

Declaring (Intellectual) war on Post-Zionism, Israel Apartheid, Boycott, Divestiture and Sanctions.

In order for this article to be taken seriously by critics, opponents, “fence sitters” and endorsers, I feel that I must declare my politics upfront. I was born in Israel before Israel was born. I have been living in Canada for over 40 years. On the political spectrum I can best describe myself as a (slightly) Left of Center Liberal. I am a Zionist. On the Israeli-Palestinian conflict I am a proponent of a two- state solution which I believe is still an international consensus and a majority opinion in Israel. I believe that the Palestinians deserve their own state not because of historical rights to the land and all the usual arguments. Rather, it is because the failure of Israel to address the “captured territories” issue in the post 1967 euphoria and because the Palestinians won the propaganda war in branding Israel an Occupier. I also believe that a two-state solution is in Israel’s best national interest. In fact I believe that Israel should attempt to negotiate on the two-state solution along the more or less already agreed upon guidelines, but failing that may well consider a unilateral demarcation of the two state borders and let the Palestinians figure out the rest. I am not driven by ideology, religion, humanism and all the other “-isms” invented by the academics and the radical left liberal intellectual elites (or “LIE”). I am also not sympathetic to the far Right claims over Judea and Samaria as historic land rights of Israel. I am driven by “real-politick”.

But now I want you to listen no matter where you are on the political spectrum.

Since the end of the second *intifada* the Palestinians immediately began the third *intifada* also known as the [“electronic intifada”](#). This war is just as lethal as any of the other “*intifadas*”. In fact even more so as it has been going on for many years, it is well organized, extremely well financed with clear and consistent messaging that resonate well with global audiences who are either uninformed or simply neutral in this old age dispute. This is a peculiar war aimed at the de-legitimization of the state of Israel fought by an army of “strange bed-fellows” for whom being drafted to this war serves their own totally unrelated agenda (academia, LIEs, trade unions, students, artists, media, NGOs, Churches, United Nations not to mention “good will” ambassadors as Carter and Desmond Tutu). It is even more peculiar in that the *electronic intifada* was successful in drafting many Israelis, Israeli expatriates and so called prominent Jewish academics, scholars, authors, bloggers and journalists to fight against the legitimacy of the state of Israel. The significance of this latter strategy, as will be explained, cannot be underestimated. The Israeli and Jewish “soldiers” of the electronic *intifada* army are acting as the “special force” elite commando units. They are exploited by the generals to legitimize the war against Israel in that they neutralize accusations of anti-Semitism (If Israelis and Jews say so it must be “Kosher”). It also helps enforce the message that anti-Zionism is good for Jews as the Zionism practiced by the State of Israel is alien to fundamental Jewish values so Jews should join the *intifada* in their own best interest, and many do. Recently the third *intifada* has begun a new solidarity campaign to expand and legitimize the war aims by joining solidarity movements advocating for oppressed people in general such as [Black and Native Americans and Palestinian Struggles](#) (go figure the connection).

However and most peculiar of all is that the State of Israel has chosen not to engage in this war in any meaningful way and has left the battle field to the unopposed *intifada* army and my question is Why?

As a political science major at York University in Toronto, the self-declared Marxist university and the hornets' nest of indoctrinating (mainly Muslim students) in anti-American and anti-Israel propaganda in a very systematic manner, I have extensively researched the topic of the electronic *intifada* from ground zero. York University is a perfect example of what is happening in many campuses across the globe: (pre-disposed) students are being "taught" through a combination of biased selective reading material (preferably written by Jews or Israelis), the Professors' own biased interpretations of "historical facts" that are distorted by omission or by commission through half-truths and outright lies. No wonder that celebrating Israel Apartheid Week, endorsing academic and intellectual boycott of Israel and Israeli academics and celebrating Queers against Israel Apartheid" have become popular spectator events that are financed, sponsored or subsidized by Canadian governments at all levels.

I have not equally extensively researched the reasons as to why the State of Israel and/or the Jewish Community declined to oppose the *intifada* Army. My information is admittedly anecdotal yet based on extensive discussions and interviews with Israeli expatriates, Israeli contemporaries in Israel (I spent a sabbatical year studying at Tel-Aviv University) and Jewish Community leaders. Reasons given range from dismissing or accusing the *intifada* as a form of anti-Semitism better to be ignored; taking a moral high road by accentuating Israel's positive contribution to global progress; dismissing the actual negative effects of the *intifada* on the diplomatic, political and economic well-being of the state of Israel; delegating the battle to the Jewish Diaspora who are the first to be threatened by the rising isolation of Israel and worst of all offering facts and exposing opposition lies to discredit the opponents. The sum total of these "efforts" amounts to nothing.

I challenge the reader to take a position as to whether or not this is a war worth fighting even at this late stage with an aim to neutralize if not defeat Israel's enemies which by my definition include Israelis and Jews who joined the ranks of the *intifada* in the effort to delegitimize the right of Israel to exist as a democratic Jewish state. I for one am prepared to declare and participate in a non-violent war against Israel's detractors, their army and their institutions. To do so effectively would require a deliberate campaign that includes the following ingredients:

- Recognition – wide spread awareness of the problem
- Dedication – financial and intellectual resources and a sustainable effort
- Selection – of targets, weapons and methods
- Execution - messaging, surveillance, counter-terrorism methods
- [Diversification](#) - make the discourse relevant to Canadian public opinion
- [Information](#) – timely dissemination, measurable progress, score keeping.

Are you in?