

Are you pro-Israel? Then we'll ban your books on feminism

Radical feminists swim in a sea where Linda Sarsour, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, and AOC are heroes, Arab misogyny is Israel's fault.

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First, I want to thank Julie Bindel for her [Requiem for a Female Serial Killer](#). It was far too vitriolic. After picking myself up off the metaphorical floor (in reality, if only I could! But how would I get up?) I began to wonder: Really, what could be going on?

My feminist work, as contained in twenty books, thousands of articles, speeches, campaigns, Speak-Outs, and in my having co-founded feminist organizations that are still standing after fifty years—speak for themselves.

But, like Bindel, who is more than a generation younger than I am, we are both abolitionists in terms of sex slavery, pornography, surrogacy, and transgender issues. Her burning issues have been my burning issues for a very long time. We have both been de-platformed and dis-invited because of our politically incorrect views.

Why would Bindel not find a way to embrace my book which some blessed others have viewed as a “classic,” a “masterpiece,” a version of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* in terms of raising consciousness about female sex slavery, and eliciting sympathy for such tormented slaves?

Ah, there is something else that may stand between Bindel and myself, something so important that it may have blinded Bindel. Only a wee bit of digging explained what else *might* be going on. It could even be unconscious—it sometimes is. Bindel’s review confirms how certain other agendas may cloud a reviewer’s vision; how some Thought Crimes can never be forgiven; how strong differences of opinion about a completely unrelated issue may color a review of a work on another subject entirely.

It is anti-Zionism/Judeophobia which continues to operate as a veiled hand, pretty much everywhere but it’s also always hidden—exactly as the Jews were once described in Megillat (The Scroll of) Esther. Instead of a sister-liberator, a Foremother, actually, Bindel may, first and foremost, only see a Zionist Jew, the worst kind of traitor—a former leftist who has been bitten by reality, and who must therefore be purged from the pure-blooded ranks of feminist abolitionists.

I have been documenting the Palestinianization of Feminism and “Progressivism” for the [forty captured it](#).

Let me be very clear. Bindel is totally entitled to her views and free speech means she is more than entitled to publish them. The problem for me is when her prejudice on a totally

unrelated subject, distorts her vision, unleashes a dangerous aggression, and perhaps allows her to serve as a favored proxy for even more rabid others who may have their own agendas.

I knew very little about Bindel before. Now I've begun to check her writings. Here's what I easily found.

In 2008, in [Standpoint](#), Bindel described herself as a "leftwing critic of Zionism, of mixed Jewish and Catholic heritage." Maybe she is one of those who begin their anti-Israeli critiques by saying "I'm a Jew but...;" one of those who care about the 20th century European Shoah, but not so much about the anti-Jewish/anti-Zionist genocidal intentions of Iran, Europe, and Arabs and Muslims in the 21st century.

In 2016, in the [2014](#), *in which the Israeli so-called "occupation" was deemed responsible for Palestinian male misogyny (forced face veiling, child marriage, wife beating, polygamy, honor killing, etc.) and the consequent misery of Palestinian women and Palestinian gays.*

Bindel uses a gay Muslim interviewee in order to credit Muslims for creating the first LGBT organization in the Middle East—but such an organization could only have been, and actually was, founded in Israel proper. Had it been founded in Gaza, Nablus or Ramallah, all the founders would have been tortured and murdered.

Zahava Raymond, at [implies](#) *that the Israeli police have somehow been remiss in arresting and prosecuting Arab honor killers. She writes:*

"In Lod, 38% of the 104 Israeli women reported murdered are Arab, yet the entire Arab population is only 21%. Most Arab women murders remain unsolved."

As they say: Let's unpack this. First, is she suggesting that mysterious forces are persecuting and murdering Arab women only? What forces might that be? Why doesn't she name them?

Clearly, it is the Arab fathers, brothers, husbands, cousins, uncles, and even sons of these unlucky women [*Israel National News*](#).