How the Associated Press Sanitizes Hamas Terrorists

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Words matter. Those who describe Israel as a "colonial-settler state," an "apartheid regime," are attempting, by dint of repetition of such phrases, to blacken the image of the Jewish state. They have met, alas, with some success. Similarlly, those who describe every act of islamocriticism as "islamophobia" have been able to intimidate many islamocritics who, not wanting to be considered "islamophobes," too often refrain from public criticism both of the ideology of Islam and of its adherents.

In covering the acts of terrorism by Hamas, the wire-service Associated Press (AP) — one of the world's most important distributors of news — goes out of its way to inaccurately describe Hamas terrorists and their deeds. A report on recent AP coverage of Hamas shows how the wire service misinforms readers about the nature of the terror group, here: "Associated Press Sanitizes Hamas-Initiated Violence Against Israel," by Charles Bybelezer, <u>Jihad Watch</u>.