

Why Israel and Zionism's Leaders Supports Viktor Orban's Anti-Semitic Campaign Against George Soros

Zionism has no objection to Orban Rehabilitating Hungary's War-time pro-Nazi leader Miklos Horthy

The Main Enemy is Israel's human rights groups

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Admiral Horthy and Hitler

In March 1989, in an article 'Zionism and anti-Semitism' [Return 1] I wrote, in respect of Israel's warm relations with the neo-Nazi Junta in Argentina, which had tortured and murdered up to 3,000 left-wing Jews (as well as up to 30,000 non-Jewish socialists) between 1976 and 1983 that:

What Argentina demonstrates is that an anti-Semitic regime will also be authoritarian, semi-fascist and a creature of US imperialism. In short, one which the Israeli state is only too willing to do business with, politically, militarily and economically, its own Jews notwithstanding.'

The same could be said for Hungary today, which, with its 100,000 Jews is the largest such community in Eastern Europe. Indeed the idea of helping stimulate a little anti-Semitism in Hungary order to 'encourage' its Jews to move to Israel must be almost irresistible to Zionism's leaders.

Once again, given the choice between anti-Semites and those supporting universal values of human rights like B'tselem and Breaking the Silence, Zionism's leaders prefer the former.

Last week Benjamin Netanyahu paid a visit to Hungary to meet his good friend Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Orban it was who was responsible for the erection of a barbed wire fence against Syrian refugees entering Hungary. Netanyahu boasts of constructing a fence against African refugees trying to enter Israel from the Sinai desert. Israel too refused to accept any Syrian refugees. Clearly these two racists had a lot to talk about.



Georg Soros

Just before Netanyahu set out on his travels, the Israeli Ambassador in Hungary, Yossi Amrani, in response to pressure from the Hungarian Jewish community, criticised Orbán for an anti-Semitic campaign against the US billionaire and philanthropist, George Soros.

Soros grew up in Hungary as a child and he survived the Nazi dragnet and deportation to Auschwitz. As a result of his experiences, which include the notorious collaboration between the Hungarian Zionists led by Rudolf Kasztner and the Nazi butchers under Eichmann, Soros became a non-Zionist.



*Protesters demonstrate against Orbán's education changes, outside the Central European University, founded by Soros.
Photograph: Zoltan Balogh/AP*

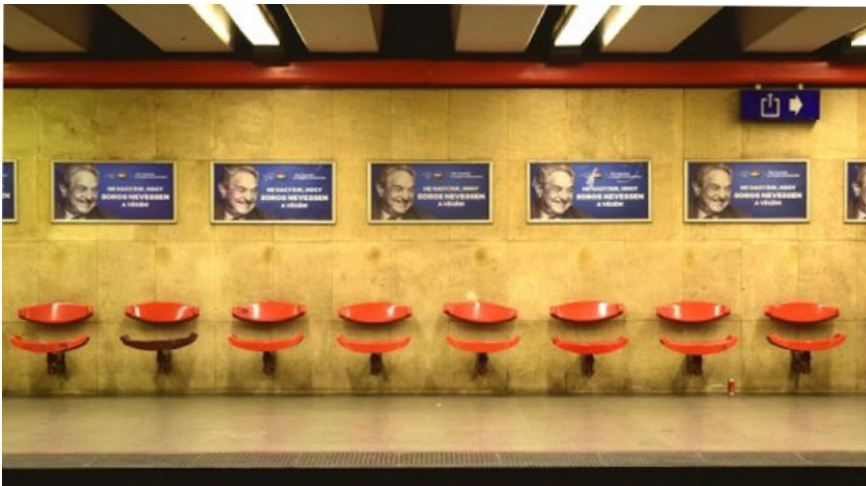
Soros's major crime in the eyes of Zionism and Israel's Right (which comprises some 90% of Israeli society), is that he has helped fund the liberal New Israel Fund and various human rights groups. Soros has also funded various Open Society and anti-communist groups in Eastern European.

Viktor Orbán also hates Soros. His liberal Free University in Budapest has been the [subject](#) of a concerted campaign by Orbán to close it down. Budapest has seen a massive government funded poster campaign vilifying Soros. The poster tells Hungarians that Soros must not have the 'last laugh'.

This is a thinly disguised reference to Hitler's notorious 'prophecy speech of January 30 1939, which he repeated on numerous occasions.

In his speech Hitler announced that he would

"once more be a prophet. If the international Jewish financiers inside and outside Europe should again succeed in plunging the nations into a world war, the result will not be the Bolshevisation of the earth and thus the victory of Jewry, but the annihilation (vernichtung) of the Jewish race throughout Europe."



Campaign posters against George Soros at a subway station in Budapest, Hungary (Credit Pablo Gorondi/AP)

Hitler continued:

... I have often been a prophet in my life and was generally laughed at. During my struggle for power, the Jews primarily received with laughter my prophecies that I would someday assume the leadership of the state and ... then, among many other things, achieve a solution of the Jewish problem. I suppose that meanwhile the then surrounding laughter of Jewry in Germany is now choking in their throats.'



An anti-Soros billboard with a swastika and Soros's name replaced by Viktor Orban's, seen in Budapest, on July 17, 2017.

(Raphael Ahren/Times of Israel)

Soros, is well known in Britain for his role in [Black Wednesday](#) when the pound was forced out of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism in 1992, but not before Soros had made over \$1 Billion at the Bank of England's expense by selling sterling short. Since then Soros has occupied the position of the demonic, all-powerful international Jewish financier, a figure much loved by anti-Semitic conspiracy theorists.

One of the main purveyors of this image of Soros is Glenn Beck, formerly of Fox TV. I say formerly because even Fox TV was forced to fire Beck when his anti-Semitic conspiracy theories became too much. You get a flavour of the type of politics I am referring to from the following interview with John Cardillo who is [described as](#) an 'investigative blogger at [JohnCardillo.com](#), President of [PsyID](#)'.

You may remember the riots at Ferguson, Missouri nearly 3 years ago. You might think that the cause of those riots was the Police murder of Michael Brown, an unarmed 18 year old Black teenager.

You would however be wrong. It was all down to George Soros pulling the financial strings as the Jewish head of an 'anti-American' communist conspiracy.

Glenn: *Okay, so my question was radical Islamists, anti-Israel people, Communists, Socialists, will work together to destabilize Europe and the Western world, so now we're looking at Ferguson. That fits into the Western world, and I wanted to know where is this push coming from, this anti-police push?*

Because I don't believe that it's actually ground, grassroots. So, I asked you to go in and look, who is starting the fire, and boy

John: *It's interesting, isn't it?*

Glenn: *It is. John: Well, you're right. It's the Islamists. It's the Communists. It's the anti-Americans, and it's funded by a guy we all know, George Soros.*

Glenn: *What a surprise.*

John: *To the tune of \$33 million that we can find.*

Beck's two-part "exposé" of George Soros, whom he called "The Puppet Master," is held to have finally pushed Fox TV into firing him. As Michelle Goldberg [wrote](#) in the **Daily Beast**, it was 'a symphony of anti-Semitic dog-whistles.'

Of course none of this stopped Beck being awarded the [Zionist Organization of America's](#) 2011 Defender of Israel Award or being invited to address Israel's Knesset. Beck's reception was akin to a "rock concert." MK Michael ben-Ari, an ex-Kahanist (who had previously [torn up](#) a copy of the New Testament) [said](#) "I think Glenn Beck should take my seat in the Knesset."

During the course of his two year stint at Fox, Beck had openly recommended the work of Nazi sympathiser Elizabeth Dilling, who had spoken of "Ike the kike" and Kennedy's New Frontier as the "Jew Frontier." Beck devoted an entire show to a conspiracy theory on bankers such as the Rothschilds, interviewing the conspiracy theorist G. Edward Griffin, who [described](#) the Czarist anti-Semitic forgery, the Protocols of the Elders of Zion "as accurately describing much of what is happening in our world today."

The Protocols, which were the basis of much of the Nazis' anti-Semitism, were described by Norman Cohn as a *Warrant for Genocide*. Beck [accused](#) Soros of being a "puppet master notorious for collapsing economies and regimes all around the world" Beck has however a defence against the charge of anti-Semitism. He also [attacks](#) Soros as an atheist and for being a critic of Israel.

It is often said that anti-Semites hide their anti-Semitism behind criticism of Israel and Zionism whereas the opposite is far more common. Most anti-Semites today, of which Beck is a good example, hide their anti-Semitism behind support of Israel.

Viktor Orban therefore was in very good company when he launched his campaign against Soros. Far from Netanyahu criticising him for his anti-Semitism, quite the opposite took place and Israel's Ambassador in Hungary Yossi Amrani was forced to withdraw his mild criticisms of Orban.

The attack on Soros was the least of Orban's sins though. His real crime has been the campaign by Orban and his Fidesz party to [rehabilitate](#) Admiral Horthy, Hungary's ruler between 1920 and 1944 and the author of Hungary's war-time alliance with Nazi Germany. Horthy was quite [open](#) about the fact that he was an anti-Semite:

As regards the Jewish problem, I have been an anti-Semite throughout my life. I have never had contact with Jews. I have considered it intolerable that here in Hungary everything, every factory, bank, large fortune, business, theatre, press, commerce, etc. should be in Jewish hands, and that the Jew should be the image reflected of Hungary, especially abroad. Since, however, one of the most important tasks of the government is to raise the standard of living, i.e., we have to acquire wealth, it is impossible, in a year or two, to replace the Jews, who have everything in their hands, and to replace them with incompetent, unworthy, mostly big-mouthed elements, for we should become bankrupt. This requires a generation at least. [R Patai, the Jews of Hungary, p. 546]

Instead from 1938 onwards Horthy introduced three successive anti-Jewish acts, the last one of which in August 1941 outlawed sexual relations between Jews and non-Jews and defined as Jewish anyone with 2 or more Jewish grandparents.

In March 1944, after learning of Hungarian peace overtures to the Allies, German troops invaded its ally and set up a pro-Nazi government under Döme Sztójay, the Hungarian Ambassador to Germany.

On May 15th the deportation of 437,000 Jews to Auschwitz began and it was not until July 7th that Horthy finally put an end to the deportations. Virtually all Jews in the provinces had been deported but those in Budapest had largely escaped (although around 50,000 were to die at the hands of the Iron Cross government that the Nazis installed from October 23rd onwards). Historians will argue over the actual responsibility of Horthy for the extermination of the bulk of Hungarian Jewry however it is indisputable that if Horthy was able to put an end to the deportations in early July he could have done so far sooner. It was only with a massive US bombardment of Budapest on July 2nd and what amounted to a 'bombardment of Horthy's conscience' by the Pope, King Gustav of Sweden and many other world leaders, that the deportations were brought to an end.

The fact that Benjamin Netanyahu can not only sup with Viktor Orban but actually join in with the attack on George Soros shows the depth to which Zionism will go. The fake condemnation of 'anti-Semitism' by Zionism in the West should not blind us to the fact that Zionism has no problems with genuine anti-Semitism, indeed it welcomes anti-Semitism in many cases. It is only opposition to Israel and Zionism, to the racism and apartheid that Palestinians experience, that is deemed 'anti-Semitism'. Genuine Jew hatred can always be forgiven if the anti-Semite in question supports Israel.

Below [in the article under: <http://azvsas.blogspot.de/2017/07/israel-supports-viktor-orban-and.html>] are a number of articles from Ha'aretz, Israel's only liberal daily, decrying the alliance between Netanyahu and the Israeli government and the Hungarian anti-Semites of Fidesz and Orban.

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[All the links can be found within the article]

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