



PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Psychologists in Solidarity with Palestine

We, Psychologists for Social Responsibility, support the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions **BDS movement** to support equality and justice for Palestinians.

The BDS movement, a non-violent resistance, is inspired by the South-African anti-apartheid movement urging the international community to put pressure on Israel to uphold Palestinian human rights in accordance with the international human rights laws. The BDS movement calls for a “boycott of all Israeli companies and institutions that are involved in its violations of international law. BDS does not target identity. It strictly targets companies and institutions based on complicity in denying Palestinian rights.”

BDS uses the weight of boycott, divestment, and sanctions to support human rights for Palestinians. BDS movement aims to dismantle Israel’s continued egregious encroachment and theft of Palestinian land that displaces Palestinians into an increasingly more segregated space described as the “world’s largest open-air prison.” The situation constitutes as one of psychological, ethnic, and cultural genocide. We recognize and condemn the critical role of the United States in supporting the Israeli government’s crimes against Palestinians through asymmetric power, in terms of colonial control, weaponry, dominance, and economic and corporate control.

Our organization has a history of addressing critical issues of structural and institutional violence and oppression that damages psychological health and well-being of human beings the world over. We oppose all colonialism, imperialism, and racism, including Islamophobia, anti-Jewishness, and antisemitism (noting Jews and Palestinians are both Semites), anti-Blackness, and other types of reprehensible and ignorant forms of hatred in the world. We believe much as the world convened and coalesced against the South African apartheid government we must do this now, standing in solidarity with the remarkable resistance of Palestinians, to ensure Israeli government, institutions, and corporations lift their boots from the neck of Palestinians. By passing the BDS resolution (with over 80% of members voting to support BDS) we demonstrate our strong commitment and solidarity to Palestinian liberation and wellbeing.

We call on all peoples and organizations everywhere, particularly within the health professions and social sciences, to embrace this unifying and absolute refusal to collaborate or support Israel’s state sanctioned violence and oppression of Palestinians. We urge you to stand in solidarity with Palestinian civil society’s call for BDS against all corporations that are complicit in the devastating colonial-settler enterprise.

For additional Information/Resources on BDS and frequently asked questions/issues:

BDS <https://bdsmovement.net/>

FAQ <https://bdsmovement.net/faqs>

Academic & Cultural BDS <https://bdsmovement.net/pacbi> Psysr Teach-in Zoom link

<https://nl.zoom.us/j/7733086461>