



revelations
moral compass

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DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Towards the beginning of the video, Mr. Cevallos shares with us that, “I always want to know the truth about things. And I hate lies. And there are more lies told about Israel than about any place in the world. I have come to realize that if you believe lies about Israel, you will believe lies about almost anything. And if you know the truth about Israel, you’re likely to think straight about most things. In other words, Israel is a kind of truth test. Fail this test and you’ve fallen into a fantasy world of untruth, a funhouse mirror of the real world.” Why do you think that more lies are told about Israel than any other country? Explain. Do you agree with Mr. Cevallos’ assertion about Israel being a type of ‘truth test,’ and thus about one’s position on Israeli issues being indicative of coherent, cogent thought? Why or why not?
- Later Mr. Cevallos explains: “ ...sometime during my high school years Israel got my attention. And I started to do some research. At first I thought, ‘Wow, this is a complex issue.’ Was Israel the victim or the aggressor in the Middle East? Did it oppress its minority population or was it a bastion of civil rights? Was it a colonizer of Palestinian land? Or did it have legitimate claim to that land? Why did the United Nations pass resolution after resolution condemning Israel? But say nothing about Syria or North Korea. Why did Israel’s neighbors pledge themselves to its utter destruction? All this attention, focused on a country you have to squint to see on a globe, a country one-tenth the size of my own and with one-half the population. It was all very confusing.” Do you think that Leftists distribute propaganda against Israel in part to intentionally confuse people like Mr. Cevallos? Why or why not? What was so important about Mr. Cevallos researching the topic before drawing any conclusions about it or taking any positions on it, in terms of developing his own beliefs and in terms of being able to discuss the issues about Israel intelligently? Explain.
- Mr. Cevallos then shares with us that, “ ...the more research I did, the clearer the picture became... More research led to even more revelations. Israel has repeatedly offered the Palestinians their own state, and every time, those efforts were rejected. Why? For one simple reason: the Palestinians have never accepted Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish State. And the wall Israel built to separate themselves from the Palestinians? The wall most of the world condemns? The only reason the Israelis built it was to stop waves of suicide bombings. It worked. The bombings stopped. This stuff isn’t hard to find out.” Why do you think that Mr. Cevallos was so compelled to discover the truths about Israel? Considering that these truths are not difficult to discover, why do you think that so many people believe Leftist propaganda and take a position against Israel without doing any research, even easy, cursory research, like Mr. Cevallos did? Explain.
- Later in the video, Mr. Cevallos notes: “ ...[it wasn’t] hard to find out, despite the lack of Western media coverage, how many Syrians fled to Israel during the Syrian civil war to have their injuries treated and lives saved in Israeli hospitals. And then I realized that Israel is like a North Star of truth, a way to set your moral compass. If you can’t locate this star, you’re guaranteed to get lost in a sea of lies. How many rockets does Hamas have to launch, how many times does Iran have to threaten to blow Israel off the face of the earth before this becomes clear to you?” What do you think Mr. Cevallos means by the phrase ‘a way to set your moral compass?’ Explain. How would you answer Mr. Cevallos’ last question here in this passage? Explain.
- At the end of the video, Mr. Cevallos wonders: “Why anyone who values freedom and

democracy wouldn't wish Israel well, wouldn't be willing to take its side when it's threatened, I find hard to understand. I guess not everyone is interested in truth. Well, I am- which is why Israel means so much to me, even in Ecuador." Why do you think that some people are not interested in objective truth? Explain. Do you think that they should be? Do you think more people should be open-minded regarding their approach to developing their position on important issues? Why or why not?

EXTEND THE LEARNING:

CASE STUDY: The United Nations

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article "UN committee condemns Israel 8 times, rest of world 0," then answer the questions that follow.

- At the time these resolutions passed, what country was the Chairperson of the U.N. General Assembly's Fourth Committee from? What did the resolutions do? Who is Hillel Neuer, and what did she say about it? In the face of Palestinian terrorist groups sending 200 rockets to kill Israeli citizens Ms. Neuer pointed out that the U.N. condemned Israel for what purpose? What did Ms. Neuer note about the countries who were passing resolutions against Israel in comparison to resolutions against other countries? What point was Ms. Neuer making when mentioning the four resolutions concerning UNRWA? What did the resolution drafted by Syria call for, and what did Ms. Neuer ask in response? What did Ms. Neuer claim that the U.N.'s 'disproportionate assault against the Jewish state' did?
- Do you think that Ms. Neuer made some valid and legitimate points? Why or why not? In what ways does the U.N. condemning Israel in a farce work against those who are seeking truth? Why do you think that the U.N. doesn't care about the truth and is so blatantly anti-Israel? Explain.
- Have you taken a position on Israel? If no, why not? If yes, did this video help or inspire you to seek truth? Explain.



QUIZ

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 - a. Ecuador
 - b. Syria
 - c. Nigeria
 - d. Israel

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 - a. free speech
 - b. independent courts
 - c. open and fair elections
 - d. all of the above

3. A fifth of Israel's citizens are Arab Muslims, and even have their own political party.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. Why have the Palestinians repeatedly rejected Israel's offer for the Palestinians to have their own state?
 - a. because the Palestinians need much more land than Israel has offered
 - b. because the Palestinians would be cut off from Iran's support of their military
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UN committee condemns Israel 8 times, rest of world 0

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Iraqi Ambassador Mohammed Hussein Bahr Aluloom, Chair of the UN General Assembly's Fourth Committee

GENEVA, Nov. 15, 2019 – A United Nations General Assembly committee today adopted eight resolutions that single out or condemn Israel, and zero on the entire rest of the world.

The texts condemn Israel for “repressive measures” against Syrian citizens in the Golan Heights, renew the mandate of the corrupt UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), and renew the mandate of the UN’s “special committee to investigate Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.”

All 193 UN member states belong to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, or Fourth Committee, that each year adopts the texts with large majorities. Countries’ votes are repeated in December when the GA plenary formally ratifies the texts.

“The UN’s assault on Israel with a torrent of one-sided resolutions is surreal,” said Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch, a Geneva-based non-governmental watchdog organization.

“Days after the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist group assaulted Israeli civilians with a barrage of 200 rockets — while the UN’s General Assembly and Human Rights Council stayed silent — the world body

now adds insult to injury by adopting eight lopsided condemnations, whose only purpose is to demonize the Jewish state.”

“While France, Germany, Sweden and other EU states are expected to support 15 out of a total of 20 resolutions to be adopted against Israel by December, the same European nations have failed to introduce a single UNGA resolution on the human rights situation in China, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Belarus, Cuba, Turkey, Pakistan, Vietnam, Algeria, or on 175 other countries,” said Neuer.

Earlier this year, 155 German MPs called on the German government to “dissociate from unilateral, primarily politically motivated initiatives and alliances of anti-Israeli Member States, and protect Israel and legitimate Israeli interests from unilateral condemnation” in the UN.

In 2017, Dutch parliament resolved to “actively oppose UN organizations that devote disproportional attention to Israel.”

“Lawmakers and regular citizens in Germany and the Netherlands should be outraged at how their countries voted today. Continued pressure is needed from parliament if their governments’ anti-Israel voting patterns are to change in the future,” said Neuer.

“Four of today’s resolutions concern UNRWA — yet none mentions that the agency chief was just fired after top management engaged in what the UN’s own internal probe described as ‘sexual misconduct, nepotism, retaliation, discrimination and other abuses of authority, for personal gain.’ All EU states are complicit in this conspiracy of silence.”

“One of today’s resolutions — drafted and co-sponsored by Syria — falsely condemns Israel for ‘repressive measures’ against Syrian citizens in the Golan Heights. It’s obscene,” said Neuer.

The resolution condemns Israel for holding on to the Golan Heights, and demands Israel hand the land and its people to Syria.

“It’s astonishing,” said Neuer. “After the Syrian regime has killed half a million of its own people, how can the UN call for more people to be handed over to Assad’s rule? The text is morally galling, and logically absurd.”

“Today’s resolutions claim to care about Palestinians, yet the UN is oblivious to more than 3,000 Palestinians who have been slaughtered, maimed and expelled by Assad’s forces.”

“Today’s farce at the General Assembly underscores a simple fact: the UN’s automatic majority has no interest in truly helping Palestinians, nor in protecting anyone’s human rights; the goal of these ritual, one-sided condemnations is to scapegoat Israel,” said Neuer.

“The UN’s disproportionate assault against the Jewish state undermines the institutional credibility of what is supposed to be an impartial international body. Politicization and selectivity harm its founding mission, eroding the UN Charter’s promise of equal treatment to all nations large and small,” Neuer added.

[Click here](#) to see the virtually identical 20 UN General Assembly resolutions targeting Israel in 2018, as well as a 21st resolution after the U.S.’s attempt at passing a resolution condemning Hamas resulted instead in one additional condemnation of Israel.

UN just passed 8 resolutions against Israel. Did your country join the jackals?

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— Hillel Neuer (@HillelNeuer) November 16, 2019

#UNGA Fourth Committee just adopted eight resolutions that unfairly single out and target #Israel. Disheartened by this assault on peace, especially by many US allies. The United States will always stand with Israel. <https://t.co/8ccaEQdGGB>

— Ambassador Kelly Craft (@USAmbUN) November 15, 2019

"Scandal: UN committee targets Israel 8 times, none on rest of the world." Europe's highest circulation newspaper @Bild quotes UN Watch's @HillelNeuer: "Continued pressure is needed from parliaments if anti-Israel voting patterns are to change in future." <https://t.co/gllxhqp7Zd>

— UN Watch (@UNWatch) November 17, 2019