

# **PRO-PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS WOULDN'T SUPPORT BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, OR SANCTIONS (BDS)**

**THEY WOULDN'T SQUANDER ENERGY ON HATE SPEECH AGAINST ISRAEL.**

**THEY WOULD HELP BUILD PALESTINIAN SOCIETY FROM WITHIN.**

**THEY WOULD CALL FOR PALESTINIAN DEMOCRACY WEEK.**

**THEY WOULD BRAVELY STAND UP TO FATAH AND HAMAS,  
TELLING THEM TO STOP KILLING EACH OTHER.**

**THEY WOULD BRAVELY DEMAND THAT FATAH AND HAMAS  
IMPROVE THEIR PEOPLE'S CONDITIONS  
INSTEAD OF SQUANDERING MONEY ON CORRUPTION AND WEAPONS.**

**THEY WOULD WORK TO PROTECT GAZA'S CITIZENS  
FROM HAMAS' HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.**

**THEY WOULD HELP PALESTINIAN WOMEN AND GAYS  
CONFRONT FUNDAMENTALISTS WHO ARE OPPRESSING THEM.**

**THEY WOULD EDUCATE PALESTINIAN CHILDREN TOWARDS PEACE  
AND A BETTER FUTURE INSTEAD OF TOWARDS MARTYRDOM.**

**THEY WOULD CALL FOR PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND  
RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE, NOT HATRED AND VIOLENCE.**

## **WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF PRO-PALESTINIAN?**

*"It is hard to see how organizing events such as 'Israel Apartheid Week' (or BDS campaigns and similar conferences) on a university campus could help the cause of the Palestinians. Isn't there already enough anti-Israel incitement that is being spewed out of Arab and Islamic media outlets? If anyone is entitled to be called 'pro-Palestinian,' it is those who are publicly campaigning against financial corruption and abuse of human rights by Fatah and Hamas. . . . [Those] who are trying to change the system from within belong to the real 'pro-Palestinian' camp."*

– Khaled Abu Toameh, Israeli-Palestinian journalist, November 17, 2009