## AOC Repeats Claim That Israel is an 'Apartheid State.' Here's Why She's Wrong.

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**Every few weeks it seems that someone** – Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, Peter Beinart, Nicholas Kristof, Bernie Sanders – simply throws out that phrase suitable for every occasion, that "Israel is an apartheid state." A few weeks ago, on May 16, it was the turn of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who in the middle of the 11-day war that the terror gang Hamas unleashed on Israel with a furious barrage of rockets, repeated the claim that "Israel is an apartheid state." She did not offer any evidence for this canard; none of these people ever do. They merely wave in the direction of an answer, saying "just look at the way Israel treats its Arab citizens."

So here we are having to run through, yet again, the evidence that contradicts that assertion; I am sure you are as tired of reading my response as I sometimes am of having to deliver it, but we mustn't let that statement, both vicious and absurd, pass unremarked, not when it comes from someone who is taken as seriously as is, by too many, the former bartender and current Congresswoman, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. And there is now even more evidence that shows how preposterous that "apartheid" charge has become.

So, one mo' time, here is the answer to Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, and all those who think just like her:

In Israel, Arabs serve in the Knesset.

In Israel, Arabs serve on the Supreme Court.

In Israel, Arabs are sent abroad as diplomats representing their country.

In Israel, the chairman of the largest bank in the country, Bank Leumi, is an Arab.

In Israel, Jews and Arabs study together in universities.

In Israel, Jews and Arabs work together on farms, in factories, in offices.

In Israel, Jews and Arabs both provide, and receive, treatment in the same hospitals.

In Israel, Jews and Arabs play on the same sports teams and in the same orchestras.

In Israel, Jews and Arabs run restaurants together, open stores together, start companies together.

In Israel, the only difference in the treatment of Jews and Arabs is that Jews *must*, while Arabs *may*, serve in the IDF. Increasing numbers of Arabs, especially Christians, have chosen to do so.

And now, with the new government that is about to take power, Arabs will be taking part in the government at the cabinet level. The story of how an Arab party, and its head, became vital to the victory of the new coalition that is about to take power, is <u>Jihad Watch</u>.