



## STUDY GUIDE

This July 4th, we're not just celebrating independence—we're reclaiming it. #FreeAmericaWeekend is a nationwide call to dream, gather, and resist, and The Study Sessions are a way we ground ourselves in the true meaning of Freedom.

### FOUNDATIONAL TEXTS

1. Declaration of Independence:  
<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>
2. The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro:  
<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4h2927t.html>
3. The Five Elements of Fascism:  
[https://open.substack.com/pub/robertreich/p/the-five-elements-of-fascism?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=android&r=4qxsq](https://open.substack.com/pub/robertreich/p/the-five-elements-of-fascism?utm_source=share&utm_medium=android&r=4qxsq)

## Freedom and Abolition

Rewatch the session:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Cy1CsxQUKX0?si=YuGb08628bDfqMzC&t=217>

### UNDERSTANDING ABOLITION

- What Abolitionists Do:  
<https://jacobin.com/2017/08/prison-abolition-reform-mass-incarceration>
- Organizing Critical Resistance:  
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/239526/video/901940958>

### INTERRUPTING CRIMINALIZATION READINGS

- Interrupting Criminalization: [www.interruptingcriminalization.com](http://www.interruptingcriminalization.com)
- Block & Build: But Make It Abolitionist:  
<https://www.interruptingcriminalization.com/resources-all/block-amp-build>
- Abortion Decriminalization is Part of the Larger Struggle Against Policing and Criminalization:  
<https://www.interruptingcriminalization.com/resources-all/abortion-decriminalization-is-part-of-the-larger-struggle-against-policing-and-criminalization>
- We Must Fight In Solidarity With Trans Youth:  
<https://www.interruptingcriminalization.com/resources-all/we-must-fight-in-solidarity-with-trans-youth>

## WOMEN'S MARCH

## COLLECTIVE RESISTANCE MODELS AND MAXIMS

- People in Prison Organize Collectively for Survival. We All Need to Learn How: <https://truthout.org/audio/people-in-prison-organize-collectively-for-survival-we-all-need-to-learn-how/>
- Black Genealogies of Power: Seven Maxims for Resistance in the Trump Years: <https://www.aaihs.org/black-genealogies-of-power-seven-maxims-for-resistance-in-the-trump-years/>
- Dan Berger Projects: <https://danberger.info/projects/>

## Freedom in a Time of War and Genocide

Rewatch the session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L961Aeddo-M>

### WAYS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TO STOP WAR ON IRAN:

1. [www.niacouncil.org/stopwarwithiran](http://www.niacouncil.org/stopwarwithiran) IG and Twitter: @niacouncil
2. [Call](#) and [Message](#) Members of Congress to support Iran War Powers Resolutions
3. [Just Like Us Instagram page](#) highlighting the civilian casualties in Iran, not reported at all by mainstream media
4. Activists / analysts / journalists to follow: Trita Parsi, Sina Toossi, Alex Shams, Hoda Katebi
5. The Iran Podcast by Negar Mortazavi, Democracy News, Dropsite News, Zeteo

### WAYS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TO END THE GENOCIDE AND ISRAELI OCCUPATION IN PALESTINE:

- Tell your Members of Congress to support legislation to block weapons to Israel: <https://www.blockthebombs.org/>
- Pass out "Not My Tax Dollars" flyers from the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights at your local fireworks show, parade, elected official's event, or other high-traffic locations this July 4th: <https://act.uscpr.org/a/nmtd-4th-of-july>
- Support the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. Learn more: [bdsmovement.net/Guide-to-BDS-Boycott](https://bdsmovement.net/Guide-to-BDS-Boycott)

### OTHER RESOURCES & READINGS:

- Why Should I Care About Palestine? [One-Pager](#)
- Not My Tax Dollars tool – see how many of your city and state tax dollars go to arming Israel: <https://www.notmytaxdollars.org/>
- Genocide Gentry tool – Find out if your local educational and cultural institutions are complicit in genocide and militarism: <https://genocidegentry.org/>



- "[It Is Neither Death, Nor Suicide](#)", Jihad Abusalim, In These Times (March 26 2025).
- "[In Gaza, women's health faces a war of its own as gynaecological illnesses worsen amid Israel's horrific genocide](#)", Haya Ahmed, The New Arab (April 10, 2025).
- [Freedom Bound: Lessons of Black-Palestinian Solidarity](#) booklet.
- [On Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism and Dangerous Conflations](#) from Jewish Voice for Peace
- Follow Adalah Justice Project on Instagram ([@adalahjusticeproject](#))

## **PALESTINIAN ACCOUNTS TO FOLLOW FOR NEWS & ANALYSIS:**

- Bisan Owda ([@wizardbisan\\_1](#))
- Hind Khoudary ([@hindkhoudary](#))
- Hebh Jamal ([@hebh\\_jamal](#))
- Lama Jamous ([@lama\\_jamous9](#))
- Yousef Mema ([@joegaza93](#))
- Ali Jadallah ([@alijadallah66](#))
- Ahmed El-Madhoun ([@madhoun95](#))
- Mosab Abu Toha ([@mosab\\_abutoha](#))
- [Mohammed Mhawish](#)
- [Jihad Abusalim](#) ([@JihadAbusalim](#))
- Sharif Kouddous ([@sharifkouddous](#))
- Mariam Barghouti ([@mariambarghouti](#))
- Noura Erakat ([@nouraerakat](#))
- Institute for Middle East Understanding - IMEU ([@theimeu](#))

