



NPR's Track Record: *Distorted Middle East Coverage*

Left: NPR's: "Kids with Stones" –
Jennifer Ludden 10/1/2000
Netzarim Junction, Gaza
Photo: Ahmend Jadallah/Reuters

Quantitative bias:

NPR consistently airs more Palestinian/Arab speakers and their viewpoints. Despite many NPR stories alleging expulsion of Arabs from Israel, there has been scant coverage of the expulsion and plight of roughly 800,000 Jews expelled from Arab lands.

Qualitative bias:

NPR consistently airs stories dealing with Palestinian hardships and omits stories of Israeli victims of terror and their bereaved families.

Omission of facts/Censoring of information:

NPR aired an entire segment on suicide bombers but failed to mention the grooming of Palestinian children to become suicide warriors in their schools, summer camps, mosques and media outlets.

Double Standards/Partisan Language:

When terrorists strike elsewhere in the world they may be described by NPR as terrorists.

When terrorists strike in Israel they are referred to as "militants" or "activists."

Israeli leader Ariel Sharon is consistently described as "hard line," yet the Hamas leader, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, is called "spiritual leader." Hamas is on the State Department's list of terrorist organizations.

Unwillingness to correct errors:

Corrections of inaccurate Israel-related reports by NPR are rare, misleadingly worded, issued only under duress and typically are not broadcast, but rather posted on the NPR Web site.

For in depth documentation of the above issues see CAMERA at www.Camera.org

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