

# Pro-Palestine mob destroys historic Tory Lord Balfour painting at Cambridge University

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A pro-Palestine mob has destroyed a historic painting of a top Conservative at Cambridge University. Palestine Action targeted the painting of Lord Balfour at Cambridge's Trinity College this afternoon.

In footage posted online by the group, an activist can be seen spraying the painting with what appears to be red paint before slashing it a number of times

"Palestine" [Action tweeted](#) – Normally our direct action campaign is focused on Israel's weapons trade in Britain. However, it's necessary to highlight Britain's historic and current role in the colonisation of Palestine which roots back to the Balfour declaration.



Lord Balfour was a Conservative politician who gave his name to the Balfour Declaration which was issued by the British Government on the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Trinity College, Cambridge has been approached for comment.

Palestine Action claim Balfour gave away the Palestinians homeland, arguing that until 1948 the British "burnt down" indigenous villages to prepare the way for the state of Israel.

The group's statement continued: "With this came arbitrary killings, arrests, torture, sexual violence including rape against women and men, the use of human shields and the introduction of home demolitions as collective punishment to repress Palestinian resistance. The British were initiating the ethnic cleansing of Palestine, fulfilling the Zionist aim to build their 'home' over the top of what were Palestinian communities, towns, villages, farms and ancestral land." *What's the sneering phrase? Nice story Sis, but needs more dragons.*