



### [Dissent Over Gaza Policy Within the State Department Sheds Light on Biden's Foreign Policy Contradictions](#)

This past Sunday, “60 Minutes” aired a compelling piece which underscored the extensive level of dissent within the State Department regarding U.S. policy on Gaza under the Biden administration. The report highlighted the fact that many believe the government’s mishandling of the Gaza War runs counter to American values and threatens national security, and as such, has led at least 13 officials to publicly resign in protest. Additionally, there has been an unprecedented inundation of internal dissent memos related to the topic as well. One of the major contentions is that the United States continues to send billions of dollars in military aid to Israel despite indisputable evidence of egregious Israeli war crimes and human rights violations being committed in Gaza. There has even been an acknowledgement from U.S. government officials across the board during the course of the conflict – including President Biden himself – that these weapons have been used in indiscriminate attacks against civilians, yet the weapons transfers have persisted nonetheless.

In addition to detailing the large-scale level of dissent on Gaza policy, the segment also shed light on clear contradictions in President Biden’s foreign policy approach. Earlier this week, Biden delivered his final foreign policy speech before leaving the White House. Upon taking office, he had pledged to pursue a foreign policy centered on human rights, but regrettably, a main element of his legacy revolves around steadfast support of Israel despite glaring abuses in this same area. Observers have pointed out how, in his speech, President Biden attempted to put a positive spin on his policies towards the Gaza War. However, it is impossible to ignore the fact that the unwavering support of Israel will be a significant scar on his legacy, particularly as the administration failed to use its leverage over Israel to put an end to the war long ago. Instead, the continued transfer of military aid to Israel amounted to the enabling of heinous atrocities and complicity in them. Biden also brushed over his administration’s repeated disregard of warnings and dissent – both internal and external – which was outlined in the aforementioned segment on “60 Minutes” this past weekend. Through this type of investigative reporting involving former Biden officials, we have come to learn that the administration has always known about the horrors taking place in Gaza and has not acted accordingly.

Furthermore, as some analysts have sought to draw attention to, President Biden and other high-ranking administration officials failed to rebuke Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu’s government throughout the course of this past year for its obvious efforts to obstruct the prospects of a ceasefire deal while at the same time initiating other regional provocations aimed at perpetuating hostilities. It became apparent that Netanyahu was actively and deliberately seeking a wider regional war that would drag in the United States. Meanwhile, Biden officials blamed past failures to reach a Gaza ceasefire deal on Hamas, even though it was Netanyahu who continually added additional stipulations to agreements and was not called out for this. As one commentator put it, when it comes to U.S. policy on Gaza under Biden, it is evident that his administration has subsidized and enabled Israel’s brutal war to the detriment of American interests and Middle East stability.

Outgoing U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken also garnered pushback this week for the nature of his remarks at the Atlantic Council. During the speech, anti-war protesters interrupted and condemned his role in prolonging the devastating conflict in Gaza, commenting that Blinken “had the blood of hundreds of thousands of innocent people on his hands” and that activists have “spent a year trying to appeal to your humanity in front of your house.” In his

address to the audience, Blinken tried to lay out a plan for the future of Gaza in which a reformed Palestinian Authority (PA) would govern the territory. Later, he was criticized again for the billions of dollars in military aid that the United States has continued sending to Israel even in light of appalling war crimes and human rights violations. Blinken was also vocally denounced by demonstrators for an incident back in May whereby he told Congress that the United States government has not determined that Israel is blocking humanitarian aid to Gaza, despite numerous sources on the ground and internal findings stating otherwise. This lying to Congress elicited outrage, and had prompted calls for his resignation. Experts point to it as one of the many occasions when Blinken and other top State Department officials glossed over Israeli atrocities at the expense of morality and justice.