

## 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

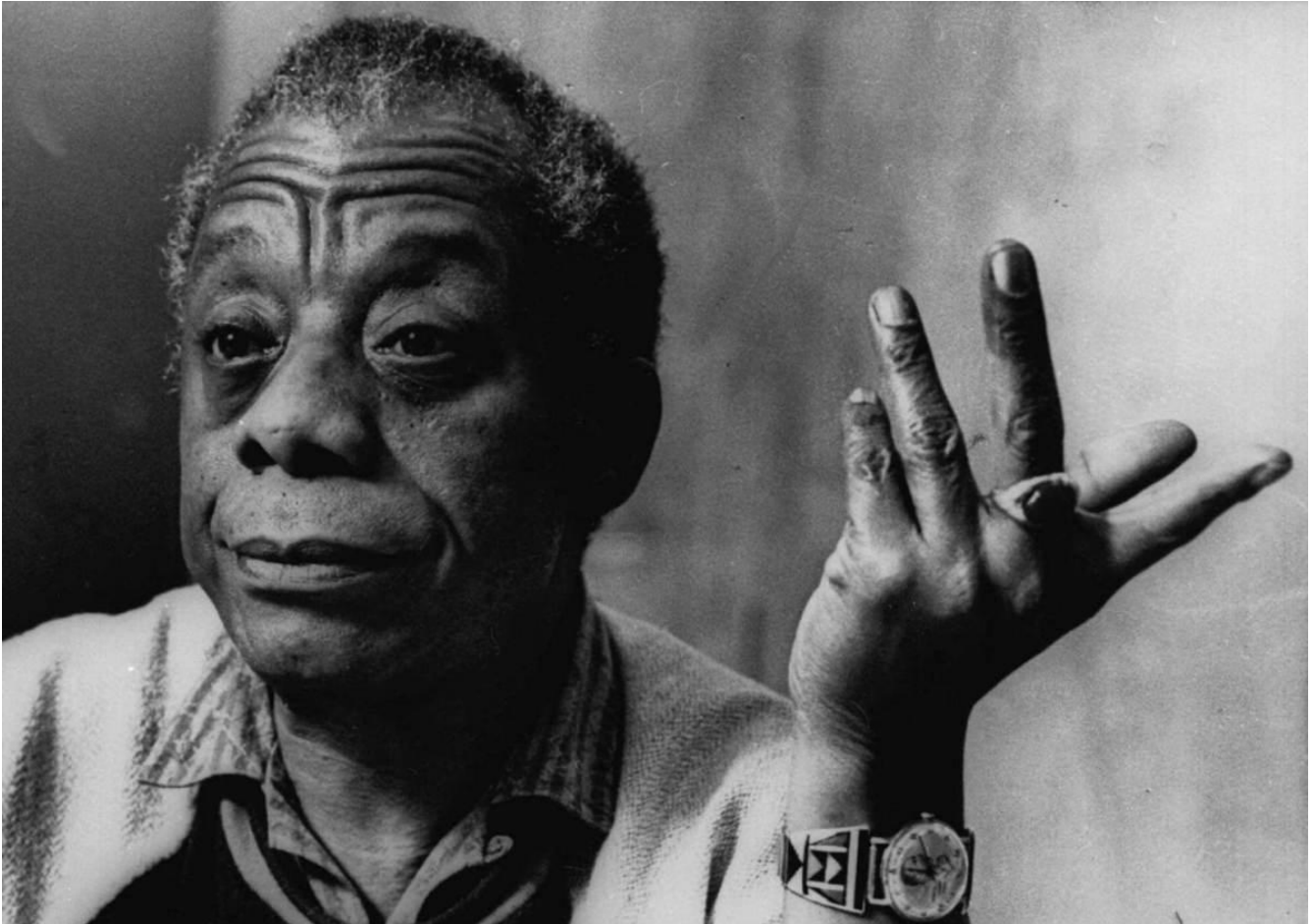
### Evidence from `web_search`

The NPR "Code Switch" transcript from August 28, 2024, includes the quote: "It was created for the salvation of the Western interests." (



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The article from Steve Salaita quotes James Baldwin 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." (



) The LitHub article, published on August 2, 2024, 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." (



) The article references Baldwin's 1979 essay for *The Nation* where the quote appeared.

- <https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1197958398>



- <https://stevesalaita.com/james-baldwin-and-the-jewish-state/>
- <https://lithub.com/james-baldwin-and-the-roots-of-black-palestinian-solidarity/>

## Elaboration

The evidence confirms 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 attributed to James Baldwin. This quote appears in multiple sources, including an NPR transcript and articles from Steve Salaita and LitHub. The LitHub article specifically mentions that the quote comes from Baldwin's 1979 essay for *The Nation*.

## Final Judgement

The claim is supported by multiple sources, including an NPR transcript and articles from Steve Salaita and LitHub, which attribute the quote to James Baldwin. The LitHub article specifies that the quote comes from Baldwin's 1979 essay for *The Nation*.

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**Verdict: TRUE**

## Justification

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