



STUDY GUIDE

How the Left Sees the World: Power, Race, and Class

KEY TERMS:

Left
judge

moral compass
civil rights

evil
economic class

NOTE-TAKING COLUMN: Complete this section <u>during</u> the video. Include definitions and key terms.	CUE COLUMN: Complete this section <u>after</u> the video.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="99 548 943 630">1. What does one ask when being guided by a moral compass?<li data-bbox="99 1119 943 1228">2. Despite the actual demographics, what race does the Left consider Israelis to be and what race does the Left consider Palestinians to be?<li data-bbox="99 1692 943 1764">3. Instead of moral behavior, on what basis did Karl Marx divide the world?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="943 548 1523 699">1. Rather than judge people by their character and judge nations by their actions, how does the Left decide who is good and who is bad?<li data-bbox="943 1314 1523 1465">2. What is important about the difference between using a moral compass to guide judgment versus the Left's approach?

Discussion & Review Questions

1. Towards the beginning of the video, Mr. Prager contends that, “Like all countries, which are made up of flawed human beings, Israel is flawed. But compared to most countries, not to mention its neighbors, it is a civil rights paradise. So, why does the Left hate Israel?” How would you answer his question?
2. Mr. Prager answers his question by stating, “The reason is that the Left, and as I always emphasize, I am talking about the Left, not about liberals- is not guided by a moral compass. It is guided by three other compasses: a power compass, a race compass, and a class compass.” Why do you think that Mr. Prager makes a distinction between liberals and the Left? Explain. Why do you think that the Left chooses to view the world through power, race, and class rather than through morality and merit? Explain.
3. After explaining that the Left judges strong nations to be bad and weak nations to be good, no matter what else, Mr. Prager points out that, “Just as it substitutes weak and strong for good and evil, the Left substitutes non-white and white for good and evil. The Left doesn’t judge people by their actions, but by their race. That’s why, for example, the Left asserts that a black person cannot be racist, only a white person can be racist. And that provides the second reason Israel is labeled evil: Israelis are considered white and Palestinians are not white. Never mind that more than half of Israel’s population is not white. The result: the Left essentially ignores Palestinian terror and loudly condemns Israel’s responses to terror.” Do you think that the Left can reconcile its claim to value equality and equal treatment with its method of judging people based on perception of race? If yes, how? If no, why not? Do you think that judging people based on race is, in itself, inherently racist? Why or why not?
4. In describing the third compass that the Left uses, Mr. Prager notes that, “Instead of judging people’s actions by the same moral yardstick, that of good and evil, the left judges people’s actions based on their economic class. Rich people and rich nations are bad; poor people and poor nations are good. This began with Karl Marx, who divided the world by economic class, not moral behavior. To Marx and to Marxism, good and evil is entirely class-based. Good is defined as workers; evil as owners.” Why do you think that the Left continues to value and to embrace this dangerously wrong, absurdly narrow, and egregious ideology? Explain.
5. At the end of the video, Mr. Prager concludes that, “As fewer and fewer people perceive the world in terms of good and evil, substituting a power, race, or class compass for a moral compass, you will inevitably get more evil, and more hatred of the good- beginning with Israel and America, and ending with Western Civilization.” What do you think Mr. Prager means by this passage? What do you think is the direct correlation between not using a moral compass and the outcome of more hatred for good people and good deeds? Explain. What, specifically, do you think could be done to get more people using the moral compass instead of using the Left’s approach? Explain. Do you agree with Mr. Prager’s assessment that the more the power/race/class compass is used the more hatred will spread to all of Western Civilization? Why or why not?

Extend the Learning:

Case Study The Squad

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article “Dear Rep. Pressley: I’m Your Constituent. Will you Condemn Antisemitic Rhetoric From ‘The Squad,’” then answer the questions that follow.

1. What was the author of the letter becoming ‘increasingly disappointed and concerned about?’ Who is ‘The Squad?’ What is Miftah, and what has it done? Who is Dalal Al Mughrabi, and what did he do? How did ‘The Squad’ respond to what Dalal Al Mughrabi did? How did Rep. Pressley respond to the backlash aimed at ‘The Squad’ for their antisemitism? What was the author hoping Rep. Pressley would say? What does the author claim to be ‘pained’ by?
2. Do you think the fact that ‘The Squad’ continued to condemn Israel and characterize Israel as ‘the real problem’ in the face of a Palestinian terrorist killing 38 Israelis demonstrates that they are using the power/race/class compass instead of the moral one? Why or why not? Why do you think that Rep. Pressley chooses to use the power/race/class compass rather than the moral one? Explain. Do you think that anyone who claims to be Christian or to be Jewish is obligated to use the moral compass instead of the power/class/race compass? Why or why not? Which compass do you think the author of the letter uses? Explain. What was the main point of the article?
3. Which compass do you choose to view the world through, and why?

<https://forward.com/opinion/429960/dear-congresswoman-pressley-im-your-constituent-will-you-speak-out-when/>



Dear Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley,

I am one of your Jewish constituents. I live in Brighton, Massachusetts, in the Seventh Congressional District.

Over the past several days, I have become increasingly disappointed and concerned about your silence with regards to Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib. Omar and Tlaib, members of the “Squad” which you are proudly part of, have in the past engaged in anti-Semitic rhetoric. They have also slandered and defamed the world’s only Jewish state. So I was concerned about your membership in “the Squad.” But I became more hopeful when I learned you supported the bill condemning the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

But then, on Thursday, August 15, Israel decided not to allow Congresswomen Omar and Tlaib, from traveling to the country, citing a law the Israeli parliament passed in 2017 which prohibited those advocating the boycott of Israel from entering.

Whether or not Israel should have taken this step, Omar and Tlaib’s trip plans were laden with hatred for Jews and their state from the start. The Congresswomen were to travel through an anti-Semitic organization called Miftah, which has accused “Jews [of using] the blood of Christians in the Jewish Passover,” furthering the age-old anti-Semitic blood libel. The group also re-published a viciously racist, homophobic, and anti-Semitic Neo-Nazi text which discusses Jewish control of the media. “But to permit the Jews, with their 3,000-year history of nation-wrecking, from ancient Egypt to Russia, to hold such power over us is tantamount to race suicide,” the article reads. “Indeed, the fact that so many White Americans today are so filled with a sense of racial guilt and self-hatred that they actively seek the death of their own race is a deliberate consequence of Jewish media control.”

Miftah took down both of those articles, but they routinely praise Palestinian suicide bombers, calling Dalal Al Mughrabi — a terrorist who killed 38 Israelis — a Palestinian “national hero.”

At the press conference Reps. Omar and Tlaib held on August 19, Rep. Tlaib dismissed the allegations against Miftah as “distractions” from the real problem at hand: Israel. Omar, meanwhile, used the opportunity to suggest that the U.S. should reconsider providing aid to Israel.

Congresswoman Pressley: as a member of the Squad, I understand the need you felt to release a statement supporting Reps. Tlaib and Omar:

When you attack one of us, you attack all of us. This is about the preservation of our democracy.

My full statement on Netanyahu’s hateful ban. <https://t.co/OeaLFqliD2>—
Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (@RepPressley) August 15, 2019

But I expected you to condemn the anti-Semitic rhetoric your “sisters” are spouting. I thought you would call out Miftah for its vile Jew-hatred. I hoped you would reaffirm the shared values of democracy and freedom that the United States and Israel stand for. I yearned for your understanding that, just like President Trump does not represent the will of all Americans, not all Israelis agree with or support Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Instead, your statement made you a bystander to the hate and ill-will Congresswomen Omar and Tlaib have for Israel — and for Jews. You wrote that “we should reevaluate our relationships with any country who seeks to ban Americans and threatens the safety of anyone, including government officials.”

And of the backlash against Omar and Tlaib, you wrote, “Congresswomen Omar and Tlaib are my dear friends, my sisters in service and hardworking Americans who have been subject to some of the most vile and vicious attacks simply for being who they are.”

Congresswoman Pressley: Members of The Squad, which you so proudly represent, are dealing a grave injustice to American Jewry. You have a moral obligation to stand up for your Jewish brothers and sisters, especially those in your District. We are pained by your silence, and willful ignorance of the vile rhetoric propagated by your “sisters in service.”

As an American, I am shocked by your silence, and as a Jew, I am outraged by it. And as a voting constituent, I hope you will find your voice.



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