

# Iran's Press TV: Broadcasting Anti-Semitism To The English Speaking World

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## INTRODUCTION

*Press TV*, Iran's government-run English language satellite news network, has emerged as the Iranian government's primary propaganda tool to promote a wide range of pernicious anti-Semitic conspiracy theories in English to a worldwide audience.

Operated by Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), a significant amount of *Press TV* programming provides a platform for American anti-Semites, conspiracy theorists and Holocaust deniers, who help amplify the Iranian regime's hateful messages.

The station not only misleadingly presents these hatemongers as serious and credible "experts" or "analysts" on international economic and political issues, but also enables their bigoted perspectives to reach a significant new audience.

Launched in 2007 and based in Tehran, the station is broadcast in North America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and parts of Africa and Latin America via a number of satellite television providers.

In addition to promoting classic anti-Semitic myths of global Jewish domination, *Press TV* presents a pervasively negative perspective on Western society, emphasizing what it views as the West's imperialism, faltering economies, lack of justice, political corruption and racial and class divisions.

Its programs, interviews, and articles are available on the network's website and further distributed through social media, including on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

The content broadcast on *Press TV* provides insight into the mindset of the Iranian regime, which not only continues its aggression on the nuclear issue, but also maintains its belligerent position toward Israel, Jews and the West.

## ANTI-SEMITIC THEMES

Below is a sampling of the anti-Semitic themes frequently broadcast on *Press TV* and featured on its website in 2012. These themes fall into five major categories of classic anti-Jewish conspiracy theories.

1. Allegations of Zionist Control over World Events
2. Allegations of "Israeli Lobby" Control of America

3. Allegations of Excessive Jewish/ /Zionist Influence as a Result of Disproportionate Wealth
4. Allegations of "False Flag" Conspiracy Theories
5. Allegations that Israel is Committing a "Holocaust" in Gaza

### **Allegations of Zionist Control over World Events**

The following statements made on *Press TV* allege that Zionists control, manipulate, and/or exploit world events through a global Jewish conspiracy. These theories, echoing age-old anti-Semitic canards, claim that Jews are somehow responsible for all that is wrong in the world through their control of the media, politics and other sectors.

- "We have had a Zionist-controlled Hollywood, a Zionist-controlled news media that is the conduit to all of these violence, these imagery,[sic] into every home in America and so you wonder why there is a culture of violence? It is because it comes from the Jews in Hollywood. That is where the conduit of violence comes from. That is the source of it."

Mike Harris, "The Zionist-controlled Western media fueling culture of violence," December 18, 2012

- "The USA's foreign policy, its media and its political structures are completely corrupted by, and infected with, Zionism."

Rodney Shakespeare, "CIA, Mossad staged 9/11 to further the Zionist agenda," December 15, 2012

- "Israelis always have their proxies draft legislation. It is their way of reminding everybody in Congress who runs the show on their issues... But it is the least known as our media and academia are afraid to whisper a word about it. They have strings on them, also."

Jim Dean, "Zionist fingerprints all over US-led Iran sanctions," December 3, 2012

- "For over six decades, a stranglehold on pop culture, movies, television, movies, even the American congress... all have provided cover and deception for genocide... The tendrils that stretch from Tel Aviv have shown themselves of late..."

Gordon Duff, "Strike on Gaza, Netanyahu's swan song of rage," November 16, 2012

- "The Likud crime mob that orchestrated and carried out 9/11 owns not only the Romney campaign and the US federal courts, but most of the big US and global media as well. It isn't just that the people who own and run the media tend to be Jewish and pro-Zionist."

Kevin Barrett, "Killers of Americans run Romney campaign, US courts and media," October 6, 2012

- "The film [*The Innocence of Muslims*]...is devoid of any cinematic technicality and those involved in the film are a bunch of paid hate-mongers in service of Zionism...[the creator] is a trained Mossad agent tasked with pushing ahead a dangerous agenda.

Ismail Salami, "Sinister September: Zionist anti-Islam plot simmering," September 15, 2012

- "With the web collapsing around Tel Aviv and the maniac [Netanyahu] unlikely to die outside a bunker as his enemies close in around him, Netanyahu still has his hands on the strings that control puppets around the world, the press, entertainment industry, key world leaders, the list is considerable as is his ability to do evil as this week has shown."

Gordon Duff, "Zionists, NATO real culprit behind anti-Islam plots," September 14, 2012

- "I have videos on the whole war on Iraq and how the Zionists orchestrated and created this war in the media, the government and international finance."

David Duke, "Zionist fingerprints all over 9/11 attacks," September 11, 2012

- "Western media have ratcheted up an anti-Iran campaign at the behest of their Zionist masters...In line with this satanic policy and in order to add fuel to fire, Reuters reported that 'Iran has stepped up work to develop a nuclear warhead...'"

Ismail Salami, "Iran war: Countdown to Israel doomsday," August 13, 2012

- "[The Olympics] unfold as the pro-Israeli lobby's activities lose disguise in front of people...the secret powerful Zionist investors already dictate world economic and food policies, controlling presidents and prime ministers and manipulate young generations of people through music, movie and sports entertainments...The conspiracy thinkers believe that the 2012 Olympics is the Zionist-lobby's latest target to invest and multiply on its power in the West."

Signed by BGH/SSM/HE, "UK Olympics under influence of Zionism," August 12, 2012

- "Zionist-affiliated arms dealers, oil consortiums and bankers seek to overthrow the Syrian government...to pave the way for an American and Israeli military attack against Iran."

Mark Dankof, "US, Israel plan Assad removal to hurt Iran: Analyst," July 28, 2012

- "...this extremely rich government of course is orchestrated by what I call the new world order which is Zionist-controlled with Israel at its heart and it's Israel that are [sic] pulling the strings believe it or not through the city of London."

Peter Eyre, "Zionists behind Saudi-Bahrain merger scheme," July 10, 2012

- "This is an orchestrated attempt to destabilize a country by the US and its Israeli partner although partner isn't really the word. I think master and slave is more the relationship these days."

Kevin Barrett, "Syria destabilization only serves Israeli right wing Likud extremist interests," July 7, 2012

### **Allegations of "Israeli Lobby" Control of America**

*Press TV* often focuses on the perceived control of the American political system by American Jews and/or Israel through Jewish and other organizations that lobby the American government for policies that are deemed beneficial to the state of Israel.

- "Well, as a US citizen, I would have to warn you not to expect very much from my country's government which...is bought and paid for in full by Israeli interests within the United States."

Joe Catron, "Israel attacks, cries victim at opposition: Analyst," November 17, 2012

- "Well, it appears to me that the United States is, as obviously as we know, co-opted by the Israeli lobby, so is the United Nations and Israel is simply using the United States to buy what it wants..."

Mark Dankof, "Zionists seek to abuse US UNHRC place: Analyst," November 13, 2012

- "This is suggestive of the kinds of forces that some of us think are very much involved in covering up the truth about 9/11, and that includes a disproportionate power that the Israeli lobby has and that Jewish interests have in the United States in our news media that keeps some of this stuff from being discussed."

Mark Dankof, "Israeli regime orchestrated 9/11 attacks: Dankof," October 16, 2012

- "In the United States regardless of who wins this election... gridlock is going to facilitate the ongoing control of the American political and economic process by the usual players, the bankers...the oil and natural gas consortiums and other multinational corporations and the Israeli lobby."

Mark Dankof, "Israeli lobby ultimate winners of U.S. election: Analyst," September 4, 2012

- "Israel's dual loyalty agents, as well as more fair-minded American Jewish voters, have historically intimidated and influenced US presidents seeking reelection, especially those in a tight race, with various financial and political threats and rewards."

Franklin Lamb, "Netanyahu to Obama on election: When we say jump, you say how high?" June 29, 2012

- "To me, what is obvious is...the strength of the Israeli lobbies such as its impacts on domestic politics in the United States through AIPAC and the Anti-Defamation League...This is the price you pay for being president of the United States and having to deal with a lobby that can make or break you."

Bruce Katz, "Israeli lobbies dominate US system: Analyst," June 15, 2012

- "I wouldn't say Israel is running the US, I would say Jews in America are running the US. Israel is a euphemism for that."

J. Bruce Campbell, "US complicit in USS Liberty, 9/11 attacks: Analyst," June 9, 2012

### **Allegations of Excessive Jewish/Zionist Influence as a Result of Disproportionate Wealth**

Anti-Semitic claims that Jews control a disproportionate amount of wealth and exploit their financial advantage can regularly be found on *Press TV*. While some individuals try to couch their anti-Semitic theories in more neutral language, others are explicit, asserting that Jews control world financial markets and institutions.

- "The US dollar is not the US dollar. It's the Zionist dollar. The US dollar is issued by the Federal Reserve, a private corporation owned by the biggest 'American' banks. But those banks are not really American. The leading banksters who create American dollars out of nothing, backed by nothing, are ethnically Jewish and primarily loyal to the state of Israel."

Kevin Barrett, "Now it's payback time! Why Obama should bust Netanyahu for 9/11," November 12, 2012

- "[America's] foreign policy is driven by Israel, by the banks and by the multinational corporations, and by the arms dealers, all of whom have a very symbiotic relationship with the Zionist Israel and what is overwhelmingly and provingly [sic] a Jewish-dominated international banking system."

Mark Dankof, "Israeli-controlled businesses direct US foreign policy: Dankof," August 18, 2012

- "[Romney is] drowning in Jewish money... Romney [went to] Tel Aviv to launder 'blood diamond' cash from the cabal in Tel Aviv that pushed millions into Romney's pockets during his visit there."

Gordon Duff, "Romney's conundrum: Loved in Israel, hated by Jews," August 16, 2012

- "I have worked in Wall Street...I am always asked whether I am Jewish, so I can take part in the social networks on Wall Street...We have these vast, essentially ethnic networks on Wall Street...People have written articles about them, but we are not allowed to talk about them...So we

have to start looking at the ethnic manipulation, the corruption, and conspiracy on Wall Street in a serious way."

Joachim Martillo, "Jews Behind the Collapse of the Financial System in the US and Worldwide: Analyst," June 26, 2012

- "We have both political and financial spheres that are totally funded and controlled by Zionist [sic] who promote fraud and corruption as a norm."

Peter Eyre, "Anglo-Zionist financial conspiracy," May 5, 2012

### **Allegations of "False Flag" Conspiracy Theories**

*Press TV* commentators have promoted the anti-Semitic notion that Jews plot and carry out violent attacks and other tragic events and then lay blame on others in order to gain or sustain power. These examples accuse Israel, either in collusion with the United States or on its own, of perpetrating the 9/11 attacks or other operations and then pointing the finger at Islamic extremists in order to provide an excuse for war.

- "You have to realize Israel has been operating death squads in the United States since Gabrielle Giffords and Judge Roll were shot in Tuscan. There have been other incidents as the Colorado shooting, that was again Israeli death squads operating in the US... That is all it is about, it happens every time; it is Israelis acting out and trying to revenge upon the United States."

Mike Harris, "The Zionist-controlled Western media fueling culture of violence," December 18, 2012

- "The simplest thing would be to sit back and accept what we are told without examining who gains, who loses and 'why now?' ...Would Israel order the deaths of twenty tiny children to make a political point? Have they done this before?"

Gordon Duff, "Israeli death squads involved in Sandy Hook bloodbath: Intelligence analyst," December 18, 2012

- "Thus the world (and Americans in particular) is having to come to terms with the nasty evidence that, in order to further Zionist interests by initiating a general war against Islam, the CIA and Mossad were heavily involved in the murder of three thousand Americans."

Rodney Shakespeare, "CIA, Mossad staged 9/11 to further the Zionist agenda," December 15, 2012

- "Anders Breivik...murdered 77 children, the families of those who stood for freedom and justice...Breivik is what is known as a "Zionist."

Gordon Duff, "Strike on Gaza, Netanyahu's swan song of rage," November 16, 2012

- "What I'm particularly afraid of is a false flag incident that Israel would use as a pretext for attacking Iran with full American support. Something that could be pinned on Iran; that in fact would be undertaken by the Israeli Mossad as I believe was the case with 9/11."

Mark Dankof, "Israeli rulers, Zionist fanatics," September 23, 2012

- "There are Israeli fingerprints all over the whole 9/11 aspect...Israel has a long record of terrorism against America...there are a lot of reasons that Israel wanted 9/11 to happen."

David Duke, "Zionist fingerprints all over 9/11 attacks: Analyst," September 11, 2012

- "Israel had the motive, they had the means, they had the opportunity, they had the money, they had the resources, they had the inside contacts and they had the people in the American media and the American government to cover it up [the 9/11 terror attacks] for them after the fact."

Mark Dankof, "Zionists masterminded, co-plotted 9/11 attacks: Analyst," September 11, 2012

- "If indeed there were actually a threat of radical religious terrorism in the US, more resources should be devoted to surveilling [sic], bugging and harassing the Jewish community than the Muslim community. But we all know that that will never happen. The whole thing is a hoax. It was set off by the biggest hoax of all, the false attack on 9/11 in which the Israeli Mossad and its US assets, right up to the White House, conspired in the controlled demolition of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers..."

Kevin Barrett, "US government violates American Constitution: Analyst" August 16, 2012

- "The Washington Post, America's second most influential Zionist newspaper, reported on Thursday: 'Israeli and American officials have blamed... Hezbollah for the bombing.' Yet the Post article acknowledged that Bulgarian officials had not even identified the bomber! This 'rush to judgment' suggests that Israel, not Iran, is the probable author of the attack... the attack in question is almost certainly a false-flag event."

Kevin Barrett, "Israel probable author of Bulgaria false flag operation," July 21, 2012

- "The only people arrested on 9/11 were Israelis or American Jews. There were no Arab people arrested on 9/11 and all these people who were arrested were returned quietly to Israel."

J. Bruce Campbell, "US complicit in USS Liberty, 9/11 attacks: Analyst," June 9, 2012

- We all know that 9/11 was an inside job involving not only Mossad, the CIA and many people in high office..."

Peter Eyre, "Anglo-Zionist financial conspiracy," May 5, 2012

### Allegations that Israel is committing a "Holocaust" in Gaza

- "Israel's holocaust of innocents in Gaza has not sated the blood lust of its Zionist rulers... The artificial illegal borders of Israel bequeathed by colonialists and expanded by colonizers should be henceforth rejected and, yes, wiped off the map."

Finian Cunningham, "World has put up with Zionist apartheid for too long," November 21, 2012

### WHO APPEARS ON PRESS TV?

The following individuals, including many Americans, have been given a platform by *Press TV* to spread their anti-Semitic and conspiratorial world views.

- [Kevin Barrett](#) is a columnist for the anti-Semitic website *Veterans Today* where he has written that "the American people have been bankrupted and bled dry by hard line extremist Likudnik Zionists who murdered 3000 Americans in the Twin Towers on 9/11." Barrett is also a former instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who currently runs the *Truth Jihad* website and internet radio show.
- [J. Bruce Campbell](#) is a *Veterans Today* columnist who has written articles on anti-Semitic conspiracy theories of Jewish control ranging from the idea that "all Arab countries are secretly controlled by Israel" to the premise that "the Jewish enclave appears to exert total power over the American military." He has bizarrely argued that Jews control the US military "via homosexuality... for the purposes of mind control." In his *Veterans Today* article "What was Hitler's Unforgivable Sin?" Campbell describes himself a "Jew-fighter" whose motto is "Judaism must be destroyed."
- Joe Catron is an American anti-Israel activist who is currently living in Gaza while volunteering with the International Solidarity Movement. Catron supports Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaigns against Israel and previously worked as an organizer with the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel. While in Gaza for the past year, Catron has provided "eyewitness reporting" and analysis that have been published by Electronic Intifada and Mondoweiss, two popular anti-Israel blogs. He has also served as a Press TV correspondent in Gaza.
- Finian Cunningham writes for *Veterans News Now*, a conspiratorial anti-Semitic website affiliated with *Veterans Today*.
- Jim Dean is the managing editor and a columnist for *Veterans Today* where he reprints his material from *Press TV* and also publishes additional content alleging Israeli control over America.

- [David Duke](#) is perhaps America's most well-known racist and anti-Semite and a former Klan leader. He promotes anti-Semitic and white supremacist views through his website, as a writer of anti-Semitic tracts, and, in recent years, as an international figure who has promoted his anti-Jewish ideology in Europe and the Middle East, devoting particular attention to Russia and the Ukraine.
- Mark Dankof has been a contributor to *American Free Press*, an anti-Semitic conspiracy-oriented newspaper, that promotes a variety of 9/11 conspiracy theories accusing Jews of perpetrating the attacks. He also maintains a website called *Mark Dankof's America* which features articles blaming the Israeli Mossad for the assassination of John F. Kennedy and maintaining that American foreign policy is dictated by the "Israel lobby" and the Israeli government.
- [Gordon Duff](#) is Senior Editor of the website *Veterans Today*, which promotes anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, including claims that Israelis and Jewish members of the Bush administration carried out the 9/11 attacks as a "false flag" operation to provoke a war against Israel's enemies and that the "Israel lobby" is ruthless and willing to commit mass murder to further its goal of acquiring power.
- Peter Eyre is a conspiracy theorist who maintains a blog called *Peter Eyre's Space* where he discusses the "news" not published in the "Zionist controlled media" and calls Jews "evil satanic Zionists" who have a "Master Plan" to take over the Middle East.
- [Mark Glenn](#) maintains an anti-Semitic conspiracy-oriented blog called "The Ugly Truth," and runs an internet radio show on which he features numerous anti-Semitic hosts and guests. In a March 2012 *Press TV* appearance, Glenn compared the situation of the Palestinians to that of European Jews during the Holocaust saying that the Palestinians are "suffering the same thing and worse." In a 2006 blog post, Glenn makes his anti-Semitism more than clear: "that Zionism is nobody's friend, that is obvious. It is JUDAISM that is the real problem. J-U-D-A-I-S-M, the tree from which Zionism sprung forth, the seedling that has brought the world to the brink of extinction. JUDAISM, the cancer that is eating the body away and left it a skeletonized hull of what it once was. JUDAISM, the root of all mankind's present evils..."
- [Mike Harris](#) is a contributor to the anti-Semitic website *Veterans Today* and has ties to members of the neo-Nazi [National Socialist Movement](#) (NSM), the country's largest neo-Nazi group. Harris was an associate of [J.T. Ready](#), a former NSM member and an anti-immigrant activist who shot and killed five people in May 2012, before killing himself. In Harris' conspiratorial writings, he claims Jews are behind a number of American tragedies such as the Tucson shooting of Congresswoman Giffords and 18 others, the 9/11 attacks, and the Oklahoma City bombings. He has written that these supposed false flag operations are part of a Jewish conspiracy to bring about a totalitarian state in America.
- Bruce Katz is a co-president of Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU), a Montreal-based group that calls itself a "human rights organization that explicitly recognizes the right of the Palestinian people to national existence." PAJU promotes boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel and characterizes Israel as a colonial and "apartheid" state. On a 2011 interview on *Press TV*, titled

"Zionists follow footsteps of Nazis," Katz accuses Netanyahu of using "essentially the same discourse" that was put forward by Hitler.

- Franklin Pierce Lamb is an American living in Beirut who appears frequently in left-wing and Muslim media, offering viewpoints that, while ostensibly those of an expert, tend to be supportive of Hezbollah. He has been known to make sensationalist claims such as having access to a secret CIA report that predicted Israel's demise within the next 20 years.
- Joachim Martillo, presented as a "financial analyst" on *Press TV*, does not appear to have any credentials to his name on this topic. Other than his *Press TV* appearances, he is not frequently cited, even by conspiratorial publications. He does, however, maintain a social media presence where he denies the Holocaust and promotes anti-Semitic theories.
- [Dieudonné M'Bala M'Bala](#) is a French performer whose act routinely includes Holocaust denial, praise for Adolf Hitler, Nazi salutes, slurs against the Talmud and other anti-Semitic language. In a 2010 interview on *Press TV* he claimed that Zionists "have organized all the wars and organized all the disorders on this planet." His 2012 film *L'Antisémitisme* was banned from the Cannes film festival for violating the festival's policy of not "threatening public order or insulting religious beliefs."
- [Imam Abdul Alim Musa](#) is head of the Masjid Al Islam mosque in Washington, DC, and is affiliated with the anti-Semitic [Sabiqun](#) movement. Alim Musa regularly appears at anti-Israel demonstrations in the DC area and uses virulent anti-Semitic language to demonize Israel. Alim Musa is also an advocate for an Islamic revolution in the U.S. In a 2010 *Press TV* appearance, Alim Musa claimed that the Israeli Mossad and the U.S. government were behind 90 percent of the terror attacks in the U.S. and abroad since the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, including the Christmas Day plot in 2009.
- Allen Roland is a psychotherapist based in California who maintains a site called *Allen L Roland's Weblog* where he promotes 9/11 conspiracy theories and extreme anti-Israel sentiment such as comparing Israelis to Nazis. In a 2011 *Press TV* interview, Roland played off anti-Semitic language saying that the American president is "a figure" who "answers to the financial elite and old world order which includes AIPAC, the Israel Lobby" and that in American politics "the key player is Israel."
- Ismail Salami is a *Veterans Today* columnist who has written about the "smile of satisfaction that breaks upon the ugly face of Zionism" because "Israel craves for more and Washington has no choice but to cater to the wanton demands of a decadent colonizing regime."
- [Michael Santomauro](#) is based in New York, where he runs a Holocaust denial book publishing company named Theses and Dissertations Press. He is also active in promoting Holocaust denial and anti-Semitic conspiracy theories on social media such as his blog and Twitter feed.
- Rodney Shakespeare is a visiting professor of "binary economics" at Trisakti University in Indonesia. His anti-Semitic writings appear to be limited to Press TV.