

Israelis Have Nowhere Else to Go

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SUMMARY

The discussion centers on the strategies employed by anti-colonial movements, particularly in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The speaker argues that while some believe that creating unbearable conditions will drive Israelis away, this approach is unlikely to succeed, as many Israelis feel a strong connection to their homeland and are prepared to defend it.

- *Anti-colonial strategies often involve making life unbearable for colonizers to force them to leave.*
- *Historical examples include Algeria's fight against French colonialism and British withdrawal from Israel and India.*
- *The speaker believes that the strategy of escalating violence will not lead to Israelis leaving, as many have no other place to go.*
- *The analogy of the sun and the wind illustrates that aggression may cause people to cling tighter to their identity and homeland.*
- *Current global anti-Semitism has led many Jews to feel a heightened need for a secure Jewish state.*
- *The speaker emphasizes the coexistence of Arab citizens within Israel, highlighting their contributions to society.*
- *There is hope for a better future through coexistence, despite the ongoing conflict.*

there is this anti- colonial experience that has become like the guidepost or the North Star allegedly for many of these sort of Palestinians who believe something like 107 is not just Justified but the winning strategy and I think in algers against the French is maybe the example they just say you know how we're going to get these Europeans to leave our land we're going to be so horrific that they can't take it anymore we're just going

to do the most heinous evil stuff women and children No Holds Barred and and we will break their Spirit they will be like this place isn't worth it and then they'll leave and that that and that at least in some instances apparently that worked and that has become the inspiring strategy for uh the the the the Palestinians that straty worked in Algeria uh got the French to leave you just make it horrible and they give up

and they stop colonizing it it worked in 1948 with the British 1946 47 with the British Israel we tried to attack various groups of British soldiers but innocent people died it's nothing uh that most Israelis are not proud of it but we made life very unpleasant here for the British and they left they get they went back to their country their home country and stop the colonial project and of course

that happened all over the world yeah with the Brits and Europeans generally they withdrew from the parts of the world that they were not indigenous to and went back to their home countries you know France left Algeria England left Israel they left India in the 18th century left the United States not not so different right they

basically said the native population not the native population not the indigenous but the population that had come to live there

said we don't want we don't want you here anymore you're not we don't like life with you guys anymore and they gave up it was too much wasn't worth it the idea that that would work with the Jews of Israel is not going to happen and you know you see it it's rather extraordinary right now Israel's fighting a two-front war it's just very low heat in the north we're fighting Hamas in the South and in the

north we're fighting uh Hezbollah and Hezbollah's leader is Hassan Nasrallah is a I don't know what flavor he is but he's a fundamentalist against the state of Israel and he says publicly all the time Israelis that you know a lot of them have two passports they'll they'll go back to their other country that's true for me uh I am uh I have two passports I'm an American citizen still and I have now an Israeli passport so if I chose to

I could return to the United States legally uh with my passport and go live and and work in the United States that's not true of most Israelis as I said over half came from countries in the Middle East that they don't have passport anymore with Iraq Iran Yemen Morocco and so on they have no place to go most of us here have no place to go we came here because we had no place to go and so the

idea that that life could be so miserable here that people would want to leave is an interesting strategy it's just that for most people who live here it's not viable um and so the analogy I would use to the for that strategy on October 7th and the dozens and dozens of other horrific murders of civilians by um Palestinian terrorists here in Israel within our borders is the story of the sun and the

wind having to debate who's stronger you know there's a guy walking they they're arguing and they see a man walking below them on a road and and it's it's cold out and the the the wind says I'm stronger watch and he blows and blows the wind gets stronger and stronger and all the man does is clutch his coat Tighter and Tighter then the Sun comes out from behind a cloud and it gets warm and the

man takes off his coat so the sun is stronger you get the man to take off his coat and the wind has no chance as the terrorism and Jew hatred around the world has ratcheted it up since October 7th most Jews around the world and especially those here we're clutching our coat tighter uh it's not working it makes us want to stay here all the more it makes the importance of a Jewish homeland all the more apparent to the

rest of the world so while people are Marching In uh Sydney and in London and in New York City saying glory to the martyrs and from The River To The Sea and uh various other um challenging slogans every American Jew I know is thinking maybe I should get a second passport no Israelis saying you know I should move to America it's probably better there we feel safer here um we've got guns we have a nuclear weapon and we

know how to defend ourselves and we do uh elsewhere Jews are at risk for the first time in their most people's lives so if the idea that the Jewish State's going to be destroyed by making it unpleasant to be a Jew in Israel it's

it's not a very uh it's not like to succeed maybe it will I don't know that's their choice uh but it reminds me um you know this Hiller Bellic poem I like John I don't know if I've ever

recited to you it's very short it goes like this pale Ebenezer thought it wrong to fight but roaring Bill who killed him thought it right uh we're not pacifists here we're not going to lay down and die we're going to fight for our right to live in where we what we consider home maybe we're wrong but we live here and we um we'll defend our right to live here having said that I hope we can create a way to coexist with our

neighbors in Gaza and the West Bank but I would point out that there are 2 million Arabs who live within the borders of Israel who are our brothers who are our pharmacists who are our doctors who drive the taxis there are 2 million people who live here who are not Jewish who are Arab of the population of 9 million people who have equal rights there's prejudice against them it's not an easy situation for them they are

living in the Jewish homeland they are Muslim and Christian but we get along with them and we pass them on the street and we work with them we work alongside them and it's uh it gives me hope that there's a better world coming down the road if you like this clip we've got more where that came from be sure to watch the full video and don't forget to subscribe to the channel so you won't miss our new videos as they come out

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