

The New York Times: Zionism, Israel, and Antisemitism in America



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The New York Times has been covering Zionism, Israel, and antisemitism in America for over a century. This book collects some of the most important and influential articles from the Times' archives, providing a comprehensive overview of the history of these topics in the United States.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part covers the early history of Zionism in America, from its origins in the late 19th century to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. The second part examines the Times' coverage of Israel during the Cold War, a period of both great hope and great tension for the Jewish state. The third part looks at the rise of antisemitism in America in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

The book includes articles by some of the Times' most distinguished journalists, including Walter Duranty, Anne O'Hare McCormick, and

Anthony Lewis. These articles provide a unique perspective on the history of Zionism, Israel, and antisemitism in America. They also offer insights into the ways in which the Times has shaped public opinion on these issues.

Part 1: The Early History of Zionism in America

The first part of the book covers the early history of Zionism in America, from its origins in the late 19th century to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. This period saw a great deal of debate and controversy over the issue of Zionism. Some Americans supported the idea of a Jewish state in Palestine, while others opposed it. The Times' coverage of this issue reflected the diversity of opinion in the United States.

One of the earliest articles in the book is a report on the First Zionist Congress, which was held in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897. The article describes the congress as a "gathering of enthusiasts" who were "determined to establish a Jewish state in Palestine." The article also notes that there was some opposition to the congress from American Jews, who feared that it would lead to increased antisemitism.

In the years that followed the First Zionist Congress, the Times continued to cover the development of the Zionist movement in America. The paper reported on the establishment of the Zionist Organization of America in 1898 and the founding of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1925. The Times also covered the Balfour Declaration of 1917, which expressed British support for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

The Times' coverage of Zionism in the early 20th century was generally positive. The paper saw Zionism as a legitimate movement that was working to improve the lives of Jews around the world. However, the Times

also recognized that there was some opposition to Zionism within the United States.

In the 1930s, the Times began to cover the rise of Nazism in Germany and its impact on the Jewish people. The paper reported on the persecution of Jews in Germany and the growing threat of war in Europe. The Times also covered the plight of Jewish refugees who were fleeing Europe in search of a safe haven.

In 1948, the State of Israel was established. The Times covered the declaration of independence and the subsequent fighting between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The paper also reported on the arrival of Jewish refugees in Israel and the challenges that the new state faced.

Part 2: The Times' Coverage of Israel during the Cold War

The second part of the book examines the Times' coverage of Israel during the Cold War. This period was one of both great hope and great tension for the Jewish state. Israel faced a number of challenges during this time, including the threat of war with its Arab neighbors, the rise of terrorism, and the growing influence of the Soviet Union in the Middle East.

The Times' coverage of Israel during the Cold War was generally supportive. The paper saw Israel as a democratic ally in a region that was often hostile to the United States. However, the Times also criticized Israel for its treatment of the Palestinians and its use of military force.

One of the most important articles in the book is a report on the Six-Day War of 1967. The article describes the war as a "stunning victory" for Israel and a "major setback" for the Arab states. The article also notes that the

war led to a new wave of Palestinian refugees and increased tensions between Israel and its neighbors.

In the years that followed the Six-Day War, the Times continued to cover the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. The paper reported on the Palestinian uprising in the late 1980s and early 1990s and the subsequent peace process. The Times also covered the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995 and the election of Ehud Barak as prime minister in 1999.

Part 3: The Rise of Antisemitism in America in the Late 20th and Early 21st Centuries

The third part of the book looks at the rise of antisemitism in America in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. This period has seen a resurgence of antisemitic rhetoric and violence in the United States. The Times has covered this trend in depth, providing important insights into the causes and consequences of antisemitism.

One of the most important articles in the book is a report on the rise of white nationalism in America. The article describes white nationalism as a "racist ideology" that is based on the belief that white people are superior to other races. The article also notes that white nationalism has been linked to a number of violent extremist groups, including the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Nation.

The Times has also covered the rise of antisemitism on the internet. The article describes the internet as a "breeding ground for antisemitism" and notes that a number of antisemitic websites and social media groups have

been created in recent years. The article also notes that antisemitism on the internet has been linked to a number of violent attacks against Jews.

The Times has continued to cover the rise of antisemitism in America in recent years. The paper has reported on the antisemitic attacks at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018 and the Poway synagogue in California in 2019. The Times has also covered the rise of antisemitism on college campuses and the efforts to combat it.

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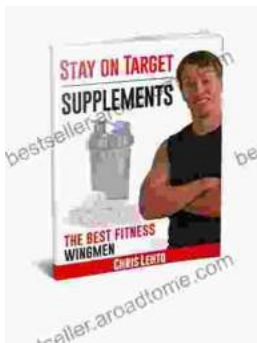
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