

Alternatives for follow up action

- We are all prisoners of the media we find credible, except for leaders (especially elected officials), who are prisoners of the media their followers find credible.
 - Major media exploit that to please people who control most of the money for the media.
- Everyone believes in rule of law, except for people with power, who believe they should be above the law.
- Everyone has a right and an obligation to defend themselves. However, recent research has documented that most violence has been counterproductive, because it strengthens the opposition's will to resist. Nonviolence weakens civilian support and encourages security forces to disobey orders. The nonviolence of the First Intifada did both, leading to the election of Yitzak Rabin as Prime Minister in 1992 on a platform of negotiating with Palestinians. That led to the Oslo Accords and the current State of Palestine. However, Rabin negotiated with Arafat while arresting tens of thousands of leaders of nonviolence. Then Israel provoked more Palestinian violence that justified increasing their mistreatment of Palestinians that produced the Hamas attacks of October 7, 2023.

Possible follow up action

- Lobby city councils for ceasefire resolutions.
- Dialog with Israeli Jews working for a ceasefire like Sharon Dolev, Director of the Israeli Disarmament Movement, who has been beaten up by Israeli security forces for protesting in front of Netanyahu's home.
- Ask the US Congress
 - Station US Navy hospital ships off Gaza to provide medical assistance to injured Palestinians.
 - Provide emergency food aid to Gaza
 - Demand equal protection of the laws for Palestinians under Israeli occupation, e.g., allow them to file suit in US federal courts for denial of equal protection by Israel, with judgments charged against US support for Israel.

- Fund citizen-directed subsidies for local news nonprofits at 0.15% of the economies (Gross Domestic Product, GDPs) of Palestine and Israel, to try to counter the elite control of the major media. This would cost \$27 million and \$722 million US for Palestine and Israel, using 2021 GDPs. These numbers are tiny compared to what Israel has spent on the current war, a modest percent of the 2022 Israeli defense budget, and a tiny fraction of the US military budget. Much of the support for Netanyahu has been attributed to *Israel Hayom*, the leading Israeli newspaper, free for anyone wanting it, funded by billionaire Sheldon Adelson.
- Support training in nonviolence. Currently it's a crime to teach nonviolence to anyone designated as a terrorist by the US State Department -- "providing material support to terrorism." If the Humanitarian Law Project had been supported in teaching nonviolence to anyone in Gaza, the West Bank, and elsewhere, Palestinians might have been able to get a redress of grievances without resorting to violence, and the Hamas attacks last fall might not have happened.
- Permanent ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza war, and / or
- Ceasefire secured by citizen-directed subsidies for local news nonprofits, training in nonviolence, and equal protection for Palestinians under Israeli law, secured by their ability to appeal to US federal courts.

More information at:

<https://peaceworkskc.org/standing-up-for-palestinians-the-role-of-the-media/>

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["How might the world be different if the PLO had followed Gandhi?"](#) and

["Information is a public good: Designing experiments to improve government"](#)

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