

HispanTV: The Iranian Regime's Long Arm of Hate in Latin America



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Introduction

Until the October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas against Israel, which killed approximately 1,200 people, the 1994 bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) in Buenos Aires by the Lebanon-based Hezbollah terrorist group was the deadliest attack on Jews since the Holocaust, claiming the lives of 85 and injuring more than 300. The common denominator of these two horrific massacres is their connection to the Islamic Republic of Iran, which deployed these ruthless terrorist proxies to take as many Jewish lives as possible.

As we commemorate the 30th anniversary of the AMIA bombing, the pariah regime in Iran remains the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, antisemitism, and Holocaust denial. Besides funding and training terrorist proxies¹ in Bahrain, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and Gaza, Yemen, and beyond, the Iranian regime also spreads its hateful ideology and incitement through the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting corporation (IRIB), an entity the United States sanctioned in 2013² and 2022³ for its role in trampling dissent, spreading disinformation, and being an accessory to human rights violations, including broadcasting forced confessions of dissidents and foreign hostages.

The top two channels IRIB uses for promoting anti-Jewish hate globally are the English-language PressTV, established in 2007, and its Spanish-language twin HispanTV, established in 2011.⁴ A joint ADL and Center for Countering Digital Hate report issued in April 2023, titled "State Hate: How Iran's Press TV Uses Social Media to Promote Anti-Jewish Hatred," exposed PressTV as a "foreign state hate operation" that targets "Jewish people with antisemitic tropes," and attacks "charities, schools, journalists, academics, and individuals by promoting the conspiracy that they are part of a coordinated 'Zionist movement.'"⁵

Just like PressTV, HispanTV has come to serve Tehran's extremist agenda by promoting the regime's hateful views of Jewish people, Holocaust revisionism, anti-Israel prejudice, and incitement against Israel.⁶ By targeting the world's nearly 600 million Spanish speakers through satellite,⁷ cable,⁸ livestreaming,⁹ its Internet

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1. "FDD Profiles of Leading Iranian-Backed Militias," Foundation for Defense of Democracies, 28 February 2018, <https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2018/02/28/fdd-profiles-of-leading-iranian-backed-militias/>
 2. "Treasury Announces Sanctions Against Iran," U.S. Department of Treasury, February 6, 2013, <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/tq1847>
 3. Treasury Sanctions Senior Officials and "Interrogator Journalists" of Iran's State-Run Media," U.S. Department of Treasury, 16 November 2022, <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1109>
 4. "With HispanTV, the Islamic Republic Habla Español También," Frontline, January 26, 2012, <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/tehranbureau/2012/01/media-with-hispan-tv-the-islamic-republic-habla-espanol-tambien.html>
 5. "State Hate: How Iran's Press TV Uses Social Media to Promote Anti-Jewish Hatred," ADL, April 27, 2023, <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/state-hate-how-irans-press-tv-uses-social-media-promote-anti-jewish-hatred>
 6. Emanuele Ottolenghi and Marina Rosenberg, "HispanTV Is Iran's Propaganda Arm in Latin America; Why Is It Still Being Broadcast?," The Algemeiner, October 31, 2023, <https://www.algemeiner.com/2023/10/31/hispan-tv-is-irans-propaganda-arm-in-latin-america-why-is-it-still-being-broadcast/>
 7. "Distribución Frecuencias de Satélites," HispanTV, <https://www.hispan-tv.com/distribucion>
 8. "¿En qué cables se puede ver HispanTV?, aquí la lista," HispanTV, August 22, 2022, <https://www.hispan-tv.com/noticias/noticias-de-iran/550068/cables-television-frecuencias>
 9. HispanTV En Vivo, <https://www.hispan-tv.com/directo>

platform,¹⁰ and social media, including Facebook,¹¹ Instagram,¹² and Telegram,¹³ HispanTV plays the leading role in disseminating anti-Jewish hate and anti-Israel prejudice in Latin America in particular and in the Spanish-speaking world globally.

This report presents concrete examples of the ways in which HispanTV has been propagating anti-Jewish hate, peddling antisemitic tropes and conspiracies, distorting the Holocaust, and glorifying terrorism, while also inciting violence against the Jewish State, even before Hamas attacked Israel on October 7.

As we mark the 30th anniversary of the AMIA bombing, it is important to note that unless there is a concerted effort by governments, international organizations, corporations, and other relevant state and non-state actors, HispanTV will continue to spew hateful conspiracies that will radicalize the next generation of antisemites in Latin America and beyond.

A History of anti-Zionist Conspiracies

Over the years, HispanTV has systematically propagated anti-Israel prejudice by distorting Zionism, the Jewish people's movement for self-determination and statehood in their ancestral homeland, and promoting antisemitic conspiracies.¹⁴ HispanTV's strategy involves blending revisionist historical narratives and conspiracy theories to portray Zionism as a corrupt and irrational ideology allied with Nazism and aimed at eliminating the Palestinians and dominating the world. By distorting historical facts and contemporary issues, HispanTV's propaganda aims to delegitimize Zionism and perpetuate harmful stereotypes about Jewish power. This approach not only misrepresents the Jewish community and its history, but also contributes to a broader climate of intolerance.

HispanTV columnists and journalists spread conspiracies, falsehoods, myths, and disinformation in several key categories:

1. **Denialism and Conspiracies related to Latin America**, such as the denial of the Iranian regime's role in the AMIA terrorist attack and the promotion of the obscure Plan Andinia conspiracy.¹⁵
2. **Post October-7 Disinformation, including** twisting the facts of the bloodiest antisemitic attack on Jews since the Holocaust in order to fabricate an alternative narrative that blames Israel.
3. **Antisemitic Tropes about Jews and Jewish Power** to perpetuate the myth that "Zionists" (HispanTV's euphemism for Jews), control Hollywood and were also behind the COVID-19 pandemic.

10. HispanTV, <https://www.hispantv.com/>

11. Nexo Latino, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/nexolatino>

12. HispanTV [@hispan_tv], Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/hispan_tv/

13. HispanTV [@hispantvcanal], Telegram, <https://t.me/s/hispantvcanal>

14. "Zionism," ADL, 1 September 2016, <https://www.adl.org/resources/background/zionism>

15. "Holostory and Other Lies": Spanish-Language Antisemitism on Facebook," ADL, November 23, 2021, <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/holostory-and-other-lies-spanish-language-antisemitism-facebook>

4. **Historical Revisionism** through Holocaust distortion and making false Nazi analogies about Zionism and Israel.
5. **Glorifying Terrorism** by presenting the indiscriminate violence Tehran’s proxies commit against civilians as a legitimate form of armed resistance.
6. **Glorifying the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Proxies** to counter the “Zionist entity” through its revolutionary forces and proxies.
7. **Propagating Anti-Israel Prejudice by** falsely claiming that Israel is an “apartheid state” and committing ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians.
8. **Justifying the Eradication of Israel** as an illegitimate entity that should not exist.

This report provides a selection of HispanTV’s excerpts to illustrate the hate and misinformation spread by the Iranian regime’s Spanish-language propaganda outlet, and includes policy recommendations to mitigate the threat. It is important to note that HispanTV’s online platform overflows with hateful content, far beyond what is documented in this report.

1. Denialism and Conspiracies related to Latin America

HispanTV frequently denies the Islamic Republic of Iran's involvement in the AMIA attack—despite substantial evidence to the contrary and the recent verdict by the Argentinian Federal Court of Criminal Cessation, accusing Tehran of direct involvement in the attack.¹⁶



"Lobby sionista no permite esclarecer el caso de AMIA" | HISPANTV
"Zionist lobby does not allow us to clarify the case of AMIA"

The argument is consistent with the Iranian regime's repeated denial of any involvement and criticism that the allegations are part of a broader political persecution against the Islamic Republic of Iran.¹⁷

An article from 2023 alleges that the "Lobby sionista" (Zionist Lobby) is somehow obstructing the investigation, claiming that "Tehran has denounced the pressure of pro-Israeli lobbies in this case, and accuses the Zionist AMIA attack regime of covering up the realities and covering up the identity of the true perpetrators of the attack."¹⁸

More recently, following the April 2024 ruling by the Argentine judiciary formally acknowledging the Iranian regime's responsibility for the AMIA attack, HispanTV argues that the request is "illegal because it is based on a lie."¹⁷

The AMIA attack in Argentina, coupled with the narrative absolving the Islamic Republic of Iran of responsibility, forms part of the backdrop for the outlandish Andinia Plan conspiracy theory.¹⁹ The conspiracy claims that Jews want to establish a second Jewish state, a Zionist one, in the Patagonia region, located in Argentina and Chile. This hoax is portrayed as a "secret plan," and like many antisemitic conspiracy theories, is anchored in the tropes of Jewish people hoarding power, money, and influence.

16. Deborah Rey and Isabel Debre, "Argentine court blames Iran and Hezbollah for deadly 1994 Jewish center bombing," Associated Press, April 16, 2024, <https://apnews.com/article/argentina-1994-jewish-center-bombing-iran-investigation-36b4f9cbe20900d39d8f28477589a444>

17. "Lobby sionista sigue usando caso AMIA para perseguir políticamente a Irán," HispanTV, July 18, 2023, <https://www.hispanTV.com/noticias/argentina/568827/israel-atentado-amia-iran>

18. "Lobby sionista no permite esclarecer el caso de AMIA," HispanTV, July 19, 2023, <https://www.hispanTV.com/noticias/argentina/568900/lobby-sionista-esclarecer-amia>

19. "Informe: Están creando un segundo Israel en el sur de Argentina," HispanTV, December 18, 2017, <https://www.hispanTV.com/noticias/argentina/362960/israel-reino-unido-malvinas-palestina>

Felix Cossio claims in a 2018 article, “Plan Andinia seeks the Balkanization of Latin America,” that in the case of the AMIA attack, where nearly 90 people died, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Hezbollah were directly blamed to manipulate the media and “demonstrate” that they continue to be the most persecuted people of all time.²⁰ In this context, he suggests that incidents like the AMIA attack provide the perfect argument for Jews on the continent to pressure the world into granting them a new state in the southern part of the American continent. He adds that future false flag attacks on Argentine territory cannot be ruled out. However, before the creation of the new Zionist state in Patagonia, chaos and instability in the region are necessary, but above all, Balkanization to ensure the survival of this new state.

2. Post October-7 Disinformation

Since October 7, several concerning trends have emerged in HispanTV’s coverage of the Middle East. Firstly, there has been a noticeable glorification and justification of violence and terrorism, with such actions being portrayed as necessary given the circumstances.²¹ Secondly, antisemitic stereotypes are being used to discredit Israeli perspectives, such as by depicting Hamas and Hezbollah as victims of a Western Zionist conspiracy.²² Additionally, there are accusations that Zionists and their allies are spreading misinformation to confuse the global community and to continue their “genocide” against Palestinians.

HispanTV has employed conspiracy theories and antisemitic tropes as a vital part of its narrative post-October 7. The trope of Zionist control is evident in the supposed domination of media, through which Zionists allegedly manipulate the message and deceive the West with their lies. In the article “What lies behind the new Zionist discursive appropriation?” by Xavier Millar published two weeks after the Hamas attack, the author argues that “Zionist authorities, with the complicity of Western media, are doing everything possible to prevent a new ‘colonial rebellion’ in Gaza. To achieve this, they have spread the traditional discourse on terrorism, this time with the intention of equating Hamas with ISIS.”²³ He then adds:

The resurgence of this stark [Zionist] colonialism can be attributed to the recent operation by Hamas, which has generated a sense of victory on the Palestinian side, while on the Zionist side, it has confirmed the loss of security that seemed guaranteed. The Palestinian slogan, “from the river to the sea,” used to claim the liberation of all Palestine from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, has ceased to be an ideal and has become a tangible objective.

20. “El plan andinia busca la balcanización de Sudamérica,” HispanTV, March 22, 2018, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/372013/plan-andinia-balkanizacion-sudamerica-sionismo-patagonia>

21. “Support for October 7 Attack, Glorification of Terror Mark 2024 Nakba Day Events,” ADL, May 24, 2024.

22. “Denial and Distortion of the Hamas-led October 7 Attack: An Overview of False Narratives,” ADL, June 28, 2024, <https://www.adl.org/resources/blog/denial-and-distortion-hamas-led-october-7-attack-overview-false-narratives>

23. “¿Que subyace detrás de nueva apropiación discursiva sionista?,” HispanTV, October 18, 2023, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/573682/subyace-nueva-apropiacion-discursiva-sionista>

HispanTV collectively highlights a significant bias in their portrayal of the October 7th attacks by Hamas against Israel, framing these actions within the broader narrative of legitimate resistance rather than terrorist aggression. This framing is consistent across several pieces, which tend to minimize the severity of the attacks on Israeli civilians and military targets, instead emphasizing the historical and political context of Palestinian resistance against occupation.

For instance, in the episode “Attack on Hospitals in Gaza: More Fake News and Deceptions,” from the news analysis program “El Frasco: Uncensored Media,” focus is placed on how Western media supposedly fabricate or distort news to justify Israel’s military actions.²⁴ This narrative diverts attention from the immediate violence inflicted by Hamas, instead portraying the group’s actions as a reactive measure against longstanding Israeli oppression.

Similarly, in another episode from the same program, “Fake News to Justify Massacres and Destruction in Gaza,” argues that the Western portrayal of the conflict unfairly victimizes Israel while demonizing Palestinian resistance.²⁵ This article suggests that the depiction of Hamas as a terrorist organization is part of a larger scheme to undermine legitimate Palestinian struggles. Furthermore, it implies that Jews use the same Nazi manipulation techniques copied from Goebbels:

In the principles of Hitler’s propagandist, Joseph Goebbels, one of his premises resulted in the infamous phrase: ‘If a lie is repeated enough, it becomes the truth.’ Today, the Zionist regime seems to be one of the best students of that methodology.



Cover of the episode “Fake News to Justify Massacres and Destruction in Gaza” from the news analysis program “El Frasco: Uncensored Media ‘Lie, Lie and Thus You Will Bomb.’”

The October 8th report “How Western Media Victimize Israel?” published just one day after the massacre, absolves Hamas of any responsibility for the attack on Israeli civilians, describing the news of the massacre as an attempt by “The Western press, through provocative publications on social media, [to seek] tears to empathize with the massacres it commits.”²⁶ The pieces suggest that the Western media’s emphasis on the attacks by Hamas as acts of terrorism is a deliberate attempt to overshadow the broader context of occupation and resistance. This reframing, which

24. “Ataque a hospitales en Gaza: Más fake news y engaños | El Frasco,” HispanTV, November 25, 2023, <https://www.hispantv.com/showepisode/el-frasco/frasco-ataque-gaza-israel/65516>

25. “Fake news para justificar masacres y destrucción en Gaza | El Frasco,” HispanTV, October 20, 2023, <https://www.hispantv.com/showepisode/el-frasco/fake-news-masacres-gaza/65311>

26. “¿Cómo medios occidentales victimizan a Israel?,” HispanTV, October 8, 2023, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/palestina/573132/medios-occidentales-operacion-tormenta>

serves to legitimize Hamas's actions by embedding them within a historical continuum of anti-colonial struggle, as evidenced by this line: "The Al-Aqsa Storm operation is not an invasion, but a recovery of the ancestral lands of the Palestinians."

The conspiracy theory of the domination and manipulation of mainstream Western media is also developed through the discrediting of investigations into and evidence from the Hamas attack. Through their articles, HispanTV attempts to deny the use of rape as a weapon of war, the brutal attack on innocent civilians, and the use of hospitals as fronts obscuring terrorist headquarters. A few days after October 7, the article "Americans against Fake News trying to whitewash Israel's morbid face" by Marcelo Sanchez labeling Hamas's atrocities as fake news arguing that "these media with Zionist capital spread false information about alleged massacres that never happened. Even other American media use videos from Syria and other conflict zones, claiming that they are from Palestine. All this, in an attempt to implant a narrative favorable to the Zionist entity."

On both the 100- and 200-day anniversaries of October 7, articles titled "100 Lies of Israel in 100 Days of Genocide in Gaza"²⁷ and "200 Days of Israeli War in Gaza and 200 Headlines Whitewashing the Genocide"²⁸ argued how Israel employed hundreds of lies to justify its unrestrained aggression against the oppressed Palestinians. The articles list titles from well-known Western media such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN, and BBC, referring to the sexual violence used by Hamas to discredit it as whitewashing. The latter article states:

Even without evidence to support it and with multiple independent media discrediting it, mainstream media continue to take seriously the accusation of sexual abuse against Hamas. With 'prestigious' Western media outlets with a large number of followers becoming spokespeople for the regime, truth has become the main victim of this war, which reached 200 days on Tuesday.

27. "Al Descubierto: 100 mentiras de Israel en 100 días de genocidio en Gaza," HispanTV, January 15, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/578207/100-mentiras-israel-genocidio-gaza>

28. "200 días de guerra israelí en Gaza y 200 titulares que blanquean el genocidio," HispanTV, 25 April 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/583364/200-dias-guerra-israel-gaza-titulares-blanquean-genocidio>

8. “Gritos sin palabras”: ¿cómo HAMAS convirtió la violencia sexual en un arma el octubre?

The New York Times, 28 de diciembre

9. Sus cuerpos cuentan sus historias. No están vivos para hablar por sí mismos

NBC News, 5 de diciembre

10. Atacantes se rieron mientras violaban y asesinaban a una mujer en Israel el 7 de octubre, dice un testigo

CNN, 10 de abril

11. ¿Cómo HAMAS utilizó la violencia sexual el 7 de octubre?

The New Yorker, 10 de diciembre

12. Informe del grupo israelí de crisis de violaciones revela violencia sexual “sistemática” a partir del 7 de octubre

The New York Times, 21 de febrero

13. El silencio de los organismos internacionales ante las violaciones masivas de HAMAS es una traición a todas las mujeres

Newsweek, 22 de noviembre

14. Surgen nuevos signos de crímenes sexuales “generalizados” por parte de HAMAS, mientras Netanyahu alega indiferencia global

Associated Press (AP), 6 de diciembre

Examples of the international press headlines, which reference the sexual crimes committed by Hamas against Israeli women and which HispanTV presents as false, include:

8. “Silent Screams”: How Hamas Turned Sexual Violence into a Weapon in October (The New York Times, December 28)

9. Their Bodies Tell Their Stories. They Are Not Alive to Speak for Themselves (NBC News, December 5)

10. Attackers Laughed While Raping and Killing a Woman in Israel on October 7, Witness Says (CNN, April 10)

11. How Hamas Used Sexual Violence on October 7 (The New Yorker, December 10)

12. Report from the Israeli Crisis Group Reveals “Systematic” Sexual Violence Starting October 7 (The New York Times, February 21)

13. The Silence of International Bodies on Hamas’s Mass Rapes Is a Betrayal of All Women (Newsweek, November 22)

14. New Signs of Widespread Sexual Crimes by Hamas Emerge as Netanyahu Alleges Global Indifference (Associated Press (AP), December 6)

Along the same lines of Zionist domination, in reference to protests in American universities, the article “School teachers in the US denounce Zionist manipulations” by Marcelo Ali Sánchez in November 2023 references how “Zionism infiltrated all sectors of American society, [and] now retaliates against hundreds of teachers who express solidarity with Palestine.”²⁹ The article argues that “in addition to these testimonies, many school districts committed to Zionist capital and organizations of this extremist ideology force students and teachers to undergo a curriculum filled with propaganda, historical distortions, and omissions of Zionism’s genocidal acts.”

29. “Docentes escolares en EEUU denuncian manipulaciones sionistas,” HispanTV, April 11, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/ee-uu-/582612/docentes-escolares-denuncian-manipulaciones-sionistas>

3. Antisemitic Tropes about Jews and Jewish Power



The use of antisemitic tropes, particularly the notion of Jewish power, is prevalent in HispanTV's portrayal of Zionism and Jewish influence, especially concerning the American film industry. These articles depict Jewish influence in Hollywood as a means of wielding cultural and political power. For example, the 2013 article titled "Why Jews Dominate Hollywood" argues that Jewish control over Hollywood allows for the promotion of interests aligned with Israel and Western powers.³⁰

Similarly, the 2020 piece titled "Hollywood's Secret Help to the U.S. in Justifying Nuclear Attacks" suggests that Hollywood, under significant Jewish influence, has played a role in justifying American military actions, including the nuclear attacks on Japan during World War II. It claims that films produced by Jewish-led studios help shape public opinion to align with U.S. and Israeli political goals.³¹

Furthermore, the 2013 article titled "Hollywood Led by Jews, Politicized by Imperialism" claims that Hollywood's Jewish leadership politicizes its content to serve imperialist agendas.³² It criticizes how films under Jewish direction distort historical events and promote ideologies favorable to U.S. and Israeli policies, highlighting the political motivations behind film productions.

Various strategies also associate Zionism with conspiracy theories, often implicating Jews in global events. A 2020 article titled "The New Coronavirus is the Result of a Zionist Plot" cites supposed Turkish experts who suggest that the coronavirus outbreak could have been the result of a Zionist conspiracy: "This virus serves the objectives of Zionism to reduce the number of people in the world and prevent it from increasing. Significant research confirms this fact."³³ This type of narrative leverages contemporary fears and uncertainties to further stigmatize Zionism and, by extension, Jewish people.

30. "¿Por qué los judíos dominan Hollywood?," HispanTV, February 26, 2013, "¿Por qué los judíos dominan Hollywood?"

31. "Hollywood ayudó en secreto a EEUU a justificar ataques nucleares," HispanTV, August 6, 2020, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/ee-uu-/473600/hiroshima-japon-nuclear-hollywood>

32. "Hollywood liderado por judíos, politizado por Imperialismo," HispanTV, February 27, 2013, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/141244/hollywood-liderado-por-judios-politizado-por-imperialismo>

33. "Informe: El nuevo coronavirus es resultado de un complot sionista," HispanTV, March 19, 2020, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/asia-occidental/451932/coronavirus-covid19-sionismo-israel>

In the 2023 article titled “Media Bombs for an ‘Imminent War’” regarding the pending Russian invasion of Ukraine, there is a strong implication that the media’s portrayal of Israel as a victim is part of a broader Zionist agenda to manipulate public perception and policy in favor of the Jewish state.³⁴ This theme is echoed in the 2022 article titled “Palestine Under Attack: And the ‘International Community?,” which criticizes the international community and media for their complicity and biased reporting, furthering the narrative of a powerful Zionist influence over global media.³⁵

4. Historical Revisionism

HispanTV’s historical revisionism focuses on distorting Nazi history and the Holocaust while also making false analogies. In a 2015 article titled “Zionism, the Real Ally of Hitler,” HispanTV’s former Beirut correspondent Alberto Garcia Watson argues that Nazism was allied with Jewish leadership and supported Zionism:³⁶

Since Adolf Hitler’s rise to power in 1933, National Socialism significantly supported Zionism in the Jewish immigration project to Palestine. In the ideological confluence of ultranationalism and a clear understanding from an ethnic/identity perspective, Nazism and Zionism strengthened their similar stances.

With these false claims, García Watson aims to tarnish Zionism by associating it with Nazism. Moreover, he also purports that through the Holocaust, Zionists sacrificed European Jews for financial reasons to establish the State of Israel:

The word “Holocaust” is a biblical term that means “sacrifice,” why is “sacrifice” used to describe a genocide? The answer according to some researchers resided in the fact that the international Zionist movement had sacrificed European Jews in the Holocaust to scrupulously comply with a sinister geo-political agenda that gained international sympathy, guilt and financial compensation, with the aim of legitimizing a “National Homeland” in the Arab world, an unfeasible project without the victim of the Holocaust.

An article published in 2019 titled “Jews Exploited the Holocaust to Establish the Israeli Regime,” reproduced an Al Jazeera report questioning the Holocaust, which claims that Israel is the “greatest beneficiary” of the Holocaust, and uses it for financial reparations and political benefits.³⁷

34. “Bombas mediáticas para una “guerra inminente” | El Frasco, medios sin cura,” HispanTV, February 19, 2022, <https://www.hispantv.com/showepisode/el-frasco/medios-inminente-alarante-sospechosos/61943>

35. “Palestina bajo ataque: ¿Y la “comunidad internacional”? | El Frasco, medios sin cura,” HispanTV, July 14, 2023, <https://www.hispantv.com/showepisode/el-frasco/israel-palestina-ataque-crisis/64751>

36. “Sionismo, el verdadero aliado de Hitler,” HispanTV, October 27, 2015, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/72725/sionismo-netanyahu-hitler-holocausto-palestina>

37. “Judíos explotaron Holocausto para establecer régimen de Israel,” HispanTV, May 20, 2019, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/asia-occidental/428866/judios-holocausto-estado-israel>



Similarly, in a March 2024 article titled “Genocide in Gaza, Israel’s Final Solution for Palestine. Part I,” which was written in the context of the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas, Pablo Jofré Leal argues that Israel’s actions in Gaza are akin to a modern-day “final solution” of the Palestinian people, drawing direct parallels to Nazi policies during the Holocaust.³⁸ The author falsely contends that the State of Israel aims to completely eliminate the Palestinian presence and identity through systematic violence and oppression.

Jofré Leal then argues that the only solution is the complete elimination of Israel since “there is no possibility of negotiation with” what he refers to as “nazisionismo” (Nazi Zionism). He claims that Nazi Zionism’s objective is “the complete elimination of any trace that gives air to the Palestinian people” and therefore, “the only possible solution for Palestine ... is the complete elimination of Zionism.” Furthermore, he criticizes the international community for its perceived inaction and complicity in what he describes as Israeli war crimes: “Even the allied and protective governments of Nazi Zionism give new strength so that this final solution plan, Zionist version, continues its impunity.”

Another article, titled “Iran to the UN: Israel Uses the Holocaust to Cover Up Its Crimes,” which was published in 2022 in the context of a United Nations General Assembly resolution condemning the denial and distortion of the Holocaust (A/76/L.30 General Assembly), discusses the Islamic Republic of Iran’s opposition to international efforts condemning Holocaust relativization.³⁹ The article contends that Israel uses the Holocaust to obscure its actions against Palestinians, writing:

The racist Zionist regime uses international circles to cover up its daily crimes against Palestinians. This action by the Zionist regime is another attempt to abuse the mechanisms of the United Nations to cover up its daily crimes, an act which, unfortunately, these days has the support of the West.

38. “Genocidio en Gaza, solución final de Israel para Palestina. Parte I,” HispanTV, March 27, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/581904/genocidio-gaza-solucion-final-israel-palestina>

39. “Irán a ONU: Israel utiliza el Holocausto para tapar sus crímenes,” HispanTV, January 21, 2022, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/politica/536154/iran-resolucion-holocausto-israel>

5. Glorifying Terrorism

HispanTV uses the euphemism “resistance” to legitimize the indiscriminate violence Tehran’s proxies perpetrated against civilians as a legitimate form of armed resistance. This glorification of terrorism picked up steam following October 7. In the program “Ventana a Palestina” on HispanTV, presented by Chilean mayor Daniel Jadue, an episode, titled “History of the Zionist Occupation in Palestine,” argues how the Zionist discourse utilizes the Jewish religion to justify acts of genocide.⁴⁰ Similarly, in the episode “Palestinian Resistance: More than a Century of History,” the various forms of Palestinian resistance against the Zionist occupation are detailed, ranging from peaceful resistance to armed resistance, which label terrorism as a legitimate form of resistance.⁴¹

In a September 2023 interview, “Being Armed is the Right of Palestinians Against Genocidal Israel,” published only weeks before October 7, political analyst Susana Khalil discusses the necessity for Palestinians, including the youth, to be armed in order to defend themselves against what she describes as the genocidal actions of Israel.⁴² Khalil argues that teaching children about armed resistance is part of the broader narrative of defending their rights and lands against Israeli occupation.

Palestina: Resistencia Hasta Vencer

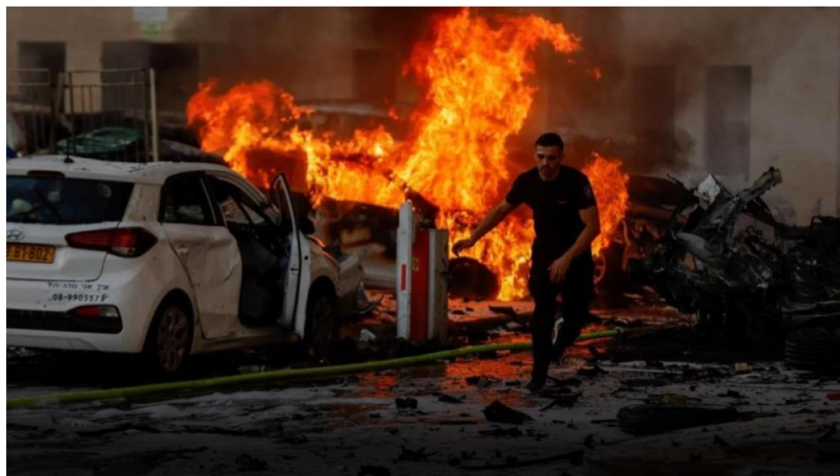


Image of Hamas Attacks Perpetrated by Hamas terrorists against Israel on October 7, 2023, under the Title “Palestine: Resistance Until Victory”

Likewise, Jofré Leal’s “Palestine: Resistance Until Victory” published on October 10, 2023, justifies and celebrates the attacks of October 7, praising how the military operation has managed to “not only elevate the will of the Palestinian people to advance towards their definitive self-determination, but also to show the power and combative will of the Palestinian resistance, which, from Nablus, Jenin, Al-Quds, Al Jalil to Gaza, demonstrates to the world that resistance is a reality.”⁴³

40. “Resistencia palestina: más de un siglo de historia | Ventana a Palestina,” HispanTV, March 15, 2024, <https://www.hispanTV.com/showepisode/ventana-a-palestina/resistencia-palestina-historia/66221>

41. “Ventana a Palestina,” HispanTV, January 1, 2024, <https://www.hispanTV.com/showprogram/ventana-a-palestina/993>

42. “‘Estar armado es el derecho de palestinos ante el genocida Israel,’” HispanTV, September 25, 2023, <https://www.hispanTV.com/noticias/palestina/572417/resistencia-derecho-genocida-israel>

43. “Palestina: Resistencia Hasta Vencer,” HispanTV, October 10, 2023, <https://www.hispanTV.com/noticias/palestina/573231/palestina-resistencia-hasta-vencer>



Similarly, the article “*Hamis Addresses the World: Why It Launched Al-Aqsa Storm?*” amplifies Hamas propaganda following the October 7 attack by referring to the Hamas manifesto as “a highly important message.”⁴⁴ HispanTV also attempts to whitewash Hamas’s crimes by echoing the terrorist organization’s claims that no civilians were targeted on October 7: “Hamis also clarifies the Zionist regime’s false claims that the Resistance is targeting civilians.” HispanTV also reproduces Hamas’s claim of “positively interacting with the civilians who were captured and seeking their release as soon as possible from day one.”

6. Glorifying the Islamic Republic of Iran and its Proxies

HispanTV routinely glorifies the Islamic Republic of Iran and its terrorist proxies, amplifying their propaganda in Latin America and beyond. HispanTV’s 2024 article “Iran: The future of the region does not belong to the US, UK, and Israel” quotes Ali Akbar Velayati, Iranian Supreme Leader Khamenei’s senior advisor for International Affairs, as saying, “the future of the region does not belong to the United States, the United Kingdom, and the regime of Israel.”⁴⁵ Furthermore, HispanTV featured a senior Hezbollah leader’s praise of the Islamic Republic of Iran as the “foremost leader of global resistance movements” and the sole nation confronting the pro-Israel system led by the West.⁴⁶ This framing presents the Iranian regime as having a unique responsibility in opposing “the unipolar system that supports the Zionist regime.”

HispanTV also published a three-episode series dedicated to the life of IRGC–Quds Force Commander Qasem Soleimani titled “Hero of the Resistance.”⁴⁷ One entire episode is devoted to the creation of the Quds Force, which has been designated as a terrorist organization by the United States and others. This episode explores

44. “HAMAS se dirige al mundo: ¿Por qué lanzó Tormenta de Al-Aqsa?,” HispanTV, January 21, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/palestina/578540/hamas-mundo-tormenta-al-aqsa>

45. “Irán: El futuro de la región no pertenece a EEUU, R. Unido e Israel,” HispanTV, February 16, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/politica/579903/futuro-region-pertenece-eeuu-reino-unido-israel>

46. “Hezbollah: Irán es líder de movimientos de Resistencia y liberación,” HispanTV, June 8, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/el-libano/595741/hezbollah-iran-lider-movimientos-resistencia-liberacion>

47. “Héroe de la Resistencia,” HispanTV, 2 January 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/showprogram/heroe-de-la-resistencia-994>

the Quds Force's mission to empower the Ummah, the Islamic community, to reconquer Jerusalem as the first Qibla, the direction to which Muslims turn during prayer, and support the people of Palestine and other Islamic countries that have been invaded by the United States and other adversaries.

The destruction of the state of Israel and the dominance of the Iranian regime in the region, and the glorification of terrorism are not limited to Hamas. A March 2014 article "The End of the Gaza War Marks the Start of the Total Destruction of Israel" cites Al-Quds Brigades Spokesperson Abu Hamza, who argues for terrorism and the elimination of Israel as solutions to liberate the Middle East from American and Zionist oppression.⁴⁸ Abu Hamza asks: "Isn't it time to put our artillery in motion like the free people of Yemen and Lebanon? Isn't it time to take off the clothes of servitude and humiliation before the great Satan of the United States and follow the example of the honorable ones?"

Likewise, HispanTV also disseminates the statements of Tehran's other terrorist proxies, such as in the May 2024 article "Iraqi resistance attacks Israeli port of Haifa in support of Gaza," which reflected on a drone attack by the Iranian regime's Iraqi proxies targeting the port of Haifa: "Iraqi Islamic Resistance fighters continue the resistance approach against the occupation in line with support for the people of Gaza and in response to the usurper regime's massacre against the Palestinian people."⁴⁹

Along the same lines, the attacks by the Iranian regime's Yemeni proxy Ansar Allah (also known as the Houthis) on Western ships in the Red Sea are celebrated. An article titled "Ansarolá: Yemen attacked an Israeli ship every two days in the last 200 days" cites a televised speech by Ansar Allah leader Abdul-Malik Badruldeen al-Houthi, who argues that "Americans are partners with the Israeli enemy in all their horrendous crimes against the Palestinian people," celebrating the continuous attack on ships in the area.⁵⁰

7. Propagating Anti-Israel Prejudice

A key tactic HispanTV uses to distort Zionism is by associating it with highly false charges leveled against Israel, including apartheid and ethnic cleansing, or by linking it to conspiracy theories and antisemitic stereotypes of Jewish control and power.

For instance, in 2019, Jofré Leal authored an article, "Balfour Declaration: Green Light for Zionist Occupation," where he reinterprets the Balfour Declaration by arbitrarily introducing the concept of ethnic cleansing.⁵¹ He claims, "The Zionist strategy, carried out from the late 19th century to the present, requires a 'clean' territory free of Palestinians to settle anyone who supports a Zionist ideology and is predominantly of Jewish belief." This form of historical revisionism serves to demonize Zionism through distortion.

48. "Fin de guerra de Gaza es comienzo de destrucción total de Israel," HispanTV, March 2, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/palestina/580666/fin-querra-gaza-comienzo-destruccion-total-israel>

49. "Resistencia iraquí ataca puerto israelí de Haifa en apoyo a Gaza," HispanTV, May 24, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/irak/594909/resistencia-iraqui-ataca-puerto-haifa>

50. "Ansarolá: Yemen atacó un barco israelí cada dos días en últimos 200 días," HispanTV, April 25, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/yemen/583385/ansarola-ataco-barco-israeli-cada-dos-dias>

51. "Declaración Balfour: Luz verde para la ocupación sionista," HispanTV, November 5, 2019, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/441630/israel-palestina-balfour-ocupacion-sionista>

Moreover, Jofré Leal goes as far as claiming that Zionism promotes antisemitism, in an attempt to cover his own antisemitic biases. In his article “Manipulation and Disinformation as Strategies of Zionism,” Jofré Leal states: “These Zionist plans are actually discrediting Judaism and seek to unleash a form of rejection of this religion that they try to camouflage with a supposed nationality and unleash expressions that can be classified as antisemitic.”⁵² He then adds: “Zionism always seeks to promote antisemitism as a way to maintain the specter of persecution and intolerance towards religious Jews.” Such assertions aim to portray Zionism as a movement that not only manipulates its own religious foundations, but also exacerbates antisemitism to further its goals.

The association of Zionism with negatively charged and dehumanizing concepts is a recurrent theme. In his 2017 article “Zionism and Apartheid: Two Words with the Same Meaning,” Jofré Leal utilizes United Nations reports to draw a parallel between Zionism and apartheid, stating, “Zionism as an ideology and Apartheid as a practice of occupation thus constitute two words with the same meaning: crimes against humanity.”⁵³ This narrative seeks to equate the Zionist movement with one of the most universally condemned systems of racial segregation and oppression in modern history.

In the same year, Jofre Leal, in his article “Zionism: A Delirious and Perverse Ideology,” attempts to pathologize Zionism by using concepts such as delirium and psychopathy to depict the movement as inherently delusional.⁵⁴ He then asks:

Is it so? Does the Zionist entity suffer from a delirious pathology? If we understand delirium as a psychopathology where themes such as feeling persecuted, along with visions of grandeur or megalomania – a chosen people called to a divine mission – stand out, then the Zionist entity, by distorting reality, is delirious, as it has a break with the surrounding reality, without self-criticism and without coherent and logical thought. It convinces itself that what it does, no matter how criminal, has a higher purpose: the greatness and security of Zionism based on the guidance of an exclusive and excluding god.

This pathologizing framing serves to delegitimize Zionism by attributing to it a form of collective mental illness.

52. “Manipulación y desinformación como estrategias del sionismo,” HispanTV, April 26, 2020, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/464643/israel-desinformacion-manipulacion-mentira>

53. “Sionismo y apartheid: dos palabras para un mismo significado,” HispanTV, March 17, 2017, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/336037/sionismo-israel-apartheid-palestina>

54. “Sionismo: Una ideología delirante y perversa,” HispanTV, January 29, 2017, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/opinion/331620/sionismo-palestinos-israel-netanyahu-gaza-cisjordania>

8. Justifying the Eradication of the State of Israel



Poster to promote a March in Madrid: 29 of November, No, to the Partition of Palestine. Stop the Genocide. From the River to the Sea Palestine will be Free

HispanTV’s content parrots the Iranian regime’s genocidal threats to wipe Israel off the map by claiming that the State of Israel is a false entity that must be eliminated, not just the state but the Zionist movement in its entirety. HispanTV’s 2015 article “The elimination of Israel is an inevitable process” states: “The presence of the false regime of Israel is temporary since, ultimately, one day this alien existence, which has settled in the body of an ancient nation in a historical region, will be erased (from the map).”⁵⁵ In a 2021 interview with Daniel Lobato, “Palestinian Armed Resistance is a Natural Right,” the author states, “The armed resistance [of Palestinians] is legitimate, a natural right, according to international conventions, to resist occupation (...) It is indisputable no matter how they label it as terrorism; people have the right to defend themselves.”⁵⁶ A year earlier, in 2020, the article “Hezbollah: Armed Resistance is the Only Way to Free Palestine” cites Sheikh Naim Qassem to push back against the Abraham Accords: “Hezbollah rejects Arab-Israeli normalization and says that ‘armed resistance’ is the only way to liberate Palestine from Israeli occupation.”⁵⁷

The narrative advocating for the elimination of Israel remains prevalent in HispanTV articles post-October 7, portraying it as the ultimate goal of armed resistance through quotations from Iranian regime commanders and their terrorist proxies. “We are at a historical turning point and an opportunity to defeat Israel and dismantle the Zionist project,” stated Jaled Mashal, who is described by HispanTV as the leader of the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) abroad.⁵⁸

55. “La eliminación de Israel es un proceso inevitable,” HispanTV, July 6, 2015, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/politica/37970/la-eliminacion-de-israel-es-un-proceso-inevitable>

56. “Lobato: La resistencia armada palestina es un derecho natural,” HispanTV, January 19, 2021, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/palestina/485932/residencia-derecho-agresion-israel>

57. “Hezbollah: Resistencia armada es única forma de liberar a Palestina,” HispanTV, September 15, 2020, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/el-libano/477122/hezbollah-acuerdo-israel-resistencia-armada>

58. “HAMAS: Estamos ante un hito histórico para vencer a Israel,” HispanTV, May 18, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/palestina/594537/hamas-estamos-hito-historico-vencer-israel>

In an April 2024 article titled “Nothing will Remain Until the Complete Destruction of Israel,” Mohamad Hosein Baqeri, the Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, is quoted as saying: “The United States and other arrogant countries should know that the life of the [Israeli] regime has ended and that nothing remains until its complete destruction.”⁵⁹

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59. “Irán: no queda nada hasta la completa destrucción de Israel,” HispanTV, April 6, 2024, <https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/defensa/582369/iran-israel--sumido-gaza>

Policy Recommendations

This report shows how HispanTV disseminates and amplifies anti-Jewish hatred, incites violence, glorifies terrorism, and engages in disinformation, conspiracy theories, and historical revisionism. Despite Spanish satellite company Hispasat dropping⁶⁰ HispanTV from its service in December 2013 and YouTube blocking⁶¹ HispanTV's channel on multiple occasions, and fully banning the channel in February 2020, HispanTV's harmful messages still reach global audiences through satellite,⁶² airwaves, social media including Facebook,⁶³ Instagram,⁶⁴ and X,⁶⁵ highly-ranked search results, and home streaming video platforms such as Roku.⁶⁶ Policymakers, media corporations, and digital platforms must concentrate on closing the loopholes which allow HispanTV to disseminate its hate campaign to global audiences. To address these problems, ADL recommends that:

- Social media platforms should maintain content moderation teams competent in Spanish language, with a priority directive to limit hateful rhetoric. Given the recent rise in antisemitism, there should be a greater focus to monitor attacks on the global Jewish community and enforce policies to address antisemitism on their platforms. Digital social spaces should ensure content moderation systems are fully capable of adhering to the legal requirements in their respective jurisdictions, and more importantly, ensure they uphold the platforms' own terms of service regarding hateful antisemitic content, such as that evidenced here from HispanTV.
- Where warranted, social media companies should deplatform HispanTV for its breach of their respective policies and community guidelines.
- Internet hosting companies should not provide services for the HispanTV .com site. U.S. authorities seized⁶⁷ the .com domain of PressTV in June 2021 on the grounds that the site was controlled by the Iranian regime's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, yet HispanTV still uses its hispantv.com domain to broadcast globally.

60. "Spanish Satellite Operator Drops Iran TV," News.com.au, December 23, 2012, <https://www.news.com.au/world/breaking-news/spanish-satellite-operator-drops-iran-tv/news-story/954064e3b5871b31088c9d4de597ee03>

61. "HispanTV: Iran's Attempts to Influence the Spanish Speaking World," Radio Farda, April 19, 2020, <https://en.radiofarda.com/a/hispan-tv-iran-s-attempts-to-influence-the-spanish-speaking-world-/30564208.html>

62. Alberto M. Fernandez, "Iran's Hardy Spanish Media Mole," MEMRI, June 30, 2021, <https://www.memri.org/reports/irans-hardy-spanish-media-mole>

63. Nexo Latino, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/nexolatino>

64. HispanTV [@hispan_tv], Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/hispan_tv/

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66. HispanTV, Roku, <https://channelstore.roku.com/details/7c4b9276037ec73176ed1118da830718/hispan-tv>

67. "US Takes Down Iran-Linked News Sites, Alleges Disinformation," AP News, June 23, 2021, <https://apnews.com/article/iran-middle-east-03e651ff86918c871d9e1baaa5e30e37>

- Government authorities should investigate the links between HispanTV and sanctioned Iranian regime entities and officials and consider designating HispanTV as a foreign state influence operation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Finally, respected media organizations must unequivocally and publicly reject the heinous propaganda globally spewed by HispanTV and ensure that none of its false reporting makes its way into legitimate journalistic circles.





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