

## 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

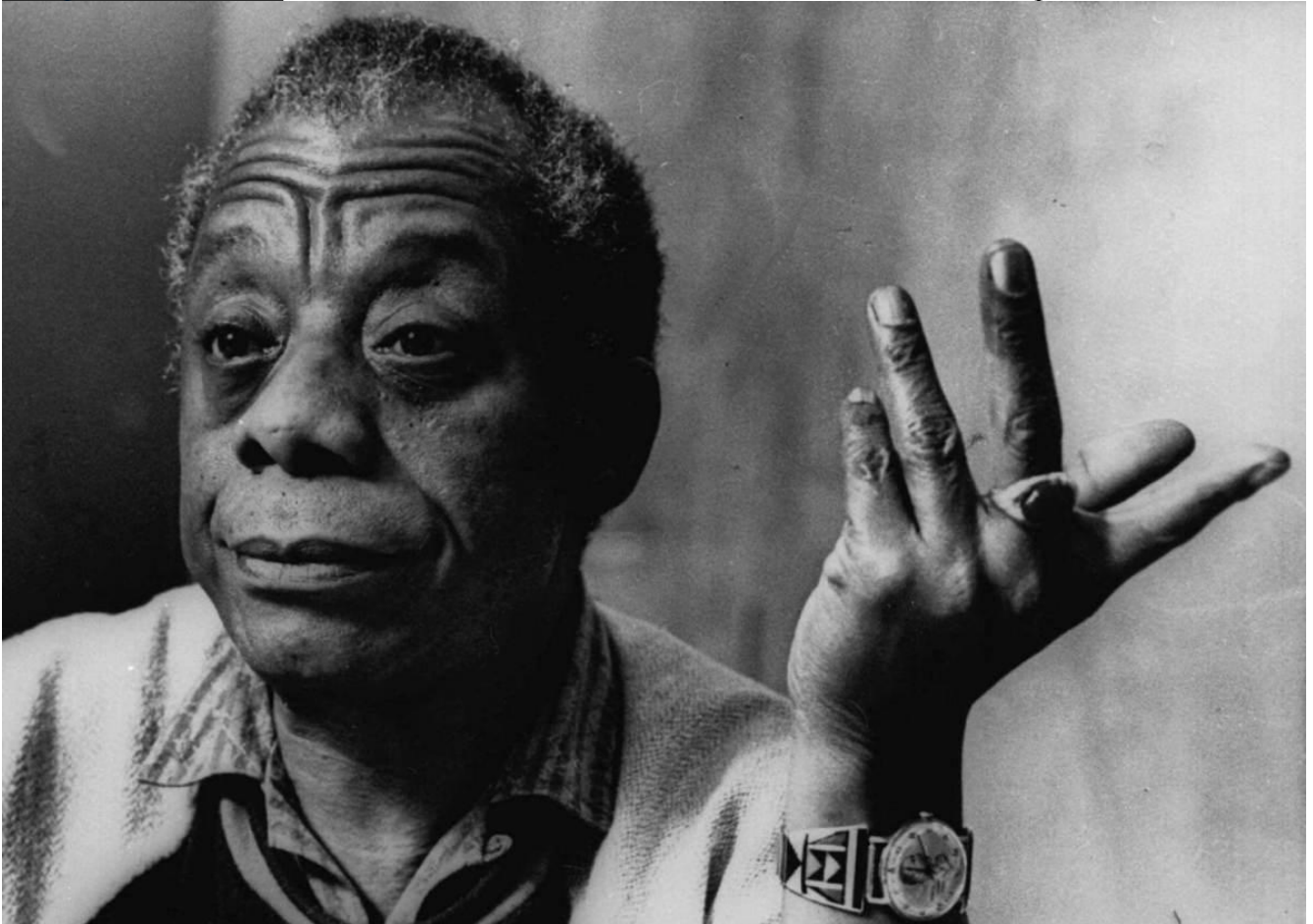
### Evidence from `web_search`

The NPR "Code Switch" podcast mentions a quote by James Baldwin: "It was created for the salvation of the Western interests."



(<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>)

An article from Colorlines.com also discusses a quote by James Baldwin: "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://colorlines.com/article/what-james-baldwin-wrote-about-israel-and-palestine-1979/>). An article from stevesalaita.com includes the same quote.



(<https://stevesalaita.com/james-baldwin-and-the-jewish-state/>)

## Elaboration

The evidence suggests that James Baldwin did indeed make the statement attributed to him in the Claim. The NPR "Code Switch" podcast mentions a part of the quote, while articles from Colorlines.com and stevesalaita.com include the full quote.

## Final Judgement

The claim is supported by evidence from multiple sources, including an NPR podcast and articles from Colorlines.com and stevesalaita.com, which attribute the quote to James Baldwin. Therefore, the claim is accurate. `true`

**Verdict: TRUE**

## Justification

James Baldwin is quoted as saying, "But the state of Israel was not created for the salvation of the Jews; it was created for the salvation of the Western interests," according to the NPR "Code Switch" podcast (<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>) and articles from

Colorlines.com and stevesalaita.com (<https://colorlines.com/article/what-james-baldwin-wrote-about-israel-and-palestine-1979/> and <https://stevesalaita.com/james-baldwin-and-the-jewish-state/>).