

## 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`

NPR's Code Switch published on 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, discussing what James Baldwin wrote about Israel and Palestine in 1979, referencing an article that originally appeared in the September 29, 1979 issue of The Nation. According to the article, Baldwin wrote: "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 discusses James Baldwin's views on Israel and Zionism 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." (



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## Elaboration

The evidence confirms the claim. Multiple sources, including NPR's Code Switch, Colorlines.com, and stevesalaita.com, attribute 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" to James Baldwin. The Colorlines.com article specifically references an article by Baldwin published in The Nation in 1979.

## Final Judgement

The claim is supported by multiple sources, including NPR and Colorlines.com, which attribute the quote to James Baldwin. The quote is also found in an article from stevesalaita.com.

true

**Verdict: TRUE**

### **Justification**

The claim is supported by multiple sources. NPR's Code Switch and Colorlines.com, among others, attribute 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" to James Baldwin. The Colorlines.com article references an article by Baldwin published in The Nation in 1979.