

# Academics Use Propaganda, Not Expertise, to Bash Israel

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Men wearing Palestinian keffiyas have been running around beating up Jews [America](#) and [interfaith](#) do-gooders, [scholars](#) in general are issuing statements of support for Palestine, but not for Israel, which has been under the most profound siege.

A group calling itself the Palestinian Feminist Collective launched ["issued a statement](#) "In Solidarity With Palestinian Feminist Collective," which links to non-scholarly boilerplate

propaganda, none of which is concerned with the Islamic gender apartheid that afflicts Arab Palestinian women in Israel, Gaza, and on the West Bank. They focus on "[humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip](#)," which fail to acknowledge that Israel left Gaza in 2005. Whatever the situation there may be, it is due to Hamas's greed, corruption, and terrorist goals.

Dear God: How is it possible to claim that "Palestine is a feminist issue," which they do, without even mentioning forced child marriage, forced veiling, and honor killing – which are indigenous customs – not caused by the alleged Israeli occupation?

Under Hamas's theocratic reign, women in Gaza [beaten](#) for daring to be outside with her head uncovered. Gaza is among the world's [study of testosterone](#), and the "reciprocal relations between science and the social hierarchies of gender, sexuality and race"; [Queer Kinship in Taiwan](#)[Queer, Race, and Queers of Color](#)[Sexuality](#), psychoanalytic, postcolonial, queer and trans theories.

Only [attack](#) President Trump and Ayaan Hirsi Ali for misguidedly stigmatizing an entire people for crimes that allegedly also occur in the non-Muslim West.

Perhaps this is what is now considered "feminist" work. But none of these randomly chosen 10 have an advanced degree in the history and nature of the Middle East, the Arab World, Islam, Judaism, or Israel. None are teaching courses in such areas as experts. They are merely using their expert credentials to support propaganda.

The feminist academics are not alone. Another statement, "[IPT](#)."