



Photo: DESTRUCTION FROM AN ISRAELI AIRSTRIKE IN GAZA CITY, 10/19/23

DEATHS FROM OCT. 7 - NOV. 12 (VIA RENTERS)
ISRAELIS: 1,239
PALESTINIANS: 11,078

Rashida Tlaib is the only Palestinian-American person in Congress.

On Nov. 7th, 2023, Congress voted to censure Tlaib for statements she made about the ongoing violence in Israel and Palestine.

A CENSURE IS A DISCIPLINARY ACTION: "A FORMAL STATEMENT OF DISAPPROVAL."

Here are quotes from her statements, juxtaposed with the censure resolution.



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But let me be clear: My criticism has always been of the Israeli government and Netanyahu's actions. It is important to separate people and governments, Mr. Chair. No government is beyond criticism. The idea that criticizing the government of Israel is antisemitic sets a very dangerous precedent, and it's being used to silence diverse voices speaking up for human rights across our nation.
I can't believe I have to say this, but Palestinian people are not disposable. We are human beings just like anyone else.

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DETROIT — Today, Representative Rashida Tlaib (MI-12) released the following statement:

"I grieve the Palestinian and Israeli lives lost yesterday, today, and every day. I am determined as ever to fight for a just future where everyone can live in peace, without fear and with true freedom, equal rights, and human dignity. The path to that future must include lifting the blockade, ending the occupation, and dismantling the apartheid system that creates the suffocating, dehumanizing conditions that can lead to resistance. The failure to recognize the violent reality of living under siege, occupation, and apartheid makes no one safer."

Whereas Representative Rashida Tlaib, within 24 hours of the October 7 barbaric attack on Jewish citizens of the State of Israel, representing the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust, defended the brutal rapes, murders, be-headings, and kidnapping—including of Americans—by Hamas as justified "resistance" to the "apartheid state";

Whereas Representative Tlaib's October 8 statement claimed that Hamas' October 7 attack on the Jewish people was partly attributable to United States security aid provided to Israel, which ignores the fact that the Iron Dome, a co-developed air defense system, saved lives that day by intercepting rockets launched from the Gaza Strip against Israeli civilian targets;

... No person, no child anywhere should have to suffer or live in fear of violence. We cannot ignore the humanity in each other. As long as our country provides billions in unconditional funding to support the apartheid government, this heartbreaking cycle of violence will continue."

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"The American people do not support funding for war crimes—like the use of white phosphorus bombs—and are calling for a ceasefire. As the Israeli government carries out ethnic cleansing in Gaza, President Biden is cheering on Netanyahu, whose own citizens are protesting his refusal to support a ceasefire. We must be laser focused on saving lives, no matter their faith or ethnicity."

Whereas, on November 3, 2023, Representative Tlaib published on social media a video containing the phrase "from the river to the sea", which is widely recognized as a genocidal call to violence to destroy the state of Israel and its people to replace it with a Palestinian state extending from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea;

Whereas Representative Tlaib doubled down on this call to violence by falsely describing "from the river to the sea" as "an aspirational call for freedom, human rights, and peaceful coexistence" despite it clearly entailing Israel's destruction and denial of its fundamental right to exist; and