

The axis of evil

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Politico [noted last night](#):

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on Wednesday joined a growing European backlash against the U.S. and Israeli strikes on Iran.

The right-wing leader issued her strongest rebuke of the war so far in remarks to the parliament in Rome, describing the military campaign unfolding in the Middle East as part of a growing trend of interventions "outside the scope of international law," while also acknowledging the threat Tehran poses to regional security.

This is an illegal war. We know that. Importantly, though, it is being said. Across Europe, the opinion is widespread.

George W. Bush once described an "axis of evil". That comprised North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

These days, who knows about Iraq? Is that true now?

But shouldn't we be adding the USA and Israel? They are now the source of more evil than any other nations on earth. Objectively, given the harm they have caused, that has to be true.

And shouldn't we be calling out the real problem? That is toxic zionism. That is the issue driving this evil. I do not see how this can be denied now. It is a factual observation. And there is nothing antisemitic about saying so. It might, in fact, be antisemitic not to point it out and discuss the issue.