

NPR: The Facts

NPR is damaging Israel's public image by broadcasting distorted, unbalanced, and often inaccurate reports on the Middle East conflict. The coverage is overwhelmingly sympathetic to the Palestinian "cause," and does not give the public a fair and balanced picture of Israeli concerns and perspectives.

NPR omits important historical, political, religious, and moral context, focusing primarily on the grievances of the Palestinians, while downplaying or completely ignoring Israel's vulnerability and suffering. While Israel has, in fact, shown great military restraint and integrity in fighting this terrorist war against its men, women and children, NPR regularly misrepresents Israeli actions.

NPR frequently avoids personalizing Israeli victims of terror, while giving extensive coverage to human-interest stories about Palestinians. NPR also gives lopsided prominence to critics of Israel, frequently omitting the views of the mainstream. Due to NPR's large (upwards of 20 million) and influential listener base, the damage is incalculable. Details of some of these abuses, and NPR's refusal to correct them, have been well documented (see www.camera.org).

NPR is funded both directly and indirectly (via 600+ affiliate stations) by taxpayer dollars. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), which funnels tax dollars to NPR and the affiliates, is mandated by the 1967 Public Broadcasting Act to dispense funds to networks that provide "strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature."

Eighty percent of the NPR budget comes in the form of donations from individuals, business sponsorship, and foundation grants.

Individuals, businesses and foundations that support the right of a Jewish State to exist should withhold their financial support until NPR begins to cover Israel fairly and accurately. Information on the "**NPR No Pledge**" campaign can be found at the following websites: www.JAT-Action.org and www.fixnpr.org.

- We must encourage our Congressional representatives to request an independent investigation into the use of tax dollars to support a biased NPR agenda.
- We must stop donating private monies until the distorted coverage ends. Money that you would have given to NPR can be sent to Israel instead.
- We must stop the damage.