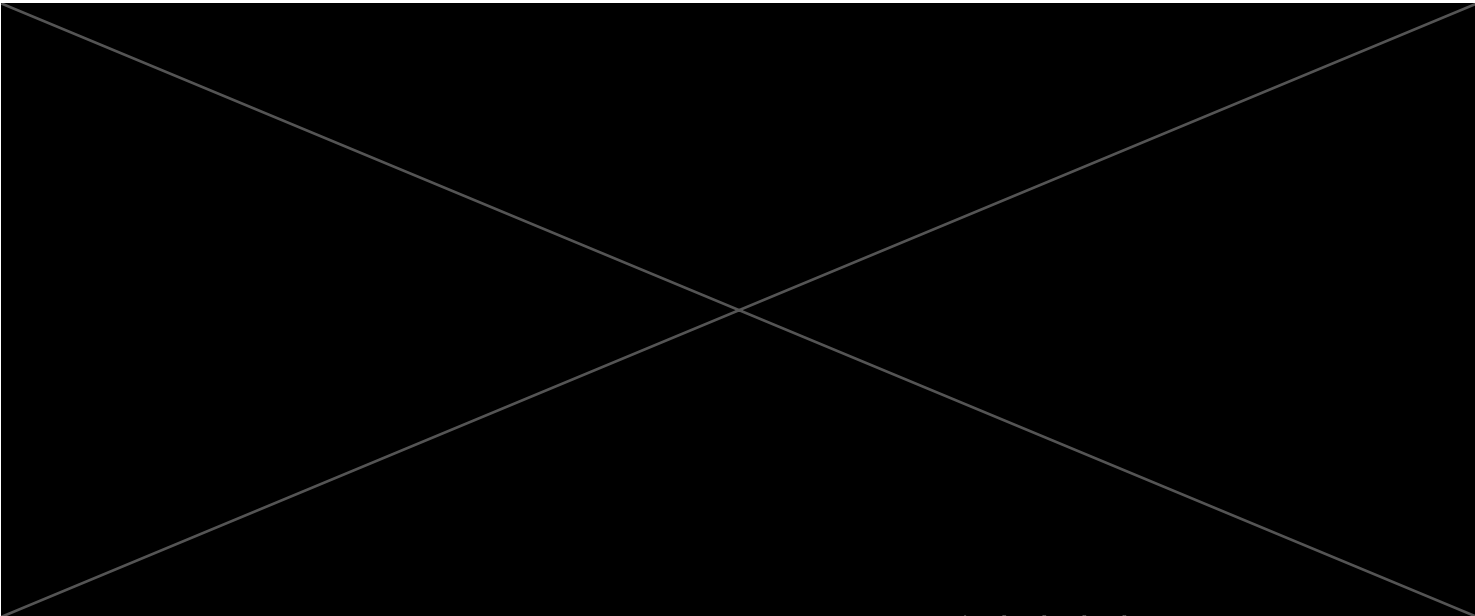




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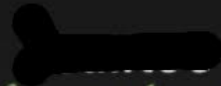
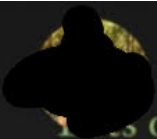


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Haven't seen these cause this thread was auto-sent to spam. This screenshot sums up any response to these arguments:  
(Scribbled out the name cause I know how folks love to doxx)



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...s of posts about how politics and context don't matter in face of videos circulating online and anyone supporting Palestine is justifying terrorism.

Some thoughts:

Of course scenes of kidnap torture and violence are incomprehensible and inexcusable. OF COURSE they are. It is awful. That's the point. Nobody knows how terrible these brutalizations feel more than Palestinians who have watched their children, mothers and families being brutalized for generations.

People who are shocked at the scenes coming out the past few days, and think that these images are abnormal for this region, ask yourself - abnormal for whom? I invite you to look up the countless videos of Palestinian women and children being abducted, beaten and killed on video which have circulated online. I have witnessed Palestinian oppression and violence by Israeli forces with my own eyes in person when I worked in E.Jerusalem/West Bank in 2015 and ever since online. It's grim and it's relentless. Ask me about it and I will tell you in detail just how undeniable the apartheid system is when you move throughout it yourself. Or - look at the numbers; look at the material military powers; count the dead. Sickening videos of Palestinian suffering have existed online for years; these videos are not unlike those which have sparked so much outrage today. If you haven't seen them, are you wondering why? I have lost count of the number of dead Palestinian bodies I have bore witness to online. We have been sharing and watching for years. Where have you been? Where has your outrage been ????

Since 2000, on average, **for every 1 Israeli killed, 10 Palestinians are killed.\***

Of COURSE people being killed based on land grabs and

Do you think about how



Expecting Palestinians to peacefully respond to unspeakable war crimes and illegal collective punishment they've experienced at the hands of Israel is laughable. You want Palestinians to suffer in silence and accept decades of oppression, injustice, and ethnic cleansing? It doesn't make sense. And it's just interesting how the story is being flipped. NO ONE IS APPLAUDING INNOCENT CIVILIANS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, BEING HARMED. The focus of the advocacy in this email is very weird. Innocent Palestinians have been getting killed and tortured for decades, but you've been quiet on these issues. I feel for the innocent lives lost in this situation. That's why people are supporting Palestinian Resistance. Too many lives have been lost over the past few decades. We shouldn't only start to care because it's now affecting Jewish folks.

Wishing for a free Palestine where Palestinians can peacefully and securely exist on their land ❤️.

(And I won't see the rest of these responses because they're sent to spam)

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In the spirit of not remaining silent, I find myself too uncomfortable to let this response go unnoticed. It scared me. As a Jew, I sometimes wonder if my feelings of fear or of bereavement or of loss carry any meaning to others. A response like this lends credence to those fears.

[redacted] please know that I don't mean to hurt you in responding. I just mean to voice a feeling I imagine others on here are experiencing as well.

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Subject: [Thewindow] Breaking The Sound of Silence

**“She cries bitterly at night, her tear remains on her cheek, yet she receives no comfort from those who (claim to) love her.” (Lamentations 1:2)**

I write these words in tremendous pain and fear, reading about and watching the most destructive slaughter, capture, and harm of innocent Jewish victims since the Holocaust. Hamas’s disregard for any human rights and decency of their victims is clear. In the words of Hamas itself: “Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it.” [Hamas Covenant 1988](#). To ignore this bigoted, hateful fact and focus on Israel’s sins misses a fundamental point; the two sides in this fight are radically unequal in their desire for terror, oppression, and destruction.

Israel, like any country and individual existing in the world, has committed and will continue to commit sins of omission and commission. But after an attack like this, the worst that the Jewish people have ever encountered since the Holocaust, shifting the blame and responsibility from the terrorists to others is distracting and hurtful to the victims of this brutality. It is reminiscent of Trump’s remarks after Charlottesville: “There are good people on both sides.”

The silence in the law school from all those who proclaim the mantle of justice, human rights, and rule of law is deafening. For a school filled with self-assured outrage at evils across the globe, the absence of any response is crushing. This is hurtful to me and many other members of the Jewish community at the law school who are personally suffering from this nightmarish terror. But “silence like a cancer grows... (and) no one dared disturb the sound of silence.”

Even worse, many individuals and student groups have promoted attending a rally whose explicit purpose was “to celebrate the resistance’s success.” I have no words for the sadness and anger I personally feel, and many others as well, when people are promoting a celebration of the massacre of hundreds of innocent men, women, and children, thousands injured, and a whole country under barrage of indiscriminately fired rockets from a terror organization whose explicit goal is the obliteration of the State of Israel. For those who claim to champion human rights, justice, freedom, and bodily autonomy, the hypocrisy and double standard of behavior is disgusting and gut-wrenching.

This letter is not a call to action. Anyone who wishes to help those whose lives have been blown apart by Hamas’s actions can reach out to the leadership in Slifka, who have been organizing help for victims. I also do not mean to minimize the suffering of any Palestinian victims; any innocent suffering is terrible. I only intend to express my feelings about the pernicious and unjust silence surrounding the Hamas terrorist attacks.

Regrettably, I am aware that this letter will have consequences. Some members in the school who have never met or had any serious encounter with me may be angered by my words. Perhaps some of my friends will distance themselves from me. I hope this does not happen, and I apologize in advance for any misunderstanding and grievance my words may provoke. I pray that my words will find

people who are hearing and listening and will provoke talk with speech. I hope to be heard, understood, and accepted in a community of friends who know me, whether we agree or disagree about weighty and complex issues, but I do not expect it. Until then, I sit sadly alone because it is “distant from me any comforter to restore my spirit.” (Lamentations 1:16).

