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Myths & Facts: Online Exclusive

Is the Media Accurately Portraying the Current Wave of Violence Against Israelis?

Since October 1, 2015, Palestinian terrorists have been involved in 187 stabbings, 75 shootings, and 39 vehicular attacks that have killed 31 Israelis, including one American citizen, and wounded 357. In the course of defending themselves, Israeli victims and security officials have killed approximately 172 Palestinians.

Much of the world's media has inversed the violence with provocative headlines and stories highlighting the deaths of the Palestinian terrorists and minimizing the fate of their victims. For example...

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Mitchell Bard in The Jerusalem Post

How About A Little Good Campus News?

Critics often say the media has little or nothing good to say about Israel. The same could be said about the campus situation, only most of those writing about anti-Semitism and anti-Israel activities are Jews. In these blogs, I've often tried to correct the false impression that the campuses are on fire, but sometimes have

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been guilty myself of focusing on the negative. The truth is that a lot of positive activities are going on that are being ignored and deserve our attention.

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Fact of the Week

First Reform Prayer Service Takes Place at Western Wall

On January 31, 2016, the Israeli government approved the creation of an "egalitarian" prayer space where non-Orthodox Jewish men and women can pray together at the [Western Wall](#). This decision was met with praise from Jewish leaders across the globe, and opposition from Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox Israeli citizens and members of the government. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that the creation of this space was a "fair and creative solution," to rising tensions at the site.

The advocacy group [Women of the Wall](#) called the decision a victory, with the government recognizing that, according to the organization's chairwoman, "that there is more than one way to be Jewish."

The new space is South of the current prayer sections of the Wall, in an area known as [Robinson's Arch](#). The first Reform, mixed-gender prayer service ever to take place at the Western Wall was held in the future area on February 25, 2016.

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Anthony Housefather Speaking Against Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

This video is twenty minutes long, but cutting it any shorter than its full length would not do it justice. I highly recommend watching the full length of it as there is a lot of insight on BDS, anti-semitism, and Jewish history in Canada.



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Sincerely,



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