

Human beings must be judged by their actions

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There are videos and blog posts I can write and publish without spending much time thinking about the risks involved. [Yesterday's video](#), in which I described Israel as a rogue state and called for sanctions upon it, was not one of those.

This video was the result of much prior thought and planning. The first take was subject to vetting before we even moved to an edit, just to make sure that nothing I said could be interpreted as antisemitic, except by those who think that criticism of Israel is antisemitic, which is, of course, an antisemitic claim in its own right.

Then I had to consider the possibility of backlash and the commercial risk.

I decided to go ahead anyway, because in my opinion, it was the right time to say what I thought was necessary.

Those who excuse Israeli genocide and its abuse of human rights, as well as its war crimes, did, of course, turn up here. I posted and responded to those who posted less extreme comments. Those who posted profoundly offensively were deleted.

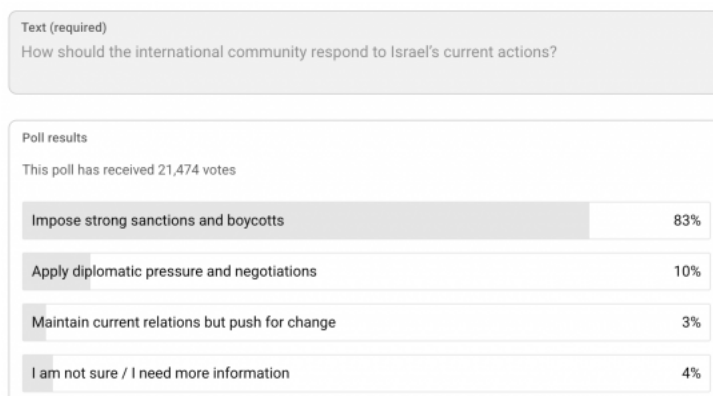
What I was, however, surprised by was the reaction to the polls that I posted, both here and on YouTube.

This was the result of the poll here:



Rarely has there been a result quite as clear as that one.

On YouTube, the result was a little less emphatic, but that is what I would have expected. It was, however, still overwhelmingly in favour of sanctions, and do note the number of people who voted. 21,500 did, which is almost as many as viewed the video.



Talking of direct reactions to the video, of those who chose to register an opinion, 98 per cent indicated that they liked it, which is a higher than normal percentage, but what was particularly notable was that the proportion of those indicating a choice was itself very high. My video, [posted on Saturday on the risk of the financial crash](#), was very popular, as the following data shows, but the proportion of those offering an opinion on liking, or disliking it, was 2.75% per cent, whereas the proportion offering an opinion on the Israeli sanctions video was 16.7% per cent, which was exceptional.

26 Apr 2026 Published	25,127	928	98.1% 4,197 likes
25 Apr 2026 Published	217,820	1,389	97.2% 6,004 likes

My conclusion is very clear. People have had enough of the idea that Israel is somehow “different“ to the rest of the world and that the standards of conduct expected of it also differ, meaning that its aggression might be tolerated. Well over two years of such aggression, with tens of thousands of innocent lives being lost as a consequence, and the global disruption resulting, have changed people's views on this issue, and quite rightly so. Israel is now seen as a state like any other, as it should be. And in that context, what is very clear is that its conduct is utterly unacceptable and abusive, and people have had enough of that.

There is nothing antisemitic about this sentiment. When making these observations, I am only discussing the conduct of the Israeli government, whose actions I condemn, just as much as I have condemned the actions of Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran when they too have committed war crimes and failed to respect human rights. There is no duality here, and there is no prejudice.

What, in fact, is on display is commonality. Human beings must be judged by their actions and should be condemned when they are abusive, and the states that engage in such actions should be sanctioned. I was pleased to find agreement on these issues.