



Fact Sheet: Michael Moore

Michael Moore on Israel:

- Quotes from Michael Moore's book, "Dude Where's My Country?" (Warner Books, 2003) regarding the United States support for Israel:
 - Moore dedicated his book, "Dude Where's My Country?" to Rachel Corrie, an International Solidarity Movement volunteer who was killed March 16 when she climbed in front of a Caterpillar bulldozer that was destroying tunnels used by Palestinian terrorists to illegally smuggle weapons from Egypt into Gaza
 - "Of course many Israeli children had died too, at the hands of the Palestinians. You would think that would make every Israeli want to wipe out the Arab world, but the average Israeli does not have that response. Why? Because IN THEIR HEARTS, THEY KNOW THEY ARE WRONG, AND THEY KNOW THEY WOULD BE DOING JUST WHAT THE PALESTINIANS ARE DOING IF THE SANDAL WERE ON THE OTHER FOOT."
 - "Hey, here's a way to stop suicide bombings – give the Palestinians a bunch of missile-firing Apache helicopters and let them and the Israelis go at each other head to head. Four billion dollars a year to Israel – four billion dollars a year to the Palestinians – they can just blow each other up and leave the rest of us the hell alone."
 - "Now I'm not just talking about your everyday anti-Semites. No, I'm talking about a perceived notion that we Americans are supporting Israel in its oppression of the Palestinian people. Now where did those Arabs come up with an idea like that? Maybe it was when the Palestinian child looked up in the air and saw an American Apache helicopter firing a missile into his baby sister's bedroom just before she was blown into a hundred bits."

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- In 1987, Moore was honored by the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee for his “courageous efforts in journalism.” (*ADC Times*, January 1990, page 4)
- In 1990, speaking before the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Moore announced that he would refuse to attend a screening of his movie, “Roger and Me,” which was being held in Jerusalem. He was quoted as saying that he would not attend until Israel ceased to occupy the West Bank and Gaza. (*Arab American News*, 1990)
- Moore attended and spoke at a June 5, 1990 demonstration protesting the continued Israeli occupation at the Israeli Embassy in Washington D.C. (*Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, July, 2001)
- In October 2003, Moore was honored by the Muslim American Public Affairs Council (MPAC) with a media award. (www.mpac.org)
- In his book, “Stupid White Men and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation,” Moore proposed that Congress give Israel 30 days to end the bloodshed taking place in its name, and if Israel does not do so, funding to Israel should be cut. He also noted that while individual terrorism is bad, state sponsored terrorism is truly evil. Moore also proposed that the Palestinians be given their statehood and receive twice as much economic assistance from the United States as Israel receives.
- “In Liverpool, [Moore] paused to contemplate the epicenters of evil in the modern world: “It’s all part of the same ball of wax, right? The oil companies, Israel, Halliburton.” (David Brooks in the *New York Times*, June 26, 2004)
- Recently Moore had no comment when questioned about the rumor that members of Hezbollah had been involved in the distribution of Fahrenheit 9/11. (<http://www.moorewatch.com>)
- Moore tried to prevent Fahrenheit 9/11 from being shown in Israel. (*New Yorker Magazine*, February 16, 2004)
- Moore stated: “Anyway, the support Bush and the Republicans feign for Israel is because Israel is near our oil. If the oil wasn't there, I bet those same Republicans wouldn't [care] about Israel. " (*Los Angeles Times*, June 22, 2004)

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Michael Moore on America:

- While promoting his book, “Dude Where’s My Country,” in Germany, Moore gave a speech in which he asserted that, “Americans are possibly the dumbest people on the planet...in thrall to conniving, thieving, smug pricks. We Americans suffer from an enforced ignorance. We don’t know about anything that’s happening outside our country. Our stupidity is embarrassing.” (*The Washington Dispatch*, June 26, 2004)
- “I want Bush paraded in handcuffs outside of a police house as a common criminal because I don’t know if there’s a greater crime than taking people to war based on a lie. I’ve never seen anything like Bush and his people. They truly hate our Constitution, our rights and our liberties. They have no shame in fighting for their corporate sponsors.” (Quote from Moore in *The Mirror*, November 3, 2003)
- In his book, “Dude Where’s My Country,” Moore proposed that the Patriot Act is as un-American as “Mein Kampf.” He wrote, “The Patriot Act is the first step. ‘Mein Kampf’... ‘Mein Kampf’ was written long before Hitler came to power. And if the people of Germany had done something early on to stop these early signs, when the right-wing, when the extremists such as yourself, decide that this is the way to go, if people don’t speak up against this, you end up with something like what they had in Germany. I don’t want to get to that point.”
- In October of 2003, Moore was quoted in the University of Michigan’s student newspaper, *The Michigan Daily*, as saying “there is no terrorist threat in this country. This is a lie. This is the biggest lie we’ve been told.”
- On his book tour to promote, “Dude Where’s My Country,” Moore stopped off in Cambridge, England, where he lamented before a large audience that, ‘You’re stuck with being connected to this country of mine, which is known for bringing sadness and misery to places around the globe.’ (Newsmax.com, June 6, 2004)
- While on his recent book tour, Moore told a crowd in Berlin, “Don’t be like us. You’ve got to stand up, right? You’ve got to be brave.” (David Brooks in the *New York Times*, June 29, 2004)
- In an open letter to the German people in *Die Zeit*, Moore asked, “Should such an ignorant people [as the United States] lead the world? Don’t go the American way when it comes to economics, jobs and services for the poor and immigrants. It is the wrong way.” (David Brooks in the *New York Times*, June 30, 2004)