

Israeli Flag Edited Out of Iconic Boston Marathon Bombing Photo

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Yesterday, on Facebook, [I posted the iconic photo of the 78 year old man](#) in an orange shirt surrounded by police officers with smoke billowing in the background just after the explosion at the Boston Marathon. I took notice of the Israeli flag in the background. It was hard to miss the flag through the smoke and it meant something to me that the flag was so prominent in the photo.

One fellow left a comment on the photo with a link to a CNN version of the photo. In the CNN version the Israeli flag is scrubbed out. It's not cropped. It is simply photoshopped out of the photo.

I did a little digging and I discovered that CNN got the photo from Getty Images. I hunted for the photo on Getty Images and found the edited photo on their site.

I am the last person to be on high alert for anti-Israel media bias. But I find this quite disturbing. It's almost as if Getty Images wants to make sure no one associates the explosion with Israel. My only explanation for this that does not indicate anti-Israel bias is that Getty Images does not want to politicize the photo and provide haters of Israel an opportunity to blame or connect Israel to the bombing. But by removing the flag they have already politicized it by saying they don't want Israel in the photo.

Today is Yom HaAtzmaut. Today we celebrate Israel's existence. Israel exists whether Getty Images leaves it in the iconic photo or not. But it's a stark reminder that there are many who would be happy to see it removed from the photo and from the world in general.

Shame on Getty Images. *Am Yisrael Chai.*

Here is the original photo as posted on Facebook yesterday:



And here is the photo from Getty Images:



Hat tip to [Marnin Goldberg](#) on Facebook.

Link to the photo on Getty Images: [Getty](#)