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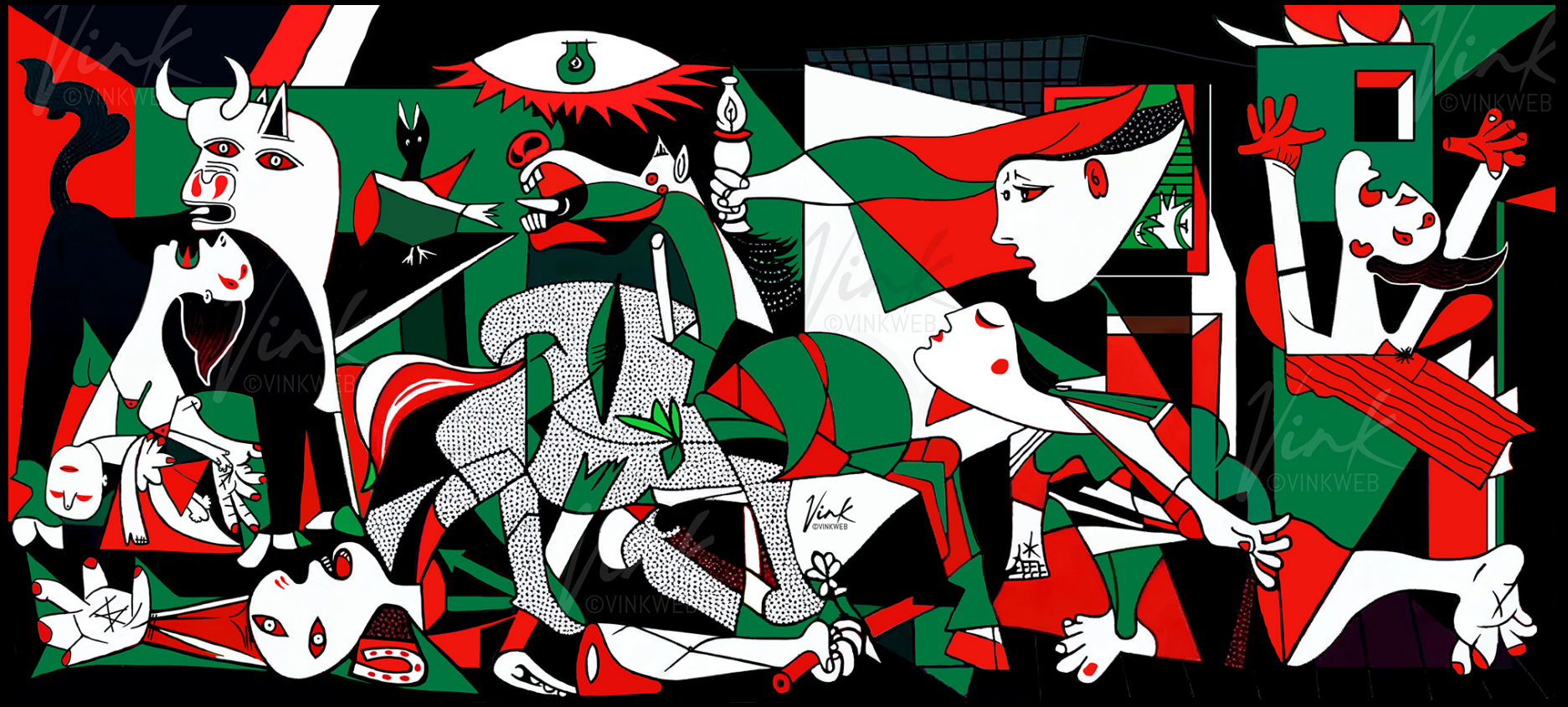
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Over **1,200*** ** Reported fatalities

1,162 identified fatalities, including at least 33 children

~5,400 Reported injuries

Gaza****

472 Reported fatalities

3,004 Reported injuries

** According to Israeli media citing official sources.

*** This includes fatalities on 7 October and the immediate aftermath, including foreign nationals.

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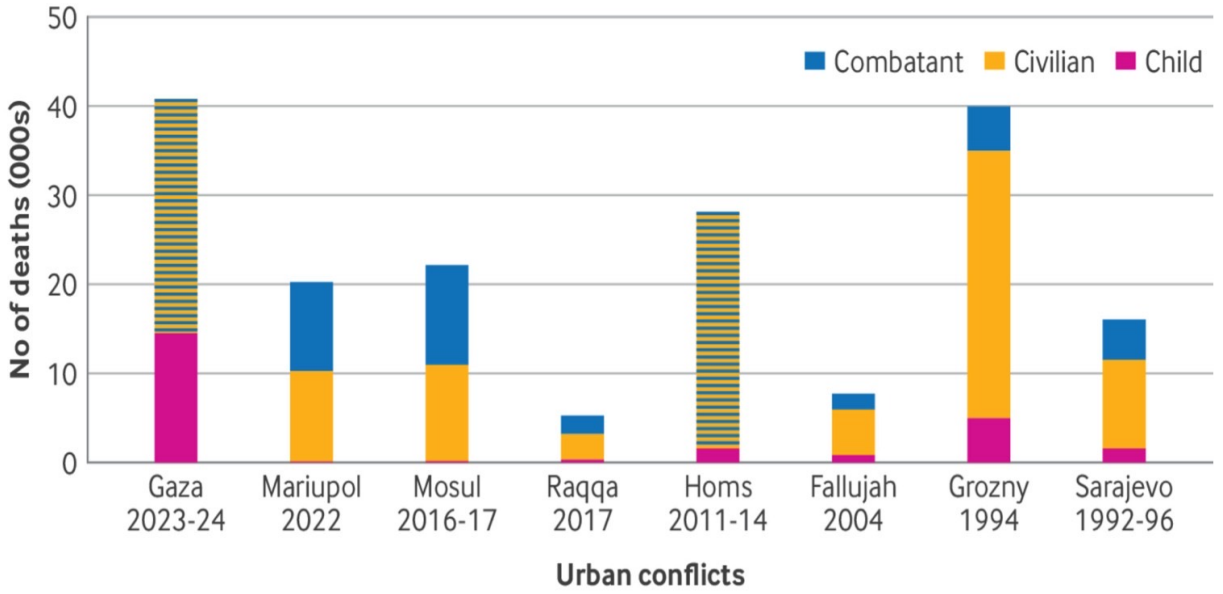


Fig 1 | Deaths in recent urban conflicts (see supplementary data for further details and references). Gaza figures up to 28 August 2024; published data on Homs and Gaza do not differentiate between combatants and civilians. There are conflicting claims around total Hamas combatants (Hamas sources claimed 6000 deaths; Israeli sources claimed 12 000)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Childhood mortality during Gaza genocide in 2024: A comparative analysis with global disease burden

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Abstract

Aims: Global childhood mortality frameworks systematically exclude politically sensitive causes of death, such as genocide. This study quantified child mortality in Gaza during 2024, compared these deaths with established global causes of childhood mortality, and assessed how their omission distorts international health assessments. *Methods:* We analyzed official Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH) mortality reports and triangulated them with published capture–recapture studies and indirect-to-direct death ratios (4:1 and 10:1) applied in conflict settings to provide low, medium and high childhood mortality estimates. Annualized deaths among children under 15 years were calculated for 2024 and compared with Global Burden of Disease (GBD) 2021 estimates. Infant and under-five mortality rates were derived using live birth estimates and contrasted with pre-war trends. *Results:* Official reports cite 60,199 deaths in Gaza as of July 2025; upper sensitivity analysis estimate of total fatalities may reach 601,990 (28% of 2.13 million population). Child deaths (under 15) range from 14,824 (reported) to 59,296 (medium estimate) to 148,240 (high estimate), equating to 2%, 7%, and 17% of the under-15 population, respectively. Under-five mortality likely increased 14–34 times, from 13.9 per 1,000 live births in 2022 to 191.1 (medium) and 477.8 (high) in 2024. Infant mortality potentially increased 4–9 times, from 10.8 to 39.0 and 97.5 per 1,000 live births. For 2024, official reported child deaths rank Gaza 18th globally despite Gaza's being less than 1% of global population; medium [illegible] population position Gaza genocide as the leading cause of child mortality worldwide. ***Conclusions:*** **Genocide-related child deaths in Gaza represent one of the leading global causes of childhood mortality but remain excluded from international surveillance frameworks. Recognizing and coding genocide as a preventable cause of death is critical for accountability, accurate health metrics, and urgent humanitarian response.**

Table 1. Ranking of genocide-related deaths in Gaza in 2024 against global causes of death in 2021 (age: 0-14 years).

Ranking of global causes of death in 0-14 year olds (2021)		Death rate (per 1000 pop)	Ranking of global causes of death in 0-14 year olds (2021)		Number
	Upper estimate of genocide-related deaths, Gaza 2024	**104.36**	**1**	Maternal and neonatal disorders	1,832,572
1	Maternal and neonatal disorders	91.09	**2**	Respiratory infections and tuberculosis	671,076
	Medium estimate of genocide-related deaths, Gaza 2024	**41.74**	**3**	Other non-communicable diseases	553,290
2	Respiratory infections and tuberculosis	33.36	**4**	Neglected tropical diseases and malaria	504,272
3	Other non-communicable diseases	27.50	**5**	Enteric infections	492,520
4	Neglected tropical diseases and malaria	25.06	**6**	Other infectious diseases	308,264
5	Enteric infections	24.48	**7**	Unintentional injuries	254,269
6	Other infectious diseases	15.32	**8**	HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections	112,140
7	Unintentional injuries	12.64	**9**	Transport injuries	92,359
	Officially reported genocide-related deaths, Gaza 2024	**10.44**		**Upper estimate of genocide-related deaths, Gaza 2024**	**89,582**
8	HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections	5.57	**10**	Nutritional deficiencies	83,825
9	Transport injuries	4.59	**11**	Neoplasms	83,340
10	Nutritional deficiencies	4.17	**12**	Cardiovascular diseases	51,728
			13	Digestive diseases	41,669
			14	Self-harm and interpersonal violence	40,701
				Medium estimate of genocide-related deaths, Gaza 2024	**35,833**
			15	Neurological disorders	24,136
			16	Diabetes and kidney diseases	20,977
			17	Chronic respiratory diseases	17,700
				Officially reported genocide-related deaths, Gaza 2024	8,958
			18	Skin and subcutaneous diseases	5,166
			19	Musculoskeletal disorders	1,284


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Break the selective silence on the genocide in Gaza

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Substantial and well-documented evidence indicates a catastrophic public health emergency in Gaza (appendix pp 1–5), marked by severe food insecurity and alarming levels of malnutrition-related deaths.[1] Life expectancy at birth reportedly declined by approximately 35 years in 2024.[2] This represents a greater collapse in longevity than that recorded during the genocide in Rwanda, where life expectancy at birth declined from age 42·9 years in 1993 to age 12·2 years in 1994.[3]

Palestinian children have been disproportionately affected. Since October 7, 2023, Gaza has recorded more child deaths than any other conflict zone and has the highest number of children with amputations per person in the world.[4] The health-care system has also been systematically dismantled. Between October, 2023 and May, 2025, there were 720 documented attacks on health-care targets, including 125 health facilities, 34 hospitals, and 186 ambulances.[5] Gaza has recorded the highest numbers of health-care worker fatalities (over 1400 deaths), UN staff deaths (295 deaths), and journalist fatalities (212 deaths) in any recent conflict zone.[6]

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Collapse of life expectancy at birth during genocide: Gaza (20244) vs. Rwanda (1994)

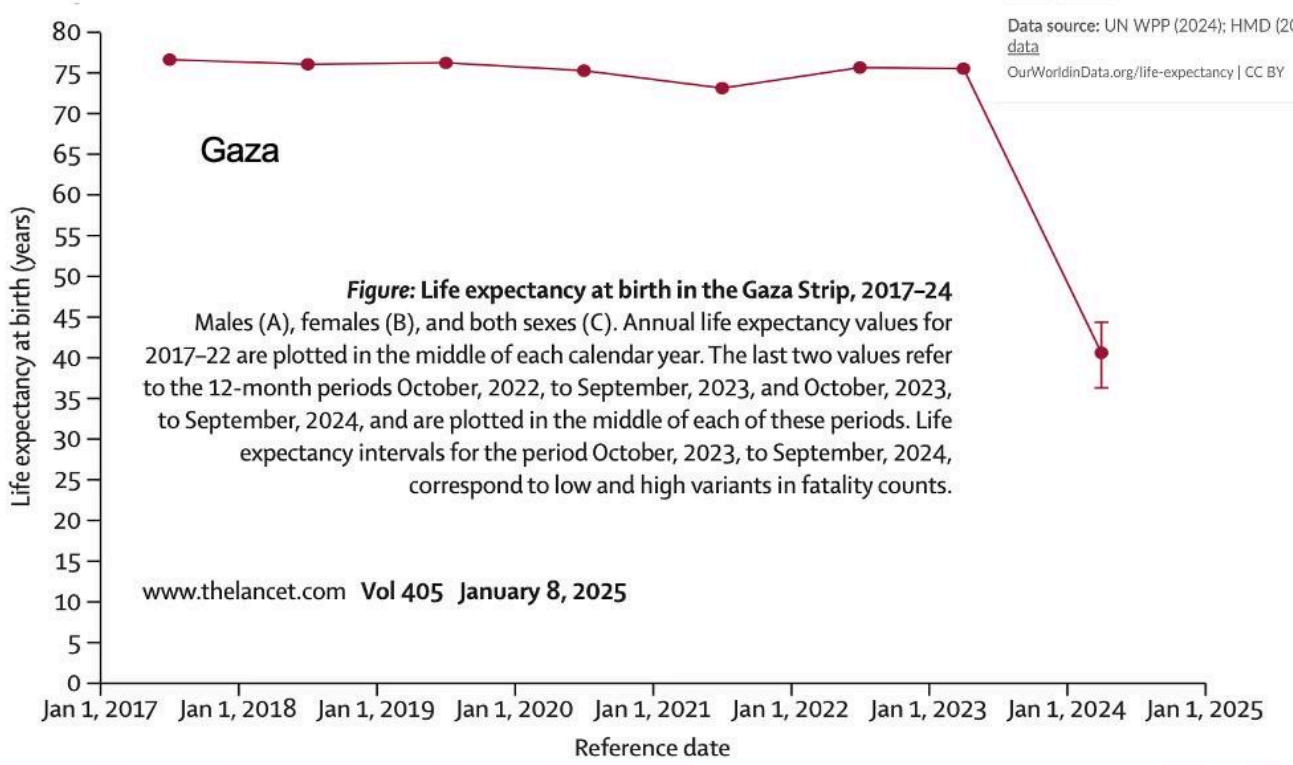
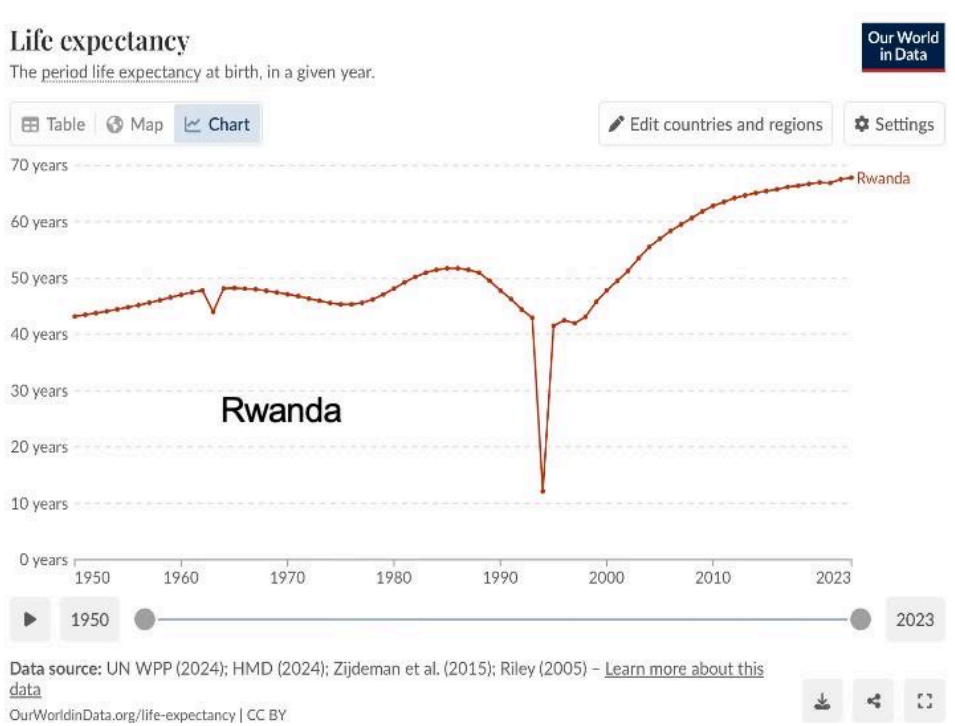


Figure: **Life expectancy at birth in the Gaza Strip, 2017–24**
Males (A), females (B), and both sexes (C). Annual life expectancy values for 2017–22 are plotted in the middle of each calendar year. The last two values refer to the 12-month periods October, 2022, to September, 2023, and October, 2023, to September, 2024, and are plotted in the middle of each of these periods. Life expectancy intervals for the period October, 2023, to September, 2024, correspond to low and high variants in fatality counts.

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Gaza Strip Overview

As of 31 Mar 2026
Source: Ministry of Health.

72 289 Fatalities

172 040 Injuries

Health Facility Functionality and Access

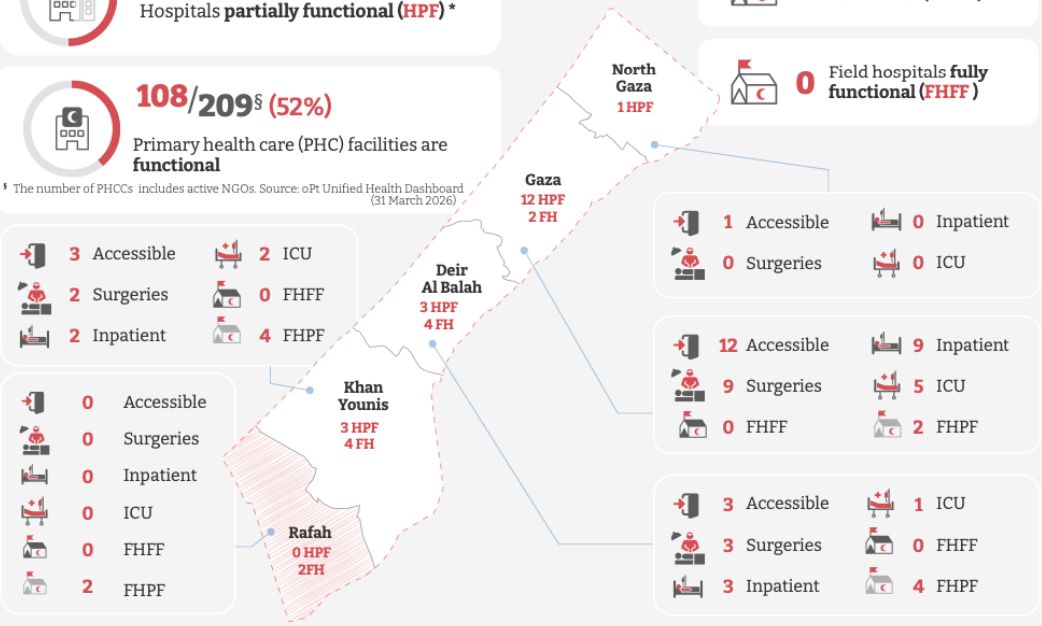
19/36 (53%)
Hospitals **partially functional (HPF)** *

108/209§ (52%)
Primary health care (PHC) facilities are **functional**

§ The number of PHCCs includes active NGOs. Source: oPt Unified Health Dashboard (31 March 2026)

12 Field hospitals **partially functional (FHPF)**

0 Field hospitals **fully functional (FHFF)**



3 Accessible		2 ICU	
2 Surgeries		0 FHFF	
2 Inpatient		4 FHPF	

1 Accessible		0 Inpatient	
0 Surgeries		0 ICU	

0 Accessible			
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0 Inpatient			
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0 FHFF			
2 FHPF			

12 Accessible		9 Inpatient	
9 Surgeries		5 ICU	
0 FHFF		2 FHPF	

3 Accessible		1 ICU	
3 Surgeries		0 FHFF	
3 Inpatient		4 FHPF	

The above disaggregation of accessibility and availability of inpatient, surgery and ICU services covers hospitals only, and does not apply to field hospitals.
Source: Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS)

- Total hospital bed capacity is currently at 2429, including 1761 inpatie t beds, 81 ICUs, and 101 incubators.

937 Health Attacks

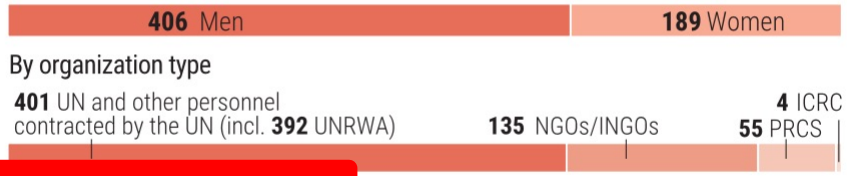
As of 31 Jan 2026 Source: SSA.

993 People killed in attacks

176 Health facilities affected
Including **36** Hospitals damaged

PROTECTION

595 Aid workers killed, incl. at least



>1,700
Health workers killed, including some also counted under aid workers above
(source: MoH, as of 7 October 2025)

145
Civil Defence staff killed while on duty
(source: PCD)

260
Journalists and media workers killed
(source: PJS, as of 8 April 2026)

Nearly the entire population, including over one million children, is estimated to require protection services and mental health and psychosocial support (Flash Appeal, December 2025 and UNICEF, December 2025).

- **>58,000** children have lost one or both parents (source: UNICEF, December 2025).

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE*

- **78%** of assessed households (in Gaza, Deir al Balah and Khan Younis) faced moderate to high levels of water insecurity in the 30 days prior to early-May.
- **43%** of assessed households had total water access below minimum humanitarian standards (15L/person/day), including **62%** below minimum for drinking water (6L/person/day).
- **87%** of assessed households reported facing challenges in accessing safe and clean sanitation facilities.
- **98%** of key informants reported that householders are facing barriers to accessing hygiene and non-food items, primarily due to insufficient distributions and high cost of items when available on the market.
- **36%** of assessed households reported solid waste accumulation in their vicinity, and **49%** observed sewage/sludge near their shelters.
- **66%** of assessed households reported cases of skin diseases in the 30 days prior to early-May.
- **85%** of assessed households reported availability of soap at their shelters.

**Source: WASH Cluster telephone-based Light-Touch Monitoring survey. Findings are not statistically representative of the population.*

FOOD SECURITY*

- **2** meals a day on average were consumed by most surveyed households.
- **5%** of surveyed households went a full day without eating at least once in the last 30 days.
- **17%** of surveyed households consumed only one meal a day.
- **65%** of surveyed households in Gaza and North Gaza governorates, and **70%** of surveyed households in Deir al Balah and Khan Younis governorates relied on humanitarian aid as their primary source of food.
- **66%** of surveyed households relied on waste burning to prepare food.
- **86.7%** of agricultural water wells damaged (source: FAO, 26 September 2025).
- **81.2%** of greenhouses damaged (source: UNOSAT and FAO, as of 24 April 2026).
- **87%** of cropland damaged, including: 89% of orchard and other trees (incl. 90% of olive trees), 88.1% of field crops, and 80.2% of vegetables (source: UNOSAT and FAO, as of 28 September 2025).
- **4%** of Gaza's cropland is undamaged and accessible (source: UNOSAT and FAO, 15 October 2025).

**Source: WFP Gaza Market Monitor, 1-15 May 2026, unless otherwise specified.*

NUTRITION

- **>3,200** children aged 6-59 months were admitted for malnutrition treatment in May, compared with **>3,500** in April 2026. This includes over **450** with Severe Acute Malnutrition in May compared with over **600** in April (source: Nutrition Cluster).
- **30%** of infants and young children under two years achieve minimum dietary diversity, while **70%** are experiencing moderate or severe food poverty (source: Nutrition Cluster Survey, as of June 2026).
- **37,000** pregnant and breastfeeding women are projected to suffer from acute malnutrition and require treatment in 2026.*
- **25,000** infants under six months, about **101,000** children aged 6-59 months, and **120,000** children aged 5-17 years are projected to suffer from acute malnutrition and will require treatment in 2026. These include **31,000** children aged 6-59 months projected to suffer from severe acute malnutrition.*

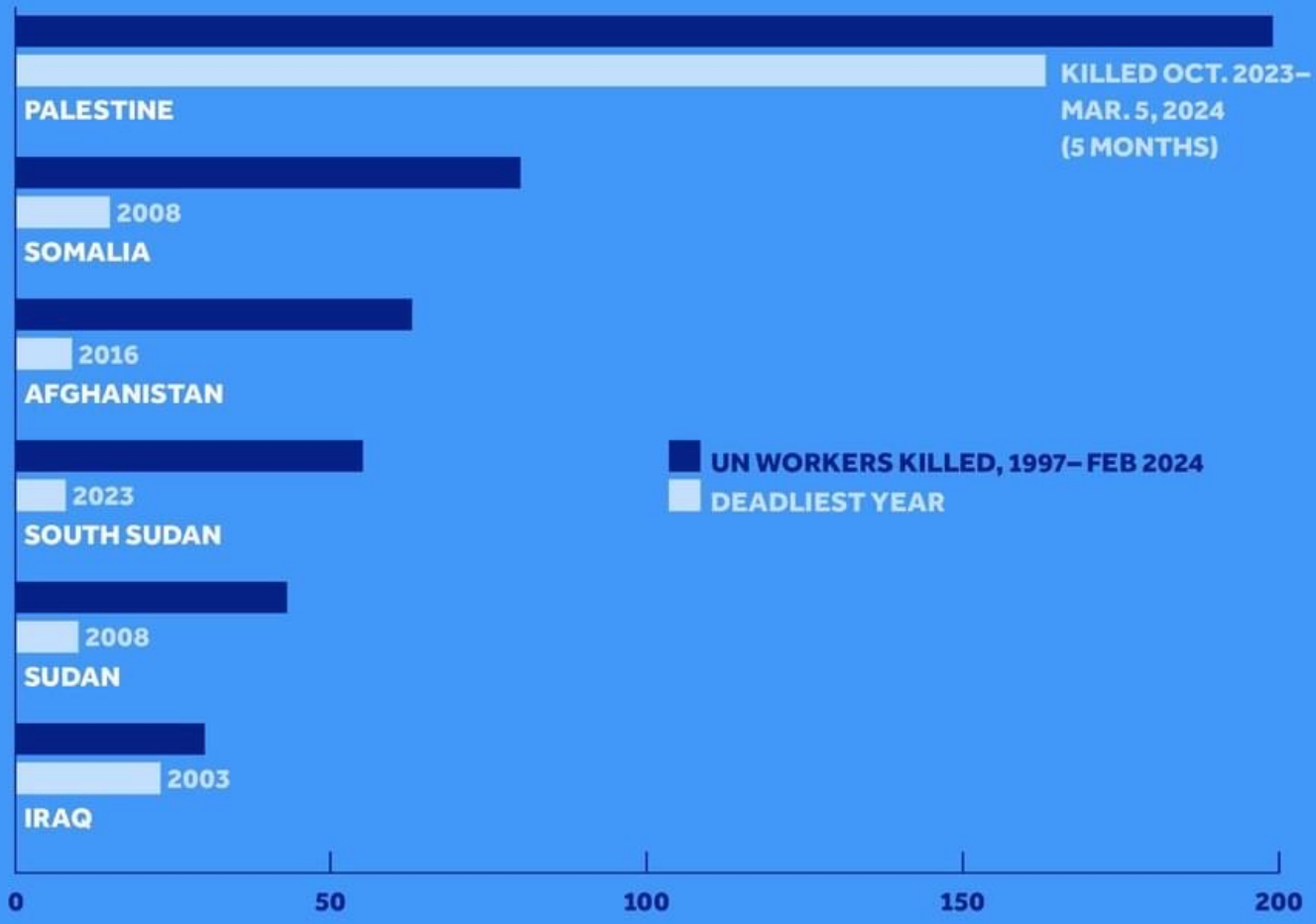
**Sources: Nutrition Cluster; and IPC Gaza Strip Special Snapshot, 19 December 2025.*

EDUCATION*

- **637,475** school-aged children without sustained access to formal, in-person education.
- **127,500** kindergarten-aged children without access to early childhood education.
- **~93%** of school buildings (526 out of 564) will require full reconstruction or major rehabilitation to be functional again, as of 11 October 2025.
- **>63** university buildings destroyed (source: MoE, 12 August 2025).

** Source: Education Cluster, unless otherwise noted*

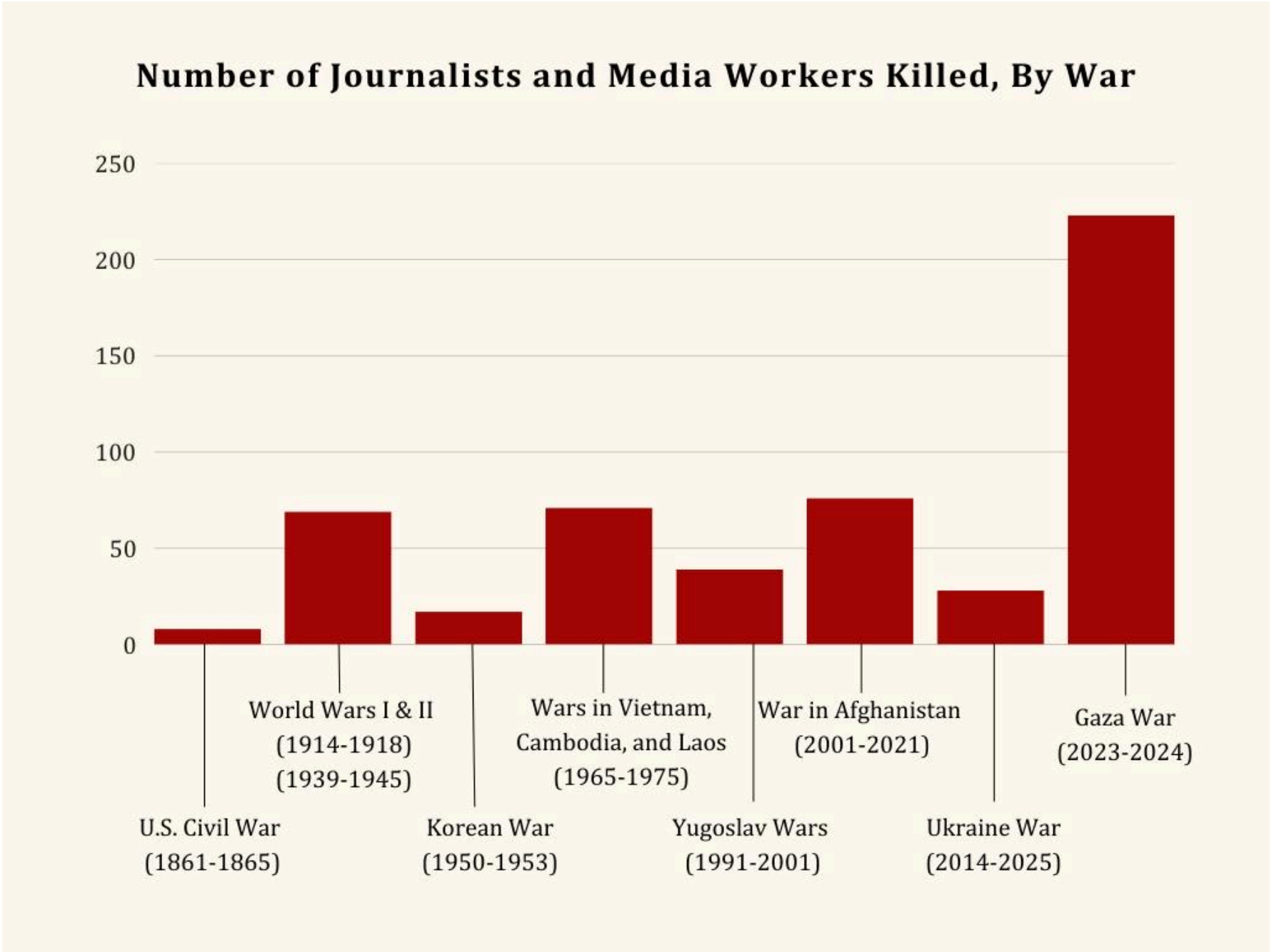
Israeli forces have made Gaza by far the **deadliest place to be an aid worker in the 79 year history of the UN.**



VISUALIZING**PALESTINE** **SOURCES** https://bit.ly/vp-aidworkers MAR 2024

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Source: "News Graveyards: How Dangers to War Reporters Endanger the World"
***Costs of War Project**, Brown University*

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di Ernesto Galli della Loggia | 6 settembre 2025

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IAGS Resolution on the Situation in Gaza

Therefore, the International Association of Genocide Scholars:

Declares that Israel’s policies and actions in Gaza meet the legal definition of genocide in Article II of the United Nations Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948);

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Israel is using starvation as a weapon of war in Gaza

200 days into Israel's military bombardment and siege of Gaza, we are witnessing the onset of a man made and entirely preventable famine, say Sameer Sah and Khaled Dawas

Sameer Sah, [1] Khaled Dawas[2]

In December 2023, we led Medical Aid for Palestinians' (https://www.map.org.uk/) and the International Rescue Committee's first emergency medical team in Gaza. On that trip, three months into Israel's bombardment and siege, we saw the disturbing and shocking conditions that Palestinians were forced to live in.

We have seen the warning signs of the current hunger crisis for months. In December 2023, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification warned that famine would occur if Israel's assault on Gaza continued.[1] In January 2024, doctors volunteering for Medical Aid for Palestinians in Gaza reported seeing signs of serious malnutrition in both children and adults.[2] Then in February, the World Health Organization warned that the decline in the nutrition status of the population in Gaza was unprecedented[3]—people were being starved at the fastest rate the world had ever seen. But still, the international community did nothing to avert this entirely foreseeable catastrophe.

Since then, the situation has become worse. In late March the International Court of Justice observed that, "Palestinians in Gaza are no longer facing a risk of famine, but that famine is setting in."[4] At Medical Aid for Palestinians, we have seen this happening and have repeatedly warned of the devastating harm that malnutrition and hunger has on civilians, especially among newborns and children under 5, in whom it can lead to development delays and long term adverse health outcomes.[2]

Approximately 1.1 million people, around half the total population, are currently facing catastrophic food insecurity in Gaza.[5] One in three children under 2 years of age in the north are now acutely malnourished, affecting their immune systems and making them more likely to die from infectious diseases.[6] Parents are witnessing their children die of starvation[7] or are forced to live off animal feed to try and survive.[8 9] None of this is inevitable, mass starvation is entirely preventable. This is not happening because of a natural drought or crop failure, but the deliberate withholding of food and aid by the Israeli government. This is exacerbated by the fact that nearly 50% of tree cover and farmland has been destroyed, and the heavy bombing and demolitions will contaminate the soil and ground water, making it difficult for the agriculture sector to recover in the future.[10]

Aid trucks destined for Gaza are still being prevented from entering, with hundreds of trucks queuing at the Rafah border crossing and facing arbitrary security checks. Although there is a severe lack of access to food in southern Gaza, the situation in northern Gaza is much worse. From 5 February to 5 March 2024, only 10-15 food trucks were allowed into northern Gaza to feed more than 300 000 people.[11] The supplies averaged less than one kilogram of food per person for a full month, a fraction of what is needed for survival. There is not enough aid getting in. Proposals such as airdrops and extra ports are not realistic or lasting solutions and cannot provide the volumes of assistance that can be transported by land.

We are also seeing Palestinian people being attacked by Israeli forces when trying to get food for their families.[12] The same goes for medical and aid workers who have found themselves at risk of indiscriminate, and sometimes even targeted,[13] Israeli military aggression. Every day, our team in Gaza and other aid and medical workers are risking their lives to provide vital support to those in need. Our own emergency medical team of doctors was the target of an airstrike in January,[14] and staff of the World Central Kitchen were killed by an Israeli air strike on 1 April 2024, despite coordinating their movements with the Israeli military.[15]

Destruction of hospitals like al-Shifa, the restriction of medical supplies, the detainment and killing of medical staff,[16] and the restriction of essential services such as water and sanitation by Israel are destroying the healthcare system in Gaza. This diminishes the healthcare system's ability to treat patients who are malnourished and means that other patients being treated for injuries and disease are also at risk of malnutrition.

World leaders and the medical community must demand an immediate and permanent ceasefire and take action to protect civilian life and infrastructure—including healthcare facilities—from attack. The international community must uphold its responsibility to protect Palestinian people from further harm,[17] and pressure Israel to end its total siege on Gaza, so that food, water, fuel, electricity, and medical and shelter supplies can enter and be safely distributed to people who need them.

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Competing interests: SS has previously served as a member of the First WHO Global Civil Society Task Force on TB and is currently a member of the WHO Regional Coordinating Committee on TB, HIV, and Viral Hepatitis at WHO Europe in Copenhagen. KD chairs the board of the medical education charity, Al Quds Foundation for Medical Schools in Palestine. He has been to Gaza twice with emergency medical teams with Medical Aid for Palestinians and the International Rescue Committee since December 2023.

1 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification. Gaza Strip: acute food insecurity situation for 24 November - 7 December 2023 and projection for 8 December 2023 - 7 February 2024. https://www.ipcinfo.org/ipc-country-analysis/details-map/en/c/1156749/

Starvation as a weapon of war must stop

The theme of World Health Day on April 7 is 'my health, my right', underscoring the UN's assertion that "every human being is entitled to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health conducive to living a life in dignity". In this week's issue, the report from *Under threat: the International AIDS Society–Lancet Commission on Health and Human Rights* examines the steady deterioration of the global commitment to human rights in the 21st century, with serious and increasingly damaging effects on health. Shockingly, one of the most basic of rights, access to food, remains unattainable for the 691 to 783 million people who were food insecure in 2022. In conflict zones, where nearly 60% or 158 million hungry people live, conflict has displaced populations, destroyed economies and infrastructure, and led to high prices for scarce goods. Moreover, the destruction of the food supply can be deliberately used to starve people as a weapon of war, which has been more commonplace since 2010. One stark and distressing current example: the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk has stated that there is a plausible case that Israel is now using starvation as a weapon of war in Gaza. Why is starving people to death increasingly occurring and why do countries and the UN allow it to continue?

According to Alex de Waal, the Director of the World Peace Foundation, about two-thirds of the people facing hunger "live in war or violence zones". Sudan, for example, is facing a famine due to conflict with nearly 18 million people experiencing acute food insecurity. In Ukraine, 11 million people are hungry, owing to Russia's targeting of Ukrainian ports and grain production. Aid budgets are insufficient for delivering food aid to war zones and aid itself is dependent upon negotiations with warring parties. In Yemen in 2014, the Saudi-backed coalition effectively blockaded the ports in a country that already had widespread malnourishment. Only once widespread mortality had set in was a truce agreed upon. The inevitable outcome was that by the start of 2022, UNDP estimated that the conflict had caused more than 377 000 deaths, with 60% of these deaths the result of hunger, lack of health care, and unsafe water.

Accountability mechanisms are important, but only when heeded. One such initiative is the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), convened by a Famine Review Committee (FRC), of leading humanitarian agencies. The FRC uses a standardised five-point scale to measure hunger, as an early warning system to begin aid before people are starving. For the Famine classification to be declared, an area must have at least 20% of households facing an extreme lack of food, at least 30% of children suffering from acute malnutrition, and two people for every 10 000 dying each day due to starvation or malnutrition and disease. Application of the scale in Gaza concluded that Gaza was above IPC Acute Food Insecurity Phase V (Catastrophe) thresholds. The FRC's calls of Catastrophe have so far not led to sufficient aid reaching the Gazan population.

Despite attempts by combatants and countries to justify starvation of a civilian population as an outcome of war, the Nobel Prize winner in Economics, Amartya Sen argues otherwise. He said, when talking about the Great Bengal and Ethiopian Famines, that understanding starvation necessitates understanding entitlements. Existing economic systems allow some people to be entitled to food, while others are allowed to starve. This is often the case in conflict zones, where those with means might be able to barter until food aid arrives or they are able to leave the conflict zone. As a result, the most vulnerable, such as pregnant and lactating women and their babies, suffer the greatest burden in terms of morbidity and mortality.

What can be done to hold perpetrators of starvation accountable? António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, have been powerful voices expressing outrage when the rules of war have been violated. They have used their offices courageously to criticise member-states that have broken international humanitarian law. But, as the International AIDS Society–*Lancet* Commission correctly points out, the UN Security Council inconsistently addresses and rarely enforces international human rights law in conflict settings. The reality is that geopolitical rivalries prevent collective political action to stop inhumane and illegal actions by rogue governments. As wars worsen and leave deep scars in the moral conscience of the international community, health leaders must insist on the centrality of human rights to protect vulnerable and innocent populations struggling in conflict settings. The use of starvation as a weapon of war is a crime that must be prosecuted and punished to protect the most basic right of all: human dignity. ■ *The Lancet*



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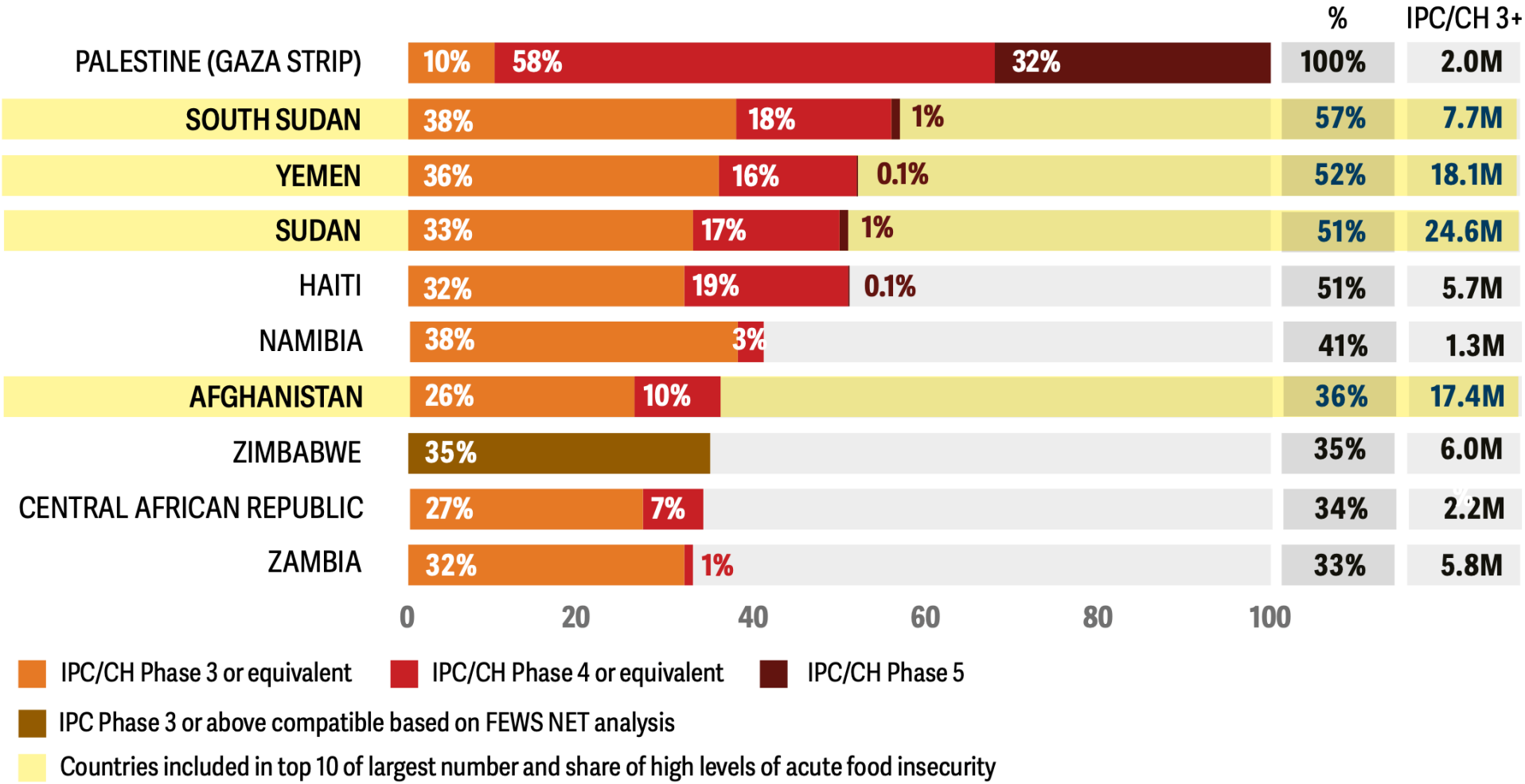
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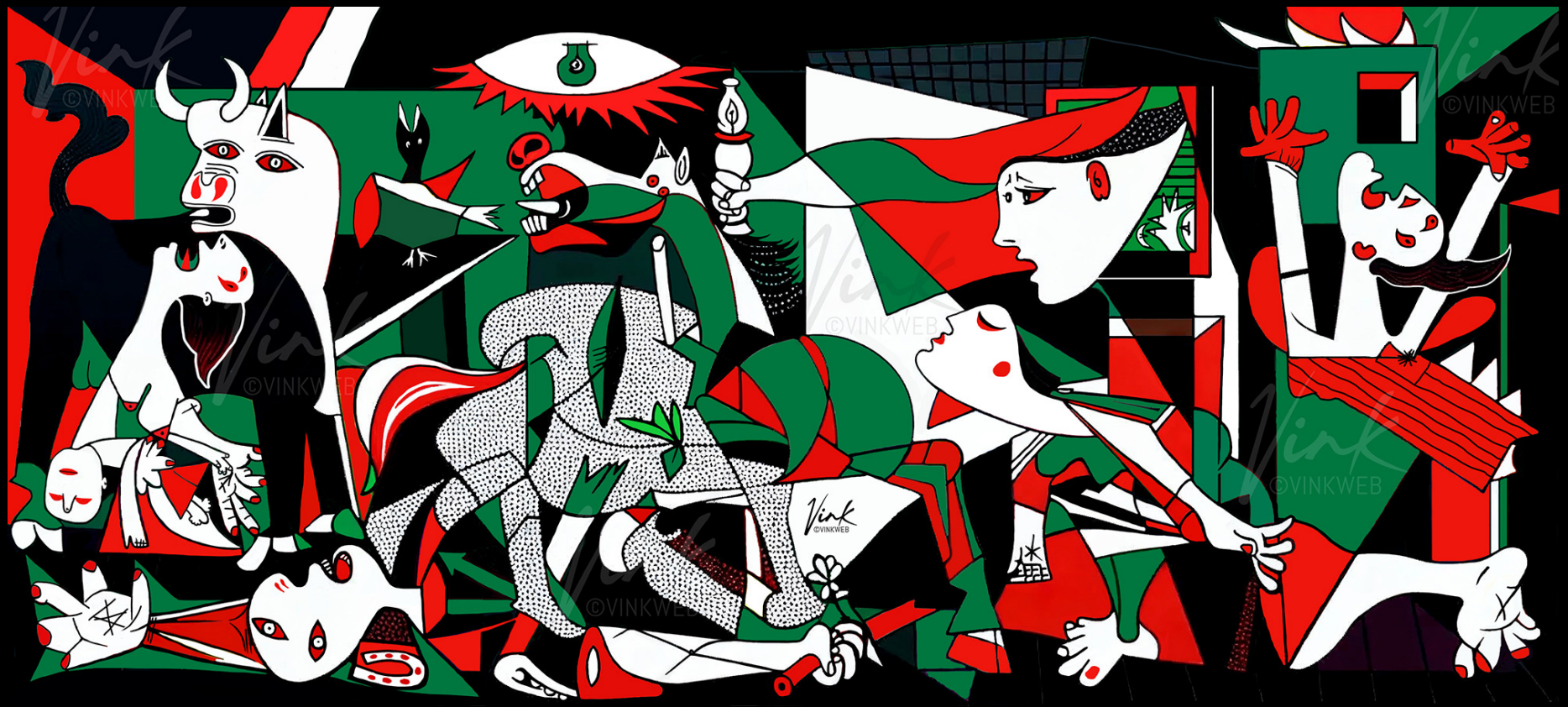
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Figure 2.3 Top ten countries/territories with the largest share of population analysed facing high levels of acute food insecurity by Phase, 2025 peak



Source: IPC TWGs, 2025; IPC Global Initiative, 2025; CH, 2025; FEWS NET, 2025 (Zimbabwe); IPC and Food Security Cluster (Yemen).

Perché una parte dell'Occidente è rimasta indifferente, ha sostenuto o giustificato il genocidio più filmato della storia?



Perché abbiamo provato così poco, visto che sapevamo così tanto?

“È come guardare Auschwitz su TikTok.”

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Questo tratto psicologico è caratterizzato da pregiudizio, parzialità, da una mentalità del tipo "noi contro loro" e da un forte senso di eccezionalismo culturale e nazionale.

Selective Empathy Is Political

Power politics and collective selective empathy influence one another reciprocally.



POWER POLITICS

- Institutions
- Interests
- Power structures
- Geopolitics

Power shapes empathy

Power determines which lives and suffering are visible, valued, and deserving of concern.



COLLECTIVE SELECTIVE EMPATHY

- Whose suffering we see
- Whom we care about
- Emotions & narratives
- Public opinion

Empathy shapes power

Selective empathy drives public support, legitimizes choices, and sustains political decisions.



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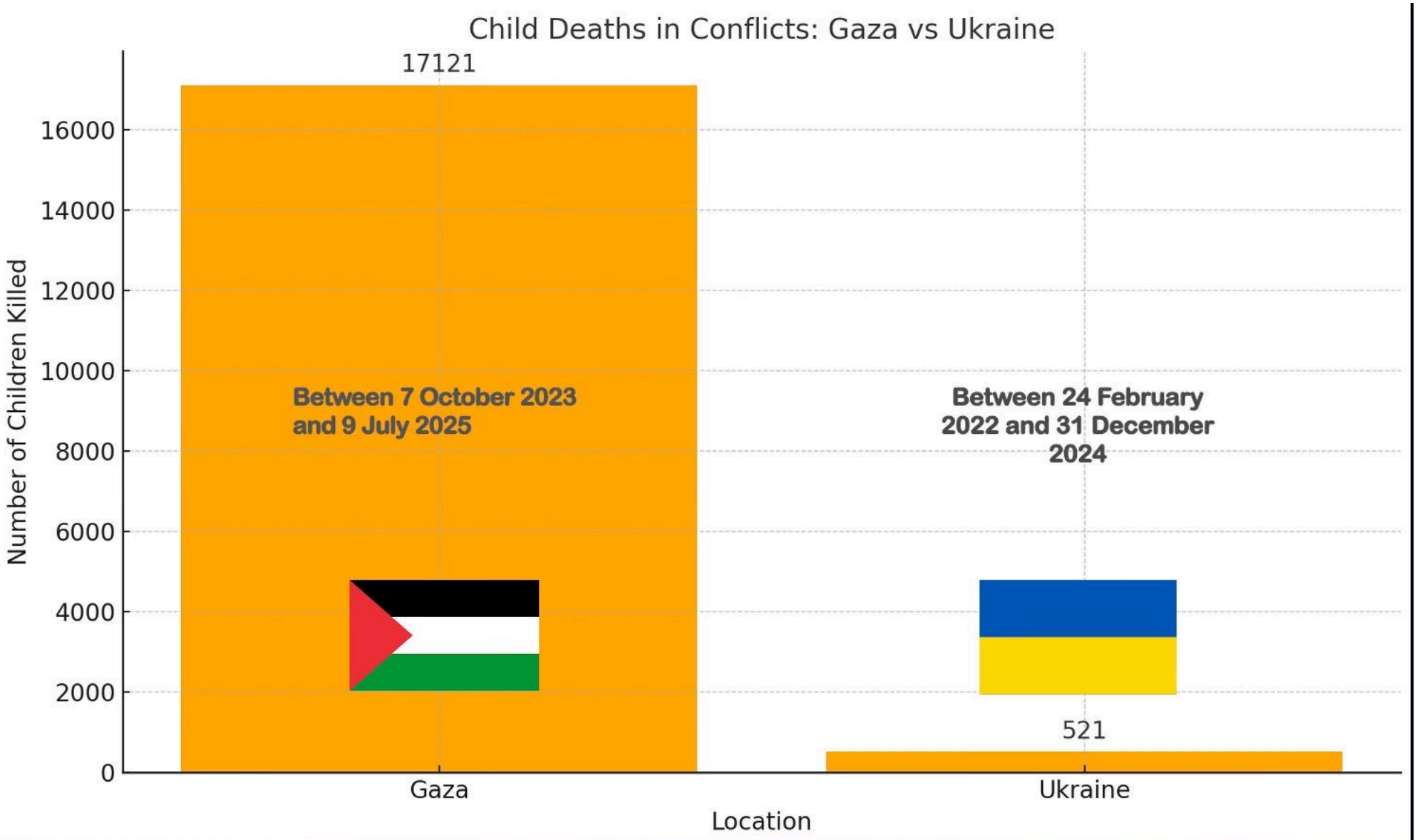
Per il ministro dello Sport la guerra in Ucraina è «un fatto molto più cruento» di quella a Gaza

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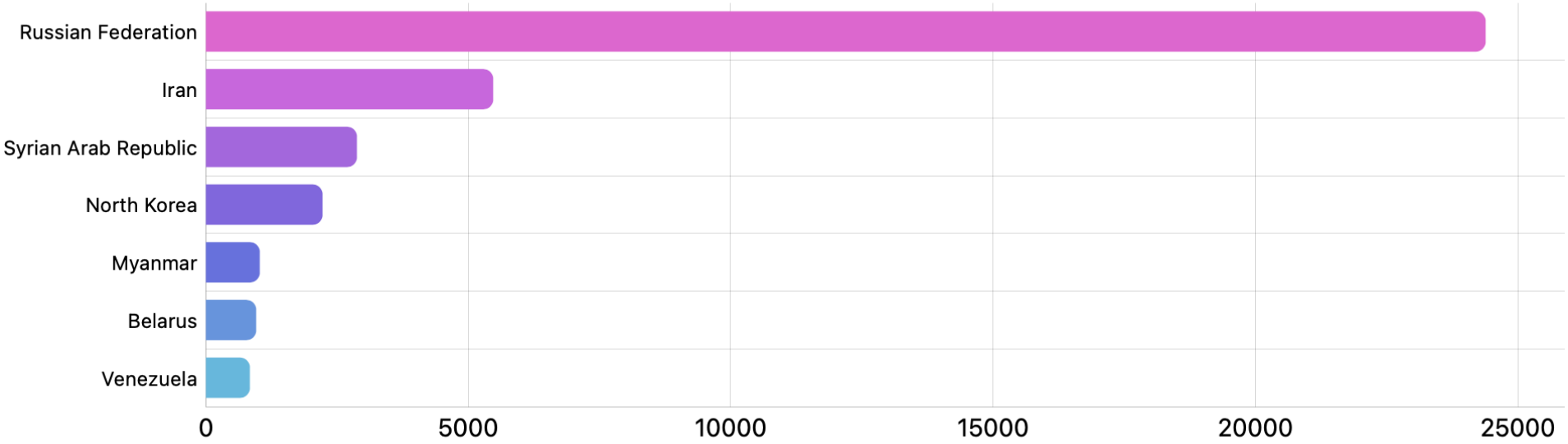
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Table 1, below, compares the killing in Gaza and the West Bank to the killing in the recent U.S.-led war in Afghanistan (2001 – 2021) and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Table 1. Direct Deaths in Gaza and the West Bank, in Comparative Perspective

War	**Reported Total Killed**	**Average Rate of Killing/ Month**	**Estimated % Civilians Killed**[17]
People killed in Hamas attack on Israel, 7 October 2023, (including 815 civilians killed).[18]	1,195		68%
Gaza residents reported killed in the Gaza Strip during Israeli military operations, 7 October 2023 – 3 October 2025. (Not including IDF killed; see next row.)[19]	67,075	c. 2,806/month	c. 80%[20]
All people killed in post-10/7 war in Gaza, including 466 Israel Defense Forces reported killed, since the IDF ground invasion.[21]	67,541	c. 2,826/month	c. 80%
People killed in the West Bank, 7 October 2023 – 3 October 2025[22]	1,048	c. 44/month	unknown
Afghanistan, 2001 – 2021[23]	176,218	c. 772/month	26%
Ukraine, February 2022 – July 2025[24] (including c. 13,883 civilians; 250,000 Russian military).	c. 323,000	c. 7,690/month	4%

Number of active sanctions by target countries in 2025



Israel has faced limited and fragmented sanctions measures, but not a comprehensive, internationally coordinated sanctions regime comparable to those imposed on the world's most heavily sanctioned states.

Note: Only the leading countries under sanctions are listed. The list includes sanctions on individuals, entities, vessels and aircrafts. Sectoral sanctions are excluded.

Source: https://statbase.org/datasets/indexes-and-ratings/number-of-sanctions/

L’industria dell’indignazione esclusiva

Il ruolo dei mass media mainstream nel promuovere compassione a targhe alterne

CHAPTER 5

Manufacturing Exclusive Compassion

When covering the Gaza genocide, Western mainstream media seem rooted not in democracy but in hypocrisy.

October 7, 2023, will be remembered as the day of the deadliest mass murder of Jews since the Holocaust. At 6:30 a.m., Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and other armed groups launched a coordinated attack on Israel. The assault began with a barrage of some 1,000 rockets, targeting both military bases and civilian areas throughout Israeli territory.

Then, Hamas commandos breached the Gaza-Israeli border at multiple points. Using motorcycles, pickup trucks, and bulldozers to tear through the fence, they opened the way for larger vehicles. Additional infiltrations occurred by sea, using motorboats, and by air, using motorized paragliders. Several kibbutzim, border towns and the Nova music festival, a rave gathering of young people, were targeted. This was not only a military operation. It was a massacre of civilians, including women and children.

Some have asked why certain voices, so quick to express solidarity with Palestinians suffering under occupation and genocide, have remained indifferent about the victims of October 7.

The answer is simple: they should have not.

Every innocent victim of violence deserves to be mourned. Those who died on October 7, as well as those who died before and after. On October 6, 5, 4, 3, and all the days before. On October 8, 9, 10, and the days that followed.

1 Israel's 9/11: Hamas's Crimes against Humanity

Some glorified Hamas's horrific atrocities as brave acts of resistance and praised the attack, but the killing and kidnapping of civilians can only be defined as war crimes and crimes against humanity. While Hamas targeted several Israeli military bases and police stations, and Palestinians certainly have the right to defend themselves against an occupation, *Human Rights Watch*

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CHAPTER 6

The Herd of Free Thinkers

The most potent weapon of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.

STEVE BIKO

"Genocide", from the Greek *genos* (race or tribe), and the Latin *-cidium* (to kill), is a deeply contested term. It carries not only profound moral weight but also legal implications. Since South Africa filed a case against Israel at the *International Court of Justice* (ICJ) in The Hague for alleged violations of the Genocide Convention in Gaza, the legal definition has taken on even greater importance.

On January 26, 2024, the *ICJ* issued an order on provisional measures in the case. In its report, the Court stated: "In the Court's view, the facts and circumstances mentioned above are sufficient to conclude that at least some of the rights claimed by South Africa and for which it is seeking protection are plausible. This is the case with respect to the right of the Palestinians in Gaza to be protected from 'acts of genocide'" (ICJ, 2024, p. 23).

Since then, multiple states have formally supported or sought to intervene in the case. These include, among others, Spain, Belgium, Ireland, Mexico, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Colombia, Chile, Cuba, Egypt, Libya, Turkey, and the Maldives (Al Jazeera, 2024a).

Despite the Court's initial findings, the *ICJ* is still in the process of gathering evidence. A final verdict may take years to reach. However, this raises a critical question: does the absence of a final ruling prevent the use of the term genocide to describe what has been happening in Gaza?

It does not.

There are compelling moral and empirical reasons to adopt the term even before the Court delivers its final judgment. While stopping short of a final verdict, the ICJ acknowledged the plausibility of the South African case and ordered Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent acts prohibited by the Genocide Convention. Furthermore, legal formalism cannot obscure the overwhelming reality. The facts on the ground matter far more than the legal

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TELEVISION

In Ukraine reporting, Western press reveals grim bias toward 'people like us'

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The scenes are gravely familiar to anyone familiar with the 21st century news cycle: families fleeing on foot, swarming border crossings and searching through rubble for loved ones. Journalists reporting on Russia's invasion of Ukraine could not help but compare the military strikes and resulting humanitarian crisis to recent conflicts in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

But a painful double standard quickly emerged inside of those comparisons.

«Per me è davvero molto toccante, perché vedo **persone europee, con gli occhi azzurri e i capelli biondi, che vengono uccise**», ha dichiarato alla BBC David Sakvarelidze, vice procuratore capo dell'Ucraina.

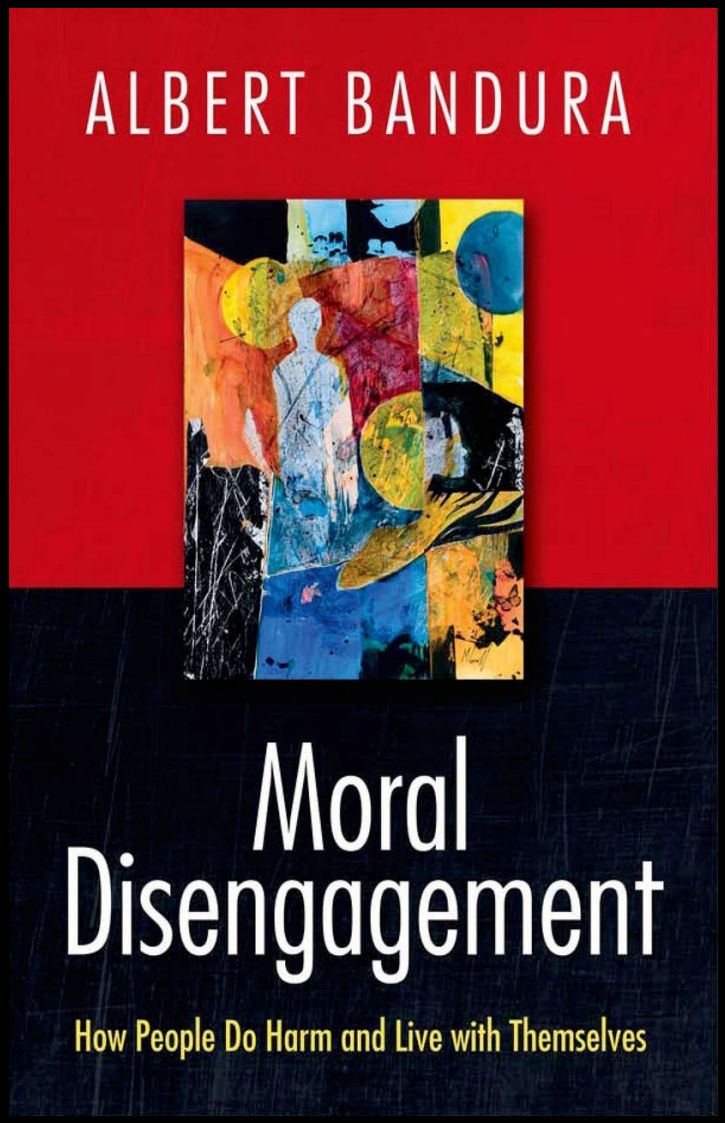


«L’Ucraina non è un luogo, con tutto il rispetto, come l’Iraq o l’Afghanistan, dove i conflitti infuriano da decenni. Questa è una città relativamente civilizzata, relativamente europea — e devo scegliere con attenzione anche queste parole — dove non ci si aspetterebbe, né si spererebbe, che possa accadere una cosa del genere.»
— Charlie D’Agata, corrispondente estero senior della CBS



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LEAKED NYT GAZA MEMO TELLS JOURNALISTS TO AVOID WORDS "GENOCIDE," "ETHNIC CLEANSING," AND "OCCUPIED TERRITORY"

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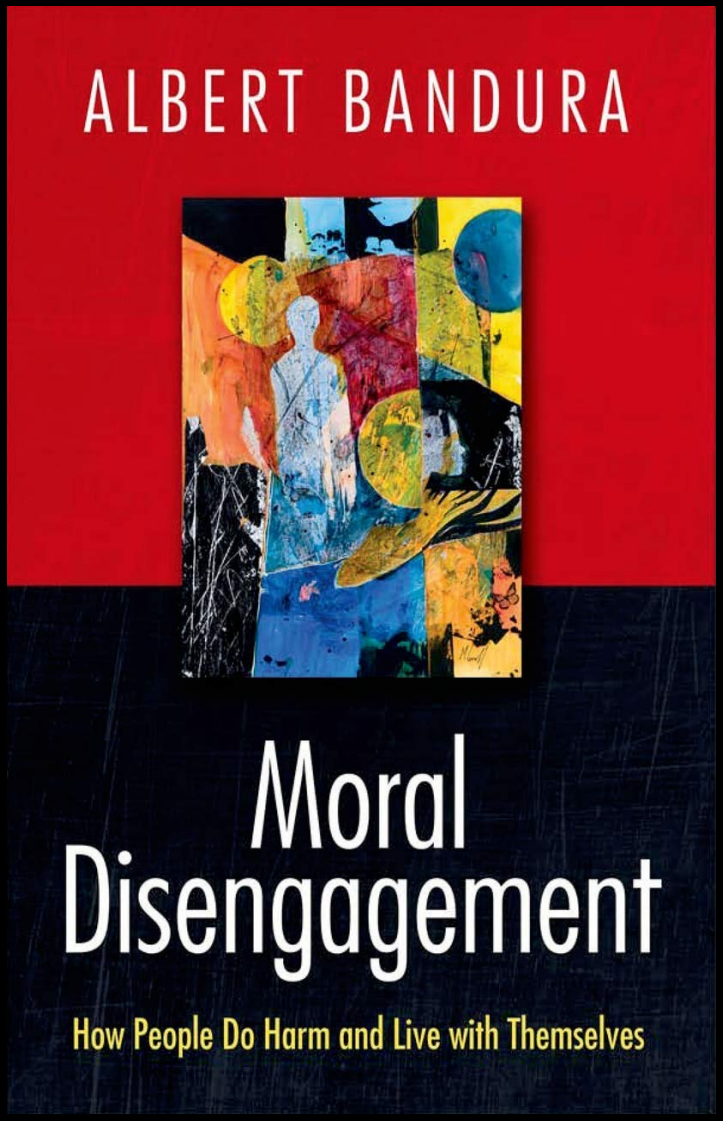

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Israel releases new Gaza civilian death toll, says Hamas' numbers are 'fake and fabricated'

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Gaza, l'Onu rivede al ribasso il numero delle vittime fra donne e bambini

di Masimo Basile

“Non c’è alcuna prova che i dati di mortalità a Gaza siano sovrastimati.”

No evidence of inflated mortality reporting from the Gaza Ministry of Health

Mortality reporting is a crucial indicator of the severity of a conflict setting, but it can also be inflated or under-reported for political purposes. Amidst the ongoing conflict in Gaza, some political parties have indicated scepticism about the reporting of fatalities by the Gaza Ministry of Health (MoH).[1,2] The Gaza MoH has historically reported accurate mortality data, with discrepancies between MoH reporting and independent United Nations analyses ranging from 1·5% to 3·8% in previous conflicts. A comparison between the Gaza MoH and Israeli Foreign Ministry mortality figures for the 2014 war yielded an 8·0% discrepancy.[2] Public scepticism of the current reports by the Gaza MoH might undermine the efforts to reduce civilian harm and provide life-saving assistance.

Using publicly available information,[3,4] we compared the Gaza MoH’s mortality reports with a separate source of mortality reporting and found no evidence of inflated rates. We conducted a temporal analysis of cumulative-reported mortality within Gaza for deaths of Gazans as reported by the MoH and reported staff member deaths from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), from Oct 7 to Nov 10, 2023. These two data sources used independent methods of mortality verification, enabling assessment of reporting consistency.

We observed similar daily trends, indicating temporal consistency in response to bombing events until a spike of UNRWA staff deaths occurred on Oct 26, 2023, when 14 UNRWA staff members were killed, of whom 13 died in their homes due to bombings (figure). Subsequent attacks raised the UNRWA death rate while MoH hospital services diminished until MoH communications and mortality reporting collapsed on Nov 10, 2023. During this period, mortality might have been under-reported by the Gaza MoH due to decreased capacity. Cumulative reported deaths were 101 UNRWA staff members and 11 078 Gazans over 35 days (appendix p 3). By comparison, an average of 4884 registered deaths occurred per year in 2015–19 in Gaza.[5]

If MoH mortality figures were substantially inflated, the MoH mortality rates would be expected to be higher than the UNRWA mortality rates. Instead, the MoH mortality rates are lower than the rates reported for UNRWA staff (5·3 deaths per 1000 *vs* 7·8 deaths per 1000, as of Nov 10, 2023). Hypothetically, if MoH mortality data were inflated from, for example, an underlying value of 2–4 deaths per 1000, it would imply that UNRWA staff mortality risk is 2·0–3·9 times higher than that of the public. This scenario is unlikely as many UNRWA staff deaths occurred at home or in areas with high civilian populations, such as in schools or shelters.

Mortality reporting is difficult to conduct in ongoing conflicts. Initial news reports might be imprecise, and subsequent verified reports might undercount deaths that are not recorded by hospitals or morgues, such as persons buried under rubble (appendix pp 1–2). However, difficulties obtaining accurate mortality figures should not be interpreted as intentionally misreported data.

Although valid mortality counts are important, the situation in Gaza is severe, with high levels of civilian harm and extremely restricted access to aid. Efforts to dispute mortality reporting should not distract from the humanitarian imperative to save civilian lives by ensuring appropriate medical supplies, food, water, and fuel are provided immediately.

BQH and ETC conceived of the research plan, collected the data, carried out the analysis, and have directly accessed and verified the underlying data reported in the manuscript. BQH wrote the initial draft. ETC created the figures. PBS provided clinical and operational context. BQH and ETC contributed equally. All authors reviewed and contributed to the final version of the manuscript. Authors were not precluded from accessing data in the study and accept responsibility to submit for publication. The authors declare no competing interests. All data used in this Correspondence are publicly available from the Gaza Ministry of Health, UNRWA, and United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Further details of our data usage and an aggregate table of all data used are in the appendix.

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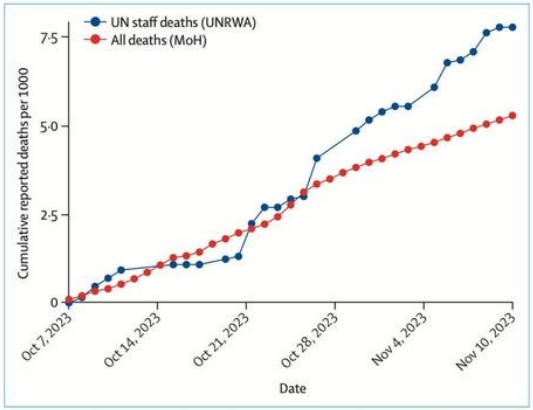


Figure: **Cumulative reported mortality rates (Oct 7–Nov 10, 2023)**
Data are calculated by separate death reports from the Gaza Ministry of Health (MoH; red line) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA; blue line).

I rapporti ufficiali sui decessi a Gaza indicavano circa 60.000 morti, mentre le stime superiori dello studio erano attorno ai 600.000.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Childhood mortality during Gaza genocide in 2024: A comparative analysis with global disease burden

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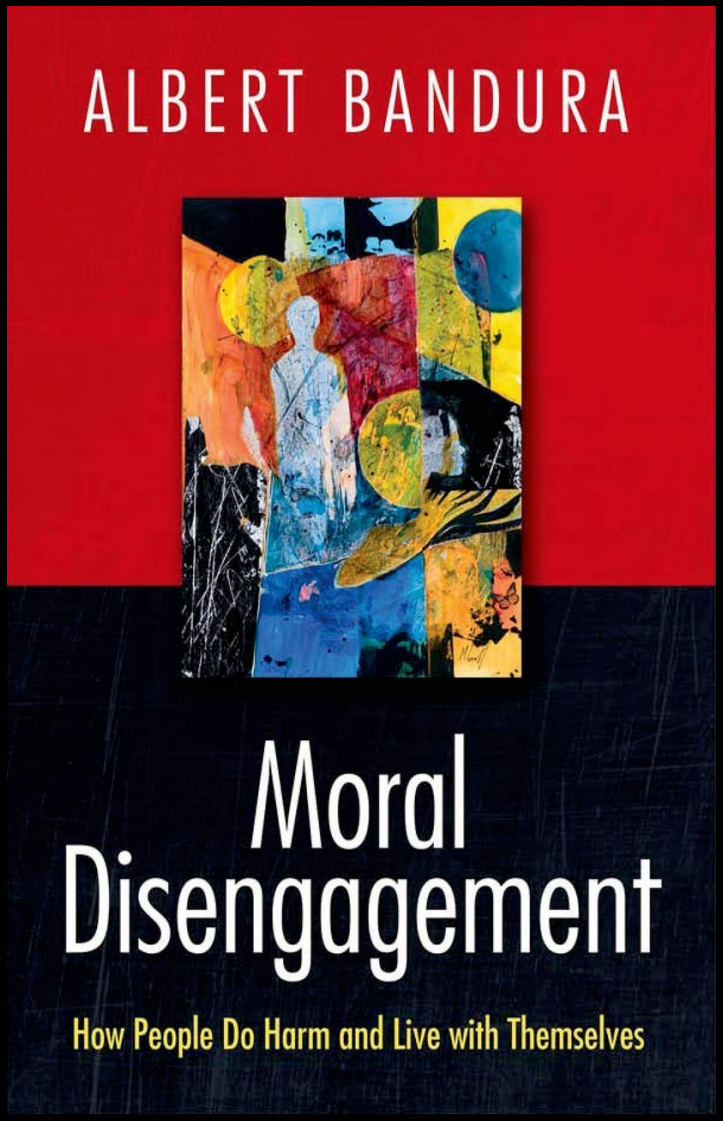
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Abstract

Aims: Global childhood mortality frameworks systematically exclude politically sensitive causes of death, such as genocide. This study quantified child mortality in Gaza during 2024, compared these deaths with established global causes of childhood mortality, and assessed how their omission distorts international health assessments. *Methods:* We analyzed official Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH) mortality reports and triangulated them with published capture–recapture studies and indirect-to-direct death ratios (4:1 and 10:1) applied in conflict settings to provide low, medium and high childhood mortality estimates. Annualized deaths among children under 15 years were calculated for 2024 and compared with Global Burden of Disease (GBD) 2021 estimates. Infant and under-five mortality rates were derived using live birth estimates and contrasted with pre-war trends. *Results:* Official reports cite 60,199 deaths in Gaza as of July 2025; upper sensitivity analysis estimate of total fatalities may reach 601,990 (28% of 2.13 million population). Child deaths (under 15) range from 14,824 (reported) to 59,296 (medium estimate) to 148,240 (high estimate), equating to 2%, 7%, and 17% of the under-15 population, respectively. Under-five mortality likely increased 14–34 times, from 13.9 per 1,000 live births in 2022 to 191.1 (medium) and 477.8 (high) in 2024. Infant mortality potentially increased 4–9 times, from 10.8 to 39.0 and 97.5 per 1,000 live births. For 2024, official reported child deaths rank Gaza 18th globally despite Gaza's being less than 1% of global population; medium and high estimates rank it 15th and 10th, respectively. The estimated 41.74 (med) and 104.36 (high) deaths per 1,000 population position Gaza genocide as the leading cause of child mortality worldwide. ***Conclusions:*** **Genocide-related child deaths in Gaza represent one of the leading global causes of childhood mortality but remain excluded from international surveillance frameworks. Recognizing and coding genocide as a preventable cause of death is critical for accountability, accurate health metrics, and urgent humanitarian response.**

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L'articolo di Denis MacEoin (scomparso nel 2022) che abbiamo pubblicato oggi è stato scritto nel 2011: lo abbiamo ricevuto da un editore di New York e poiché affronta maggiori obiezioni sollevate dalle proteste nei campus lo abbiamo messo in pagina, commettendo l'errore di non indicare la data originaria. Errore per il quale ci scusiamo con i lettori. I contenuti di quanto scritto da MacEoin restano di evidente attualità e sono un contributo al dibattito in corso sulla guerra in Medio Oriente.



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Non sto parlando di una normale critica. Sto parlando di un disprezzo che diffonde menzogne e miti senza alcuna vergogna

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LA LETTERA

Cari studenti, Israele non è un regime

Uno storico e professore risponde agli universitari di Edimburgo che accusano il governo di Netanyahu di aver stabilito un sistema di apartheid e chiedono di boicottare il Paese e la sua cultura

di **Denis MacEoin**

Il comitato dell'Associazione studentesca dell'Università di Edimburgo (Eusa):

Posso permettermi di dire qualche parola ai membri dell'Eusa? Mi sono laureato in questo ateneo nel 1975. Ho studiato qui la storia persiana e islamica sotto la direzione di William Montgomery Watt e Vance Elwell Sutton, due dei più esperti del Medio Oriente vissero in Gran Bretagna a quell'epoca. In seguito ho preso un dottorato a Cambridge e insegnato studi islamici all'Università di Newcastle. Naturalmente ho scritto libri e centinaia di articoli in questo campo. Dico tutto ciò per dire che sono ben informato sugli affari del Medio Oriente, e che per questo motivo sono rimasto scioccato e sconfortato dalla mozione e dal voto dell'Eusa.

Sono scioccato per una ragione in particolare: non c'è, e non c'è mai stato, un sistema di apartheid in Israele. Questa è la mia opinione, è un fatto che può essere verificato da qualsiasi studente di Edimburgo, se decidesse di andare in Israele per appurarlo di persona. Permettetemi di spiegare questa cosa, perché ho l'impressione che i membri dell'Eusa che hanno votato a favore di questa mozione non sappiano assolutamente nulla delle questioni che riguardano Israele e siano vittime, con ogni probabilità, di una disinformazione che non è di per sé condannabile. Ma io non sto parlando di una normale critica di Israele. Sto parlando di un odio che diffonde menzogne e miti senza alcuna vergogna. Così Israele viene spesso definito uno Stato «nazista». Cosa c'è di vero in un'affermazione del genere, anche volendola prendere solo come una metafora? Dove sono i campi di concentramento israeliani? Gli Einsatzgruppen? Le SS? Le leggi di Norimberga? La soluzione finale? Nulla di tutto questo, nulla che vi assomigli neanche da lontano esiste in Israele, proprio perché gli ebrei, più di chiunque altro sulla terra, sono consapevoli di quello che rappresentava il nazismo.

Si sostiene che sia in corso un olocausto. Questo è il peggior insulto che si possa fare a un ebreo, lo sprezzo che merita. Ma definire gli ebrei nazisti e dire che hanno commesso un olocausto è il modo più grossolano di sovvertire i fatti storici a cui riesca a pensare.

Lo stesso vale per l'apartheid. Perché esista un apartheid dovrebbe esserci una situazione che assomigli da vicino a quello che succedeva in Sudafrica sotto quel sistema. Sfortunatamente per chi ci crede, un weekend in una qualunque regione di Israele dovrebbe bastare a dimostrare quanto sia ridicola questa affermazione.

Il fatto che un gruppo di studenti universitari sia caduto nella trappola e abbia votato in questo senso spinge a una triste constatazione

la legge israeliana, gli arabi israeli ni hanno esattamente gli stessi diri ti degli ebrei o di chiunque altro; musulmani hanno gli stessi diritt degli ebrei o dei cristiani; i *baha* gravemente perseguitati in Iran, s la passano benissimo in Israele, do ve hanno il loro centro mondiale; musulmani Ahmadi, gravement perseguitati in Pakistan e altrove, s no protetti da Israele; i luoghi sa di tutte le religioni sono protetti su la base di una legge israeliana spec fica. Gli arabi rappresentano il 20 della popolazione universitaria (ch corrisponde esattamente al loro p so percentuale sulla popolazione generale).



By **Michael Gove**

Opinion

The IDF should be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize

Thank God Israel had the courage to sometimes ignore its most powerful ally

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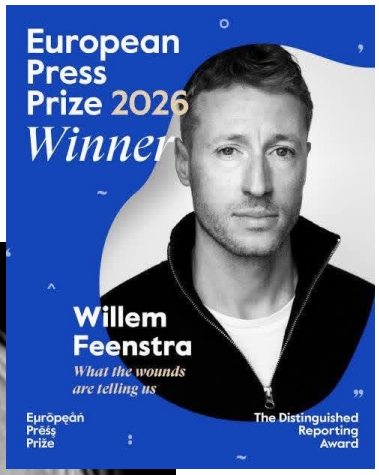
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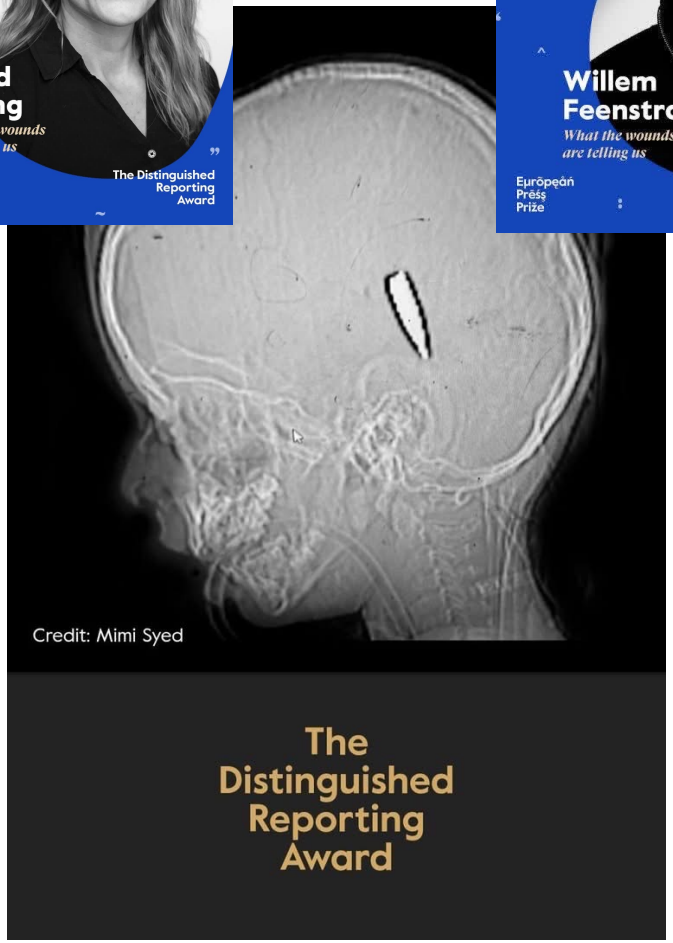
IDF says it ‘completely rejects’ charge that its soldiers deliberately fired on any of the thousands of civilians killed in Israeli offensive



Le testimonianze di 17 medici internazionali e di un’infermiera hanno riportato 114 casi di bambini con una singola ferita da arma da fuoco alla testa o al torace







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La guerra come gioco

I medici degli ospedali hanno notato… che le parti del corpo colpite dei bambini che arrivavano in ospedale variavano di giorno in giorno, come se i soldati stessero giocando.

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Un specializzando in urologia ha raccontato… di aver curato in un solo giorno quattro ragazzi che erano stati colpiti all'inguine da un proiettile.



Nick Maynard, un chirurgo britannico dell'Università di Oxford e volontario dell'organizzazione Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)

“Hind Rajab trovata morta a Gaza giorni dopo le telefonate in cui chiedeva aiuto.”

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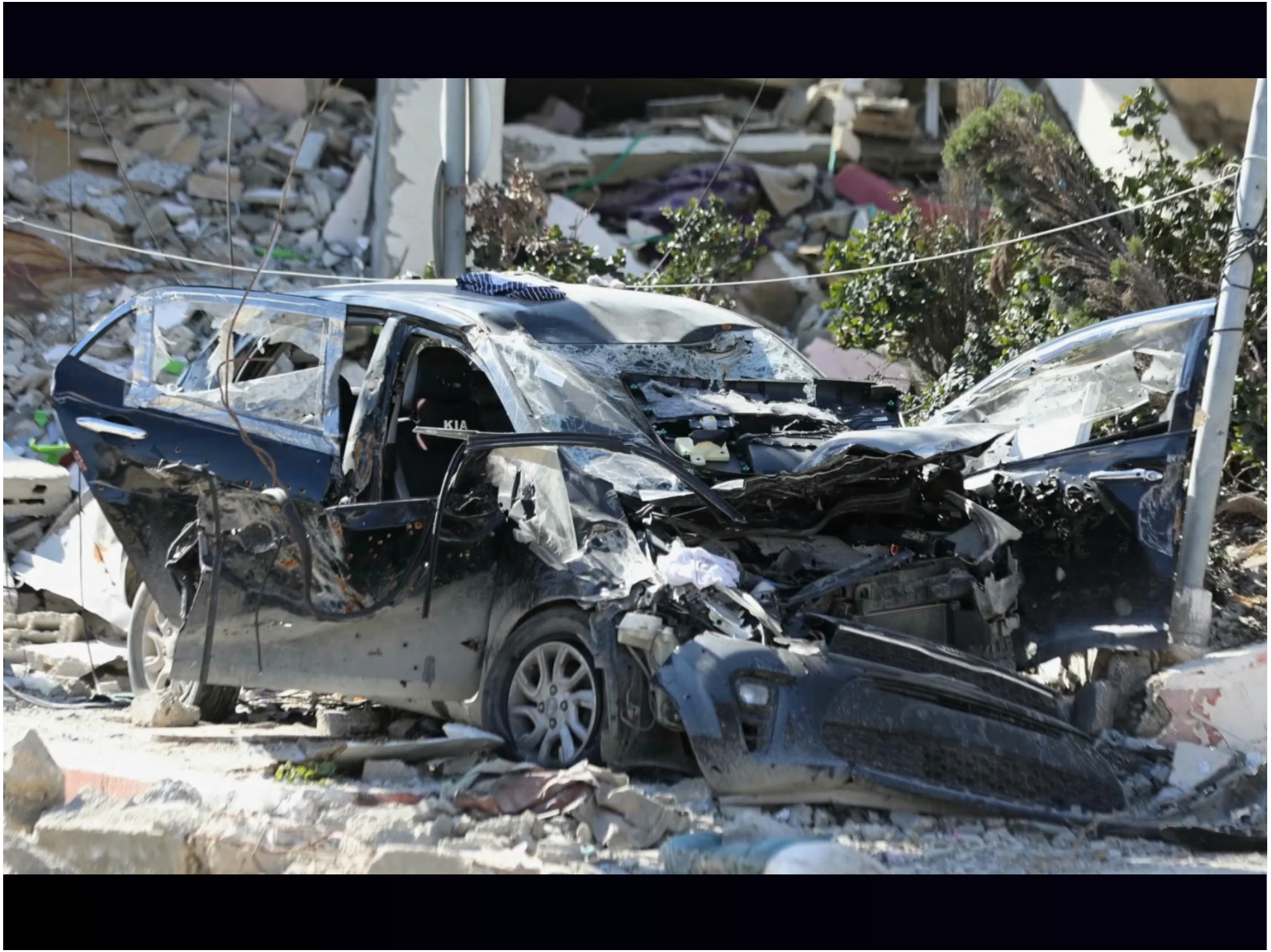
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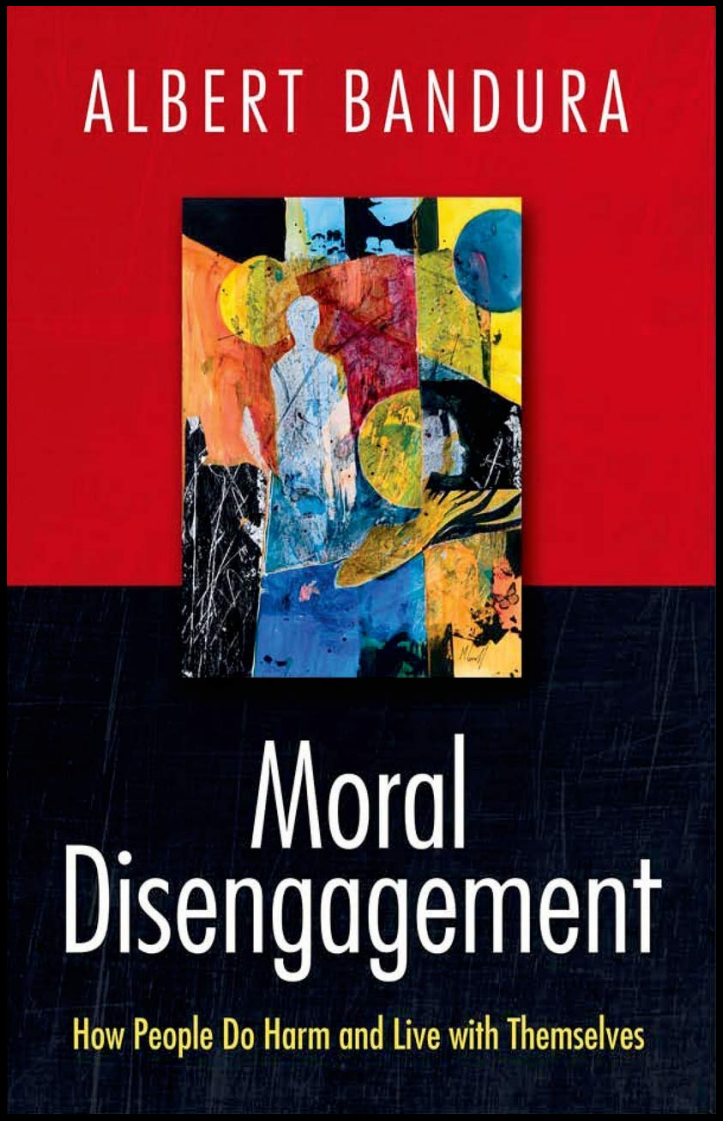



"THE MOST INDISPENSABLE FILM OF THE DECADE"
THE VOICE OF
HIND RAJAB
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Modalità di disimpegno morale selettivo

- Negazionismo
- Minimizzazione della sofferenza altrui
- Giustificazioni auto-assolutorie
- Colpevolizzazione delle vittime



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Al-Jazeera, l'uccisione dei reporter è un "attacco a libertà stampa"

La rete qatariota Al-Jazeera ha condannato l'eliminazione compiuta dall'Idf la scorsa notte del giornalista-terrorista Anas al-Sharif e del reporter Muhammad Kreika. "L'uccisione dei giornalisti della rete da parte delle forze di occupazione israeliane è un attacco palese e deliberato alla libertà di stampa", ha detto Al-Jazeera. Anche Hamas e la Jihad islamica hanno condannato gli omicidi.

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Terrorist disguised as journalist killed in Gaza

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Israel kills 5 Al Jazeera journalists in airstrike, claiming one worked for Hamas

The Israel Defense Forces claimed Anas al-Sharif was a terrorist "who posed as a journalist." Al Jazeera said al-Sharif was a journalist, and that five staff in all were killed.

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Giornalista o terrorista? Il caso di Anas al Sharif

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• An Israeli army spokesperson had called Al Jazeera Arabic's Gaza correspondent Anas al-Sharif a terrorist multiple times before his death in an Israeli airstrike on August 10, 2025. (File photo: Courtesy of Anas al-Sharif)

In Focus

CPJ calls for Anas al-Sharif's protection in

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Amnesty International Australia mourns the deaths of Al-Jazeera journalists killed by Israel in a targeted strike on their tent near al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, including Anas Al-Sharif. Others, Anas Mohammed Qreiqeh, and camera operators Ibrahim Zaher, Mohammed Noufal, and Moamen Aliwa, were deliberately assassinated by Israeli forces, who have publicly claimed responsibility.

The deliberate targeting and killing of journalists by Israeli forces constitutes war crimes under international humanitarian law.

In 2024, Anas Al-Sharif was awarded the Amnesty International Australia's *Human Rights Defender Award* to honour his extraordinary resilience, bravery, and commitment to press freedom while working in the most dangerous conditions. Upon receiving the award, Al-Sharif dedicated the award to every Palestinian journalist covering the events and crimes of the Israeli occupation during the ongoing war and siege of the Gaza Strip.

> "Anas dedicated his life to standing before

We need actions not words. Call on the Australian Government to stop fuelling Genocide in Gaza.

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Rapid response to:

Call for MSF to be banned under terrorism law, but charity says it's target of "disinformation"

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Rapid Response:

The targeting of MSF in Gaza: why we must defend healthcare workers under attack

Dear Editor

We have read with utter dismay that the medical charity Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has reported being subject to a disinformation campaign, while its employees continue to work tirelessly to provide care and save lives in Gaza. [1] This is, however, part of a broader pattern of selective moral disengagement to justify a genocide, dismantle the healthcare system, and blame the victims. [2]

Since October 8, 2023, in spite of the repeated calls by the WHO for the protection of health workers and hospitals in Gaza in accordance with international humanitarian law, there have been 972 attacks on healthcare targets. [3] These attacks have been carried out in flagrant disregard of the Geneva and Hague Conventions, the Rome Statute, and international humanitarian law. Countless open letters signed by hundreds of thousands of people, including doctors, nurses and other professionals, calling for an end to the genocide and for the protection of healthcare and humanitarian workers, have gone unanswered.

As Professor Nick Maynard, an Oxford surgeon who has travelled to Gaza since 2010 and witnessed an Israeli army attack on the intensive care unit while operating on a patient with abdominal and chest injuries from a bomb, put it: "They have been deliberately targeting health workers, vehicles and buildings since 7 October." [4].

It is important to underline that the systematic attacks on healthcare facilities and workers predate 7 October 2023 by a considerable margin. According to the WHO, there were 563 attacks on healthcare facilities between 2019 and 2021, of which 288 occurred in the West Bank (including 93 in East Jerusalem) and 275 in the Gaza Strip. [5].

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L’altra faccia dell’Occidente: la coscienza del mondo

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Gaza: the urgent need for rigour over rhetoric – Authors' reply

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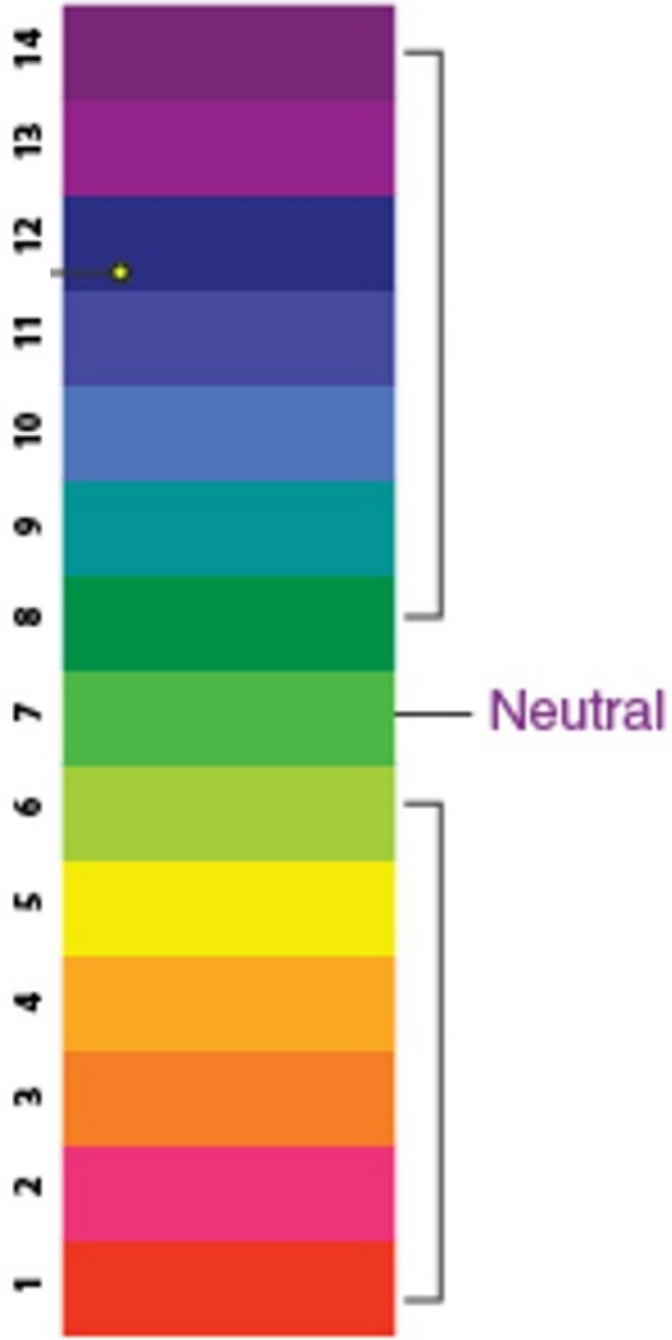
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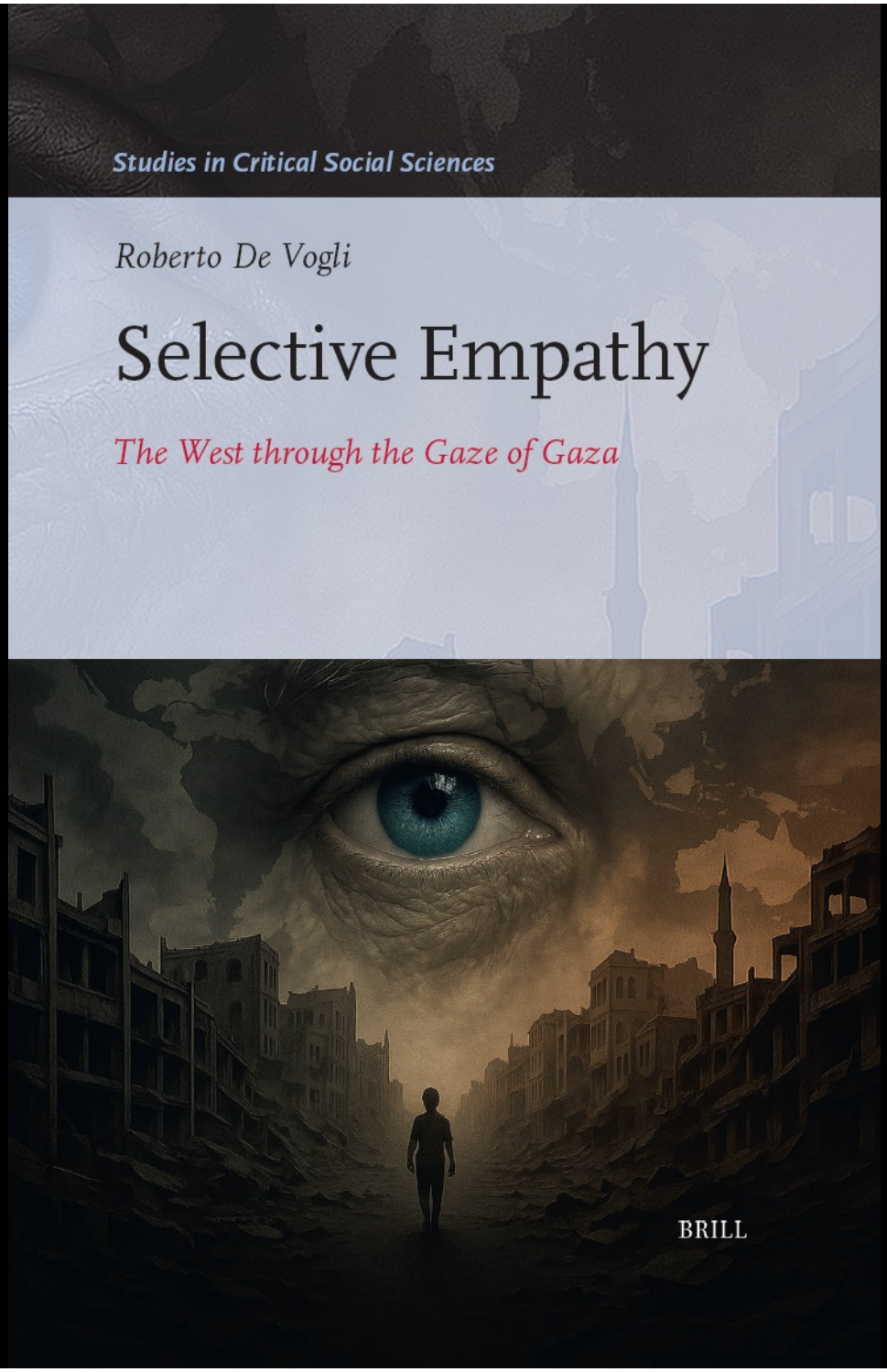
Bénédicte Nobile and Philippe Courtet's critique of our Correspondence[1] represents a textbook case of genocide denial and selective moral disengagement. Our Correspondence was based on peer-reviewed publications and reports from respected international organisations, such as WHO and the UN. More robust data are undoubtedly required to corroborate UNICEF's assertion that Gaza has "the highest number of child amputees per capita anywhere in the world".[2] Further research is also needed to confirm that child casualties in Gaza since October, 2023, exceed those in all other war zones, as indicated by a review of modern conflicts involving populations under siege or exposed to large-scale urban warfare.[3]

Apart from these concerns, Nobile and Courtet's critique presents arguments exemplifying genocide denial and the mechanisms of selective moral disengagement. The health catastrophe in Gaza, where 3 million life-years are estimated to have been lost[4] and approximately 80% of deaths are civilian casualties,[5] cannot be defined as "an asymmetric urban conflict". It is genocide. The broad consensus reached by the International Association of Genocide Scholars, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, B'Tselem, the Lemkin Institute, and the UN Inquiry Commission,[6] cannot be ignored (appendix p 1). Similarly, ample evidence shows starvation being used as a weapon in Gaza, as highlighted by UNICEF,[7] the UN Special Committee,[8] Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch. This evidence has also been discussed in Correspondence and opinion pieces appearing in *The Lancet* and *The BMJ* (appendix p 2).

Gaza come cartina di tornasole morale

As we wrote in our Correspondence,[1] the genocide in Gaza has become a defining moral litmus test for the global public health community, social scientists, and academic associations. It is a test that some have miserably failed.[13]





Gaza è diventata non solo il punto ceco morale dell'occhio Occidentale

…ma anche la coscienza collettiva del mondo






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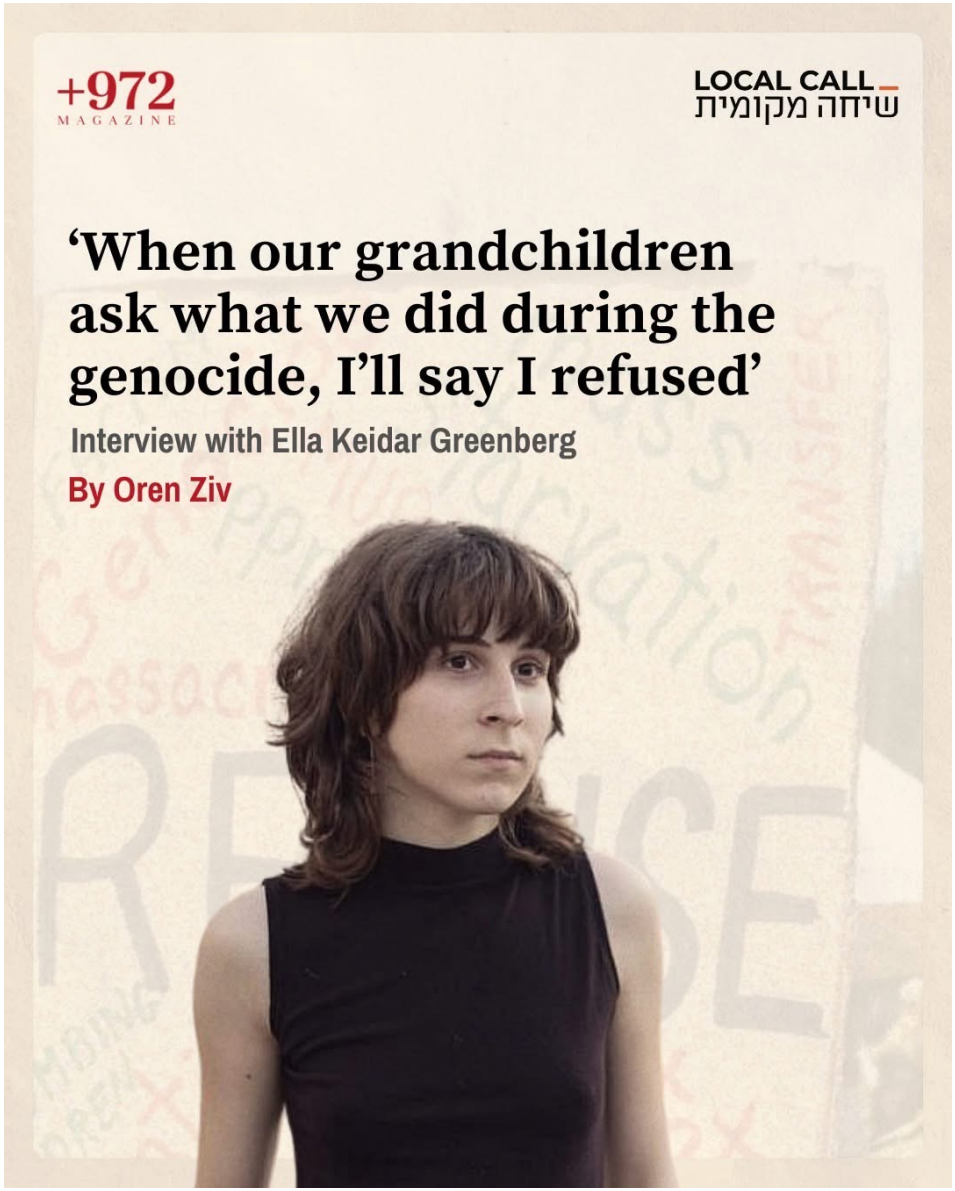


Dai medici volontari che **rischiano** la vita in ciò che **resta** degli ultimi ospedali di Gaza…



Prof. Nick Maynard (centre), surgeon at Oxofrd University Hospital at the United Nations in a briefing by critical care doctors working in Gaza.

…agli obiettori di coscienza che hanno rifiutato di arruolarsi nell'esercito israeliano…




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…agli accademici che hanno scritto, protestato e scioperato contro il genocidio…

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I was arrested for peacefully protesting against genocide—why our medical leaders need to speak up

Fiona Godlee *former editor in chief*

I have never been arrested before, but I went to London's Parliament Square on 6 September with that as my sole objective. I am now one of over 1400 people, including at least 25 current and former UK health professionals, facing a criminal conviction on terrorist charges for peacefully holding a cardboard sign saying "I oppose genocide. I support Palestine Action."[1]

Why did they and I feel compelled to break the law? Like everyone else, I watched with horror the events of 7 October 2023. Since then I have struggled to comprehend the killing, maiming, displacement, and starvation of Palestinian civilians. I have followed the targeting of health facilities and health workers, over 1500 of whom had been reported killed as of July this year.[2] I've listened to the testimony of British doctors returning from Gaza,[3] their words bearing essential witness because independent international journalists are banned from entering Gaza, and the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) has targeted and killed many of Gaza's journalists.[4] I've welcomed the knowledge that many Israelis are protesting against their government's actions, and that Jews around the world have helped to distinguish antisemitism from legitimate criticism of the Israeli government.[5]

I have followed the growing evidence that this is indeed a genocide, now at last confirmed by a United Nations commission of inquiry,[6] and waited in frustration for the UK government to meet its obligations under international law to prevent and punish genocide and stop arming Israel. I was angry when, instead, the government proscribed Palestine Action as a terrorist group—the first direct action group to be banned in this way—and criminalised anyone showing it their support. Like others, I was unconvinced by the government's efforts to justify its decision.[7] The UN high commissioner for human rights, Volker Türk, has called the ban a "disturbing" misuse of UK counter terrorism legislation.[8] Hundreds of British Jews have condemned the ban, calling it unethical.[9]

The activist group Defend Our Juries has organised these placard protests to show that using anti-terror laws to silence the government's critics is authoritarian, undemocratic, and absurd. Their aim is to overturn the proscription by making the law unenforceable. They will do this by overwhelming the policing and criminal justice system. Each protest is conditional on large numbers of people signing up beforehand and being willing to be arrested: 500 for 9 August, 1000 for 6 September (easily exceeded on both occasions), and 1500 for the one planned for 4 October.

Training sessions and legal briefings had been offered via Zoom, so by the time I was sitting on the grass in the oddly festival atmosphere of Parliament Square, I felt prepared. Waiting for Big Ben to strike 1 o'clock, which was the signal to write the seven words on our pieces of card, I was glad to be there with so many others, glad to be doing something.

The arrests started in earnest at about 5 pm. The police moved into the crowd in phalanxes of six or more for each protester. When my turn came I didn't resist. I was searched on the street and put into a police van. I then joined a queue, two lines deep stretching the length of Millbank, one police officer per detainee. We made awkward conversation while we waited for more than two hours to be processed. I was told that around 2000 police officers had been assigned to the operation, pulled in from as far afield as Merseyside and Wales to support the Metropolitan Police. We all understood the huge waste of police time.

At the tented encampment staffed by plain clothes police officers I declined to give my name and address, asserting my right to be questioned at a police station in the presence of a solicitor, which would probably have meant a long journey out of London to find an available custody suite. But they had my bank card with my name on it and took only a few minutes to find my other details. I was "street bailed" and told to attend a police station at a later date. I was then politely ejected through a door onto the street, to be greeted by cheers, offers of food, and help getting home. I walked back to the tube through Parliament Square, where arrests were still taking place by torchlight and under a full moon.

Meanwhile, the Israeli government's atrocities and our government's support for them continue. So too will the protests and the arrests, unless a judicial review in November succeeds in lifting the ban on Palestine Action. I was arrested under section 13 of the Terrorism Act 2000, for which the maximum penalty is six months in prison. We have been advised that a custodial sentence is unlikely, but we could end up with a criminal record, bringing with it restrictions on employment and travel. A large part of my motivation was to stand in place of the young, for whom such restrictions would be far more significant.

Do health professionals have a special duty to speak up against the genocide? I think we do, for two reasons: we are likely to have a greater appreciation of the true human cost of these terrible events, and we have the credibility to stand in vital solidarity with Gaza's health workers, those who have been tortured and killed,[10] and those who continue to provide what care they can under appalling conditions with almost no resources and while they themselves and their families struggle to survive.



Fig 1 | Fiona Godlee being arrested in Parliament Square

"The government has lost moral authority by arresting Fiona and hundreds of people like her, including many health professionals, for protesting against the UK's complicity in Israel's war crimes in Palestine.

"Keir Starmer, a human rights lawyer, will be damned by history as the UK prime minister who made peaceful protest against genocide a criminal act."

…molti si sono opposti al genocidio.

Pur non avendolo fermato, hanno dimostrato che esiste un altro Occidente, che crede davvero nell'equità, nella solidarietà e nella giustizia globale.

Questi atti di dissenso, che la poetessa Rasha Abdulhadi descrive come "granelli di sabbia negli ingranaggi del genocidio", non sono solo esempi coraggiosi di impegno per la giustizia sociale …

ma anche una prova vivente che l'empatia selettiva non è inevitabile.

L’empatia “oltre i confine”

È possibile percepire l’umanità come un’unica entità?



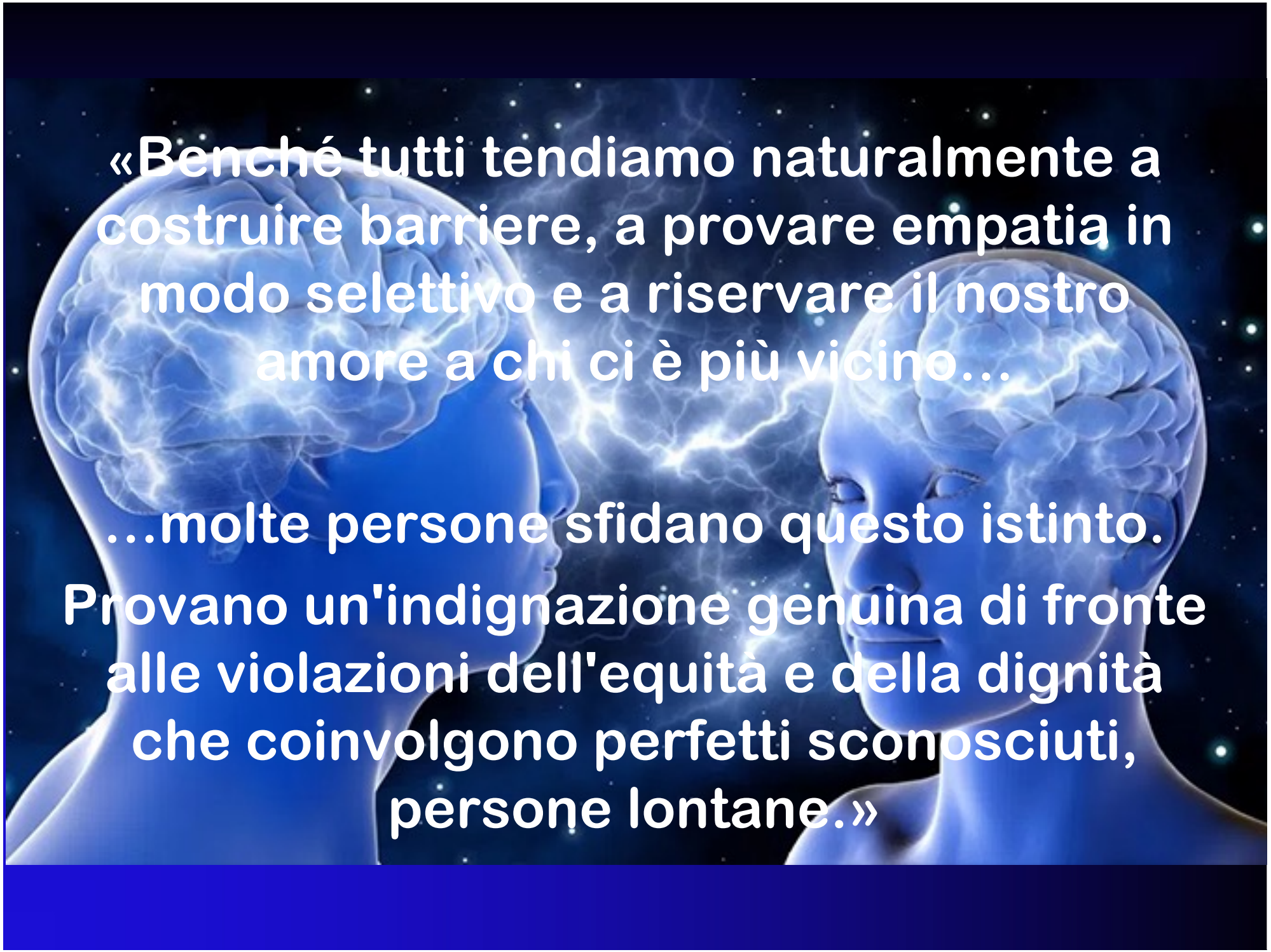
Quando il nostro cervello è sotto l'effetto del nazionalismo…



… l'empatia per i membri dell'out-group può svanire. Il nazionalismo acceca e spinge verso un odio prefabbricato, trasformando gli altri in nemici per futili motivi.




Sebbene l'empatia selettiva faccia parte del nostro DNA…
deoxyribose
thymine
guanine
…è possibile andare "oltre i suoi confini"…


«Benché tutti tendiamo naturalmente a costruire barriere, a provare empatia in modo selettivo e a riservare il nostro amore a chi ci è più vicino…
…molte persone sfidano questo istinto.
Provano un'indignazione genuina di fronte alle violazioni dell'equità e della dignità che coinvolgono perfetti sconosciuti, persone lontane.»

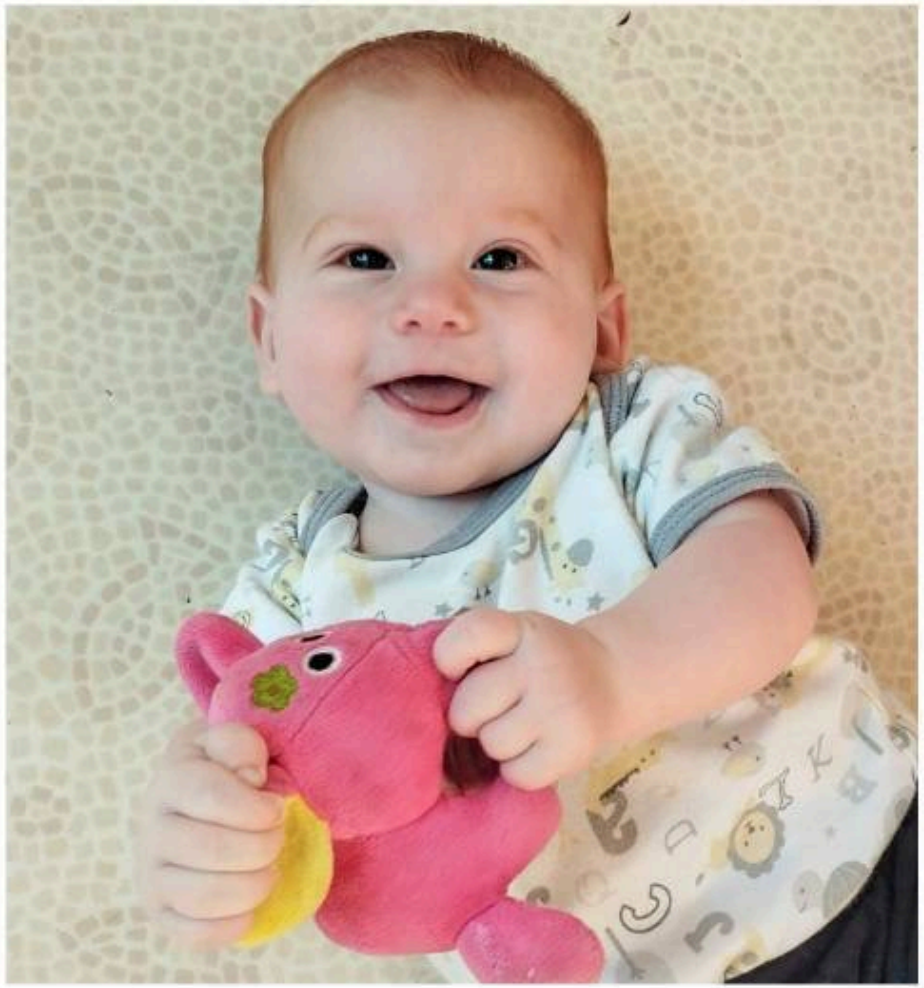
L’empatia selettiva non è radicata solo nella biologia; è anche plasmata dall’ideologia…

…risiede soprattutto nelle nostre costruzioni mentali, nelle immaginazioni collettive e nelle norme sociali artificialmente create.

Queste possono essere messe in discussione e trasformate, affinché a loro volta possano cambiare chi siamo e ciò che proviamo.

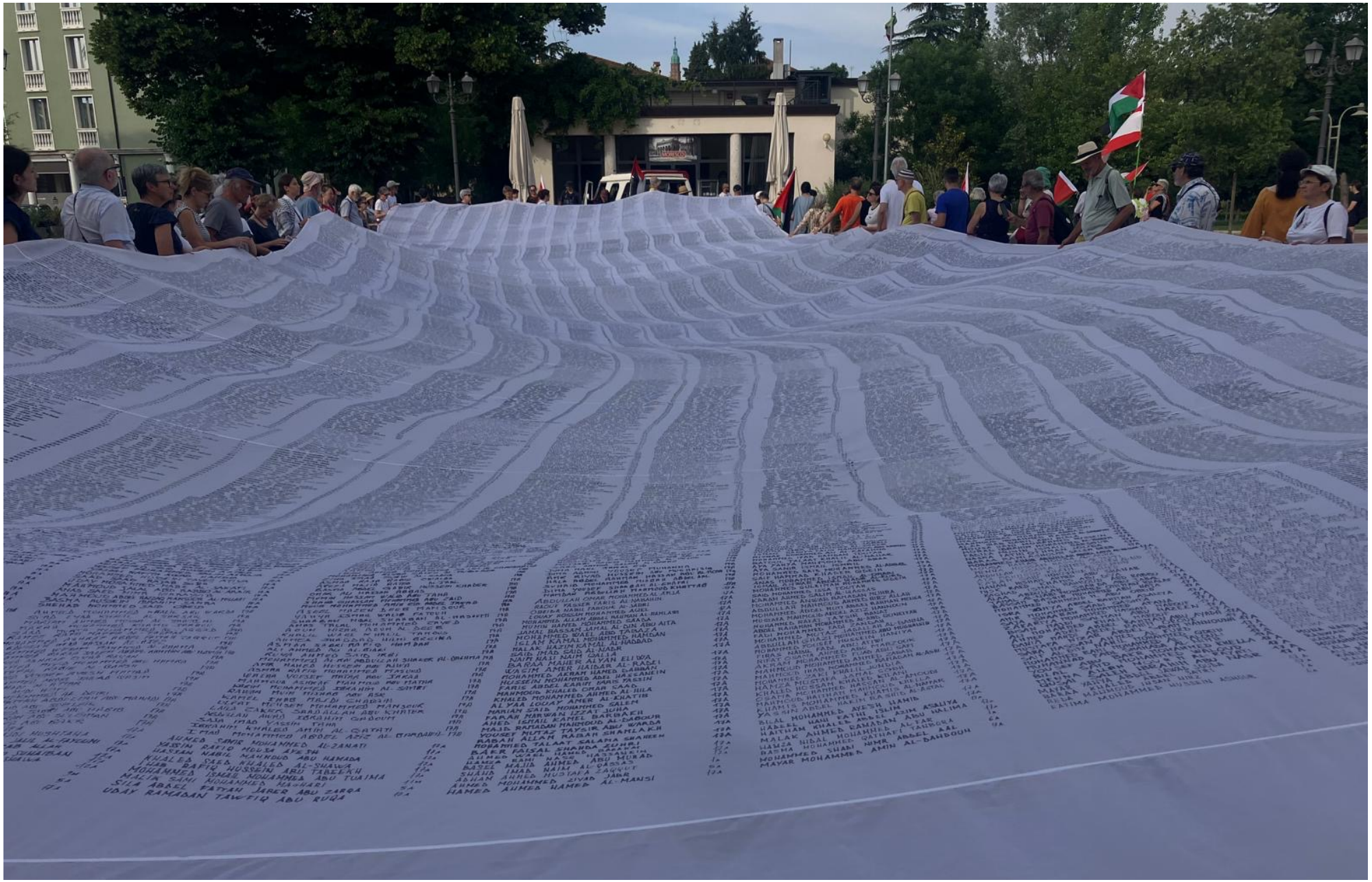

Empatizzare in modo universale è possibile.
Prendiamo un esempio. Quando si considerano le vittime più innocenti che hanno perso la vita a Gaza e in Israele dal 7 ottobre, alcuni politici occidentali hanno chiesto di osservare alcuni minuti di silenzio in memoria dei bambini israeliani.
Alcuni manifestanti hanno respinto queste richieste sottolineando la tragedia molto più grande dei bambini e delle bambine palestinesi morti a Gaza dopo il 7 ottobre.
Entrambi, però, hanno perso il punto focale: l'umanità non è una dimensione tribale del nostro amore privatizzato, ma un'idea cosmopolita ed egualitaria.

È doveroso, profondamente umano, osservare 35 minuti di silenzio per i 33 bambini israeliani uccisi il 7 ottobre e per i 2 bambini israeliani rapiti e uccisi come ostaggi...





…dobbiamo anche osservare oltre 13 giorni di silenzio per i 20.000 bambini palestinesi uccisi a Gaza.



Il mondo occidentale può versare per Hind Rajab le stesse lacrime che ha fatto scorrere per Anne Frank






E’ possibile quindi identificarsi
con l’intera umanità


«Quando ci si riconosce nell'intera umanità, non esistono "altri" Paesi, perchè l'unico Paese è il mondo.
Non c'è più "lo straniero", perché l'umanità intera diventa la nostra nazione»

“Il mio in-group è tutta l’umanità”

L’identificazione con l’umanità intera (IWH scale) è associata:

- **apertura mentale**
- **un approccio inclusivo alle relazioni sociali**
- **comportamenti caritatevoli**
- **attivismo per i diritti umani.**



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Nationality-over-Humanity Rate (NHR)

$$NHR = \frac{\text{Age of the Nation}}{\text{Age of Homo sapiens}} \times 100$$

Misura l'importanza storica della nazionalità rispetto all'appartenenza alla famiglia umana.

Per calcolarla, considerate l'età del vostro Paese.

Quindi dividete quel numero per 300.000, ovvero il numero di anni da quando esiste l'*Homo sapiens*.

Prendiamo in esame un Paese, l'Italia. La nazione italiana è stata fondata nel 1861. Se sottraggo il 1861 dal 2026, divido il risultato per 300.000 e poi moltiplico per 100, ottengo lo 0,055%.

For Italy in 2026:

$$NHR = \frac{2026 - 1861}{300,000} \times 100$$

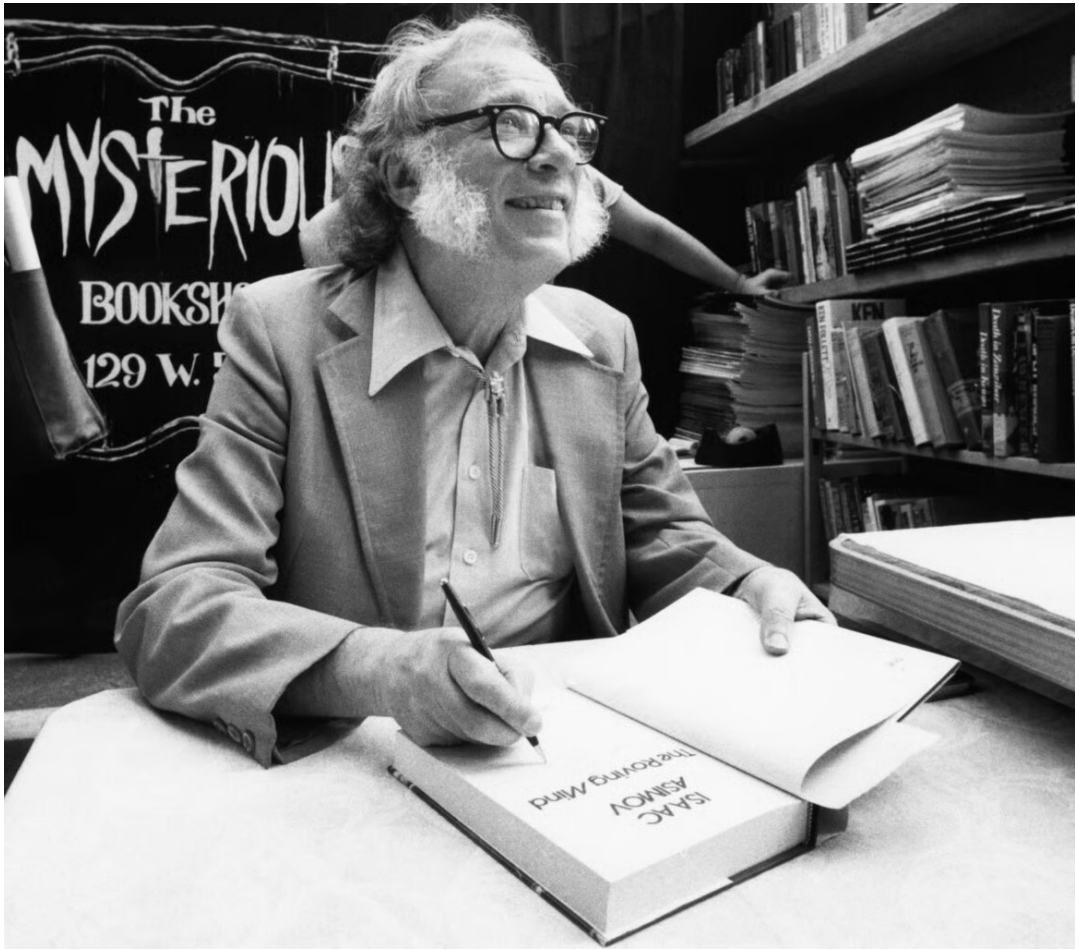
$$NHR = \frac{165}{300,000} \times 100$$

$$NHR = 0.055\%$$

In altre parole, l'importanza di essere italiani, rispetto a quella di essere membri del genere umano, ammonta allo 0,055%.

“Non credo nelle nazioni… Non esistono nazioni! Esiste solo l’umanità.”

“E se non lo capiamo al più presto, non ci saranno più nazioni, perché non ci sarà più l’umanità.”



Isaac Asimov, 1920-1992


BIRTH PLACE: EARTH
RACE: HUMAN
POLITICS: FREEDOM
RELIGION: LOVE