

Is Israel an Apartheid State?

ARGUMENTS FOR 'NO' – AND ANSWERS

“Palestinians living in Israel have the vote”. Palestinian citizens of Israel do have a vote but MPs are barred from putting forward bills which challenge discrimination against Palestinians.

“There is no segregation. Jews and Palestinians use the same trains & buses. Universities, cinemas, beaches, restaurants are open to all”. This is a veneer of equality: When people cannot keep their land; their schools are underfunded so university is less accessible; they can't marry whom they chose, it is inequality.

“Palestinian citizens of Israel can hold high office. Israel has a Palestinian judge, an army commander, a chief surgeon”. Again, this is paying lip-service to equality. It is tokenism, unless high office reflects the population balance.

“Its nothing like South Africa”. South Africa is just one model of apartheid. The key is whether people are systematically oppressed as a racial group.

I am Bibi Netanyahu's nephew and I Acknowledge Apartheid Exists



“We had a trip to the Sea of Galilee through the occupied territories. I told the teacher I wouldn't go because it's not OK to have kids on a trip going through villages where [Palestinians] are trapped in their homes under curfew. I always had arguments in school. It just grew until my last year when I was 17 or 18 when the first orders came to be interviewed by officers. I came to everything they told me to come to and said I wouldn't serve.”

I, Jonathan Ben-Artzi, am refusing to join the army on grounds of pacifism. My profound convictions in non-violence began when I was a small child, and developed over the years into a broad political philosophy. Because of my beliefs, my own country is going to imprison me, in defiance of international laws, basic moral values and fundamental human rights. I will go to prison proudly, knowing that this is the least I can do to improve this country, and the cause of pacifism.”

Jonathan Ben-Artzi

Prime Minister Netanyahu's nephew

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Write to your MP. Demand that immediate **meaningful action** be taken against the Israeli Government until it ends apartheid. Or sign a prepared letter at our stall.

Join others in calling for **Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions** against Israel, a non-violent approach that ended apartheid in South Africa. For what to boycott, see <https://bdsmovement.net/bdsintro>

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