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The Israeli Lobby

Mearsheimer and Walt argued that neither strategic interests nor moral rationale can fully explain

U.S. support for Israel and turn their attention to the “Israel lobby”, which they describe as an impressive array of organizations whose agendas include working to benefit Israel, in many cases by influencing U.S. foreign policy

Groups advocating the setting up of a Jewish state had first begun popping up around the United States in the 1880s. By the early 1900s, and for decades after, the large majority of Jewish Americans were not Zionists, and many still actively opposed it. In the coming years however, Zionists were successful in influencing American politicians, the media, and much of the general public

In 1978, Israeli professor Dr Sarah Schmidt first reported on the existence of a secret society founded in 1914 called the Parushim, that covertly pushed Zionism in the US and internationally. She noted that “the Image that emerges is that of a secret underground Guerrilla Force determined to influence the course of events in a quiet, anonymous way.
The immediate precursor to today’s pro-Israel lobby began in 1939 under the leadership of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who founded the American Zionist Emergency Council (AZEC), which by 1943 had acquired a budget of half a million dollars. With its funding, AZEC embarked on a campaign to target every sector of American society, ordering that local committees be set up in every Jewish community in the nation to capture the support of Congressmen, clergy, editors, professors, business and labor. [1]

The lobby's size, wealth, and influence grew substantially after the Six Day War in June 1967. As American foreign aid to Israel began to exceed private contributions, some pro-Israel organizations increasingly focused on political activities intended to preserve or increase U.S. governmental support. This increased effort reflected awareness that backing Israel was costly for the United States and therefore had to be justified and defended in the political sphere.

Progressive Elements of the Israeli Lobby

It is important to understand that today’s “Israeli lobby” represents a diversity of interests, and some Israeli organizations may be considered relatively progressive. In 2006, for example, the *Israel Policy Forum, Americans for Peace Now, Jewish Voice for Peace*, and *Brit Tzedek v'Shalom* openly opposed an *AIPAC*-sponsored congressional resolution (HR 4681) that would have imposed even more draconian restrictions on aid to the Palestinians than the Israeli government sought. It is due to the efforts of these organizations that the severity of HR 4681, which easily passed, was eased.[2]

+921 Magazine reported that the decision to back 2021 insurrectionist Republicans prompted a sharp backlash from both expected and unexpected corners. J Street, the self-styled “pro-Israel, pro-peace” lobbying group that tries to position itself as a counter to AIPAC, condemned the move, as did the Jewish Democratic Council of America. The more right-wing Democratic Majority for Israel also criticized AIPAC. While these groups regularly oppose the Republican agenda, criticism of AIPAC’s decision also came from much closer to home, including former AIPAC officials and several prominent anti-Trump right-wing figures, such as Washington Post columnist Jennifer Rubin and pundit Norman Ornstein of the conservative American Enterprise Institute (AEI). In the face of that response, AIPAC has only doubled down.

[+972 magazine is an independent, online, nonprofit magazine run by a group of Palestinian and Israeli journalists. Founded in 2010, our mission is to provide in-depth reporting, analysis, and

opinions from the ground in Israel-Palestine. The name of the site is derived from the telephone country code that can be used to dial throughout Israel-Palestine. Our core values are a commitment to equity, justice, and freedom of information. We believe in accurate and fair journalism that spotlights the people and communities working to oppose occupation and apartheid, and that showcases perspectives often overlooked or marginalized in mainstream narratives.]

Today's unanimity towards support of a Palestinian homeland for Jews was only created after years of strenuous and sometimes secretive efforts to overcome the objections of anti-Zionist Jewish individuals and organizations.

Council on Foreign Relations

In detailing the Israeli lobby, Mearsheimer and Walt focus on the better known elements of this complex, including organizations such as the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC); the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (CPMAJO); the Washington Institute for Near East Policy; the Anti-Defamation League (ADL); the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA); the Middle East Forum; the Zionist Organization of America; and Christians United for Israel.

One key, but often ignored, source has been the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the think tank of monopoly-finance capital, also known as Wall Street's think tank.

As a think tank and policy center, it is the most important U.S. locus of the deep state exerting influence behind the scenes. In the United States, it mainly focuses on directing the federal government but has power in many areas of life in the United States, such as elite universities, finance capitalist firms, other think tanks, nonprofits, Congress, top corporations, and the mainstream media. While some of its activities are semi-secret, for members only, much of what it does can be revealed by perusing its website; reading its journal, *Foreign Affairs*; examining its annual reports; and following the activities of its members and leaders.

Over recent years especially, the CFR has developed a close relationship to the Zionist state of Israel and has influenced the formulation of U.S. foreign policy to reflect this. In effect, the CFR has been and remains part of what has come to be known as the "Israel lobby" in U.S. political life.

It is important to note that Mearsheimer and Walt do not identify the CFR as part of the Israel lobby, when it is, in fact a central player.

An examination of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy finds that it is also quite close to the CFR. Robert Satloff, its executive director, is a longtime member of CFR. As of 2018, fourteen of the seventeen-person board of advisors (sixteen men and one woman) were CFR members. Three of these (Henry Kissinger, George Shultz, and James Stavridis) were former directors of the Council, and at least two others (Condoleezza Rice and Michael Mandelbaum) served as staff members there.

The Middle East Forum was founded and is still headed by longtime CFR member Daniel Pipes, who is currently president of the organization. *The Israel Lobby* reported that in 2002, Pipes established a "Campus Watch" to encourage students to report on and intimidate individuals at any university or college who could be considered hostile to Israel.

Not only is the CFR part of the Israel lobby, but Zionist Israel also has its own Israeli CFR exactly patterned on and cooperating with its U.S. counterpart, even publishing a journal called the *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*. The Israel Council on Foreign Relations was founded in 1989 by David Kimche, formerly Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ambassador-at-large, and deputy director of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency. “Based on models of the New York Council on Foreign Relations and British Chatham House,” Wikipedia states with respect to the Israeli CFR, “the Council is not affiliated with governmental or academic institutions.… Participants come from a wide cross-section of the most influential spheres of Israeli society.” The Israeli CFR operates under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress, the president of which (since 2007) is billionaire Ronald S. Lauder. Lauder and his family members are longtime members and major contributors to the U.S. CFR. Lauder is a vocal supporter of Israel’s ultraconservative Likud party and has close ties to Benjamin Netanyahu, its right-wing leader.

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The American Israeli Political Action Committee (AIPAC)

Perhaps the most well-known and powerful Israeli lobby organization is the right-wing “American Israel Public Affairs Committee,” AIPAC, founded by Isaiah Kenen, former executive secretary of AZEC. Flush with cash and well positioned in the Cold War political landscape, AIPAC found its

political muscle enhanced by new federal rules on campaign financing, which triggered the creation of independent PACs and made it easier to channel money toward pro-Israel candidates.[4]

One of AIPACs central concerns is to ensure that public discourse in the US about Israel echoes its strategic and moral rationales for support. The goal is to convince the US public that America's and Israel's interests and values are one and the same.[5]

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AIPAC Is the Only Explanation for America's Morally Bankrupt Israel Policy July 22 2014[6]

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Other than the CFR, AIPAC is the most powerful organization in the Israel lobby. It focuses on lobbying and funding politicians from the two major parties and both chambers of the U.S. Congress while the CFR focuses more on the executive branch.

There are key connections between the CFR and AIPAC. *The Israel Lobby* describes how AIPAC was transformed from a relatively weak, low-budget operation into a large and powerful one after 1975. Much of this transformation took place under the leadership of Thomas A. Dine, executive director of AIPAC from 1980–93. Dine was at the time a member of the CFR and remains a member today. AIPAC raises a lot of money to maximize its influence, including funding candidates to run against progressives who are critical of Israel.

The ongoing war on Gaza has stimulated vast fundraising by AIPAC to try to counter the negative publicity coming from reporting on the mass slaughter of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli army. One report indicates that $90 million has been raised recently for lobbying in the United States. A variety of wealthy U.S. Americans have been tapped for this $90 million, including a number of finance capitalists who are members of the CFR.

Academia

The lobby's campaign to mold debate about Israel has faced the greatest difficulty in academia. This effort has been going on for decades. In the early 1980s, for example, AIPAC recruited students to help it identify professors and campus organizations that might be considered anti-Israel. The findings were published in 1984 in The AIPAC College Guide: Exposing the Anti-Israel Campaign on Campus.

Criticism of Israel at colleges and universities became especially intense in the spring of 2002 (after 9/11) when the IDF reoccupied Palestinian-controlled areas in the West Bank and employed massive force against the Second Intifada.

The Israeli lobby moved aggressively to "takeback the campuses." New groups sprang up to squash criticism of Israel. A new organization—the Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC) —was formed to coordinate the twenty-six different groups that now sought to make Israel's case on campus.

Soon after the start of the October 2023 Israeli Palestinian hostilities, a new more aggressive Israeli form of campus persuasion appeared. Numerous news articles have reported campus “doxxing trucks,” displaying large LED screens with names and images of ivy league college and university faculty members and students who have been critical of U.S. support of Israel.

In an interview, James Bamford, noted for his writing on United States National Security Agency (NSA), noted that the Israel on Campus Coalition is really operating as a foreign agent, which is illegal under U.S. law.

He noted that he has a lot of contacts within the FBI, particularly at the agent level, And he talks to them all the time about it. And they just are very, very angry because they know this is going on, they try to build cases against these people and go to the Justice Department, but nothing ever happens.

In a December 2023 article for The Nation magazine, Bamford noted that “What is missing from Congress are hearings into the decades of illegal anti-Palestinian espionage, covert action, and blacklisting of Americans within the United States by the Israeli government and its domestic collaborators—actions far more serious and damaging than campus semantics.

Al-Jazeera film *The Lobby (Great Britan)*[7]

Al-Jazeera film *The Lobby US (2018)*

Israel’s actions have been enabled by the pro-Israel lobby, which has operated in the US for many decades. In 2016 and 17, American journalist Clayton Swisher produced an investigative report about this lobby for the Al Jazeera news network. The report included footage obtained by British undercover reporter Tony Kleinfeld who infiltrated several pro-Israel organizations. When Israel partisans in the US learned of the film they successfully pressured Al Jazeera not to broadcast it. Eventually the documentary was leaked and it's explosive information became public. Despite the significance of its content, US media failed to tell Americans about it.

This documentary reveals an entire network of Israeli organizations, including Israel intelligence, with millions of dollars of Israeli technology (provided by U.S. funding), whose goal is to spy on students in U.S. colleges and universities, and pass this information on to the Israeli government.

Sima Vaknin-Gil: Director General of Israel’s Ministry of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy: “We have three different sub campaigns: data Gathering, working on activist organization, money Trail.” … “This is something that only a country with its resources can do the best.[8]

The notorious Canary Mission anti-Palestinian doxing website, used by the Israel government to target pro-Palestinian supporters, is exposed as being funded by major pro-Israel donors in the U.S. [9]

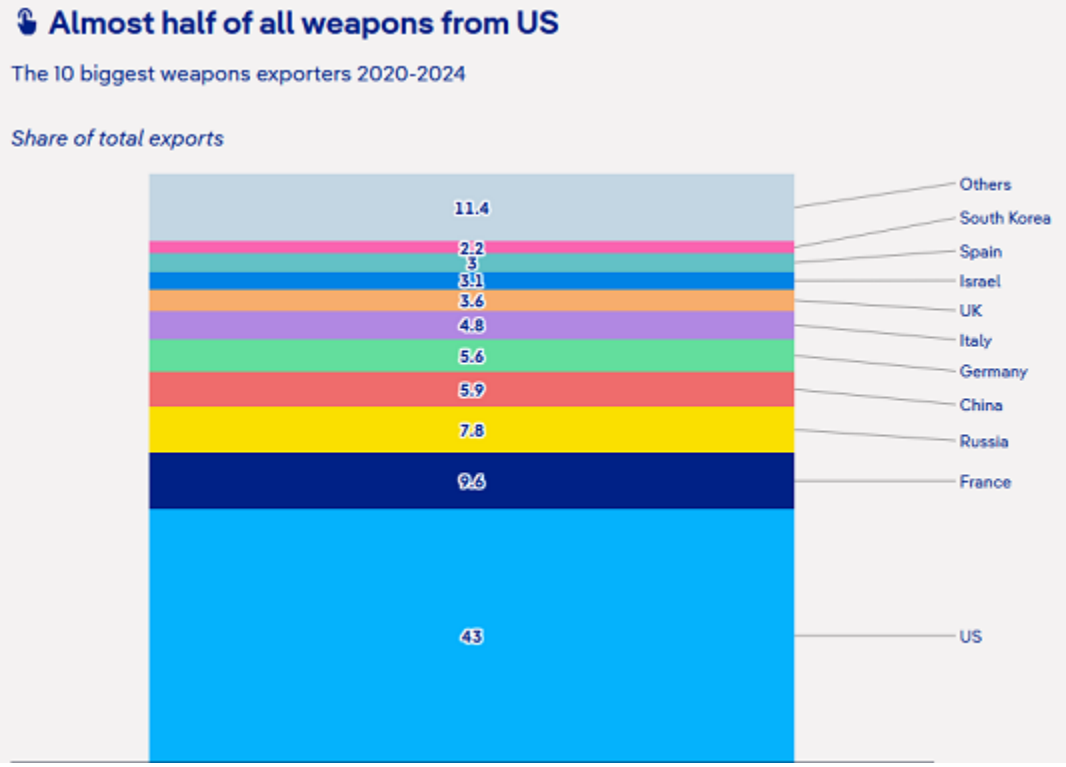
Efforts to protect Israel from criticism have also targeted individual speakers, visiting professors, and guest lecturers, in order to create an atmosphere where free expression and open debate are curtailed. Pro-Israel groups and individuals have fought a multifront battle— against students, professors, administrators, and the curriculum itself—to shape discourse on campus. The campaign

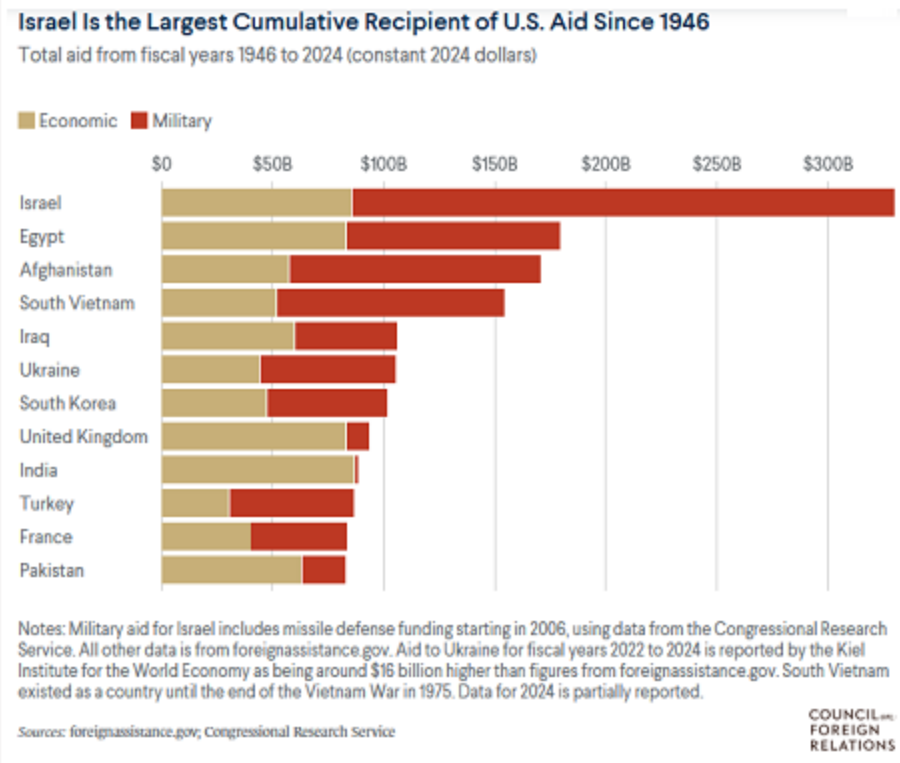
to keep Americans from reading or hearing critical views about Israel even occurs at the high school level

As early as 2019, anyone running for congress was expected to fill out a form to determine a candidate's commitment to Israel. If the candidate was deemed supportive enough, AIPAC would go to great lengths to make sure the candidate was elected. Conversely, if the candidate was not deemed supportive enough, AIPAC would go to great lengths to make sure that candidate was not elected. AIPAC has usually prevailed. [10]

A History of US taxpayer funded weapons sold to other countries

A study of US arms supplied to other countries provides a basic understanding of the scope of weapons manufacturing by US corporations.[11]





https://www.cfr.org/article/us-aid-israel-four-charts

From the above two charts, two things become immediately obvious:
1) The US exports the lion's share of weapons worldwide, and 2) Israel receives the lion's share of US made weapons, all courtesy of US taxpayers.

Stephen Green in his 1984 book *Taking Sides: America's Secret Relations with a Militant Israel* writes: "U.S. assistance to Israel in FY 1964, the last budget of the Kennedy administration, stood at $40 million. This was substantially reduced from the levels of assistance in previous years." Green points out that in FY 1965 this figure rose to $71 million and in FY 1966 to $130 million. Green adds: "More significant, however, was the change in the composition of that assistance. In FY 1964, virtually none of the official U.S. assistance for Israel was military assistance; it was split equally among the development loans and food assistance under PL 480 program. In FY 1965, however, 20 percent of U.S. aid was military in nature, and in FY 1966, fully 71 percent of all official assistance to Israel came in the form of credits for purchase of military equipment." The increase in aid to Israel was the direct result of the Lyndon B Johnson administration.

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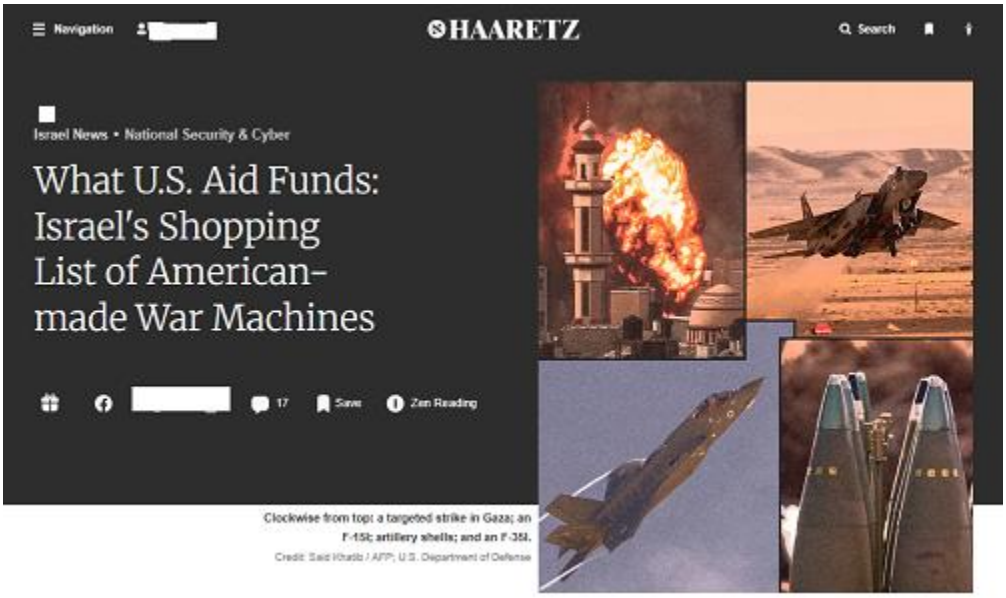
The Jewish News Agency Haaretz has provided an excellent overview of recent US arms sales to Israel. Data provided includes cost of various weapons systems as well as the US supplier. Over the past two decades, the scale of American military aid has steadily increased. Until 1998, the annual sum stood at about $1.8 billion; in 2008 it rose to $2.4 billion; and from 2013 to 2018 it totaled $3.1 billion per year. The current framework agreement, signed during the Obama administration for 2019-2028, allocates the highest annual sum ever – $3.8 billion per year.

Due to the war, in the past two years the United States has spent a total of roughly $32 billion to

assist Israel. In addition to the cost of direct support, such as the deployment of U.S. forces in Yemen and Iran, Washington transferred $21.7 billion to the Israeli defense establishment during this period, the vast majority of it beyond the annual $3.8 billion. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives also approved a special military aid package of $26 billion, including about $4 billion designated for missile-defense interceptors and $1.2 billion for the new laser-based missile-defense system "Or Eitan." [12]



January 31 2026
The State Department announced that it was planning to send Israel more than $6.5 billion of weapons aid that included Apache attack helicopters and combat land vehicles, bypassing a congressional review process.

It was the third time that the Trump administration has bypassed this part of the congressional process, called informal review, to send weapons to Israel.

In the United States, critics of Israel's actions have called for a halt to arms shipments to Israel. They have accused the Biden and Trump administrations of taking part in a genocide, though U.S. officials have maintained that Israel "has the right to defend itself" and will continue to receive American weapons. [13] Of course, the big question here: Is Israel the only country that has a right to defend itself?

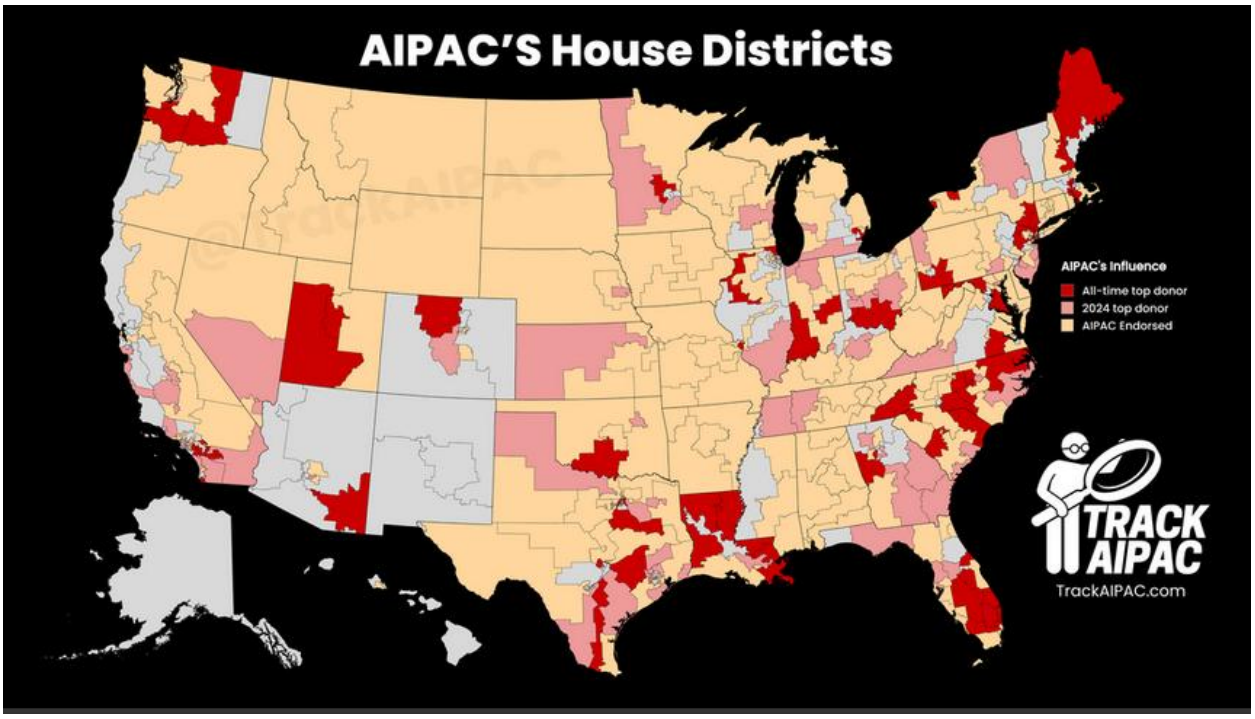
US Congress on AIPAC Pay role

In December 2023, AIPAC launched a political action committee that enables it for the first time to spend money directly supporting congressional candidates in the 2024 midterm elections. It has declared its intention to back the election campaigns of three dozen Republican members of Congress who tried to block President Biden's presidential victory, thus supporting the January 6th 2021 insurrection. It defended this move by saying that support for the Jewish state overrides other

issues and that now is “no moment for the pro-Israel movement to become selective about its friends.[14]

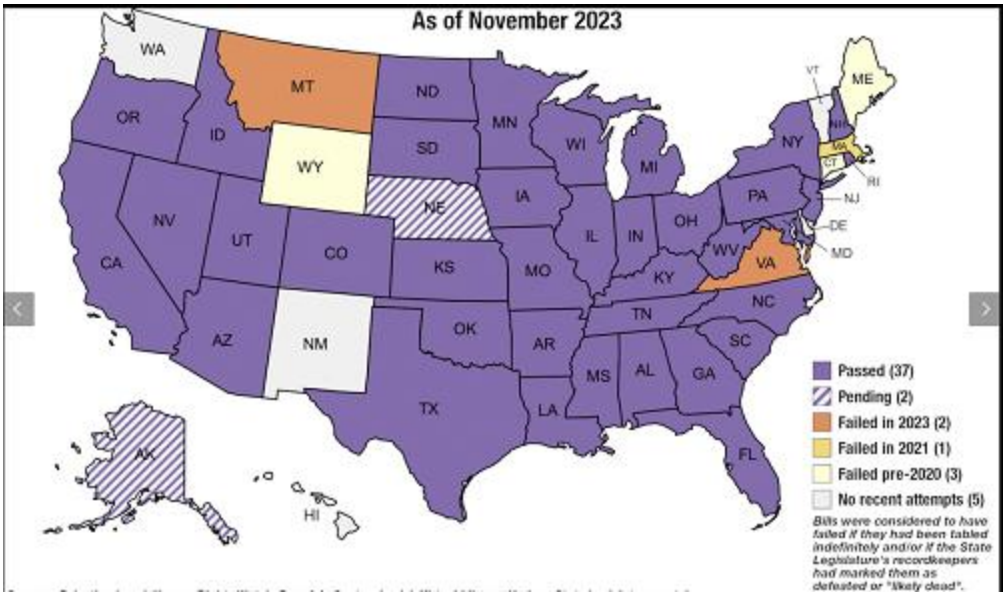
AIPAC contributed $43,452,013 to congress during the 2023-2024 election cycle,[15] and has aided 318 “Zionist” candidates to win so far in recent US elections. [16]

The map below shows AIPAC's influence in US House of Representative Districts in 2024. Red: AIPAC all-time top doner; Pink: 2024 top doner; Beige: AIPAC endorsed



The maps below shows that Israeli lobby influence has reached the state level. Purple states have passed laws prohibiting boycott of Israeli goods. The laws are intended to counter the effect of the BDS movement: Boycott, Divest and Sanction, a program developed by Palestinians to fight back against Israeli human rights violations against Palestinians.

The maps below are from two different times and two different sources, but the overall conclusion is the same.



As of April 2024 Newsweek

Members of US Senate paid by Israel courtesy of AIPAC

Money from Pro-Israel employees or PACs affiliated with AIPAC to US Senators, 1990-2024.[17]

Members of US Congress get free visits to Israel courtesy of AIPAC
In July 2025, 14 of AIPACs favorite long-time senators posed for a photo-op with international war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu. Note in the graphic below that a number of these senators have received compensation in millions of dollars

US Senators Target International Criminal Court
A letter sent on April 24,2024, by Senators Tom Cotton, Mitch McConnell, Marsha Blackburn, Katie Britt, Kevin Cramer, Ted Budd, Ted Cruz, Bill Hagerty, Pete Ricketts, Marco Rubio, Rick Scott and Tim Scott threatened the ICC for exercising its role in upholding international law with regard to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.
The twelve senators declared: “Target Israel and we will target you. If you move forward with the measures indicated in the report, we will move to end all American support for the ICC, sanction your employees and associates, and bar you and your families from the United States,”[18]

Members in US politicians who hold dual U S/Israeli citizenship
33 major US political positions have been held by persons who hold dual US/Israeli citizenship. Roughly a dozen Senators and 29 House members hold dual citizenship.[19]

AIPAC Champion Rep Steny Hoyer to Retire
Rep. Steny Hoyer's retirement at the end of his term, which he announced on Thursday, will mark the end of a six-decade career where the Maryland Democrat played among the most significant roles in

fostering party support for Israel, largely due to his support of AIPAC. Hoyer was undoubtedly the political figure most closely associated with private trips to Israel for U.S. lawmakers, organized by the AIPAC-affiliated American Israel Education Foundation nonprofit charitable group. AIEF's trips, in no small part fueled by Hoyer's influence, have made Israel by far the most frequented international destination for lawmakers on privately organized delegations for years.[20]

Most of the Washington State congressional delegation is on AIPAC's payroll

According to *Track AIPAC*, US Representative Pramila Jayapal, WA-07, (Seattle) is the only member ofthe WA congressional delegation NOT on AIPAC's payroll. Dollar payment numbers are for 2025 from opensecrets.org and fec.gov. *Track AIPAC* has data for every US state. [21]

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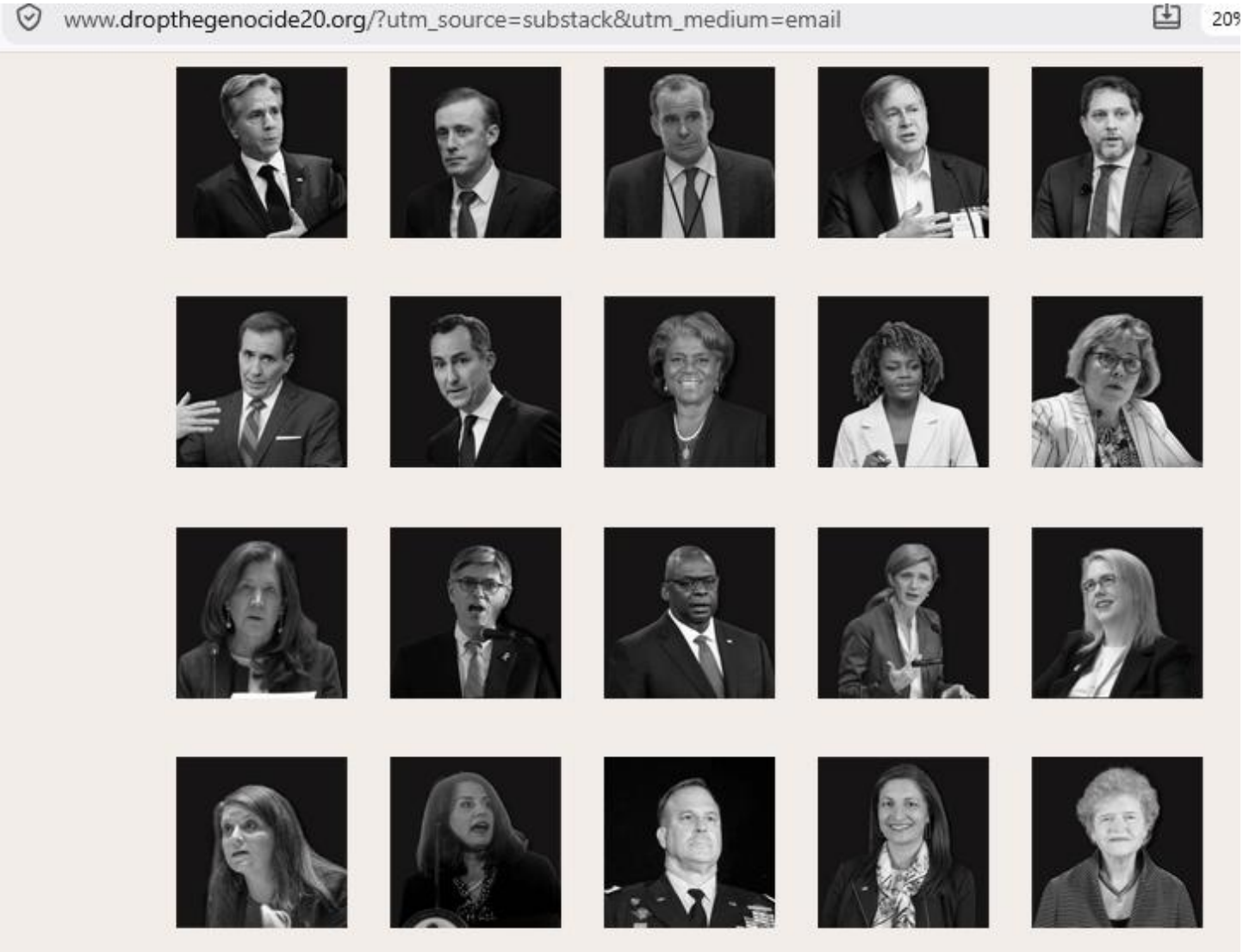

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Jonathan Greenblatt, a Foreign Agent

The current CEO of the ADL, Jonathan Greenblatt, and its national director, Abraham Foxman, are both members of the CFR. In January 2020 Greenblatt submitted congressional testimony before the House Homeland Security Committee:

“Since 1913 the mission of ADL has been “to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice And fair treatment to all.” ADL fights against antisemitism and bigotry in many ways, beginning with monitoring and exposing extremist groups, individuals, and movements who spread hate and commit acts of violence. Today, ADL is the foremost non-governmental authority on domestic terrorism, extremism, hate groups, and hate crimes.

ADL is also the country’s largest non-governmental provider of training for law enforcement on hate crimes, extremism and terrorism. The ADL provides law enforcement with information, expertise, and

actionable intelligence to prevent, disrupt, and respond to those extremists who cross the line from espousing hateful ideologies to committing or inciting violent criminal acts thus protecting the Jewish people and all Americans. [22]

On January 15, 2026, Greenblatt was hosted for an event at the Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. While a recording of the event was initially posted by the Sinai Temple, particular clips started going viral and the video was made private. The X account InfoLibNews captured a series of clips before this happened. In one of the clips, Greenblatt tells the audience the ADL is actively monitoring citizens' speech and sharing information with the federal government:

"So, number one, we measure and track; number two, we monitor and disrupt. We have a whole apparatus. I have 40 analysts working full-time, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, monitoring extremists. We monitor them online, social media, messaging apps, video games, cryptocurrency, podcasts, short-form video, Wikipedia, LLMs (Large Language Models)."

The groups monitored by the ADL include left-wing radicals like the DSA (Democratic Socialists of America), the "anti-war crazies" and the "pro-Palestine crazies," in addition to extremists on the right, to include white supremacists, and armed militia groups. Greenblatt said they are also monitoring "political Islamists" and "Christian nationalists." [23]

James Li exposed the authoritarian reality behind the ADL's facade, moving from Jonathan Greenblatt's admission of a 24/7 FBI-coordinated surveillance network to the infiltration of AI models and Evangelical curricula, ultimately revealing how the tax-exempt non-profit has morphed into a hostile intelligence apparatus prioritizing foreign interests over American civil liberties. Greenblatt said that the ADL is working with OpenAI, Alphabet (Google), Anthropic, Meta, Microsoft and more to influence large language models (LLMs) in AI to be pro-Israel. He also revealed that the ADL trains over 20,000 American police officers per year. [24]

Greenblat: ... we share intelligence with the FBI. You saw last month... you heard about the thing that happened at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. our analysts investigated what happened they said they were Koreatown for Palestine. These good people, they weren't, we were able to ascertain they were from a group called the Turtle Island Liberation Front. Turtle Island is how like left wing activists refer to the United States. On Monday December the 15th, this is going to ring a bell, Kash Patel announced they cracked a terror ring where they arrested four people who were planning New Year's Eve bombings. Max Blumenthal:

Max Blumenthal: it's a confession that the ADL is a private arm of US federal law enforcement carrying out a kind of cointel pro operation, infiltrating left wing groups, much like J Edgar Hoover enacted to neutralize antiwar and socialist organizing and any anti-establishment activity during the 1960s and 70s, and taking credit for what by all accounts was a kind of phony manufactured plot by the FBI against a group that didn't actually exist, The Turtle Island Liberation Front.

The entire bust was based on a confidential informant that the FBI had planted among a small network of very goofy activists in LA. The confidential informant created the plot for these activists, took them out into the desert into like the Mojave Desert where the FBI then arrested them, and they were caught with materials that were said to be bomb making materials. Essentially the FBI created the plot as they always do, and the ADL is taking credit for that as Jonathan Greenblatt, a foreign agent.

Well, he should be, as the ADL is representing Israel and when it trains officers they're training them by connecting them with Israeli security forces and by training them in Israeli tactics and by lobbying them on behalf of Israel. In the 1980s the ADL was caught infiltrating groups that were organizing against apartheid in South Africa, working with Israeli intelligence there. Their informant was a possible Israeli intelligence agent as well and they were attempting to destroy the lives of people for fighting the apartheid regime in South Africa. Now they're doing the same thing in order to defend the apartheid regime of Israel. It is one of the most malicious assaults on free speech in the US today. It's being carried out by private organization which is substantially if not totally funded by pro-Israel donors who are sympathetic to another country. [25]

The Israeli-American Council (IAC)

The Israeli-American Council (IAC) is an American nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and strengthen the Israeli and Jewish identities of future generations, strengthen the American Jewish community, and strengthen the relationship between citizens of the United States and the State of Israel. [26]

Growing antipathy toward Israel has been predictably identified as a crisis in need of action, particularly among young people and Jewish people. "We as Jews need to realize we have a commitment to Eretz Yisrael," declared Anti-Defamation League (ADL) CEO Jonathan Greenblatt. "We need to reaffirm our relationship to the state of Israel … You cannot take the Zionism out of Judaism."
Israeli-American Council co-founder Adam Milstein said that Israel supporters needed to gather "intelligence" on "antisemites" so that "we can attack." He also singled out the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), of which NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani is a prominent member.
In her speech at the event, U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi ... also vowed to continue cracking down on Palestine activism at universities.

In an apparent attempt to reassert itself, the IAC has announced its unprecedented bid to compete in the World Jewish Congress (WJC) elections, marking the first time an Israeli-American organization seeks representation in Zionism's central democratic institution.

Perhaps the most interesting moment of the event occurred during an interview with Israeli-American billionaires Haim Saban and GOP megadonor Miriam Adelson. When asked how the duo was able to gain access and influence politicians, Saban pointed out that pro-Israel groups did not create campaign finance rules in the United States. "It's a system that's in place," he explained. "It's a legal system, and we just play within the system. That's it."

[Interestingly, Saban is outspoken in his criticism of Donald Trump, saying, among other things, that a Trump win would be 'disastrous' for Israel, calling him a 'conman, liar, cheat and thief,' and says he gave the Clinton campaign an 'eight-figure' donation.]

Adelson punted on the question. "I want to be truthful, and there are so many things that I don't want to talk about." The crowd applauded in response. [27]

H.R.7540 & S.3855 - United States-Israel FUTURES Act of 2026

As political pressure builds to reduce U.S. military assistance to Israel, section 219 of the 2027 NDAA epitomizes the alternative framework being constructed by the Israel-First lobby: absorbing Israel within America's own defense industrial base. This would permanently meld Israeli and US weapons and surveillance technology. Although opponents of this plan, which Benjamin Netanyahu takes credit for, call it treasonous, it remains as part of NDAA-2027.

The following institutions have found the Israeli military guilty of genocide:

UN investigative bodies: commissions and special rapporteurs have declared genocide, including the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry set up by the Human Rights Council, and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Palestinian rights;

Leading international human-rights NGOs that have used the term, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch;

Genocide scholars and specialist organizations, including The International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS), Genocide Watch, and the Lemkin Institute;

Israeli and local organizations breaking ranks with their government, including B'Tselem, Physicians for Human Rights Israel, and Breaking the Silence (Israeli IDF vets)

https://factually.co/fact-checks/politics/organisations-stating-israel-committing-genocide-4ca7cb

By including Section 219 in the 2027 NDAA, Congress therefore thumbs its nose at international law by explicitly accepting and endorsing the Israeli military's genocidal war crimes.

ICE in the US is already incorporating Israeli technology in dealing with protesters and alleged immigrant violations. The US is incrementally falling into line with the Israeli military mindset. Including Section 219 in the 2027 NDAA can only make the situation worse.

Follow the Money

Supporters of Section 219 argue that closer cooperation would strengthen a key U.S. ally while accelerating development of advanced military technologies.

Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, leaves after meeting with Adm. Frank "Mitch" Bradley, commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command, and Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at a classified briefing at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Alabama Rep Mike Rogers defends Israel and NDAA 2027, including Section 219 all the way:

"Misinformation in relation to Israel and our close partnership with them has always run rampant, and bad actors are all too happy to stoke these flames when given the opportunity," Rogers said. "Any narrative that this legislation is somehow ceding control to another country in any way is categorically false and misleading.

"The NDAA strengthens American sovereignty and American national security first and foremost."

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/trump/NDAA/FY2027-NDAA.pdf

How has Mr. Rogers personally benefited from backing the 2027 NDAA?

Rogers has raised approximately $1.2 million this election cycle, the most of any Alabama House Republican running for reelection in 2026, according to reporting by Alabama Daily News. His

campaign entered April 2026 sitting on roughly $2.6 million in cash on hand, a figure that dwarfs anything his opponents could muster.

The source of that money is not a mystery. Rogers chairs the House Armed Services Committee, one of the most powerful posts in the House for directing federal defense spending. That chairmanship makes him a magnet for defense industry contributions. In the first quarter of 2026 alone, Rogers received $68,000 in defense industry donations, including $7,000 from Anduril co-founder Palmer Luckey, according to a Defense News report published this month examining defense contractor giving to members of Congress.

https://legis1.com/news/alabama-3rd-congressional-district-2026 May 19 2026

Rogers has also raked in $462,557 from the Israeli Lobby, including AIPAC and NORPAC.

Rogers' 2026 election campaign reaps more benefit from that income by reminding voters that Alabama is situated to gain from defense spending.

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Six Democratic House lawmakers crossed the aisle on Wednesday to join a majority of Republicans in passing a nearly $1.15 trillion annual defense policy bill: Reps. Henry Cuellar (Texas), Don Davis (N.C.), Jared Golden (Maine), Vicente Gonzalez (Texas), Adam Gray (Calif.) and Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (Wash.).

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Israeli Footprints All Over Dragging US into War on Iran

Kamala Harris says so. Trump "got pulled into it [the war with Iran] by Bibi Netanyahu, let's be clear about that"," she said this spring.

So does Abdul El-Sayed, the Democratic candidate for Senate in Michigan. Israel is "taking us to a war we don't need to fight."

The New York Times exposed Netanyuahu's presence in the White House situation room in the weeks before Israel launched the illegal war. And Joe Kent resigned as Trump's counterterrorism director saying that Israeli officials packaged intelligence for Trump officials.

So Israel helped convince Trump to go to war, with disastrous consequences for the world and civilian life.

Israel tried to drag us into war with Iran back in the Obama administration, Hillary Clinton now confesses. "When I was secretary [of state] it was a constant theme by Netanyahu and his then government, the then Defense Minister Ehud Barak, the former prime minister. It was relentless. It was a constant push," Clinton told David Remnick at the 92d Street Y. "He would basically say, "You need to support us in attacking Iran."

https://mondoweiss.net/2026/09/israels-grip-on-american-politics-is-finally-being-questioned/ Opinion 09/09/2026

The New York Times reported that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a classified, in-person meeting inside the White House Situation Room with President Donald Trump and top U.S. advisers on February 11.

Netanyahu delivered an hour-long presentation arguing that Iran was ripe for regime change and that a joint U.S.-Israeli military campaign could swiftly destroy Iran's missile capabilities and bring down the Islamic Republic.

The session included physical attendance by Trump, Netanyahu, and senior U.S. officials such as Chief of Staff Susan Wiles, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, and CIA Director John Ratcliffe, alongside virtual participation from Mossad Director David Barnea.

Later, in front of his colleagues, Mr. Vance warned Mr. Trump that a war against Iran could cause regional chaos and untold numbers of casualties. It could also break apart Mr. Trump’s political coalition and would be seen as a betrayal by many voters who had bought into the promise of no new wars.

Mr. Vance raised other concerns, too. As vice president, he was aware of the scope of America’s munitions problem. A war against a regime with enormous will for survival could leave the United States in a far worse position to fight conflicts for some years.

This account of how Mr. Trump took the United States into war is drawn from reporting for a forthcoming book, “Regime Change: Inside the Imperial Presidency of Donald Trump.”

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