

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 quote Israel Western interests")
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Evidence

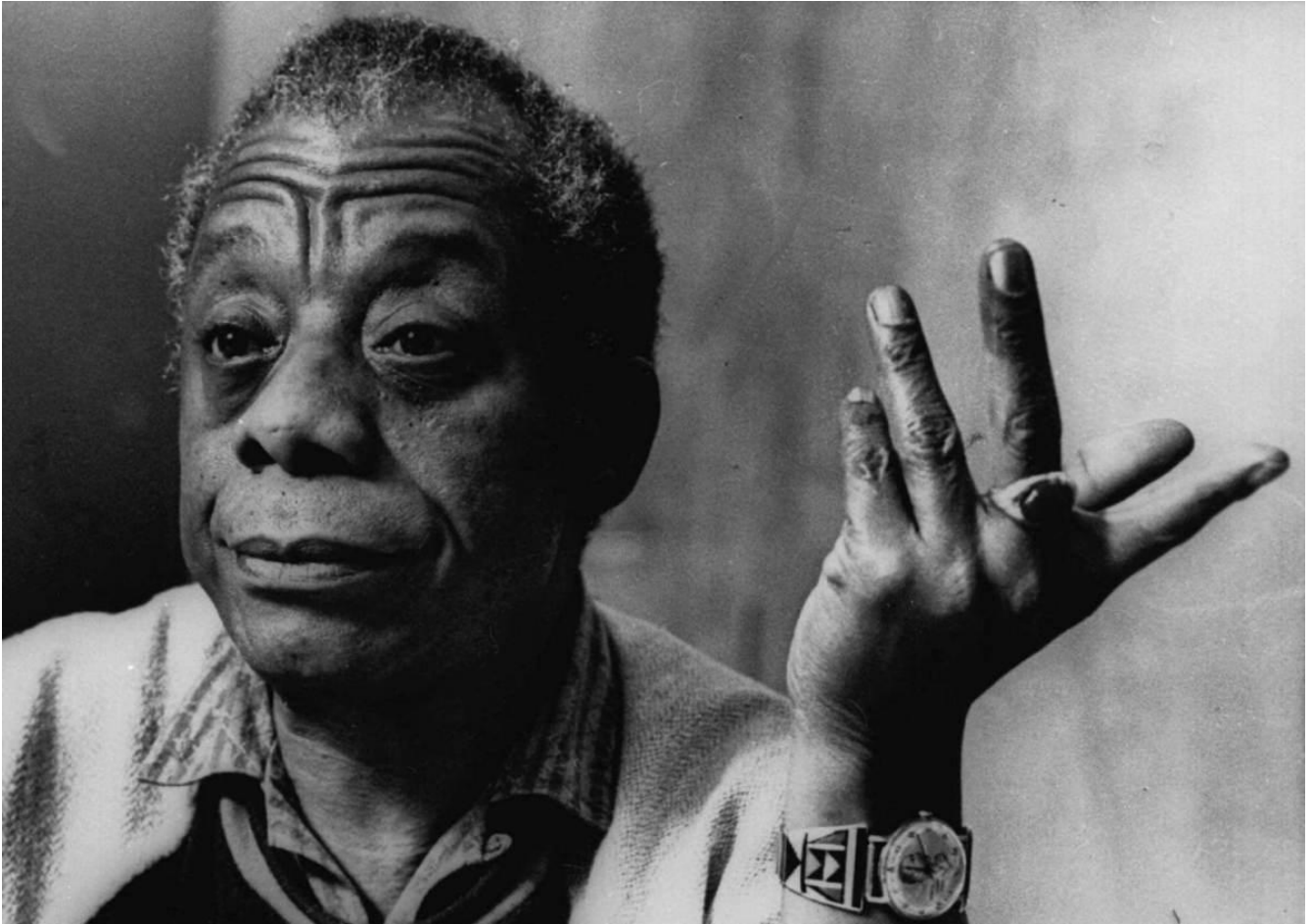
Evidence from `web_search`

The NPR Code Switch article from August 28, 2024, discusses James Baldwin's views on Israel and includes the quote: "It was created for the salvation of the Western interests." (



) Colorlines.com published an article on July 24, 2014, referencing an article from the September 29, 1979 issue of The Nation, which 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."

An article from stevesalaita.com also 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://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>
- <https://colorlines.com/article/what-james-baldwin-wrote-about-israel-and-palestine-1979/>
- <https://stevesalaita.com/james-baldwin-and-the-jewish-state/>

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 Code Switch article (<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>), an article on Colorlines.com (<https://colorlines.com/article/what-james-baldwin-wrote-about-israel-and-palestine-1979/>), and an article from stevesalaita.com (<https://stevesalaita.com/james-baldwin-and-the-jewish-state/>).

Final Judgement

The claim is accurate. Multiple sources, including NPR and Colorlines, confirm that James

Baldwin made the statement in the claim.

true

Verdict: TRUE

Justification

The claim is accurate. Multiple sources, including an NPR Code Switch article (<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>) and Colorlines.com (<https://colorlines.com/article/what-james-baldwin-wrote-about-israel-and-palestine-1979/>), confirm that James Baldwin made the statement.