

Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS)

**Promotes Hate Speech That Is
Hypocritical and Detrimental to Peace**

In Fact, BDS Is:

BIASED DISHONEST SELF-DEFEATING

BIASED

BDS blames only one side for the ongoing conflict.

BDS distorts and selectively picks facts to demonize Israel.

DISHONEST

BDS ignores a major obstacle to peace: Terrorism.

BDS ignores Palestinian hate education and glorification of murder.

BDS ignores the extremist goals of Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Fatah, and other Palestinian groups.

BDS ignores Israel's peace offers and Palestinian rejectionism.

SELF-DEFEATING

BDS undermines Palestinian-Israeli negotiations, cooperation, and reconciliation.

BDS focuses on defaming Israel, not on helping Palestinians build a state.

BDS destroys a fundamental value of joint international academic and scientific research:

Politics should not obstruct efforts to advance human knowledge and well-being.

BDS threatens the economic well-being of Israelis and Palestinians.

"Criticizing Israel is not anti-Semitic, and saying so is vile. But singling out Israel for opprobrium and international sanction out of all proportion to any other party in the Middle East is anti-Semitic, and not saying so is dishonest."

(Thomas Friedman, "Campus Hypocrisy," *New York Times*, October 16, 2002)

Academic boycotts are "utterly antithetical to the fundamental values of the academy, where we will not hold intellectual exchange hostage to the political disagreements of the moment. In seeking to quarantine Israeli universities and scholars, [a boycott] threatens every university committed to fostering scholarly and cultural exchanges that lead to enlightenment, empathy, and a much-needed international marketplace of ideas." (Columbia University President Lee Bollinger, 2007)

WANT TO BE PRO-PALESTINIAN?

SAY "NO" TO BDS.

SAY "YES" TO HELPING PALESTINIANS BUILD A DEMOCRATIC, CIVIL SOCIETY.

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