

Dear Newsweek,

I no longer want to receive your magazine. My subscription will not be renewed and here is why:

I see that your reporting of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is totally biased and **if I cannot trust you to provide fair coverage on *this* issue, it is not possible to believe your coverage on *any* issue.**

Given the tragic past of the Jews, I do not object to the idea of them having a homeland but nobody can expect the previous occupants of the land to give it up without compensation. Your magazine (and most of the American media) fails to clearly demonstrate Israel's dispossession of the Palestinians with America's vast economic, military and political support. It is up to publications like yours to illuminate the truth so a just outcome can be achieved. Instead, by only telling one side of the story, you edge into propaganda.

If Iran ships \$50 million worth of weapons to the Palestinians it is considered aiding terrorism; if the US give \$3 billion to Israel, it is not supporting brutal military occupation but democracy and freedom. Israel's role as the Occupier in the Occupied Territories barely gets mentioned.

In the 2 years that the current intifada has been running, you have interviewed numerous Israeli politicians and just a single Palestinian – Jibril Rajoub, the security chief and you mainly asked him what he was doing to stop attacks against Israelis. Why were there no interviews with Saeb Erakat, Hanan Ashrawi or any other prominent Palestinians? By often demonizing Arafat (especially George Will—I believe he is Jewish in which case his lack of disclosure is appalling), you attempt to discredit the suffering of all Palestinians. There have been no stories detailing Sharon's bloody past.

Instead of detailing the horrors of Jenin and highlighting Israeli denial of access to the press and medical services, the cover story was how a young Palestinian girl blew up herself and an Israeli girl. Instead of reporting on the Israelis dropping a 1000kg bomb in a crowded Gaza neighborhood killing 14 and injuring 200, you gave us a piece on financial scandals inside the Palestinian Authority. Outside the US, the shooting of 12-year-old Mahommed Aldura caused outrage but it failed to get a mention.

You show these pictures of violent Palestinians:



But not the Israeli violence that drives them:



I was excited when we got the October 15, 2001 issue with Fareed Zakaria's cover story on "*Why they hate us*" but then was left in disbelief that he failed devote a whole segment to America's foreign policies in the Middle East in general and in Israel/Palestine in particular. He gives just a few sentences to Israel in the final "What to do" section. In other words, all the blame is laid on the Arabs and America can help with the solution but is not part of the problem. Incredible! It seems that you are telling people what they want to hear, not the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

You could do worthwhile stories but you don't. For instance, I challenge you to tell the US public how campaign contributions by Jewish Americans drive US policy in the Middle East (Artur Davis's defeat of Earl Hilliard in an Alabama congressional primary would have been a good hook), misuse of American-supplied military equipment, the differing access to water by settlers and Palestinians, what life is like under curfew, the lack of accountability of IDF personnel when they shoot unarmed civilians, the destruction of Palestinian property that in no way can be called "terrorism infrastructure" (such as Gaza airport, the office of statistics, the education ministry), Israeli use of torture, their policy of assassinations. And so on.

Yours sincerely,