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Myths & Facts: Online Exclusive

Are Israeli Arabs Denied Political Representation in the Knesset?

From the establishment of the state, Israel has adhered to democratic principles and allowed all of its citizens to vote in national elections. As in other areas of Israeli law, [Israeli Arabs](#) have the same rights to form parties, run for office and vote for the party of their choice.

From the [first Israeli Knesset](#) in 1949, Israeli Arabs have been represented within the parliamentary system. In fact, three Arabs were members of that first [Knesset](#), including Tawfik Toubi, the second longest serving Knesset member (41 years, 5 months and 9 days) after [Shimon Peres](#). Altogether, at least 70 Israeli Arabs have won seats in Israel's parliament.

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Mitchell Bard in The Jerusalem Post

Anti-Semites Get a Free Pass on Campus

The college campus has long been the one place in America where anti-Israel activity and anti-Semitism has been tolerated. Jews, despite their status as a minority, and history of being persecuted, are not afforded the same protections or consideration that other minorities receive on campus.

The double-standard was evident most recently at the University of Oklahoma where the video of a racist chant made by members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity chapter provoked national outrage and led University President David Boren to close the fraternity, kick out the house's residents, and expel two students. No one suggested that the fraternity members were entitled to exercise their right to free speech, or that they were simply expressing an opinion that was distasteful or that college students should be able to deal with controversial opinions with which they disagree. Yet these

are precisely the excuses made by universities for failing to prevent egregious attacks on Jewish students.

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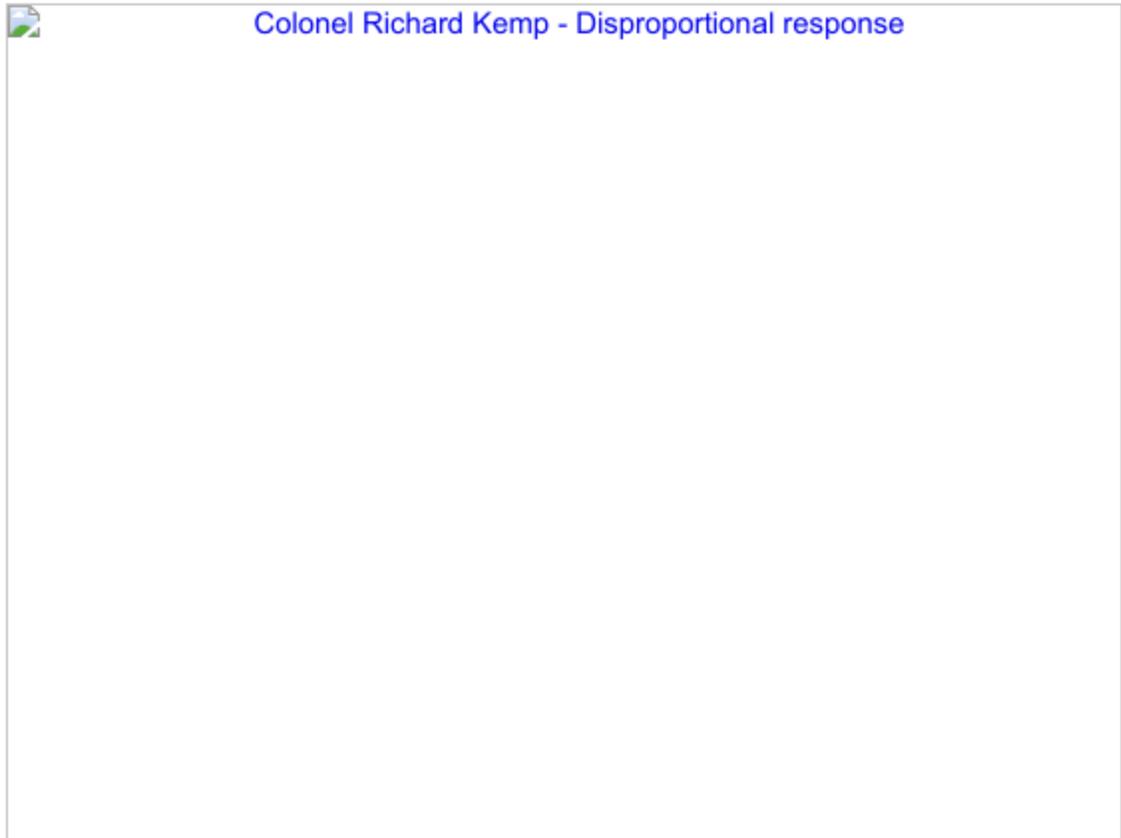
Fact of the Week

Record Number of Women to Serve in the Next Knesset

A record number of 28 women will serve in the next Israeli Knesset, compared with 27 in the previous [Knesset](#), which was also a record at the time. Eight of the 24 representatives on the [Zionist Union](#) slate are women, as compared with 6 out of 30 in [Likud](#). The new [joint Arab ticket](#) has two women on it, as does [Meretz](#). But in the small left-wing Zionist party, which made it into the Knesset by the skin of its teeth, they account for half the list. In the new center-right [Kulanu](#) party, four of the 10 representatives who will sit in the next Knesset are women.

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