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# Hamas - Israel Conflict

## : A Test Case for World Conscience

### Outline

#### A. Introduction

##### 1. Thesis Statement

#### B. Hamas - Israel Conflict is a Test Case for World Conscience

1. The United Nations General Assembly and Security Council meetings about the conflict ~~were~~<sup>are</sup> a test case for world conscience.

2. The reaction to the violation of International Law and ongoing genocide by the Israel, from the international community serves as a test case for world Conscience.



3. The absence of any foreign pressure and sanctions on Israel government sheds negative light on world conscience.

4. The work of various human rights organizations and their continuous call for humanitarian assistance in Gaza, displays a positive light for world conscience.

5. The Worldwide protests for the Palestinian cause and against the Gaza Genocide illustrated that people do have the conscience to stand up for the right oppressed.

6. The Hamas - Israel conflict has transformed the intellectual landscape of the world, brewing world consciousness.



The hypocritical role of western media in the coverage of the conflict, exposed their lies regarding the self-proclaimed higher moral consciousness.

8. The conflict raised the world conscience ~~around~~ <sup>about</sup> the settler colonialism outside Europe.

9. The conflict highlighted the imperial-capitalist ~~roo~~ <sup>m</sup> and its roots in oppression and race.

10. ~~The Conflict~~ The Activism resulting from the conflict, has spurred backlash on the fascist regimes that move contra to the morals and ethics of its majority constituents.



11. The historians and political commentators raised the world conscience about the conflict by teaching the history of the Palestinians.

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On 7 October 2023, the conflict entered into a new escalation when Hamas killed more than 1000 Israelis in a terrorist attack. The attack even though condemnable was not the initiation point of the conflict and Israeli government used it as an excuse to speed up their illegal settlements and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian. The ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Gaza serves as a perfect test case for the world conscience.



The response of the states and the individuals ~~tell~~ to the crisis tells the conscience of the world. The crisis has also raised consciousness for others about the conflict who were previously unaware. The states have largely been indifferent to the genocide of the Gaza. The United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Security Council meetings have been futile. There has been complete absence of any sanctions or pressure on Israel's government despite the violation of international law. Nevertheless, the Human Rights Organizations have stood up for the victims and have repeatedly called for the ceasefire. There have been worldwide protests against the Gaza genocide. A remarkable



change is visible in the intellectual landscape of the world as well. Thus, the conflict is a test case for world conscience. While some have shown apathy, others have been sympathetic to the Palestinian victims.

The World's Conscience can be estimated through the decisions and actions of United Nations, the largest multilateral organization in the world. However, the **UNGA** resolutions and **UNSC** meetings have been inefficient. Any resolution passed through the general assembly is non-binding. Thus have no effect. Also the Security Council resolutions are vetoed by western world.



Powers. This has left UN useless and unable to address the plight of Palestinians. The UN is the perfect ground to test the world's conscience and the failure of UN is the failure of world's conscience.

In the events of the crisis, Israel has repeatedly violated the international law. Its ~~disproportionate~~ and ~~indiscriminate~~ attack on Palestinian civilians is against the Geneva Conventions on war. This rules-based order derived from the evolution of human conscience for thousands of years has been undermined by Israeli forces and yet the world has remained silent. The unwillingness of the world to employ the



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international law through any means displays negative image of world conscience.

Also the absence of any sanctions and foreign pressure on Israeli government sheds a negative light on world conscience. A wide contrast is evident from the Ukraine - Russia Conflict to this conflict. While a large number of sanctions were imposed on Russia amidst its war on Ukraine, there is not even minus action taken against Israel. This portrays the Machiavellian nature of the states who are supporting their ally, Israel, and have transferred their ethics, beliefs and conscience to the backseat.



However, there have been  
responses in cognizant with the  
human morals and ethics. Various  
human rights organizations have  
taken the humane stance to stand  
for the oppressed Palestinians in this  
conflict. Organizations such as  
Human Rights Watch, Amnesty  
International, United Nations Refugee  
Watch Amnesty, all have called  
this a genocide and have asked  
for a ceasefire. They have reported  
the atrocities of Israeli Defense  
Forces successfully and have called  
for humanitarian aid in Gaza.  
Their work and efforts give  
hope to human conscience.

Also a large number  
of world wide protests have  
taken place in support of the  
Palestinians and against the G.



genocide. From Berlin and Paris to Los Angeles and Karachi - activists have flooded <sup>the</sup> streets and ~~str~~ have shown solidarity with the Palestinian people. There is a hope in ~~Greater Than~~ the fact that the newer generation especially the students have stood up the most for Palestine despite the backlash and the arrests such as that of Mahmoud Khalil.

Thus, newer generation <sup>has</sup> shown greater conscience through their wide range activism.

The conflict has also transformed the intellectual landscape of the world. Many Journalists, Scholars, editorial and authors have expressed how Palestinian experience have changed them and now the



cannot look at the world the same way. Prakash Mishra writes in his book "The World After Gaza" that the Palestinian experience completely changed his ideas and perceptions of human nature or his capabilities or his instincts. Thus, the conflict has made a difference in intellectual landscape and will continue to do so in upcoming years.

The media has played a very grievous role in this conflict. Most of the western media such as FOX, CNN, BBC have reinstated Israeli perspective in their coverage. They have de-humanized Palestinian lives and denied factual evidence. Zeteo reports that more than 100 whistleblowers in BBC have exposed Israeli bias in their agenda.



Moreover, social media has been able to ~~expose~~ better expose lies and propaganda of traditional media. Thus, most of the media has failed to show ~~the~~ the real picture of the conflict, exhibiting immoral behaviour.

This conflict has not only tested that where the world conscience stands but also tested where it can go. The conflict has raised the world's consciousness about the settler colonialism project of Europe that spans across the mediterranean from the north of Africa to the east of the middle east. prominent figures such as Bassem Yousuf, Mehdi Hassan have garnered millions of views across social media platforms in their discussions



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about this colonialism. Thus the world conflict has challenged the world's beliefs about the colonialism.

Furthermore, the conflict has highlighted the capitalist imperialism and its roots based on oppression, race, gender and class. ~~The~~<sup>elaborate</sup>, systematic oppression of Israel on the non-jewish population from the river to the sea ~~which~~ is a perfect manifestation. In US, the narrative has been shifted towards more socialist candidates such as Bernie Sanders, Zohran Mamdani. Thus, the rise of left wing activism and politics has occurred in response to change in people's beliefs and values ~~and~~ due to the conflict.



Additionally, the world's conscience about the palestinian cause has been raised. For far too long, palestinians were not allowed the right to a history.

Now, historians such as Ilan Pappé, Norman Finkelstein as well as political commentators have made public more aware regarding the ~~hist~~ core events of palestinian history such as The Nakba, Intifada, thus making their public readdress their beliefs around the issue.

To conclude, this conflict is a test case for the world conscience. It tests where the world conscience and where it can go. ~~write~~ The individuals around



the world have shown great solidarity with the palestinian people through their great protests. Also various historians, <sup>large</sup> political commentators have highlighted palestinian history. The role of traditional media has been tragic which has done injustice to the field of journalism. Changes are visible in the intellectual landscape. The roots of imperial capitalism are <sup>as well</sup> exposed to the world through this conflict. However, despite the progress in world conscience the palestinians still remain oppressed. Nothing meaningful has been done against Israel to deter them from continuing their genocide. The world as a whole has failed to establish the morals, beliefs and values that it claimed it has hence failed the test.



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