the Israel has ignored UN resolutions, and carried out collective punishment repeatedly is not something I hope you are trying to justify in playing the victim game in relation to the Holocaust.

Hamas is rabble and regardless of the periodic rocket attacks – more out of frustration and knowing fully that it is just pinpricks to an organisationally, militarily and technologically advanced regional power armed with sophisticated countermeasures and intelligence – Israel's behaviour and unleashing massive and destructive force is just bloody minded evil. Now whether killing a few hundred women and children in retaliation to a few rockets hurled randomly at Israel equates to the acts of the Nazi death squads is neither here or there – it is the principle of unleashing random death on women and children and the mindset that is behind such acts and the fact that Israel has failed to accommodate the two state principle and failed to use its considerable intellect and power to find a mutually acceptable solution – those that have greater power and higher intellect are judged by higher standards. Israel has come out as the evil one even in the West that guarantees its security.

The real question is how long the US and the West will keep backing Israel on the face of such mindless acts.

tonygreenstein

there are many comparisons between Zionism and the Nazis. that was why Zionism welcomed Hitler and even set up a trading pact, Ha'avara with it, when most Jews were boycotting the Nazi state.

Before 1941 the Nazis behaved in very similar ways to Israel and how it treats the Palestinans.

Incidentally there is no evidence that the Nazis processed anyone into soap. It was a myth that was very widespread, not least in Poland.

Israel has had more than a hand in what is happening in Syria and is in unofficial alliance with Isis.

Harvela

How was your weekend Tony? I hear you lost a conference. That's careless. #Southamptonuniversityfail #hatefestfail #asajewfail

tonygreenstein

Nothing compared to yours. I hear that one of the principal Zionist figures in Britain, the detestable Grovel Janner, is too senile to face up to allegations that he was a serial child abuser and rapist.

Maybe he thought they were Palestinian children? They do that a lot in Israel. http://azvsas.blogspot.co.uk/2015/04/alison-saunders-protects-janner-from.html

o Vera

David was right.

• Bonkim

Good for Miliband that he is not a Jewish bigot. And why should a prospective British Prime Minister pander to narrow religious nationalism?

Resnonverba59

Could he possibly be a Marxist bigot then?

Bonkim

Marxists are highly intelligent people and very practical. They are not taken by bigotry which is in the realms of people that don't have thinking ability and hence believe in religion to explain their failings.

Resnonverba59

bigot- intolerance towards those who hold differing opinions from oneself.

Would seem to describe a Marxist to a T.

Leon Wolfeson

Not really. There's plenty of open-minded Marxists.

Trots, now...

Bonkim

Tolerance need not equate to acceptance – I tolerate fools but discriminate against idiots.

Resnonverba59

fool— a person deficient in judgement, acts unwisely.

idiot— a person who is considered foolish or stupid.

You are welcome to the last word.

Infidelissima

an idiot: a person who keeps attacking another one for 68 years, much stronger than him, knowing, he will never win, and then complains about getting pounded back

a fool: see above

balance_and_reason

you cannot be serious

James Jones

I am an atheist and hold no particular truck with god botherers of any shade.

I do not however understand why the Jewish community does not support UKIP. Labour and the Tories are both fully behind the project to islamify Britain in the shortest order. Jews and atheists alike will be disposed of as the first order of business when this joint Labour and Tory project comes to fruition.

The only political party that shows any sign of resisting the vile medieval death cult is UKIP.

Whether you favour tax free millionaires or scrapping the bedroom tax, at the present every consideration other than the Tory-Labour islamisation project is of secondary importance.

Vote UKIP.

Alloa akbar.

Guest

Because of the far right connections, and the clear extremism you show there. Most UK Jews fully understand we'd be affected by any further rises in hate.

You make it plain you're worse than any "vile medieval death cult", as you also economically make it plain you're to the right of Ghengis Khan!

We're just Not That Dumb.

Mr Creosote

I beg to differ

Guest

Well yes, there's always a few. I said "most", and meant "most".

milford

In my area we have at least two Jewish guys who are very active in UKIP.

We have a promising Jewish candidate standing in this GE and it is my hope and dare I say expectation that he will win this seat for UKIP.

I hope UKIP attracts many more Jews who are disillusioned with the left in the same way that people from all walks of life and in all parts of the UK are.

Hell would freeze over before these people would vote Conservative.

UKIP gives them an alternative.

mightymark

UKIP oppose the Jewish and Muslim method of animal slaughter for meat. This seems to have been mainly an anti Muslim thing. When it was pointed out to them that it would effect the Jews too the UKIP spokesman said they were just "colateral". If that represents the attitude of UKIP to Jews it is very hard to see how any Jew could vote for them . Personally I find it hard how anyone could do so.

Alexsandr

unstunned slaughter is not acceptable in a civilised society. It should be banned whatever the reason.

milford

Nobody wants to be thought of as collateral and I do apologise on his behalf. However I don't think that's the current policy, I have had a look on the site and it's not mentioned plus it'd be very difficult to police.

mightymark

UKIP policy seems to be a bit of a moveable feast. I hear Mr Farage has read the manifesto this time round so you could ask him and report back – you know, just so we can be sure. I won't wait up though, so you take your time!

• artemis in france

I have never understood why Jews would generally vote Labour, a party which stands for big government, social engineering and now, it seems, mass immigration to the détriment of the host nation. In the expérience I have had with many Jews over a period of 20 years when I worked in the film business I always felt that they were hard-working, self-reliant and admired those who helped themselves to succèed and didn't rely on others to support them, and this included not being keen on welfare benefits claimants. Milliband's views have clearly been far more influenced by his atheist father than by his knowledge of what happened to his grand-parents during the Holocaust. His father was a useful idiot to the Communist Party and plainly tried to forget about his Jewish roots. Does this sound familiar? The only différence with Ed is that he seems to be keener on the Green left-wing movement than anything else. Just as dangerous though.

o Damaris Tighe

In the past Jews associated the Conservatives with a social elite which was often antisemitic. Of course, that changed to a degree & that's probably why their voting intentions have also changed.

Jackthesmilingblack

Still can't spell Miliband?

George Smiley

Aspergers alert (Number 15)!

George Smiley

Aspergers Alert (Number 20)!

o Resnonverba59

If you intend governing the world, best to have a finger in all the pies.

Damaris Tighe

My case rests m'lud.

o Guest

So you wonder why not hating the Other is something Jews have in the past voted for? Hmm!

Then you stereotype Jews, showing a complete misunderstanding of Jewish ethics. As you call a Jew dangerous.

Blindsideflanker

I really hate this ethnic tribalism, it is pure racism.

Will we hear if Miliband has lost the blond haired vote? Has he lost the Wiltshire vote?

If the majority of the electorate started playing this tribalism game the country would be well and truly f'd up

Resnonverba59

Would be????

o mrs 1234

Wake up!

Bonkim

This is a racist report – No reason to link David Miliband with his religious past or that bigoted Israeli nationalists will not vote for him. Miliband is Leader of a British political Party and has no common cause with Jews or Israel. It is good he is detached from religion or particular countries.

Guest

Ah, so you think he has no connection to the UK. Right.

Bonkim

Faceless and incoherent.

Mow_the_Grass

'Detached' - sums him up perfectly

Bonkim

Good you recognize superior intellect!

o James

How does it feel to be pseudointellectual?

Bonkim

Why be a pseudo when you are fully fleged?

• Scion

This author is mistaking the Zionist vote for the Jewish vote – they are not the same thing. And who cares about the Zionist vote anyway? Tories should stop sucking up to them, history will not judge it kindly.

o Guest

Oh yea, only a well over 98% correspondence. Right.

And how dare they not hate people for their religion blah blah.

o cartimandua

Anyone with a brain even non Jews want Israel to survive. We are not supposed to protect ourselves either.

Shedboy

"Anyone with a brain even non Jews" Even non Jews? Wow, even us, eh? Thanks for that.

tonygreenstein

You should know Shedboy that the Talmud forbids a Jew to save a non-Jew on the sabbath, unless it endangers a Jew. Non-Jews according to e.g. Lubbavitch (a Hasidic sect) have an animal soul and are sub-humans. I speak as someone who used to study at a Yeshivah (Jewish seminary)

Harvela

Antisemite or antizionist. Whoops forgot. You are both.

tonygreenstein

Zionists have a tendency to 'forget' or rather not remember. But as Herzl wrote 'the anti-Semites will become our most dependable friends, the anti-Semitic countries our allies. We want to emigrate as respected people.' Diaries of T Herzl (founder of Political Zionism) pp. 83-4.

And of course today fascist and anti-Semitic groups like the EDL and BNP are the most pro-Zionist. Harvey Garfield should in particular be aware as he has been snapped together with the EDL and various fascists and anti-Semites, including the Jewish Defence League

http://azvsas.blogspot.co.uk/2012/11/jonathan-hoffman-another-victim-of-anti.html

• Speedy

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Harvela

260,000 Jews v 3,500,000 Muslims . Nothing more needs to be said .

Scradje

One cannot help thinking that it would be rather better for the country if those figures were reversed.

Guest

I take 1 Jew over 1000 Muslims any-day

Guest

that was supposed to be the other way around, my apologies

o <u>tonygreenstein</u>

there's nothing more that you could say, for sure. Racists always speak of Jews (& Muslims) as one block. That's why they are racist dunderheads

• henryGrattan1800

who cares

English_Independence_Movement

Was it the Bacon sandwiches or the last minute convenient expression of religion

wudyermucuss

Ed says what he thinks he should.

His Jewishness is virtually irrelevant.

(As, surely, is Janner's, which the BBC decided to highlight in a report on the CPS decision).

• tolpuddle1

Miliband "losing" the Jewish vote can be exaggerated – since 1945, Western Jews have prospered and – amazingly enough! – have become politically more conservative – just as young revolutionaries often end up in the City.

It has to be said that some British Jews have overdone this process – that Thatcher and Cameron are Friends, doesn't mean the Right in general is friendly.

Leaving aside the Palaeo Right (who have only become less anti-semitic because they're more terrified of the Moslems nowadays), the Right is Capitalist – thus Social Darwinist (i.e. arrogant, ruthless and cruel) thus evil, thus satanic. And to encourage satanic evil is as bad politics as it is ethics phrases like boomerang-effect and sowing-the-wind come to mind.

And as Destructive as it is Creative. Not least in its social liberalism and destruction of family life and traditional "taboos."

And of course, Capitalism can go down as well as up – in the West is sinking, like the West itself. Why hitch the Star of David to a fading dream? (I would say, to a sinking ship, but that would be tactless, wouldn't it?)

• jeffersonian

'Miliband returned home to declare himself a 'friend of Israel...'

With friends like that, who needs enemies?

milford

I heard Milliband say the other day that he'd like to be the first Jewish prime minister of the UK. I wondered 'Has he never heard of Disraeli?'

The guys a numpty.

o Bertie Wooster

He should have heard of Disraeli and known he was our first Jewish PM. After all it was Disraeli who originally coined the phrase one nation Britain that Miliband later stole.

Jackthesmilingblack

Miliband, miliford (millford)

George Smiley

Aspergers Alert (Number 22)!

• FoxtrotUniformCharlieKilo

Metropolitan elitists like Millipede aren't real Jews, they like to pretend to be and wear the badge only for political gain. They are first and foremost cultural Marxists. The one thing he isn't is Jewish.

• Alexander Baron

Miliband is a political lightweight as demonstrated by the whipping he took from Myleene Klass, but give him credit for putting common decency about tribal loyalties.

o Paul M

In the case of Israel & Miliband, common decency and tribal loyalties should pull in the same direction—unless his tribe is not "Jews" but "self-regarding progressives".

Alexander Baron

Perhaps you should make a donation to the Michael Slager Defense Fund, you spout the same type of rhetoric.

Paul M

No idea who that is. Is this your idea of reasoned argument?

Alexander Baron

He's the American police officer who is facing a murder charge after shooting a man in the back. It's incredible the idiots who are supporting him simply because he is white and his victim was black. Miliband has seen through the David & Goliath rhetoric of Zionist indoctrination and made a principled stand. It may cost him the election but he's a better man than Cameron for it.

• Paul M

I understand that you would rather distract with irrelevances than argue on substance. Sorry.

You're fond of the word *rhetoric* as a slur against other people, but it's your rhetoric that's the problem here. You churn out clichés like "common decency," "tribal loyalties," "David & Goliath," "indoctrination" and "principled stand." Each one of them hides an unstated, unexamined and dishonest insinuation, which you're going to have to defend.

Alexander Baron

Dear me, I was assuming you understood English; here it is in extra plain English then. Miliband didn't tow the line of the Jewish establishment nor with their bought politicians. Like Gerald Kaufman and Norman Finkelstein in the US he believes Palestinians have rights and will not make excuses for the mass murder, the so-called "war" in Gaza. He stuck his head above the paraphet knowing it may well cost him votes and financial support. Plain enough?

Paul M

Your English is plain enough, even when it's poor. "Tow [sic] the line," "Jewish establishment," "bought politicians," "mass murder," "so-called 'war'," "head above the parapet." I think you've set a new record for most clichés in a single paragraph—but it's still all (dishonest) assertion and no argument.

Alexander Baron

So there is no Jewish establishment, no bought politicians and no mass murder in Gaza? I'd like to say you are setting a new record for sophistry, but I've seen this sort of thing for the past 35 years and more, increasingly from the right as much as the left.

Paul M

There is a Jewish establishment. Show proof that they buy politicians or withdraw the libel which is, by the way, a classic antisemitic trope.

There was no mass murder in Gaza. If you don't know that, you're either not paying attention or a happy follower of crowds. If you do know but say it anyway, you're simply dishonest. There was a conflict. Many people died, mostly Palestinians. "Mass murder" implies that Israel deliberately set out to kill innocents; that's why you chose

the expression. Israel had no motive to do that and every reason not to, since the response of Europe, Russia the UN, the Arab world and people like you was entirely and absolutely predictable. It is also very well documented that, though Hamas took measures to increase civilian casualties (on both sides), Israel took unprecedented measures to try and reduce them. As a result, it turns out that approximately half of the Palestinians killed were combatants—a 1:1 ratio that is better than almost any other country's record in urban fighting, including Britain's.

Alexander Baron

Ha ha, you really do have a sense of humour. Here is one tiny quote:

"We killed them out of a certain naive hubris. Believing with absolute certitude that now, with the White House, the Senate, and much of the American media in our hands, the lives of others do not count as much as our own..."

Israeli columnist Ari Shavit in "The New York Times", May 27, 1993. Even mainstream Jews have woken up to this now. Haven't you heard of Mondelweiss? Libel! Who needs the Elders of Zion when they've got people like you wrapped around their little finger?

Paul M

1996, dear, not 1993. That's *it?* A quote, beloved of Rense, David Duke, meinvolk-dot-com and all the rest of the far-right bigots, by an Israeli journalist with his head up his arse? *Ari Shavit said something I liked in an op-ed; it must be true.* That's not a proof of anything, just another assertion—this time at second-hand. A tip: Look up the logical fallacy "appeal to celebrity."

Alexander Baron

You wanna talk about fallacies, start with ad hominem; the power of "The Lobby" is no longer in dispute; even in the US, this is out in the open. Your ludicrous claim about Gaza speaks for itself, like that lowlife Abraham Foxman after the Flotilla Massacre, instead of condemning it he reserved his condemnation for the "anti-Semitic cartoons" that followed.

• Paul M

The power of the Jewish lobby is very much in dispute. Here we are disputing it now. It has unfortunately been in dispute almost continually since the forged Protocols of the Elders of Zion that you so kindly slipped into the discussion. But you're right: it does look much more sinister in scare quotes and capitals.

You will have to explain what makes my statement about Gaza ludicrous. The only thing that seems to me to speak for itself is your increasingly open attraction to antisemitic themes.

Alexander Baron

I've been on the receiving end of that power, and those lies. When they lied about me in 1994 I published a documented expose and mailed it out to several politicians; they've fought shy of me since. What is in dispute exactly, the candid admissions of J.J. Goldberg, Joel Stein and others, or your pathetic justification of the mass murder of 2,000+ innocent civilians? You whitewash horrors like that, then wonder why "anti-Semitism" is rampant. Unreal.

Paul M

Ah. So the might of the Jewish Lobby was unleashed against you, and when you tried to Tell The World (in green ink, perhaps?) "they" suppressed your words. You must be very important; I had no idea.

Even so, there was no "mass murder of 2,000+ innocent civilians"—that's *still* just an assertion that you've failed to prove. You can't: it's not true. But even if there was, and even if I was whitewashing it, it would not explain, excuse or justify antisemitism.

Alexander Baron

That isn't what happened at all, but you are so far off this planet you're impossible to take seriously, or you would be if people with your mentality weren't lobbying to bomb Iran, something that would have happened if McCain rather than Obama had won in 2008. You want me to "prove" the IDF murdered 2000 innocent civilians, something we all saw in real time? Like I said, you and people like you are delusional.

• Paul M

So you weren't persecuted by the might of the Jewish Lobby, so whatever it was you were trying to say was irrelevant. OK.

You saw the IDF murder 2000 innocent civilians? In real time? No, you didn't. You were told—by Hamas—that 2000 Palestinians had died. And you were told—by Hamas—that every one of them was an innocent and none was a combatant, and none were killed by the numerous Hamas & IJ rockets that were misfired and landed in the Gaza strip, or by the Hamas & IJ score-settling that took place in the confusion of battle. And you weren't told about the ones that died when Hamas insisted to them, sometimes at gunpoint, that they should stay in the places the Israelis had told them to get clear of. And you aren't interested in hearing about any of this, though it's documented, because you know who you want to blame and stuff like that is just a distraction, isn't it?

Alexander Baron

Same old story, Kosher Red Riding Hood is totally innocent while the whole world is bigoted and out to get her. Save you apologetics for those who will appreciate them.

Nabila Ramdani told it how it is earlier this month, and only people like you are too blind to see it.

Paul M

I was tempted to laugh at your pretensions to speak for the world and the blatant antisemitism of your "Kosher Red Riding Hood" (what depths did you dredge that from?) but there is in fact no joke there.

Not so long ago, "the whole world," as represented by the likes of you, *knew* that Jews drained the blood from non-Jewish children and used it to make matzot. This was sheer malignant fantasy, but "the world" was sure it was true and Jews suffered and died for it.

Even more recently, your "whole world" believed that the Jews controlled their lives by manipulating governments and the media. You could point out the Jews' patent inability to halt the antisemitic torrent pouring from Der Stürmer, or Pravda, or countless other outlets, without making a dent in what your "world" was sure it *knew*. You could point to the governments on every continent that passed anti-Jewish laws, or slammed the gates of sanctuary in the face of desperate Jews, or refused even to spare a few bombs to put Hitler's gas chambers of out of action. Still, your "world" *knew* that the Jews ran those same governments and their unshakeable faith in that lie enabled mass slaughter.

But this is different, isn't it? Because this time you *know* that the Jewish state is uniquely evil, and you *know* that Israeli Jews kill Palestinian innocents just because they can. and you *know* that non-Israeli Jews cover for them out of "tribal loyalty," and you *know* that the Jewish Lobby really is in charge this time. You don't need to examine the mountain of evidence to the contrary because you *know*, and so if Jews die now, well, they deserve it.

Alexander Baron

You really should do your homework before you open your big mouth; you whine about slander yet you slander me every time you speak. When have I ever endorsed ritual murder propaganda, and even if I had, how would that be "anti-Semitic"? The ancient Britons practised ritual murder, Africans have and some still do; people were hanged for ritual murder within living memory. Anyone can state these facts freely yet anyone who even suggests that somewhere in the distant past some renegade Jewish sect might have done so leads to hysteria.

Like I said Kosher Red Riding Hood screams anti-Semite everytime she's caught with her hand in the heimishe pickle jar up to the elbow. Well surprise surprise, that doesn't work anymore, because the perpetual victim narrative has now been exposed as bullshit, and even Jews are beginning to see it.

tonygreenstein

Alexander Baron is a fascist. However Paul M is an idiot. Not only were 2,200 Gazan Palestinians murdered but Israelis went on to the hills adjacent to cheer the bombers on as they sat drinking coffee from a machine they had bought.

Much of the Israeli public has indeed been Nazified.

Paul M

Let's all throw a few personal insults around, shall we? Tony Greenstein, Bozo in Chief, in a very crowded field.

For the world's Tonys, in all the conflicts in all the world there is only one group that qualifies as "Nazified": the Jews of the Jewish state. What a coincidence—the one people for whom the label would hurt like a knife twisted, and wouldn't you know?

Those Jewish Nazis cheering on the bombers from outside Gaza, were they watching with their incredible long-range, wall-piercing Nazi-vision as the IAF picked off 2,200 young mothers, pensioners and tots? Or could they have been doing something more human, like visualizing the destruction of the thugs who were trying to rain rockets on their nation? Thugs who were targeting Israeli cities whilst hiding in the heart of their own, in flats and under hospitals, or in tunnels to which young mothers, pensioners & tots were specifically not invited? Trick question. Zionazis have no human attributes; no positive ones, anyway. But if Israeli Jews can only have been rejoicing in the death of Palestinian innocents, what of the Arabs across the Middle East, Palestinians not least, who hand out sweets when Israeli innocents are slaughtered, and promise to do it some more, and name streets for the slaughterers? Why are they never, ever, in your analysis or that of your comrades, "Nazified"?

tonygreenstein

There are no personal insults prat!

Israel is the most racist state in the world, by far. 60% of high school students would deprive Arabs of the vote, 75% see 'marrying out' as national treason, 2/3 wouldn't want to live next door to an Arab. Far higher degrees of racism than in Germany 1933-45.

Being called Jewish Nazis shouldn't hurt at all. Didn't Israelis call the survivors of the holocaust 'sapon' (soap)? Or maybe you've forgotten the fascist thugs who attacked the small anti-war demonstrations in Tel Aviv last summer. In case you've forgotten, they worse the insignia of European neo-Nazis and 'good night left side' logos.

http://azvsas.blogspot.co.uk/2014/08/right-wing-demonstrators-in-tel-aviv.html

They brought comfortable chairs and a coffee machine to watch children and civilians being subject to the merciless bombing of the Israeli airforce. Gaza had no airforce, no long range artillery, no guided missiles. It had pea shooters. Israel, a nuclear power, was if the Zionist liars have their way, was under threat from the Gazans. Yes sure.

The only 'thugs' were dropping bombs from on high but name calling is all tykes like Paul M can manage.

Yad Vashem has a category called Righteous Among the Nations for non-Jews who risked their lives saving Jews from the Nazis and their collaborators. How many Israelis would merit that title? A mere handful. When Israelis boasted that there wouldn't be any school in Gaza because there were no children left alive they gave vent to the real feelings of the Israeli majority. Not a poor propagandist like Paul.