

Affirm your:

- Unequivocal support for Palestine, for the people of Palestine, and their right to a free, unoccupied homeland. Express deep solidarity and condolences to the Palestinians in Gaza and the remaining occupied territories.
- Belief that every human life has intrinsic value, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, or religious beliefs and that you:
- Oppose the ongoing bombing and killing of civilians in Palestine.
- Oppose the killing of civilians in Israel.
- Unequivocally condemn the targeting of civilians as a war crime.
- Extend your condolences to the families of those impacted by the violence, including Jewish, Palestinian, and Muslim Americans.
- Belief that if the international community offers the Palestinian people a true path to freedom, justice, and a dignified life, then peace and stability can inevitably follow.

Condemn:

- One-sided, biased statements from schools, universities, organizations, elected officials, and media outlets and emphasize that every innocent life is sacred, valuable, and should be protected; every life, not just Israeli lives.
- Blatant disregard from elected officials regarding the Palestinian people's suffering in Gaza at the hands of Israel. Call on them to meet with Palestinian human rights advocates to gain a deeper and more balanced perspective on the decades-long struggle the Palestinian people have endured.
- Islamophobic statements conflating violence in the region with Muslims and Islam.

Urge Congress to:

- Acknowledge the loss of lives and recognize the humanity on both sides, including Israelis and Palestinians.
- Express support for an immediate ceasefire.
- Demand that the United States reasserts its leadership role as a negotiator in pursuit of a lasting peace. This entails addressing the root causes of violence, terminating Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories, and ending the Israeli government's apartheid policies.
- Reiterate our belief that if the international community offers the Palestinian people a true path to freedom, justice, and a dignified life, then peace, and stability can inevitably follow.

Ask schools, community colleges, and universities to:

- Adopt a balanced view that ensures a welcoming and safe environment for students of all backgrounds.
- Issue a statement affirming the pain and suffering of the Palestinians—especially the more than two million Palestinians in occupied Gaza, half of whom are children—and who have been called “human animals” by Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

If People Ask You About Hamas, Say:

- I understand that the actions of the Israeli govt are separate from the Israeli people and the actions of Hamas are separate from Palestinian people. My only concern is for the innocent Palestinian and Israeli men, women, and children who are losing their life in this brutal military campaign. To save innocent lives, I support an immediate ceasefire.

Supporting Facts:

- Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine began in 1948, when what is known as the Nakba or the "catastrophe" occurred, resulting in 750,000 Palestinians being displaced.
- Over the past 75 years, the Palestinian people have experienced immense suffering, displacement, and a 15-year-long inhumane siege and blockade in Gaza, which has been described as the world's "largest open-air prison" by human rights organizations. The blockade, which has been ruthlessly imposed by Israel by land, sea, and air has effectively deprived Palestinian residents of freedom of movement and crippled Gaza's economy. It has severely restricted access to basic human needs, like food, clean water, electricity, and medicine. Israel's war crimes against Palestinians of all faiths have been well documented by Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, B'Tselem, and others who have unequivocally declared Israel an apartheid state.
- Israeli leaders and advocates acknowledge Israel's occupation is like South African apartheid. The former head of Mossad (Tamir Pardo) said recently: "There is an apartheid state here...In a territory where two people are judged under two legal systems, that is an apartheid state." The world rallied around Black South Africans, acknowledging their right to freedom. The Palestinians should be afforded the same right.
- Gaza, which human rights organizations have described as "the largest open-air prison" due to an ongoing 15-year-long inhumane siege and blockade, is home to two million Palestinians, most of whom are refugees from villages and towns occupied by Israel. The United Nations has called Israel's aggressions in Gaza and the Occupied West Bank "illegal under international law" and a "substantial obstacle to peace."
- Palestinians have endured decades of dehumanization and annexation and continue to be persecuted under the apartheid system of the Israeli occupation. The immediate uproar when Israel faces an attack is in stark contrast to the shameful silence in the face of Israel's brutality toward the Palestinian people for over 75 years. Palestinians are no different than any other people—they want to live free and with dignity on their own land.
- The killing of children has been justified across the West, including by the United States, which has funded the illegal occupation for decades and recently gave Israel the green light for a major military operation in Gaza. Israel's campaign on Gaza has leveled entire neighborhoods, killing over 1,400 people, more than 60% of them women and children, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.
- Hamas is a byproduct of the occupation; the group formed in 1987—almost 40 years after the dispossession of Palestinians began in 1948.
- The death toll of the conflict in Palestine-Israel is disproportionately borne by the Palestinians. Between 2008 and 2021, at least 5,739 Palestinians and 251 Israelis were killed.

According to the UN, the conflict has taken the lives of 23 Palestinians for each Israeli. Over the same time period, at least 121,438 Palestinians and 5,682 Israelis were injured. It is essential to keep in mind that the Palestinian people have endured decades of dispossession, dehumanization, and annexation under the illegal Israeli occupation and apartheid system.

- The only way to permanently stop these cycles of violence is to end the Israeli government's illegal occupation of Palestine, which kills hundreds of Palestinian civilians every year and subjects millions more men, women and children to systemic, racist oppression, and also takes the lives of Israeli civilians.
- Every life is valuable: Israeli, Palestinian, or any other; however, this compassion and attention is only given to Israelis and not the Palestinians.