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The trump card of anti-Semitic propaganda – appeal to authorities instead of arguments: the UN, aid organizations, and key witnesses

In the context of scientific communism and serious science in general, it is clear that arguments, evidence, proven facts, and logic are decisive, and not appeals to any authorities. This is especially true when it comes to difficult questions: when appearances are deceptive and no research is done into the causes, when, in an anti-scientific manner, increasing reference is made to some authority or other in order to push through one's own false position.

Review

This has been evident in recent weeks and months, and indeed in recent years, particularly in discussions about the struggle to secure Israel's right to exist and, currently, in the struggle to disempower and, if possible, disarm Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The following is not about posing as a military specialist and pretending that the military situation in the Gaza Strip can really be assessed. What is clear, however, is that after Hamas' attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the rocket attacks that have been taking place for years, there is an unquestionable right to completely destroy Hamas, disarm it, and eliminate it politically and militarily.

How far this can realistically be enforced is a completely different question. This does not necessarily have anything to do with the fundamental assertion of the right to disarm Hamas. It is a secondary issue that must be debated and decided in Israel.

Our task, however, is **to defend the right to disarm Hamas**, because the propaganda disputing this right is

undoubtedly permeated by anti-Semitic motivations and propaganda formulas, and indeed presents itself as part of a global anti-Jewish campaign. Our concern here is specifically the fight against anti-Jewish developments in Germany.

It is no longer just the propaganda of Nazis with the slogan "Israel is our misfortune" or the propaganda of pseudo-leftists who ramble on about a "Palestinian liberation struggle." For a long time now, the main factor shaping the overall atmosphere in Germany has been the anti-Jewish, anti-Israeli propaganda of the so-called center (Tagesthemen, Tagesschau, the Süddeutsche Zeitung, the Frankfurter Rundschau, etc.).

The UN as an authority?

It is part of the tactics of this "center" that whenever any claims are made that, on closer inspection, originate from Hamas propaganda, it is always added that the UN, or a certain part of the UN, the Secretary-General, the UN representative, etc. XY, in short, the UN has said this or that – according to the motto, what the UN says must be true.

Well, the founding of the UN after 1945 as a result of the anti-Hitler coalition was initially progressive. The UN plan for the so-called "two-state solution" in 1947/1948 and its support for the founding of the State of Israel were undoubtedly the right things to do. But since 1949/50 at the latest, the UN has become an instrument of reaction, legitimizing a series of reactionary wars (Korea, Congo, etc.).

The UN today is anything but a moral authority. The vast majority of the 193 states in the UN are anti-democratic states, even by the standards of bourgeois democracy. According to bourgeois analysts, there are only 25 bourgeois-democratic states in the UN and, by a somewhat broader interpretation, just under 50 states, so that even by this calculation, over 140 states are more or less openly ruled by dictatorships.

This is not even remotely considered when the UN's false positions are constantly being put forward today in order to turn the truth on its head and claim that the Israeli army is responsible for the suffering of the civilian population in the Gaza Strip, their precarious health situation, and the problem of food supplies. Thus, it is denied that the causes of the suffering in the Gaza Strip are the political and military actions of Hamas, which is responsible for it.

However, the UN, like many bourgeois observers, **does not ask about the causes**. They do not reflect on the history of the necessary struggle to disarm Nazi-fascist organizations, but simply parrot the well-dosed Hamas propaganda that the Israeli army is to blame for everything. The appeal to the UN is a sure sign that no analysis, no argumentation, no real assessment is being made, but merely an attempt to mislead and intimidate others with authority. Hamas is also condemned here and there, more for cosmetic reasons. And then, as an aside, the stupid saying creeps in: "When two people argue, both are to blame." But that's just a side note.

The main thing is that the overall situation is distorted and Hamas will ultimately continue to exist militarily within the framework of the UN positions. That is precisely what is unbearable.

A brief look at the anti-communist so-called "K-groups"

Perhaps it is appropriate here to also mention the small groups that attract attention with pyrotechnics from the soccer fan scene, shout pro-Hamas slogans, and even call themselves "communist." Such so-called K-groups also belong to the category of people who do not argue, but only invoke authority. Since in this case it is also at least occasionally a matter of invoking the authority of texts of scientific communism, let us be clear: **texts of scientific communism must be studied, arguments must be found there and examined to see whether they are useful or not.** There is a great deal of valuable and indispensable material there, without question. But the basic attitude that it is an argument to say "But Marx said" or "But Lenin said" is **authoritarian nonsense** and has **nothing to do with scientific communism.** It only shows that such groups call themselves communist in name only, but in reality act anti-communist, indeed are anti-communist.

Supposedly neutral aid organizations

Organizations such as Medico International, Doctors Without Borders, and similar groups also play a very special role, as do organizations **that claim to be politically neutral** and only want to help when social problems or misery arise on a large scale somewhere. It cannot and should not be denied that such aid has been provided in the past and, in some cases, is still being provided today. But that is not the point.

In reality, all reports on the situation of the civilian population in the Gaza Strip **clearly take sides against Israel.** Rather, not only is the proclaimed task of providing real aid being tackled, but propaganda statements with anti-Jewish clichés are being trumpeted and it is

being denied **that Hamas caused the misery of the civilian population in the Gaza Strip** and that it is Hamas that could have ended the war much earlier by surrendering and releasing the hostages.

These supposedly neutral organizations, which claim to be responsible for social aid, have turned out to be disseminators of Hamas propaganda. The background to this is that these organizations, with their well-developed, multi-million-dollar apparatus, are largely dependent on donations, and that the vast majority of their members clearly want and support this reactionary development.

Just think about it for a moment: if Medico International and Doctors Without Borders had **denounced** the misery of the people in the Gaza Strip every day **as a result of Hamas' military actions**, highlighted their theft of food on a daily basis, and demanded the release of the hostages every day, where would the generous donors be? These organizations would collapse like a house of cards if the funds were to dry up.

Key witnesses

The situation is certainly more complicated by the fact that the so-called "center" systematically seeks and finds key witnesses. Especially since the founding of the BDS, Hamas' fundamental tactical line has been to pursue a policy of alliance that focuses not so much on Hamas itself **as on the delegitimization and defamation of Israel.** The BDS supposedly advocates a peaceful solution. Today, everyone can see and know that this is a lie.

"My best friend is Jewish, so I can't be anti-Semitic." This has been heard millions of times and led to the joke: "My best friend is a woman, so I can't be misogynistic."

It is considered good form among all anti-Israel forces to quote certain individuals as authorities and to say that this woman or that man has a Jewish family background and therefore cannot possibly be part of an anti-Semitic campaign.

This is essentially extremely primitive, as **it is not what a person says** that is being weighed in the balance, but rather their origins. Such apparent appreciation of "Jewishness" actually only means that "the Jew" is being instrumentalized, i.e., used as a tool.

It is a historical fact that, starting with the German Empire, through the Weimar Republic to the early Nazi era and also in the period after 1945, individual Jewish people repeatedly took the wrong side. Why? The reasons are manifold: threat, gain in prestige, increased circulation for people who earn their money from books, vanity, here and there certainly also genuine ignorance of political contexts, but also the fact of being "Germanized and socialized." Even if a distinction must certainly be made here, the fact remains that whether or not a person is Jewish says nothing about the truthfulness of the position they represent. And even the past merits and undisputed scientific achievements of individuals do not change the fact that such individuals degrade themselves to key witnesses by condemning Israel in the Gaza war.

In summary: Even if the overall situation is complicated by the skillful invocation of authorities—be it the UN, aid organizations, or key witnesses—the task remains to counter all anti-Jewish campaigns with steadfastness and a clear position, i.e., to fight AGAINST THE TIDE.