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## DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- At the beginning of the video, Mr. Kassam points out that, “AJ+ is bankrolled by the government of Qatar. Never heard of Qatar? Most people haven’t. It’s a tiny Persian Gulf state with lots of oil money- billions of dollars they’re not afraid to spend on causes they believe in – causes like the terror group Hamas, which runs the Gaza Strip. Without billions from Qatar and its ally, Iran, Hamas would blow away in the next desert sandstorm... But Hamas is only part of Qatar’s terror portfolio. The Qatar government bankrolls the Muslim Brotherhood, Al-Qaeda in Yemen and Syria, radical extremists in Libya, and Hezbollah in Lebanon – in other words a rogue’s gallery of murderous Islamist terror groups.” Why do you think that the government of Qatar funds AJ+? Why do you think that the government of Qatar supports terrorist groups? Explain.
- After explaining that Al Jazeera re-branded as AJ+, Mr. Kassam notes that, “...they’ve been amazingly successful. Their productions are well-produced, slick and Left. In fact, they are so Left that they make videos railing against Leftist white women for being insufficiently sympathetic to Leftist women of color, especially women of color who are gay or transgendered. It’s hard to ignore the irony that a media operation fully funded by a country that oppresses women and gays makes this kind of content for an American audience.” Why do you think that the re-branding of the network has been so successful? Explain. Do you agree that a country that oppresses woman and gay people producing content that supports women and gay people is hypocritical? Why or why not? Why do you think that the government of Qatar is attempting to manipulate Westerners? Explain.
- Mr. Kassam answers this last question by asking, “Why, you might ask, would the government of a Middle Eastern country care about influencing young Americans? The answer is this: anything that weakens the U.S. is a victory for them and their radical form of Islam. If they can convince young Americans that the U.S. is a bad place, young Americans are less likely to defend it, and less likely to support its efforts to fight Islamic terror.” Do you think that Qatar’s reasoning here is valid- that young Americans would be less likely to defend America and less likely to support fighting terrorist groups if those young Americans view the U.S. as the ‘bad guy?’ Why or why not? Do you think that AJ+ could be successful in making such an outcome happen? Why or why not?
- Mr. Kassam goes on to explain Qatar’s further reasoning that, “...if America is bad, then anyone it supports must also be bad. America supports Israel. Qatar, like its allies in the Iranian theocracy, wants Israel destroyed. So AJ+ turns out video after video, news report after news report, portraying the democratic, free, liberal Israel as a repressive apartheid state – despite the fact that Muslims living in Israel have more rights – such as freedom of expression and the equality of women and gays – than Muslims living in Qatar. In AJ+’s world, Israel attacks their peaceful neighbors in Gaza for no good reason. No need to mention rocket attacks randomly directed at Israeli civilians. Weaken America. Weaken Israel. To Qatar a few billion dollars for a few decades is a cheap price to pay if it can achieve those goals.” Why do you think that Qatar wants Israel destroyed? Explain. Do you think that Qatar will achieve these goals? Why or why not?
- At the end of the video, Mr. Kassam concludes that, “...you don’t have to play into their game. The next time you see an AJ+ video or so-called ‘news report’ consider the source.” What do you think Mr. Kassam means by ‘play into their game?’ Explain. What is Mr. Kassam really asking you to do? Explain.

## EXTEND THE LEARNING:

### CASE STUDY: AJ+

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article “Al Jazeera: ‘Jews Exploit Holocaust,’” then answer the questions that follow.

- What did a recent video promoted by the Al Jazeera Network accuse Jewish people of? What does the video claim that the Zionist movement did with statistics about the holocaust and why? What does Muna Hawaa, the presenter in the video, claim that the Jewish people did, in terms of the holocaust and their alleged ‘agenda?’ What point does the video attempt to make by comparing Israel to Nazis? What are some U.S. government officials concerned about, in terms of the Qatari government utilizing the Al Jazeera Network? How does the Arabic-language version of the programming differ from the English-language version of the content? How have major news outlets in the U.S. reacted to the video?
- Would you consider content distributed across the Al Jazeera Network, including the video highlighted in the article, to be ‘hate speech?’ Why or why not? Do you agree that watching AJ+ content or supporting AJ+ in any way is supporting the government of Qatar, and thus supporting Islamic terrorism and anti-Semitism? Why or why not?
- Which specific points in the video are supported by some of the points presented in the article? Do you think that AJ+ should be considered a legitimate source of information? Why or why not? Do you think that AJ+ should be allowed to distribute content in the U.S.? Why or why not?

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  - b. False
  
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# QUIZ - ANSWER KEY

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The video went viral for all the wrong reasons earlier this week, as the network’s AJ+ channel – rebranded to hide the Al Jazeera moniker and aimed mostly at young people online – published the clips now archived by MEMRI:

The captions read: “The gas chambers killed millions of Jews... So the story says. How true is the #Holocaust and how did the Zionists benefit from it?”

“The Jews weren’t the only targets of the Nazis, but also Gypsies [Roma], the disabled, homosexuals, and Arabs and Christians, too,” the video’s presenter, Muna Hawwa, says.

“In all, the Nazis killed 20 million people during the Holocaust and the Final Solution, and the Jews were just a part of that. Then why does the world focus so much on Jews?”

According to the left-wing Ha’aretz, the video claims, “statistics [about the Holocaust] were inflated by the Zionist movement to help them establish Israel.”

Further along, Hawwa states: “[Jews] exploited the Holocaust for their agenda and made the whole world focus on their murders and forget the other victims... reparations that Israel received were disproportionate.”

Lastly, the video makes the claim many anti-Semites, even those in the U.S. Congress, are recently heard to claim: “But Israel – who benefitted the most from the Holocaust – uses the same pretexts as the Nazis to commit ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians and eliminate them.”

The Qatari government-owned network said in a statement on the matter: “Al Jazeera stated today, that it has taken disciplinary action and suspended two of its journalists over video content produced on the Holocaust... The video content and accompanying posts were swiftly deleted by AJ+ senior management from all AJ+ pages and accounts on social media, as it contravened the Network’s editorial standards.”

Fear is growing on Capitol Hill that the Qatari government utilizes Al Jazeera and the social media-savvy AJ+ to push certain political narratives in the United States. Their Arab language and English language programming is drastically different, with the network claiming to be young, trendy, and socialist in the United States, and socially ultra-conservative with Islamic principles in the Middle East.

Al Jazeera also has a high number of press passes to cover Capitol Hill and the White House in Washington, D.C..

Between Qatar and Saudi Arabia, money has been pouring into media organizations, pressure groups, think tanks, and more in recent years in Washington, D.C., with a proxy war between the two nations playing out in America’s capital.

The U.S. administration is currently far more supportive of Saudi Arabia, though under Barack Obama Qatar, Iran, and the Muslim Brotherhood were the allies of choice in the region.

The story of Al Jazeera’s Holocaust denigration and Jew-hatred has not been reported by major news outlets in the United States. Those same outlets – such as MSNBC and CNN – have historically reported at length on headlines on Fox News, Breitbart, and other conservative-leaning sites which they find “troubling”.

Earlier this month CNN’s Brian Stelter went on a tirade about the One America News Network. CNN has not gone on a tirade about Al Jazeera.