

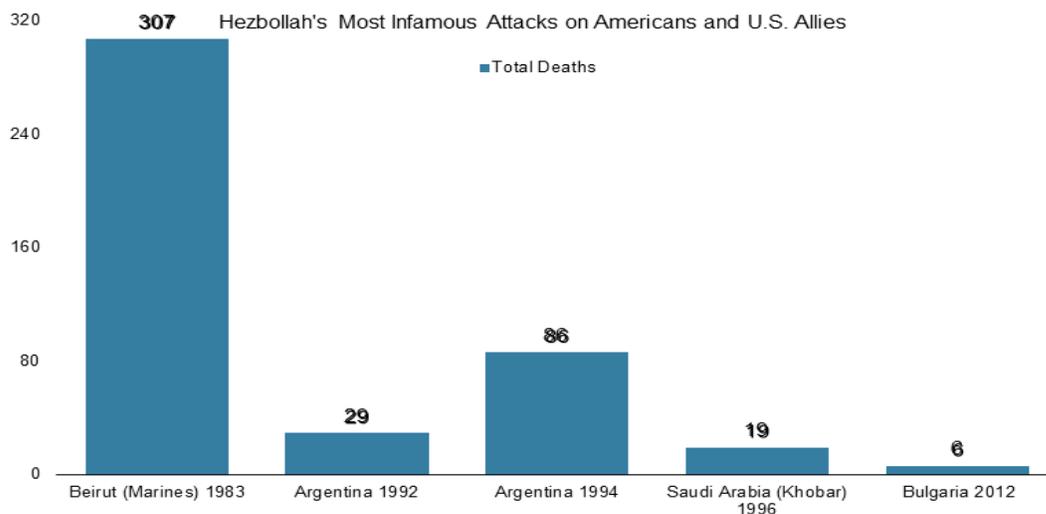
Norman Finkelstein

Anti-Israel Political Activist, Author, and Professor

Norman Finkelstein is known as one of the most outspoken anti-Israel and anti-Semitic academics. Finkelstein expresses solidarity with the US-recognized terrorist groups Hamas and Hezbollah. Furthermore, despite being Jewish, he spreads dangerous anti-Semitic messages on campuses.

Finkelstein supports US-designated terrorist organizations.

- In an interview on a Lebanese TV station, Finkelstein stated that he has “no problem saying that [he does] want to express solidarity with [Hezbollah].” He claims that “they show courage, and they show discipline. I respect that,” he says.ⁱ
 - Hezbollah has committed some of the deadliest terrorist attacks in history. In fact, **Hezbollah killed more Americans than any other Islamic terrorist group before 9-11.**ⁱⁱ Below are just a few of Hezbollah’s terrorist actions against the US and its allies:



- Hezbollah also fired thousands of rockets at Israeli Jewish and Arab towns in 2006, killing 39 civilians, according to Human Rights Watch.ⁱⁱⁱ The UN considers firing rockets at civilians to be a war crime.
- The leader of Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah, said that “**if they [the Jews] all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide.**”^{iv}

This is what Finkelstein “respects.”

- According to Finkelstein, “Hamas is willing for a settlement; Hamas stands by its word. But Israel does not want to negotiate.”¹
 - In reality, Hamas’s charter specifically states, “[Peace] initiatives, and so-called peaceful solutions and international conferences are in contradiction to the principles of the Islamic Resistance Movement... **There is no solution for the Palestinian problem except by Jihad.** Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are but a waste of time, an exercise in futility” (Article 13). The charter also states, “Israel exists and will continue to exist until Islam will **obliterate it**” (Preamble).

- Additionally, despite Hamas’s genocidal calls, Israel has continuously tried to negotiate cease-fires with Hamas, but Hamas has broken every cease-fire it has signed. For example, in the summer of 2014 alone, the terrorist group broke 12 cease-fires.^v
- In a 2014 interview with Al-Monitor News, the Deputy Chairman of Hamas (Abu Marzouk) said, “Hamas will not recognize Israel.”^{vi}
- Hamas places “military assets” (including weapons) under schools, hospitals, and mosques, turning Gaza’s civilians into human shields.^{vii} The UN considers using civilians and civilian infrastructure as human shields to be a war crime.

Finkelstein makes blatantly anti-Semitic remarks to support his arguments.

- In his book, *The Holocaust Industry*, Finkelstein claims that Jews have used the Holocaust as an excuse to achieve influence and wealth as well as “to crush any dissent, any criticism, of the State of Israel.”^{viii}
 - This is an offensive conspiracy theory, as it is a baseless accusation that insults the victims of the Holocaust and of terrorism against Israel.
- *The Holocaust Industry* has become an essential source for Neo-Nazis and Holocaust deniers around the world.
- Finkelstein has commended Holocaust-denier David Irving as a respectable and admirable historian.^{ix}
 - Irving has called for the end to the ‘gas chambers fairy tales’ and argues that Hitler helped European Jewry. He claims that the people exterminated at Auschwitz were not murdered; rather they succumbed to diseases.^x

ⁱ Norman Finkelstein- *Hezbollah the Honour of Lebanon and Islam*. The Guardian Human. Youtube. Dec. 28, 2014.

ⁱⁱ *Congressional Record – House, Vol. 152, Pt. 11, Page 15143*, July 19, 2006.

ⁱⁱⁱ *Lebanon/ Israel: Hezbollah Rockets Targeted Civilians in 2006 War*. Human Rights Watch. August 29, 2007.

^{iv} *Nasrallah alleges ‘Christian Zionist’ Plot*. Badih Chayban. The Daily Star. October 23, 2002.

^v *Protective Edge: Hamas’ violations of ceasefires - A chronology*. Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. August 19, 2014.

^{vi} *Recognizing Israel is a ‘Red Line’ for Hamas says Abu Marzouk*. US News. May 6, 2014.

^{vii} *To Save Gaza, Destroy Hamas*. Amos Yadlin. The New York Times. July 25, 2014.

^{viii} *Norman Finkelstein’s Fraudulent Scholarship*. Camera. October 10, 2005.

^{ix} *The Pathology of Jewish Anti-Semitism*. Steven Plaut. Frontpage Magazine. Feb. 16, 2010.

^x *David Irving Jailed for Holocaust Denial*. The Guardian. Feb. 20, 2006.