

Claim

Claim: "American writer James Baldwin once said: 'The state of Israel was not created for the salvation of the Jews; it was created for the salvation of the Western interests.'"

Actions

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web_search("James Baldwin Israel quote Western interests")
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

The NPR article "What James Baldwin can teach us about Israel, and ourselves" from August 28, 2024, includes the quote: "It was created for the salvation of the Western interests." (<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>)



The article from stevesalaita.com discusses James Baldwin's views on Zionism and Israel and includes the quote: "But the state of Israel was not created for the salvation of the Jews; it was created for the salvation of the Western interests." (<https://stevesalaita.com/james-baldwin-and-the-jewish-state/>)



The LitHub article, written by Alexander Durie, mentions Baldwin's quote from his 1979 essay in *The Nation*: "But the state of Israel was not created for the salvation of the Jews; it was created for the salvation of the Western interests." (<https://lithub.com/james-baldwin-and-the-roots-of-black-palestinian-solidarity/>)



Elaboration

The evidence confirms that James Baldwin made the statement in the Claim. The quote "But the state of Israel was not created for the salvation of the Jews; it was created for the salvation of the Western interests" is found in multiple sources, including an NPR article (<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>), stevesalaita.com (<https://stevesalaita.com/>)

[james-baldwin-and-the-jewish-state/](#)), and a LitHub article (<https://lithub.com/james-baldwin-and-the-roots-of-black-palestinian-solidarity/>).

Final Judgement

The claim is accurate. Multiple sources, including NPR and LitHub, confirm that James Baldwin made the statement in the claim.

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Verdict: TRUE

Justification

The claim is accurate. Multiple sources, including an NPR article (<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>) and a LitHub article (<https://lithub.com/james-baldwin-and-the-roots-of-black-palestinian-solidarity/>), confirm that James Baldwin made the statement.