

ADL, Where are You?

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Where is the Anti-Defamation League? Why has there been no clear public condemnation from major Jewish defense organizations regarding the Nicholas Kristof article and the broader narrative it advances?

Serious accusations were alleged before meaningful evidence was publicly established, yet the article carried enormous moral implications — not merely for isolated individuals, but for Israeli society, Israeli soldiers, and by extension Jews across the world. Once again, we appear to be witnessing a dangerous pattern in which accusations against Israel are rapidly elevated into global moral narratives long before facts are carefully verified and contextualized.

Even Nicholas Kristof himself acknowledged that much of the alleged abuse described in the article could not be independently corroborated. That admission alone should have demanded far greater journalistic restraint and far more caution from those amplifying the story. Allegations of this magnitude — especially those invoking sexual violence and systemic abuse — require extraordinary evidentiary rigor.

Where is Jonathan Greenblatt?

The ADL rightly and aggressively responds when antisemitic tropes, distortions, and demonizing narratives emerge from the political right or left. But many Jews are increasingly asking whether there is hesitation when those narratives appear in elite journalistic, academic, or progressive spaces.

This is not about suppressing criticism of Israel. Democracies must investigate wrongdoing seriously and honestly. Israel itself has a long tradition of internal criticism, judicial oversight, and moral self-examination. But there is a profound difference between responsible reporting and the creation of emotionally charged narratives that risk portraying Jews and Israelis through uniquely sinister moral frameworks.

The Jewish community has every right to ask difficult questions:

What standards of evidence are being applied?

Would similar reporting standards be tolerated regarding other nations?

Why are allegations against Israel so often treated as globally symbolic before facts are fully established?

And why do some Jewish institutions appear hesitant to respond forcefully when the accusations originate from progressive venues or media institutions?

The issue here is larger than a single article. It is about the growing normalization of narratives in which Israel is presumed morally suspect, and Jews are expected to remain silent in order to appear intellectually or politically respectable.

That silence has consequences.

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