

Israel

Netanyahu has played the U.S. for a fool. Netanyahu is no more honest than Putin or Trump and just as ruthless. Using the slaughter in October as an excuse, Netanyahu has accomplished a long term goal; the elimination of Gaza, and he pulled it off with American weapons. There is no more Gaza. What's left is two million refugees, trapped and starving in a pile of rubble. Since Israel has no resources with which to rebuild any of it and has no intention of absorbing the refugees, the rest of the world are already absorbing the costs. Some of Israel's far right are already drawing up plans to turn Gaza into a coastal resort with money they've scammed from around the world to buy the materials from around the world that should be spent on things that matter. Israel's far right are some of the coldest, cruelest, most self-righteous racists on the planet.

Israel has played the pity card long enough. On paper, they have the 4'th strongest economy on the planet, but it's only because they've been heavily subsidized and protected by the rest of the world for 76 years, and there's no end in sight. They chose a place that was barely livable in 1948, and now climate change is turning that whole part of the planet into desert. It's been three generations since a genuine, heart felt pity for the survivors of the holocaust caused the US and the Brits to help the Zionists steal the heart of Palestine and drive the Palestinians out into the desert, using the rationalization that they deserve a homeland and they're taking back what was stolen from them many generations ago. The Palestinians didn't see it that way. Nothing pisses you off quite like getting ripped off. Some of the anger created in 1948 has morphed into a deep seated hatred that's been smoldering underground for three generations. Back in 1948, had we bought Palestine for the Jews instead of stealing it on the cheap, things would be quite different now.

Now the destruction of Gaza has created a new wave of hatred, and most of the world can clearly see that it was accomplished with American weapons. It likely won't be called Hamas, but this new wave of hatred will coalesce into a new cult bent on revenge, and the US will certainly be a target. Netanyahu and the IDF have screwed Israel, the US, and the Palestinians big-time.

The holocaust drastically altered the demographics of the Jewish people. Different subcultures and different personalities had substantially different death rates. A higher percentage of the best educated and the most intelligent saw it coming and got out early. A higher percentage of the wealthy had the means to get out early. A higher percentage of the most corrupt managed to buy their way out or colluded to stay alive. Of those who didn't get out, the few who survived the camps were often very physically and emotionally scarred. The few who went underground and survived developed a strong culture of fighting to survive. Throughout was a strong feeling that enough is enough, and a very strong sense of righteous entitlement. They deserved the right to live in freedom. Today in Israel, we see the evolution of this cultural polarization.

Most unfortunately, the Zionists decided to steal the heart of Palestine, using the excuse that they were robbed many generations ago, and the US and the Brits gave them the weapons to pull it off. What they stole was a poor place with almost no resources that's been gradually turning into desert for a thousand generations, surrounded by a lot of very pissed off people.

Gaza has never been a livable place. There's not nearly enough water. It's been little more than an open air prison, run by Israel, but paid for by the rest of the world. Many hundreds of trucks a day with almost no back haul to sustain two million people on a tiny little strip of land. Now Netanyahu and the IDF have destroyed the prison, but not the wall around it.

How will we deal with two million people dying of starvation and disease in a pile of rubble?

How will we deal with the new fires of hatred surrounding Israel?