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It has become a torrent of libels, distortions, and obsessional vilification, representing Israel not as a country under exterminatory attack by the Arabs for the 60 years of its existence but as a regional bully persecuting innocent Palestinians who want only a homeland<sup>[124]</sup>.

Within this Phillips contends that "the British media accuse Israel of a host of crimes" and "uncritically regurgitate Palestinian propaganda even when it is demonstrably false"<sup>[125]</sup>. It is therefore media coverage which Phillips alleges is primarily responsible for the supposed 'New Anti-Semitism' within Britain:

"Given these views, widespread in the media and among political and intellectual elites, it's no surprise that many Britons believe that global Islamic terrorism is the result of Israel's behaviour toward the Palestinians – or that hatred of both the Jewish state and Jews in general has become increasingly acceptable among the population"<sup>[126]</sup>.

In fact, Phillips notes, this "hatred of both the Jewish state and Jews in general" has become so vastly welcomed that:

"many left-wing Jews promulgate the idea that Israel is a racist or apartheid state, demonize those Jews who seek to defend it against slander, and claim that because they are Jews themselves, their words cannot be anti-Semitic – despite the fact that throughout history there have been Jews who have turned on their coreligionists"<sup>[127]</sup>.

As outlined previously, the examples of this supposed phenomenon cited by Phillips were limited to excerpts drawn from left-wing journalists/publications, and were composed of doctored quotations, apocryphal anecdotes, and fabricated evidence. While this confirms that Phillips' methodology consists of misinformation, it does not necessarily mean that her point itself is invalid. What had motivated the attacks on Jews as reported by the Community Security Trust? Were 'mainstream' Britons responsible for them? How prevalent are derogatory views of Jews in the British media, or among the public at large?

Phillips' own adduced evidence of this supposed prevalence is somewhat convoluted; namely that "one of the most conspicuous features of British anti-Semitism is that the British deny its existence". In this putative respect, a television documentary on the subject of anti-Semitism made by the journalist Richard Littlejohn is cited by Phillips as indicative. Littlejohn – and elsewhere John Mann (MP), head

of the Parliamentary Inquiry discussed hereafter – apparently:

"encountered people who, when discovering their concern about anti-Semitism, said: 'Oh, I didn't know you were Jewish'. But Mann and Littlejohn aren't Jewish.

As Littlejohn noted, the implication was that no non-Jew would ever identify anti-Semitism, and therefore that anti-Semitism was generally a figment of the Jewish imagination"<sup>[128]</sup>.

This does not stand to reason. For one thing, the individuals supposedly encountered herein can hardly be held up as representative of a nation comprising 60 million people. Phillips does not attempt to support her sweeping inference with a rationale; and her reasoning is itself centred upon claims which in the case of both Littlejohn and Mann are highly dubious. The supposed disbelief at concerns over anti-Semitism may, for instance, be explained by peoples' unfamiliarity with it, which would tend to indicate a dearth of exposure and a lack of presence. Moreover, it would appear more sensible to surmise that if a man as bigoted as Littlejohn had informed people who were sound of mind that he was making a documentary about prejudice, they would have been justly sceptical of his motives, if not positively scornful. Various articles by Littlejohn constitute a litany of crude racial derogation and coarse views on women or homosexuals. Littlejohn's antipathy towards prejudice evidently accommodates itself neatly enough when required<sup>[129]</sup>.

However, Phillips continues:

"when I proposed to write a book about it, I was turned down by every mainstream publishing house. 'No British publisher will touch this,' one editorial director told me<sup>[130]</sup>. 'Claiming there is anti-Semitism in Britain is simply unsayable'"<sup>[131]</sup>.

This of course is somewhat belied by Phillips' own jeremiad here; and the variants of it which – as will be shown – have been published in several quarters, such as *The Spectator*, or in particular *The Daily Mail*, the latter of which alone has a circulation of approximately 2 million readers and which has published a number of articles citing supposed anti-Semitism among Muslims and 'the Left' in order to advance highly aggressive political views<sup>[132]</sup>; and neither Phillips nor *The Daily Mail* are by any means the sole proponents of such contentions<sup>[133]</sup>, as is made clear by the Community Security

Trust report which Phillips had cited, and the Parliamentary Inquiry which she had plagiarised repeatedly.

<sup>[1]</sup> 'The War Within The West' (part 13) by Melanie Phillips; 22<sup>nd</sup> March

2007:<http://www.melaniephillips.com/diary/?p=1479>

Elsewhere Phillips was more concrete with her misrepresentation of this excerpt: "In *The Guardian*, Geoffrey Wheatcroft lamented the fact that Conservative Party leader David Cameron had fallen under the spell of neoconservatives' 'ardent support for the Iraq war, for the US and for Israel,' and urged Cameron to ensure that British foreign policy was no longer based on the interest of 'another country' – Israel":

In 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

This is discussed hereafter.

<sup>[2]</sup> My underlining. 'Cameron stands encircled by zealous Anglo-neocons: An influential coterie of Tory MPs is bent on a foreign policy driven not by Britain's interests, but those of the US and Israel' by Geoffrey Wheatcroft in *The Guardian*; 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2007/mar/22/conservatives.comment>

<sup>[3]</sup> Elsewhere in his article Wheatcroft is however highly critical of the Conservative MP Douglas Carswell and the 'Conservative Friends of Israel' group:

"Attempts by younger Tories to justify their allegiance to Washington and Israel are curious. One more from the latest vintage is Douglas Carswell MP, who insists that 'it is in our national interest to support Israel'. He would never wish to say anything critical of Israel, 'because I believe they are a front-line ally in a war against people who wish to destroy our democratic way of life. Others may take a nuanced view. I don't".

Needless to say, Phillips omits mention of this, presumably because Carswell's perspective is one she appears to share. In 'Cameron stands encircled by zealous Anglo-neocons: An influential coterie of Tory MPs is bent on a foreign policy driven not by Britain's interests, but those of the US and Israel' by Geoffrey Wheatcroft in *The Guardian*; 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2007/mar/22/conservatives.comment>

<sup>[4]</sup> The Wiesenthal Centre organised a letter-writing campaign; the blustering message of which was as follows:

"Dear Mayor Livingstone: At a time when violent anti-Semitic attacks on British Jews increased 42% last year, reaching greater levels than in France, where just days before Holocaust Memorial Day Jewish gravestones were desecrated with swastikas while at the same time there was a spate of violent attacks against Jews in North London, where Jewish students feel increasingly intimidated on university campuses

for openly expressing their support for Israel, and when young people in the UK increasingly display a lack of understanding of the Nazi Holocaust, your slanderous comments against a Jewish reporter and the State of Israel have fuelled an already dangerous environment. A city that 60 years ago courageously fought off the Nazis in the Blitz and that today is vying to host the Olympics should not have a Mayor who uses his office as a bully pulpit for bigotry. I therefore join the Simon Wiesenthal Center in demanding that you apologize for your comments trivializing the Holocaust and demonizing Zionism and Israel":

'Take Action Now for Jewish Rights Around the World: London Mayor Ken Livingstone, Apologize Now For Antisemitic Comments' by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre; (no date – but c. 2006):

<http://www.wiesenthal.com/siteapps/advocacy/ActionItem.aspx?c=lsKWlBpJLnF&b=4442025&aid=1929>

Needless to say, none of this hectoring had any basis in fact.

<sup>[5]</sup> 'Transcript' by *The Guardian*; 25<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2006/feb/25/localgovernment.politicsandthemedial>

<sup>[6]</sup> The repetition is in the original.

<sup>[7]</sup> *The Daily Mail*, in 1938, ran a front cover stating that:

"The way stateless Jews from Germany are pouring in from every port of this country is becoming an outrage: the number of aliens entering the country through back door – a problem to which *The Daily Mail* has repeatedly pointed" in 'A War On Rationality' by Tony Greenstein in *The Guardian*; 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2007/jul/11/awaronrationality>

The irony is clear.

<sup>[8]</sup> 'Rule By Lawyers' by Melanie Phillips; 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles-new/?m=200502>

<sup>[9]</sup> 'Livingstone's True Colours' by Melanie Phillips; 15<sup>th</sup> February 2005: \_

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/diary/?p=713>

<sup>[10]</sup> 'The Jailing of David Irving' by Melanie Phillips; 24<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/diary/archives/001602.html>

<sup>[11]</sup> 'Freedom of Speech and Holocaust Denial' by Melanie Phillips; 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles-new/?p=617>

<sup>[12]</sup> 'Freedom of Speech and Holocaust Denial' by Melanie Phillips; 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles-new/?p=617>

<sup>[13]</sup> 'Freedom of Speech and Holocaust Denial' by Melanie Phillips; 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles-new/?p=617>

<sup>[14]</sup> 'The Jailing of David Irving' by Melanie Phillips; 24<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/diary/archives/001602.html>

<sup>[15]</sup> This matter is discussed extensively in the subsequent chapter 'The New Anti-Semitism and the Battle for Campus'.

[16] This particular theme will be discussed in greater detail in the later chapter on Islamophobia and the Holocaust.

[17] 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

[18] Considered as such here because of its extreme length and its collection of a number of excerpts frequently recycled by Phillips; see for instance the mentions of Geoffrey Wheatcroft and Ken Livingstone.

[19] The article is just over 4,000 words in length – approximately 8 sides of A4. It is arguably the longest article to be discussed in this essay.

[20] For example, the numerous apocryphal claims adduced, such as "a distinguished general told me, without a shred of evidence, that Rupert Murdoch had ordered *The Times*, which he owns, to limit its opposition to the Iraq War 'on the instruction of the Jewish lobby in America'"; or "a woman said to me conversationally at dinner one evening: 'I hate the Jews because of what they do to the Palestinians'". It is unreasonable to expect a commentator as prone to malicious gossip as Phillips evidently is to maintain discretion in light of such instances. However, it is interesting to note that Phillips does not record a response of her own to these supposed aspersions; it is therefore not impossible that she concurred with her anonymous interlocutors.

Another of Phillips' examples here is similarly noteworthy: "a former Conservative higher-education minister and a member of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding stated that any British Jew who supported Israel's policies was guilty of 'dual loyalty'. I myself, on the BBC's Question Time in 2001, was accused of dual loyalty for the same reason". Quite who would accuse a personality such as Phillips of loyalty remains, of course, mysterious. Loyalty requires at least a modicum of integrity.

However, the 'dual loyalty' notion is noteworthy in its own right. It was primarily a charge levelled at minorities by right-wing nationalists in developing societies undergoing modernisation processes, such as during Bismarck's unification of Germany, or the development of countries such as Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary, in which Jews were accused of being more loyal to other Jews than to their states. However, it was a vein of aspersion not merely levelled at Jews, but also at Catholics, liberals, and socialists. It of course tends to be commentators on the right who maintain a similar stance towards ethnic minorities in countries such as Britain today, who demand 'integration', or subservience; and who bemoan minorities as being alien or ghettoised. Today this centres primarily on Asians, and especially Muslims, who have migrated to Britain. Nonetheless, despite being problematic in its own right, a charge of 'dual loyalty' regarding Israel is clearly a different matter. There are sound reasons for Jews to feel a point of identification with Israel; but fanatical support for its government is a different matter, and those who advocate

Israel's polity towards Palestinians regardless of the distinction between right and wrong – and irrespective of the difference between truth and lies – merit criticism, and in the most aggressive instances plainly deserve rebuke. See Richard Evans' *The Coming of the Third Reich*.

[21] 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

Phillips is omitting mention of a significant element of this incident – namely that the attack in question was centred primarily on mugging the girl; it was not governed by political concerns. This is discussed hereafter.

[22] Phillips also claims that "according to the police, Jews are four times more likely to be attacked because of their religion than are Muslims"; no reference is provided for this, and available data indicates that Jews are the least likely minority to be attacked in Britain, as will be shown.

[23] Phillips does mention violence from Neo-Nazis and Nazi slogans, but these are not given any real consideration, and are mentioned only once in passing within a c. 4,000 word article.

[24] 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

[25] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2006' by the Community Security Trust; 2007:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_06.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_06.pdf)

[26] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2006' by the Community Security Trust; 2007:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_06.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_06.pdf)

[27] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2004' by The Community Security Trust; 2005:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_04.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_04.pdf)

[28] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2005' by The Community Security Trust; 2006:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_05.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_05.pdf)

[29] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2006' by The Community Security Trust; 2007:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_06.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_06.pdf)

[30] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2007' by The Community Security Trust; 2008:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_07.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_07.pdf)

[31] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2008' by The Community Security Trust; 2009:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_08.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_08.pdf)

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[33] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2004' by The Community Security Trust; 2005:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_04.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_04.pdf)

[34] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2005' by The Community Security Trust; 2006:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_05.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_05.pdf)

[35] 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2006' by The Community Security Trust; 2007:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_06.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_06.pdf)

<sup>[36]</sup> 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2007' by The Community Security Trust; 2009:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_07.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_07.pdf)

<sup>[37]</sup> 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2008' by The Community Security Trust; 2009:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_08.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_08.pdf)

<sup>[38]</sup> 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report 2008' by The Community Security Trust; 2009:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_08.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_08.pdf)

The CST report on 2009 only covers the first 6 months of the year. The number of overall anti-Semitic incidents herein reported by the CST was 609; whilst the number of violent incidents was 77 (p. 3) with 2 cases of extreme violence. 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report' by The Community Security Trust; 2009:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_Jan\\_June\\_09.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_Jan_June_09.pdf)

<sup>[39]</sup> 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2006' by the Ministry of Justice; October 2007:

<http://www.cjonline.gov.uk/downloads/application/pdf/Statistics%20on%20Race%20and%20the%20CJS%202006.pdf>

<sup>[40]</sup> 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2006' by the Ministry of Justice; October 2007:

<http://www.cjonline.gov.uk/downloads/application/pdf/Statistics%20on%20Race%20and%20the%20CJS%202006.pdf>

<sup>[41]</sup> 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2007/8' by the Ministry of Justice; April 2009:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/docs/stats-race-criminal-justice-system-07-08-revised.pdf>

The estimate for overall "racially motivated incidents" – that is, including those which were not – was put at 139,000 incidents per year (pp. 10-11); and this compares to c. 179,000 incidents in the years 2004/05, and approximately 206,000 incidents based on the British Crime Surveys of 2002/03 and 2003/04 (p. 11) in 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2006' by the Ministry of Justice; October 2007:

<http://www.cjonline.gov.uk/downloads/application/pdf/Statistics%20on%20Race%20and%20the%20CJS%202006.pdf>

<sup>[42]</sup> 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2006' by the Ministry of Justice; October 2007:

<http://www.cjonline.gov.uk/downloads/application/pdf/Statistics%20on%20Race%20and%20the%20CJS%202006.pdf>

<sup>[43]</sup> 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2006' by the Ministry of Justice; October 2007:

<http://www.cjonline.gov.uk/downloads/application/pdf/Statistics%20on%20Race%20and%20the%20CJS%202006.pdf>

<sup>[44]</sup> 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2006/7' by the Ministry of Justice cf. BBC; July 2008: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/08\\_07\\_08\\_race\\_criminal\\_justice.pdf](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/08_07_08_race_criminal_justice.pdf)

<sup>[45]</sup> 'Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System – 2007/8' by the Ministry of Justice; April 2009:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/docs/stats-race-criminal-justice-system-07-08-revised.pdf>

<sup>[46]</sup> Phillips treats Muslims as a homogeneous entity throughout her article. This matter is discussed hereafter.

<sup>[47]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[48]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[49]</sup> Elsewhere in the article Phillips also repeats her lie about Ken Livingstone: "he asked a Jewish reporter who approached him after a party, 'What did you do before? Were you a German war criminal?' When the reporter said that he was Jewish and that the remark offended him, Livingstone likened him to a 'concentration camp guard.' After a government panel found that Livingstone had brought his office into disrepute, the mayor challenged the finding in court, where a judge ruled that his remarks were not anti-Semitic. But the Community Security Trust found that a number of perpetrators of anti-Semitic attacks mentioned those comments. And John Mann, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee Against Anti-Semitism, was in no doubt: 'If you have people like the Mayor of London crossing the line . . . then it gives a message out to the rest of the community. That is why anti-Semitism is on the rise again – because it's become acceptable'" in 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

As noted, Livingstone's comments could in no responsible way be deemed anti-Semitic; whilst the number of perpetrators who mentioned 'those comments' was no more than 11: in 'Anti-Semitic Incidents Report' by the Community Security Trust; 2006:

[http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents\\_Report\\_06.pdf](http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents_Report_06.pdf) (p. 12).

<sup>[50]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[51]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[52]</sup> The Iraq war launched in 2003.

<sup>[53]</sup> That is, the American film maker Michael Moore.

<sup>[54]</sup> This is a theory put forward in a sensible manner by two American conservatives – John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt. It is irremediably flawed, as will be discussed hereafter; but as will also be shown, those bemoaning it as anti-Semitic are lacking in sincerity and appear to have created a rod for their own back.

<sup>[55]</sup> 'Alas, Michael Moore is an Unguided Missile' by Simon Jenkins in *The Times*; 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2004:

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest\\_contributors/article452420.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest_contributors/article452420.ece)

<sup>[56]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[57]</sup> 'A Kosher Conspiracy?' by Denis Sewell in *The New Statesman*; 14<sup>th</sup> January 2002:

<http://www.newstatesman.com/200201140009>

<sup>[58]</sup> 'A Kosher Conspiracy?' by Denis Sewell in *The New Statesman*; 14<sup>th</sup> January 2002:

<http://www.newstatesman.com/200201140009>

As will be seen, this particular notion tends to be advanced by conservative Americans – such as the two aforementioned authors of *America Alone*; along with John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt – seeking to distance their country from the U.S. government's invasion of Iraq and the aftermath thereof.

'A Kosher Conspiracy?' by Denis Sewell in *The New Statesman*; 14<sup>th</sup> January 2002:

<http://www.newstatesman.com/200201140009>

See below for a discussion of *The New Statesman's* cover in relation to the Parliamentary Inquiry report on anti-Semitism.

<sup>[60]</sup> 'A Century of Satire, Wit and Irreverence' by Dave Brown in *The Independent*; (no date – but Brown's cartoon was originally published in January 2003):

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/media/online/a-century-of-satire-wit-and-irreverence-986844.html?action=Popup&ino=10>

See also "'Independent' Cartoonist Wins Award' (anonymous) in *The Independent*; 27<sup>th</sup> November 2003:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/media/independent-cartoonist-wins-award-737100.html>

<sup>[61]</sup> Sharon is the only figure in the painting; and he has a rosette covering his groin with 'Vote Likud' upon it.

<sup>[62]</sup> I couldn't locate a scholarly resource which provided examples of actual 'blood libel' imagery; the only sources on-line are Israeli nationalist, Islamophobic, Arab extremist or neo-Nazi sites, none of which merit citation here. It is striking how frequently 'blood libel' is alluded to by Arab extremists in order to impugn Jews, and conversely by Jewish extremists in support of their racist derogation of Arabs and Muslims. Nonetheless, most pictures therein amount to macabre – if not thoroughly pornographic – portraits of Jews sacrificing children and collecting the blood. For once, Phillips' judgement is impeccable in positing that such material is appalling.

<sup>[63]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[64]</sup> '2006: Lebanon War' by the BBC; 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/7381389.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/7381389.stm)

<sup>[65]</sup> 'Hezbollah Leader Vows "Open War"' by the BBC; 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006:<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/5182048.stm>

<sup>[66]</sup> 'Day by Day: Lebanon Crisis – Week One' by the BBC; 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/5179434.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/5179434.stm)

<sup>[67]</sup> 'Middle East Crisis: Facts and Figures' by the BBC; 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/5257128.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/5257128.stm)

<sup>[68]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[69]</sup> Pollard is editor of *The Jewish Chronicle*; but this incident was featured on his website. See 'Jeremy Bowen's Internal Middle East Briefing; Quelle Surprise' by Stephen Pollard; 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007:

<http://www.stephenpollard.net/003098.html>

Phillips doesn't provide a reference; but Pollard was the progenitor of this particularly unsavoury episode. Note the comments in the blog underneath which – typically enough – consist of personal attacks on Bowen. Particularly notable is a brief critique of Bowen's moustache.

<sup>[70]</sup> 'Jeremy Bowen's Internal Middle East Briefing; Quelle Surprise' by Stephen Pollard; 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007:

<http://www.stephenpollard.net/003098.html>

<sup>[71]</sup> Phillips also alleges that "*The Guardian* published a two-day special report painting Israel as an apartheid state, ignoring the fact that Israeli Arabs have full civil rights". In reality, their position within Israel is highly problematic; and the discussion was of Arabs in the occupied territories, not within Israel itself; along with Israel's unique working relationship with South Africa during the Apartheid epoch.

See 'Worlds Apart' by Chris McGreal in *The Guardian*; 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2006/feb/06/southafrica.israel>

And 'Brothers in Arms – Israel's Secret Pact with Pretoria' by Chris McGreal in *The Guardian*; 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2006/feb/07/southafrica.israel>

This particular subject is discussed in the following chapter 'the Battle For Campus'.

<sup>[72]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[73]</sup> 'Anything But Negotiation' by Patrick Seale in *The Guardian*; 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2006/jul/03/israel?showAllComments=true>

<sup>[74]</sup> 'Anything But Negotiation' by Patrick Seale in *The Guardian*; 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2006/jul/03/israel?showAllComments=true>

<sup>[75]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[76]</sup> The newspaper that is; not an angel. Malice is not always at odds with cleverness, it would seem.

<sup>[77]</sup> Phillips cites here Canon Andrew White, Canon Naim Ateek, Reverend Dr. John Stott and Colin Chapman. I couldn't

locate the relevant material for any of these figures. Phillips also cites Reverend Stephen Sizer, however; and Sizer has previously responded to Phillips' aspersions. In a letter written to *The Spectator*, Sizer noted that: "I affirm the right of the State of Israel to exist within secure and internationally recognized borders. Sadly the evidence shows that Israel is a racist and apartheid state. The UN World Conference on Racism together with US State Country Report have highlighted the institutional racism within Israeli society. The South African ruling ANC, the Jewish human rights organisation *B'Tselem*, as well as leading Jewish academics such as Noam Chomsky, Uri Davis and Israel Shahak have all made similar comparisons between South African and Israeli apartheid. I do not regard such views as anti-Semitic [...] I do wish to see Israel withdraw from the Occupied Territories in accordance with UN Resolutions 242 and 338, etc. I do believe that, like South Africa, the people themselves, Jews and Palestinians can and must achieve this peacefully, whether in a unified and truly democratic state in which they have equal rights or by the creation of an autonomous and independent Palestinian State". See Sizer's letter to the editor regarding Phillips' article 'Christians Who Hate Jews'; 18<sup>th</sup> February 2002:

<http://www.cc-vw.org/articles/spectator.htm>

Herein Sizer also cites scripture to disprove the claims of divine sanction made by fundamentalist Christian Zionists, Israeli nationalists and Jewish chauvinists to justify the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza on the grounds that God promised the land to Jews. This practice of inserting mythology into practical politics can be compared to mystical religious fantasies being cited in order to justify persecuting Jews throughout the ages.

<sup>[78]</sup> Divestment is discussed in detail in the subsequent chapter. "Companies supporting Israel" is Phillips' euphemism for American and British companies implicated in Israel's breaches of international law and human rights; some of whom make a considerable profit therein.

<sup>[79]</sup> That is, the immense wall situated in the West Bank. As will be shown later 'security barrier' is a misleading designation: the wall was primarily designed to annex Palestinian land from the West Bank to Israel; and to ossify Israeli settlements – which are illegal under international law. It therefore stands in singular significance within Israel's overall occupation polity; it is also the focal point of pettish quibbling over what constitutes a wall as opposed to a barrier or a fence.

<sup>[80]</sup> 'A second Jewish Holocaust' is one of Phillips' recurrent tropes; and while mainly cited in regard to Iran, it is clearly designed to terrify Jews. See for example 'Why Jonathan Freedland Is Wrong' by Melanie Phillips; 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles-new/?p=500>

or 'Despair? No, resolve' by Melanie Phillips; 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007: <http://www.melaniephillips.com/diary/?p=1437>

Herein Phillips concludes "everything depends, as ever, upon which happens first: the west waking from its narcoleptic torpor, or the mullahs getting the bomb; and whether the west will hold its nerve in Iraq or prove the truth of the Islamists' galvanising analysis, that it no longer has the courage of its absence of convictions". Quite who the intended audience for such material is remains highly questionable.

<sup>[81]</sup> 'Anglican Peace And Justice Network: A Report Of Its Deliberations In Jerusalem – September 14-22, 2004' by the Anglican Peace And Justice Network; 2004:

[http://apjn.anglicancommunion.org/reports/APJN\\_Jersusalem.pdf](http://apjn.anglicancommunion.org/reports/APJN_Jersusalem.pdf)

The report also discusses the invasion of Iraq, globalisation, trade, poverty and the refugee crisis in Burundi, amongst other matters.

<sup>[82]</sup> See the archive of Anglican Peace And Justice Network reports:

<http://apjn.anglicancommunion.org/reports/index.cfm>

<sup>[83]</sup> The report continues here, striking a further note which can hardly be construed as prejudicial: "Guen Seok Yang's conclusion, while still in process, offers an insight important for all committed to justice work: 'I have learned that suffering is the source of self-transcendence and liberation, but I think we are living in a world where the experiences of suffering become the source of antagonism. This is the situation when experiences are betrayed by interpretations. So, we have to ask why such betrayals have continued in history. My answer is the lack of our solidarity in the suffering. I believe that the problem is not suffering itself but the suffering that is excluded, isolated and abandoned by us. Solidarity is the way to heal the world'. 'If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;' – Corinthians 12:26".

It is also worth noting here that Buchenwald had nothing to do with the Holocaust: it was a concentration camp which primarily housed political prisoners; and it incarcerated only a minimal number of Jews until the death marches began from Auschwitz in the final weeks of Hitler's Reich. This particular issue is discussed in more detail within the chapter on Islamophobia and the Holocaust; the West Bank Wall is discussed in detail in the subsequent chapter.

<sup>[84]</sup> "the institution at the heart of the old theological version: the Church".

<sup>[85]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[86]</sup> There is a further absurdity here, however. If Britain has a preponderance of anti-Semitism, then who is Phillips' intended audience?

<sup>[87]</sup> What immediately follows in Phillips' article here is yet another unreferenced litany – in this instance, centred on a rambling discussion of anti-Semitism in Britain throughout the ages, juxtaposed with an even weaker discourse on the role

of Britain in the creation of Israel. See the next chapter 'The Battle For Campus'.

<sup>[88]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[89]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[90]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[91]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[92]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[93]</sup> See also the discussions of Alan Dershowitz and Daniel Pipes amongst others in the two subsequent chapters. Dershowitz has previously cited 'Islamic terrorism' in order to justify legalising torture; Pipes' intentions are more unsavoury still, and vary between attempts to justify racial discrimination, and to politicise the United States' education system and thereby introduce censorship.

<sup>[94]</sup> That is, Islamic extremism. Islamism is ultra-orthodox conservative; extremism is vastly different. While the point of distinction is misunderstood by a number of commentators, the likes of Phillips blur the difference in order to impugn Muslims as a whole.

<sup>[95]</sup> As does Phillips herself, significantly enough. See in passing 'Rape of Justice' by Melanie Phillips; 6<sup>th</sup> June 2005:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles/archives/001244.htm>

'The Judicial Sister' by Melanie Phillips; 13<sup>th</sup> November 2003:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles/archives/000134.htm>

'The De-moralisation of Health Care' by Melanie Phillips 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles-new/?p=542>

Or the strikingly hypocritical 'How The West Was Lost' by Melanie Phillips; 11<sup>th</sup> May 2002:

<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles-new/?p=43>

<sup>[96]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[97]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[98]</sup> Phillips doesn't name the television programme; but it was presumably Channel 4's 'Undercover Mosque', broadcast on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007, which unearthed some highly disturbing developments; and which both the West Midlands Police and the Crown Prosecution Service sought to impeach – the reasons for which appear not to have been unconnected

to the £43 billion arms sale between Britain and Saudi Arabia. Channel 4 later received an apology and libel damages from the police/CPS.

See: 'Channel 4 Announces Return of Undercover Mosque' by Tara Conlan in *The Guardian*; 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2008/aug/22/channel4.islam>

'Dispatches Reported to Ofcom' by Darshna Soni and Krishnan Guru-Murthy cf. Channel4.com; 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007:

[http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/arts\\_entertainment/film\\_tv/dispatches+reported+to+ofcom/660762](http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/arts_entertainment/film_tv/dispatches+reported+to+ofcom/660762)

'Broadcast Bulletin Issue Number 97' by Ofcom; 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv/obb/prog\\_cb/obb97/](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv/obb/prog_cb/obb97/)

For the machinations of Saudi Arabia's government during this period see 'BAE: Secret Papers Reveal Threats From Saudi Prince' by David Leigh and Rob Evans in *The Guardian*; 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/feb/15/bae.armstrad>

*The Guardian* has created an archive of articles relating to this particular issue: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/bae>

<sup>[99]</sup> Religious fundamentalism/extremism is discussed in detail in the final chapter.

<sup>[100]</sup> Thompson is 'blogs editor' of The Telegraph Media group.

See 'The Dark Corner of A Muslim Bookshop' by Damian Thompson in *The Telegraph*; 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007;

[http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/damianthompson/3684441/The\\_dark\\_corner\\_of\\_a\\_Muslim\\_bookshop/](http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/damianthompson/3684441/The_dark_corner_of_a_Muslim_bookshop/)

Thompson's other comments on Muslims are more patently chauvinistic: "Western Christianity's survival as a mass movement may depend on something as prosaic as immigration control...the growth of Saudi-funded Islamic ghettos in Europe represents an absolute defeat for Christianity and its values: these communities are impermeable to evangelism, utterly intolerant of criticism (not least from fellow Muslims) and enjoy an enormous demographic advantage over the rest of society. But, the birth rate of British Muslims notwithstanding, these nascent ghettos will continue to be primarily the product of immigration. So, if you don't want Europe to become further Islamified, tighten your borders. The question is: how do you advocate such a policy without seeming either racist or unChristian? Can there be a theology of immigration in which the mass movement of populations is regarded as cruel and counterproductive?" in 'The Christian Case Against Immigration' by Damian Thompson in *The Telegraph*; 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010:

<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/damianthompson/1000217/53/the-christian-case-against-immigration/>

See also: "The notion that Darwin inspired Hitler is very big in Creationist circles just now. Islamic Creationist circles, that is. In fact, if you visit my local Islamic bookstore, you can find a whole row of books arguing that very point. They're on the

shelf next to *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in 'Darwin' by Damian Thompson in *The Telegraph*; 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007:

<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/damianthompson/3683551/Darwin/>

The titles of these apocryphal works are left undeclared by Thompson. *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is one of the motifs cited recurrently by such commentators to defame Arabs, Muslims, and – bizarrely – liberals. Despite the supposed alacrity of Muslims/Arabs in the present era for anti-Semitic propaganda, it is striking that this is the only tract cited by the likes of Thompson or his peers. As it happens, Thompson is right to note that Darwinism did not 'inspire Hitler': social Darwinism – or Eugenics – was initiated by Francis Galton, a relative of Darwin's; and its centrality within Hitler's thought is discussed by Alan Bullock in *Hitler and Stalin: Parallel Lives* (see pp. 153–159). It was in fact the bedrock of Hitler's life philosophy entire; as extolled in *Mein Kampf*: "He who wants to live must fight, and he who does not want to fight in this world where eternal struggle is the law of life has no right to exist" (in Bullock; 1998: p. 153).

Thompson is himself a conservative Catholic; and the Papacy has had a long and problematic history regarding Jews, Muslims, women, and homosexuals, suffice to say. However, the level of Thompson's intellectual calibre can be gauged adequately from one of his numerous articles on inevitably nameless liberals: "Elderly liberals in the United States, horrified by the return of solemnity to Catholic worship, are mounting a campaign against the new English translation of the Mass, entitled What If We Just Said Wait. The campaign and petition have been endorsed by the supersmug National Catholic Reporter, which really tells you all you need to know. Here's my suggestion. What If We Just Said Get Stuffed, You Finger-Wagging Liberals Who Wreck The Mass Every Sunday By Boring The Pants Off Us With Your Politicised Bidding Prayers, Dreary Folk Antiphons And Other Self-Aggrandising Stunts" in 'What If We Just Said: Get Stuffed' by Damian Thompson in *The Telegraph*; 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010:

<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/damianthompson/1000223/46/what-if-we-just-said-get-stuffed/>

Thompson subsequently enjoins his readers to sign a petition; the anonymous sponsor of which declaims that "what is important is obedience to our bishops who have approved the new translation overwhelmingly" in 'We've Waited Long Enough' (Anonymous; no date)

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/enoughwaiting/>

The actual point of debate appears to be centred on the quality of translation; not matters of doctrine. See 'What If We Said, 'Wait?'' by Michael Ryan in *America*; 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009:

[http://www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article\\_id=12045](http://www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article_id=12045)

As ever with such commentators, Thompson's purported antipathy to religious insularity is quite remarkable.

[101] See 'Anti-Semitic "Protocols of Zion" Endure, Despite Debunking' by Brian Handwerk in *National Geographic*; 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006:

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/09/060911-zion.html>

See also a recent satire of the *Protocols* by an unnamed author:

<http://richardhutton.wordpress.com/2009/07/17/the-learned-protocols-of-the-elders-of-zion/>

[102] See 'The Jews of Beirut Petition The Authorities For A Ban On The Sale Of "The Protocols"' (p. 352) in *Jews Of Arab Lands In Modern Times* by Norman Stillman; 2003 (The Jewish Publication Society; U.S.A.).

[103] 'The Hijacking of British Islam – How extremist literature is subverting mosques in the UK' cited in 'Muslim Bookshop Considering Legal Action Against Think Tank' by Lucy Clapham in *The Ealing Times*; 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007:

[http://www.ealingtimes.co.uk/news/1904043.muslim\\_bookshop\\_considering\\_legal\\_action\\_against\\_think\\_tank/](http://www.ealingtimes.co.uk/news/1904043.muslim_bookshop_considering_legal_action_against_think_tank/)

[104] 'Muslim Bookshop Considering Legal Action Against Think Tank' by Lucy Clapham in *The Ealing Times*; 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007:

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[105] 'Moore and Barron in Newsnight Clash' by Chris Tryhorn in *The Guardian*; 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2007/dec/17/bbc.television>

[106] Perhaps needless to say, material such as *The Protocols of The Elders of Zion* is freely available over the Internet. A right-wing Australian Christian group called 'Bible Believers' has previously published the text in its entirety. It is both extremely lengthy and tedious; and it is evidently unlikely to appeal to most people of any caste.

[107] 'Policy Exchange' (anonymous) in *The New Statesman*; 29<sup>th</sup> May

2009: <http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2009/04/tank-policy-report-director>

The actual report appears to be no longer available.

[108] 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

[109] Namely "last year, an opinion poll in *The Times* revealed that a horrifying 37 per cent of Muslims polled believed that that the Jewish community in Britain was a legitimate target'; 53% believed British Jews had 'too much influence over the direction of UK foreign policy', and no fewer than 46% thought the Jewish community was 'in league with Freemasons to control the media and politics'" in 'The War Against The West (part 4)' by Melanie Phillips; 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2007: <http://www.melaniephillips.com/diary/?p=1456>

The fact that 63% of Muslims evidently did not view British Jews as a 'legitimate target' would tend to mitigate the horror somewhat. As with other commentators to be discussed

herein, Phillips replicates and reprocesses material vigorously. This article is a particularly shrill tract; 'the war' herein is apparently 'against the West' however, rather than 'against the Jews'.

<sup>[110]</sup> 'Muslim Poll' by Populus/*The Times*; December 9<sup>th</sup> 2005-December 19<sup>th</sup> 2005: <http://www.populuslimited.com/the-times-muslim-poll-191205.html>

<sup>[111]</sup> 'Muslim Poll' by Populus/*The Times*; December 9<sup>th</sup> 2005-December 19<sup>th</sup> 2005: <http://www.populuslimited.com/the-times-muslim-poll-191205.html>

<sup>[112]</sup> 'Muslim Poll' by Populus/*The Times*; December 9<sup>th</sup> 2005-December 19<sup>th</sup> 2005: <http://www.populuslimited.com/the-times-muslim-poll-191205.html>

<sup>[113]</sup> 18% answered 'don't know'.

<sup>[114]</sup> 'Muslim Poll' by Populus/*The Times*; December 9<sup>th</sup> 2005-December 19<sup>th</sup> 2005: <http://www.populuslimited.com/the-times-muslim-poll-191205.html>

<sup>[115]</sup> 49% 'Very Much/Somewhat Agreed' with Yusuf Islam. The second most popular was Hamza Yusuf – an American professor at the Zaytuna Institute in California – 27% of respondents 'Very Much/Somewhat Agreed' with his general statements/teachings. The other figures included Tariq Ramadan – Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies in the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Oxford University; Iqbal Sacranie – the conservative former general secretary of the Muslim Council of Britain; Zaki Badawi – the Egyptian scholar and former teacher at the Muslim College in London; Yusuf Al-Qaradawi – a more conservative Egyptian scholar, who has reportedly expressed sympathy for Palestinian suicide attacks against Israel; Azzam Tamimi – the Palestinian academic, and who has previously been slandered by the aggressive right-wing group Memri, amongst others; Omar Bakri Mohammed – the militant extremist; and Abu Hamza Al-Masri – another militant extremist. None of the hard-line figures had more than 18% approval; which clearly belies any notion of widespread support for their views.

See 'Controversial Preacher With "Star Status"' by Magdi Abdelhadi cf. BBC; 7<sup>th</sup> July 2004:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3874893.stm>

See also 'Martyrdom Misunderstood' by Azzam Tamimi in *The Guardian*; 25<sup>th</sup> August 2006:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2006/aug/25/martyrdomisselvesacrificefor>

Note the machinations of *The Daily Mail* herein.

<sup>[116]</sup> 'Muslim Poll' by Populus/*The Times*; December 9<sup>th</sup> 2005-December 19<sup>th</sup> 2005: <http://www.populuslimited.com/the-times-muslim-poll-191205.html>

<sup>[117]</sup> 'Muslim Poll' by Populus/*The Times*; December 9<sup>th</sup> 2005-December 19<sup>th</sup> 2005: <http://www.populuslimited.com/the-times-muslim-poll-191205.html>

See also a more detailed breakdown of age/region/education/social class in 'Times Poll' by Populus; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

[http://populuslimited.com/uploads/download\\_pdf-050206-The-Times-Political-Attitudes.pdf](http://populuslimited.com/uploads/download_pdf-050206-The-Times-Political-Attitudes.pdf)

The letters A/B (etc) refers to social class. Note also the age disparity, which is interesting between attitudes of teenagers (18+), those in their twenties, and older generations. Equally significant are attitudes on specifically Muslim issues, such as wearing a veil or living under Sharia Law. See 'Muslims Omnibus – December 2006' by Populus; 4<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

[http://populuslimited.com/uploads/download\\_pdf-131206-Policy-Exchange-Poll-of-Muslims-Living-Apart-Together.pdf](http://populuslimited.com/uploads/download_pdf-131206-Policy-Exchange-Poll-of-Muslims-Living-Apart-Together.pdf)

<sup>[118]</sup> 'Times Poll' by Populus; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

[http://populuslimited.com/uploads/download\\_pdf-191205-The-Times-Muslim-Poll.pdf](http://populuslimited.com/uploads/download_pdf-191205-The-Times-Muslim-Poll.pdf)

<sup>[119]</sup> 'Times Poll' by Populus; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2006:

[http://populuslimited.com/uploads/download\\_pdf-191205-The-Times-Muslim-Poll.pdf](http://populuslimited.com/uploads/download_pdf-191205-The-Times-Muslim-Poll.pdf) (p. 3).

<sup>[120]</sup> 'Contended' would be a more valid term here than 'reported' as will be shown.

<sup>[121]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[122]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[123]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[124]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[125]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[126]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[127]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

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The word 'demonise' is significant here in light of both Phillips' and her peers' vindictive attacks on Jews who are left-wing. This issue is discussed at the end of this chapter.

<sup>[128]</sup> 'Britain's Anti-Semitic Turn' by Melanie Phillips in *City Journal*; 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007:

[http://www.city-journal.org/html/17\\_4\\_anti-semitism.html](http://www.city-journal.org/html/17_4_anti-semitism.html)

<sup>[129]</sup> For example, Littlejohn's frankly racist opinions concerning the Iraq war of 1990: "what I can live without are British women married to Iraqis, arriving back at Heathrow and Gatwick...in full Arab garb and complaining about Mrs Thatcher's 'aggression' in the Middle East. They have chosen to turn their back on Britain, our values and beliefs. They should be left to rot in their adopted country with their hideous husbands and their unattractive children"

in *Racism* by Yasmin Alibhai and Colin Brown; 1991 (Wayland Publishers Ltd; Italy/France). p. 21. More brazen were his views on the Rwanda genocide: "Does anyone really give a monkey's about what happens in Rwanda? If the Mbongo tribe wants to wipe out the Mbongo tribe then as far as I am concerned that is entirely a matter for them" in 'A War On Rationality' by Tony Greenstein in *The Guardian*; 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2007/jul/11/awar-onrationality>

See also Littlejohn's more recent conceit on the theme of 'Hijack a Plane, Win a Council House', in which the prizes of asylum apparently include "all-expenses paid accommodation, cash benefits starting at £180 a week and the chance to earn thousands more begging, mugging and accosting drivers at traffic lights" in *Littlejohn's Britain* by Richard Littlejohn; 2007 (Arrow Books; Great Britain). pp. 282-3.

Perhaps more indicative of Littlejohn's calibre, however, were his views on five prostitutes murdered in 2006, contending that: "in the scheme of things the deaths of these five women is no great loss"; and that they were "disgusting, drug-addled street whores" in 'Spare Us The "People's Prostitute" routine...' by Richard Littlejohn in *The Daily Mail*; 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/columnists/article-423549/Littlejohn-Spare-Peoples-Prostitute-routine-.html>

In light of such material, Littlejohn's supposed antipathy towards anti-Semitic prejudice rings somewhat hollow. Needless to say, the focal point of Littlejohn's article was not actual anti-Semitism, but rather the supposed – and needless to say nameless – left-wingers who "have become almost casually and routinely anti-Semitic", and who "are now in the vanguard of the new anti-Semitism". According to Littlejohn: "the motive force behind the recent increase in anti-Jewish activity comes from the Fascist Left and the Islamonazis" in 'The New Anti-Semitism: How The Left Reversed History To Bring Judaism Under Attack' in *The Daily Mail*; 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/columnists/article-466785/The-new-anti-Semitism-How-Left-reversed-history-bring-Judaism-attack.html#ixzz0dvM0xOpP>

As with Phillips, Littlejohn doesn't present a case here; and it takes a quite remarkable lack of sense to bemoan racism and prejudice while advancing racist and prejudiced notions. Notable within this phalanx is a more apoplectic take on the putative 'anti-Semitic' altercation between Ken Livingstone and Oliver Finegold: "Blaming Israel is the last refuge of the anti-Semite. Livingstone insists he's not anti-Jewish, he just opposes the policies of the Israeli government. So perhaps he can explain what the hell the conflict in the Middle East has to do with calling a Jewish reporter a German war criminal and a concentration camp guard? Where exactly does the Palestinian cause fit into that equation?" The answer is of course nowhere, given that Livingstone was churlish to Finegold because he worked for *The Evening Standard*, which

– by a striking coincidence – is owned by *The Daily Mail*, which published Littlejohn's piece here, and which appears to be the mainstay of such nonsense within Britain. The background context of Littlejohn's article was the election of Hamas in Gaza during June 2007, and Israel's immediate intensification of its blockade on the territory. Littlejohn's article was published a month later in July 2007. As will be seen, there is a marked correlation between international censure of Israel's policies and apparent discoveries by not particularly industrious or reliable personalities of anti-Semitism among 'the left'.

<sup>[130]</sup> Presumably one left-wing editorial director.

<sup>[131]</sup> The book in question was entitled *Londonistan: How Britain is Creating A Terror State Within*, which given the virulence therein, may have been declined by publishers for a number of reasons. It was published by Gibson Square Books in 2006 – and re-printed in 2008 – a publishing house which claims that "Gibson Square specialises in books that are able to contribute to a current debate. Each title is supported by a vigorous marketing campaign to provide a broad platform for the book and its ideas in the booktrade":

<http://www.gibsonsquare.com/>

Phillips' audience can be gauged by the reviews posted on the Amazon UK website in 'Customer Reviews: Londonistan' cf. Amazon.co.uk:

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/productreviews/1906142300/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_cm\\_cr\\_acr\\_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1](http://www.amazon.co.uk/productreviews/1906142300/ref=sr_1_1_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1)

Several of the less adulatory opinions herein are fittingly droll. Nonetheless, given the theme, its narrative was clearly not centred on a 'New Anti-Semitism'. As with the more overtly racist term 'Eurabia', 'Londonistan' is one of the leitmotifs employed by the more aggressive Islamophobic quotient to be discussed within this essay; and those who bought Phillips' book via Amazon also purchased other Islamophobic material, such as Bruce Bawer's *While Europe Slept: How Radical Islam Is Destroying The West From Within*; and Robert Spencer's various racist tirades.

<sup>[132]</sup> *The Daily Mail* has the second largest circulation of a newspaper in Britain after Rupert Murdoch's *The Sun* which employs Richard Littlejohn amongst other notables. See 'ABC's: National Daily Newspaper Circulation July 2009' in *The Guardian*; 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/table/2009/aug/14/abcs-national-dailies-july-2009>

*The Spectator* sells c. 70,000 copies per month. See 'Spectator On The Up And Up' by Chris Tryhorn in *The Guardian*; 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2007/aug/24/pressandpublishing.abcs>

*City Journal* is an American publication, but it is hosted online, requires no subscription, and is therefore universally accessible.

<sup>[133]</sup> The Parliamentary report of course drew a number of respondents. See also the subsequent discussion of Elizabeth Jay and 'Just Journalism'.\*\*\*\*\*

## Bob Livingston: Texas Resisting Obama Power Grab, August 27, 2010

Sensing the political failure of the Left's environmental whacko agenda of raising energy costs to cap emissions of a gas we all exhale and that plants need to thrive — carbon dioxide — President Barack Obama has instructed his Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to rewrite its Clean Air Act and give itself authority it doesn't have. Thankfully, one state is resisting: Texas.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbot and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chairman Bryan W. Shaw call the EPA's actions an illegal power grab and in a letter to the EPA they wrote:

"In order to deter challenges to your plan for centralized control of industrial development through the issuance of permits for greenhouse gases, you have called upon each state to declare its allegiance to the Environmental Protection Agency's recently enacted greenhouse gas regulations — regulations that are plainly contrary to U.S. laws... To encourage acquiescence with your unsupported findings you threaten to usurp state enforcement authority and to federalize the permitting program of any state that fails to pledge their fealty to the Environmental Protection Agency. On behalf of the State of Texas, we write to inform you that Texas has neither the authority nor the intention of interpreting, ignoring or amending its laws in order to compel the permitting of greenhouse gas emissions."

In an Op-Ed piece in today's The Washington Times, Texas state director of Americans for Prosperity Peggy Venable writes that:

Federalist principles have allowed Texas to become the strongest state in the union. The Lone Star State leads the nation in job creation, is the top state for business relocation and has more Fortune 500 companies than any other state and is the top state for wind generation. President Obama said he wants to double U.S. exports in five years; he could look to Texas, as we are the top exporting state in the country. The Obama administration could learn a lot from Texas.

Instead, it is attempting to ride roughshod over Texas, and it goes beyond the greenhouse-gas issue.

After 16 years of allowing Texas to run its own permitting program to meet Federal air-quality standards, in May the EPA announced the state was not in compliance with Federal regulations. This despite the fact that Texas had met or exceeded its clean air obligations the entire time.

The Obama administration's agenda is simple: Grab more and more power from the States and consolidate it under the Federal government. Thankfully, Texas will have no part of it. If only the other 49 States will follow Texas' lead.



<http://www.personalliberty.com/conservativepolitics/government/texas-resisting-obama-power-grab/>

## Exhibition at The University of Adelaide: From Peaceful Revolution to German Unity

By **ALAN KEIG** | Published: **JULY 29, 2010**

This exhibition highlights the events of 1989/1990 that led to one of the most remarkable turning points in contemporary German, European and possibly even world history — the fall of the Berlin Wall and German reunification. It is a tribute to the power of the people and their capacity to produce change by peaceful means.



Comprising twenty individual posters, the exhibition was mounted by the Stiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur, a German foundation established in 1998 to provide information about Germany's second dictatorship and promote discussion of its impact in Germany and abroad.

It has been made available to the University by the Discipline of German Studies in cooperation with the Goethe Institut.

From Peaceful Revolution to German Unity is on display until 31 August 2010 in the entrance foyer of the Barr Smith Library during normal Library [opening hours](#).

Educational Tours: To arrange a tour for high school students please contact Judith Wilson on 8303 5642 or email [judith.wilson@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:judith.wilson@adelaide.edu.au)

Teaching materials to accompany the session are available. <http://blogs.adelaide.edu.au/library/2010/07/29/exhibition-from-peaceful-revolution-to-german-unity/>



## For God's Sake

The Uses and Abuses of Religion In Politics and Pop Culture.  
By Brad Hirschfield

## Who's Your Nazi? AUGUST 27, 2010

We seem to have a love affair with comparisons to Nazis and Hitler these days, at least when it comes to finding analogies for those with whom we disagree. Some cause or policy we oppose? Compare it to Nazism. Some people whose actions

disturb us? Compare them to Hitler. An event that appalls us? It's a Holocaust.

This practice of comparing people and things to Nazis and the Holocaust has been especially noticeable in the controversy surrounding the mosque/community center being planned for the area near the site of the former World

Trade Center. Most recently, [Newt Gingrich compared the project's backers to Nazis](#) when he declared that they should be blocked from putting up the building, just as Nazis would be barred from "putting up a sign" next to the United States Holocaust Museum and Memorial in the nation's capitol.

The making of such comparisons, however, is not limited to famous and powerful people, who use it for effect in the news. Comparisons to Nazis are tossed off by regular folks just as easily. Witness the [recent community meeting on New York's Staten Island](#) - a meeting also devoted to the construction of a mosque, this one on the grounds of a former Catholic church.

Some in attendance at the meeting referred to the need to resist the building of the proposed Islamic center because, "this was the community's D-Day". We all know who the opposition was in the epic battle and once again, comparing those with whom someone disagrees to Nazis was the popular way to go. But such comparisons are not limited to a single issue or party, and they are not a particularly recent phenomenon either.

Last fall, Florida Democrat, Congressman [Alan Grayson described the American health care system as a Holocaust](#). Apparently the congressman failed to distinguish between what many think of as a fatally flawed system for providing medical care and one of the most efficiently run systems, carefully implemented, for the total destruction of entire groups of human beings.

Not to be outdone, [Republicans answered back some weeks later](#) with a video in which Adolph Hitler was shown

declaring, through creative dubbing, the pleasure he takes in Nancy Pelosi being on his side. I guess the Republicans were not distressed by callous and casual comparisons to the Holocaust and Nazis, as they originally claimed, but simply by who was being compared to them.

My response? We should simply say a pox on both your houses. We are done listening to anyone who makes these ugly and inaccurate comparisons, regardless of whether or not we happen to agree with the policy positions of those who make them.

Simply decrying the use of Nazi, Hitler and Holocaust analogies will do nothing to reduce such use. Each side will go on decrying the use by the other side -- whatever the debate and whatever the sides. Instead of bemoaning the situation, we should hold accountable, any and all people, famous and otherwise, who demean public discourse with such analogies. Let them know that as long as they bolster their arguments with such ugly comparisons, we will no longer give any weight to their words.

As a nation, we can almost certainly withstand reaching the wrong conclusion on any single issue, regardless of how big or divisive. What we cannot withstand is the further debasement of the public discourse which sustains our democracy.

We cannot stop all people from using ugly and inaccurate analogies to frame our most important public debates, but we can stop rewarding them for doing so. We have the power to shape this nation by bending the demand curve for outrageous speech and it's high time we do so.

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### **REVISIONISTS witnessed the Deed!**

**"It will happen! I saw him walking off with her into the bushes."**

Remember how at the end of May 2010 Adelaide Institute's Director, Peter Hartung, together with US author Amelia Aremia and Fredrick Töben travelled to Tasmania, there to be hosted by Mrs Olga Scully in Launceston at her Conservative Speakers' Club?

While enjoying the comforts of Mrs Scully's surrounds they noticed her Muffy was outside in the garden and the Labrador next door paid her a visit. They also saw them both stroll off into the nearby woods. A while later the pair emerged rather sheepishly from the woods, and contentedly each one returned to his and her home.

Now after ten weeks the results are in: and thanks to Jamie for sending on this piece of evidence.

There is no denying that IT HAPPENED!



**Muffy with two of her five puppies.**

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### **ADELAIDE INSTITUTE DIRECTOR**



**Mr Peter Hartung will be in Sydney from 30 September until 3 October 2010.**

**Anyone wishing to meet him can call his Mobile number: 0401692057.**