

CONCERN 38: SPLC STAFF & UNION VOCAL INFLUENCING FOREIGN POLICY

Despite SPLC's prolonged silence concerning legally defined foreign terrorism carried out by legally designated foreign terrorist organizations, SPLC staff and union have been vocal concerning foreign policy surrounding the horrendous acts carried out by FTO HAMAS on October 7, 2023.

This raises disturbing questions about SPLC motives concerning (1) its domestic private labeling and listing of U.S. citizens and (2) its training of and intelligence gathering for Federal, State, and Local bureaucrats.

1. SPLC⁴⁹ senior investigative reporter and spokesperson, Michael Eidson Hayden and senior researcher and journalist, Hannah Gais signed a 'Writers Against the War on Gaza' statement denouncing Israel as an 'apartheid state and 'ethno-nationalist project', blaming Israel for provoking HAMAS attacks that killed 1400 people.
2. SPLC Union puts out statement failing to oppose the October 7, 2023 events leading to the massacre of human beings.



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A message from SPLC Union officers and stewards:

SPLC Union is and will always be rooted in the legacy of anti-oppression and decolonization led by Black and Indigenous leaders.

With that in mind, SPLC Union stands strongly in solidarity with the Palestinian people. (1/4)

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What we see in Gaza is the violent imperialist desecration of a people – the beginnings of a genocide.

Already, the horrors of Gaza have fueled aggression in our own country in the forms of attacks against Muslims and Sikhs, and outbursts of antisemitism. (2/4)

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⁴⁹ Goodman, A. (2023). *SPLC Spokesman Signed Letter Blaming Israel For Hamas Terror*. The Washington Free Beacon. <https://freebeacon.com/latest-news/southern-poverty-law-center-spokesman-signed-letter-blaming-israel-for-hamas-terrorism/>