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## **“Finish the Job”: Israel’s Attack in Qatar, The Faux “Famine” in Gaza and the Necessity of Hamas’ Unconditional Surrender**

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**Frank Gaffney:** [00:00:11] Welcome to this edition of the Victory Coalition's regular briefing series, focused on the threats we face, specifically from those who adhere to what I think of as Sharia supremacism, the Islamic code that compels its adherents to engage in jihad to achieve the triumph of Islam worldwide. This program is specifically focused, as many of our briefings have been on the threat posed to Israel by her enemies who practice this doctrine of Islam and hours. [00:01:00] That would be, of course, the State of Israel. We're going to be concentrating, for the purposes of this particular program, on some recent developments and what one might call the state of play, I guess, with respect to Gaza. One of the fronts in this Multi-front war that Israel has been embroiled in since October 7th, 2023, when Palestinian jihadists are doing business as Hamas and under other banners poured into parts of Israel and engaged in the most horrific, murderous forms of jihad against mostly innocent civilians. What we're going to be concentrating on today is what's happening on the ground there now. We're told that there is famine in the [00:02:00] population of Gaza induced by Israelis who have not been allowing humanitarian assistance to reach those Palestinians. We've had an attack by Israel on Hamas leaders, unfortunately unsuccessful in neutralizing them, but killing some others in Qatar.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:02:26] And we're going to also be talking about the offensive that the government of Israel has launched to wrest what is said to be the last major enclave in Gaza, namely Gaza City, from the control of the dead enders of Hamas. I'm very

pleased that we have with us three terrific presenters, people who have been involved in these matters, studying them working [00:03:00] on them in policy positions and otherwise, for decades. And we're going to begin with my very, very esteemed friend and colleague, Doctor David Wurmser. He is a man who has served his country at high levels as a middle East expert and advisor to the national security advisor to the president and to the vice president of the United States. He is these days the senior analyst and director for Mideast programs at the center for Security Policy. We've asked him to give us an overview, really, of what is going on in Gaza and in concerning the effort that we here at the Victory Coalition certainly believe must result in the decisive defeat of Hamas. And [00:04:00] whether we are getting closer to that or not so much is topic A with Doctor David Wurmser. David, welcome back to the Victory Coalition briefing. Over to you, sir.

**David Wurmser:** [00:04:10] Well thank you. Well, I think one could characterize this period as the preparatory operational phase for the assault on Gaza City, Gaza City being almost a million inhabitants, meaning half the population of Gaza areas that Israel never conquered in this two years yet and it is also operationally where Hamas still maintains some of its largest organized forces command structure. So this is a strategically important victory once Israel takes Gaza City. And now we're entering the operationally the preparation for the operational phase. And what do I mean by that? We see all these images Of tall buildings coming down by the Israelis. And [00:05:00] what that is, is this is there. This is essentially Hamas's intelligence structure. You know, we have satellites, Israel has satellites, Israel has drones. Aircraft collect all sorts of operational information on the ground, including targeting information. These tall buildings are essential to Hamas's ability to see the battlefield and therefore conduct their operations from exploding IEDs devices on the side of the road. Snipers. Et cetera. Et cetera. So Israel is now systematically eliminating them in preparation for this, the Israelis are still not entirely clear as to whether they think taking Gaza City will cause Hamas to relent, or whether they are preparing to go all the way and to occupy Gaza and to begin the process of essentially cleaning Gaza [00:06:00] out of Hamas thoroughly.

**David Wurmser:** [00:06:02] And moving on beyond the war. We my sense is it's not a decision that has to be made yet because once Israel moves further and begins to complete its takeover of Gaza City then we'll know whether Hamas is buckling and

giving up or not. Israel's demands are straightforward. Hamas has to give up all the hostages up front. Day one of any cease fire. And in the cease fire, Israel still is very clear about its demands, which are that Hamas, at the end of the day concedes government concedes control concedes all its weapons. And those are brought to justice to who have conducted these terrible attacks on October 7th and onward. And in the past, too. So Israel has very clear objectives here. It is dubious in my mind that they'll get there without actually physically taking the territory. Hamas, from what I can [00:07:00] see, has decided to go all the way. Israel struck Qatar or Qatar as the they would say a few yesterday or two days ago and it caused a big kerfuffle. It's obviously a very important place for the United States. Al-Udeid base is Centcom headquarters. It's sensitive. But that said, that's also where Hamas has its center of leadership.

**David Wurmser:** [00:07:27] And I can't really clearly say whether Israel struck Hamas, Hamas headquarters in order to yeah, excuse that, whether they struck Hamas headquarters in order to take operationally down the ability of Hamas to resist, in other words, sort of like what they did in Iran, what they did with Hezbollah. What they did in Yemen is a is a command structure take down that facilitates the war in Gaza, or whether [00:08:00] it was an attempt to so damage Hamas, to let them know that their leadership is not immune to Israeli strikes, and that they will then relent and go for the cease fire where the Israelis get back all the hostages. So I'm not clear about exactly what the objective of that was. It certainly had effects that are very strategically important. The Arab world is terrified of what they saw in a good way. Namely, nobody feels secure anymore from Israeli power. Whether you're a Shabab leader in Iraq or whether you're a Hamas leader sitting in Cairo or in Ankara. So anywhere they are, they now know Israel has no real restraint on where they're going to strike. One more thing that does concern me a little bit about this strike. Again, not that it was Qatar. These were valid targets. Legitimate targets. The center of gravity of Hamas.

**David Wurmser:** [00:08:57] The real question is not why Israel struck Qatar. [00:09:00] The real question is why did Qatar harbor the leadership of Hamas? But what bothers me is also, until now, what failed on October 7th was also a strategic concept in Israel that the Air Force intelligence and these special operations can essentially deliver victories in war and that through and the idea led to what I consider a failure in 2006 against Hezbollah failures in 2012, 2014, 2020, etc. that led eventually to October 7th, when Israel found out. Ground forces taking territory on the ground on the battlefield are

what still wins wars. And I'm just hoping this isn't some reversion in Israel. Back we saw, you know, the wonderful strikes on Iran, which are the only thing Israel can do that can't be a ground war for Israel. But I am a little worried that there is a [00:10:00] sense that these sorts of operations will win the war for Israel rather than the dirty, gritty ground war in Gaza, which unfortunately will be costly and bloody for all sides. But in the end, that is what will win the war. And so I have no problems with what Israel did in Qatar or Qatar. But I have some concerns about the strategic imagery floating around in Israel.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:10:29] David. Thank you. We're going to come back to Qatar and what it is up to and why it should not be considered a major non-NATO ally and held accountable for what it is doing to perpetuate this war by supporting and enabling Hamas. But before we do that, we wanted to cover another aspect of this ongoing drama. Our friend and colleague Brooke Goldstein has recently returned from Gaza, [00:11:00] where she was conducting a fact finding mission aimed at getting to ground truth about whether indeed, as has been persistently alleged, the government of Israel is starving the people of Gaza, denying them access to food, medicine and other humanitarian objects in a deliberate effort to inflict a wealth genocide against them and ultimately destroy what's left of Gaza and its population. Brooke is the founder and director of the Lawfare Project, the author of a book called lawfare. Also the filmmaker behind the Making of a martyr, an award winning documentary. She has graced my television program Securing America, and we were very, very anxious to have her share [00:12:00] her insights, her findings and her sense of where the truth lies about this so-called famine being perpetrated by Israel and the people who are making these charges notably in the United Nations and some of its affiliated organizations. Brooke, thank you so much for being with us. And I know you wanted to make this a little bit more conversational. And I think all of us wanted to start and I should have earlier in the program. But let me start with you by taking note of the passing of a truly great American a man who was very much engaged in the public policy debate in the United States and really worldwide, about what's going on in Israel and Gaza and other parts of the Middle East, as well as in particular, [00:13:00] the threat that is posed to us by what I think of as Sharia supremacism. That would be Charlie Kirk. So let's start off with any observations you'd like to make about his martyrdom.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:13:13] So first of all, Frank, thank you for having me. I think it's absolutely appropriate, especially on a 911, to talk about those Americans who have

been sacrificed, basically, who have been martyred, as you said, for defending the basic freedoms that we stand for, free speech being I, in my opinion, one of the most important freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. I was very privileged and honored to have been on Charlie's show not too long ago, which is why this whole thing is just so jarring. And what was most heartbreaking to me is watching the videos of the moments before he was shot where you had hundreds, if not thousands of students sitting peacefully on the lawn, cross-legged, doing exactly [00:14:00] what this country stands for, exactly what our universities should do, which is to engage in open debate and dialog. And you know, more than anyone, you published my book, *Lawfare The War Against Free Speech* 15 years ago. We were talking about threats against free speech, both by Islamists and the radical woke. And this is an attack not just on Charlie Kirk, obviously, but on free and open dialog. They killed him because they could not outdebate him. And also, what I found to be so jarring was the reaction on the floor of the House of the Democrats, who booed us when they wanted to have a moment of silence for this young man in his 30s.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:14:42] There's people in this country. They don't want debate, they don't want discussion. And we know that dehumanization is the number one thing that must happen. And now we have the political dehumanization before violence ensues. The second point about that is the pouring outpouring of support for [00:15:00] the killer by young students on American college campuses who have been radicalized. We just launched the End Hate and education campaign. Many of you may know Lawfare Project from our dozens of lawsuits against universities and colleges. But frankly, by the time you get to college, it's too late. The indoctrination campaign, foreign funded by groups like Qatar, states like Qatar, spending over \$1 billion a year influencing our educational system, our indoctrinating American youth and radicalizing them. And it's the same thing that I saw when I went to Jenin and Ramallah and Tulkarm and Nablus in the PA schools and the Unwra schools. They're importing those curriculum. So if anything, what we have to learn is not to be afraid. We must all be Charlie Kirk's. We must. We are now training our activists to stand up in class and to learn from Charlie's style, almost like the Socratic method to challenge the professors, to take those classes where the professors are radical and to challenge them. So [00:16:00] I'm just devastated.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:16:01] So I came back from Gaza just a couple weeks ago, as you said. And you know, it's the old mirror trick accuse Israel of what the enemy is guilty of. Hamas uses food as a weapon, okay? Food is the sole way. And the shipping in of so-called humanitarian aid and food from Unwra and the United Nations, where they have a 93.5% diversion rate is how Hamas funds its terrorist fighters. They steal the food, they sell it at markets you know, at an inflated rates, and they used that money to pay the salaries of the terrorists. We know that they are deliberately starving their own population. Hamas is holding its own population hostage. Hamas is using the civilians as human shields. And if it wasn't for groups like the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, Hamas [00:17:00] would be reconstituted, because whatever, as David was saying, military on the ground, progress that is being made, if the enemy is continually being refitted and resupplied, this will be a forever war, God forbid. And so the number one conclusion I came to having after I left Gaza is that we must humanitarian engage in a humanitarian effort to relocate the Gazan civilians. There is no winning if the civilians are being used as human shields. And anybody who advocates against, for example, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation that's delivering direct aid to the people as opposed to Hamas.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:17:42] Anyone who is arguing that the Gazans don't have a legal claim to refugee status. They are the ones who are supporting the genocide of the Arab people in Gaza. They are the ones who are insisting that these civilians be starved and used as human shields. There is no food shortage [00:18:00] problem in Gaza. There's a food distribution problem. There's I saw with my own eyes the trucks that everybody has seen. I spoke to the truck drivers. One of the truck drivers, only a week after I came was burnt alive by Hamas as they stole his goods. So there in conclusion, I would say, you know, the Gaza Humanity Foundation is the disrupter. There's been not one act of violence. Everything you hear in the media, I went to see for myself. Everything you hear in the media about there being violence and disorder is false. Absolutely false. The only party that is actively trying to prevent and disrupt the direct distribution of aid to the Gazan people is Hamas. Hamas? About three and a half weeks before I went to the facility in the South threw a grenade [00:19:00] into the civilians because they want to discourage them from going. Hamas also ambushed a whole truck of local Gazan volunteers risking their life murder them.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:19:14] They were then delivered to the Nasser Hospital, where allegedly, Doctors Without Borders refused to treat them, and they were left in the courtyard to die. There are those parties who are benefiting from the continued use of civilians in this way. It's absolutely tragic. It doesn't have to be that way. I support the Trump plan. I also wanted to just comment on what David said. We have we have to understand that we're not at war necessarily with Hamas. We're at war with an ideology. And Qatar is Hamas. Hamas as much as Hamas is Qatar. Hamas will never concede as long as Iran is there, as long as Qatar is there, their ideology and their culture is to glorify violence and risk the lives of civilian populations and use [00:20:00] it in a media and legal attack against us. The greatest victory of the West is to destroy, to take over a piece of land so that you would know better than me, Frank. But once it in Islam, you establish a caliphate in a part of land. The greatest loss is not a human life, but the loss of land. Which is why it's so important that this land is then taken over by entities or by the State of Israel who can govern it properly. And that is how you will defeat radicalism in that area.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:20:33] Brooke. Thank you. This is a terrific overview. Let me just ask you one specific question. Because I know your own firsthand experiences and insights being contested by others who are there notably these UN agencies and NGOs who profess to be the only people who can properly administer humanitarian assistance. [00:21:00] Is there evidence that Israel has been firing upon Gazans who have been coming to the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation outlets to receive food? Which, you know, on the face of it doesn't make any sense if they're if they're trying to feed them, why would they be trying to kill IDF.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:21:22] Presence on the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation sites? They are contractors, third party contractors, many of whom I've met. I was actually on the site with 27 contracted security personnel. They were contracted by this company, most of them American servicemen and women. Now, we were behind the Green Line, which is we are behind the terror that there is the line and behind which the IDF controls the territory. Actually, the most interesting thing was, was to see that it was kind of like the it's its own [00:22:00] separately run area, which entrance and egress is controlled by gate. There has been not one casualty in the sites. And what you do have, though, is 127 million meals being delivered in the last three and a half months, even more. I personally saw with my own eyes the peaceful distribution of meals to 3300 women and

children. Medical aid is being provided. I went there to see it with myself. And the reason why they're trying to discredit me is because I'm telling the truth about what's going on. Al Jazeera just published a defamatory report that I was on the payroll of the Israeli government. When they can't counter you with facts, they try to discredit you. And that's what they're trying to do right now.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:22:47] Yeah. And last quick question. When you looked at the evidence, was there any doubt in your mind that these agencies [00:23:00] that are, well, defaming Israel as murdering these innocent Gazans are, in fact, complicit in the efforts of Hamas to continue this racket that they've been running to keep themselves a going concern.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:23:21] This is what you and I and everyone have been talking about for ages. Unwra, the United Nations Relief Works Agency, the arm of the UN tasked with providing aid and education to in the so-called Palestinian territories, works directly with Hamas, hires teachers off the Hamas payroll, invites Hamas Al Al-Islamiyya Hamas youth wing, into the schools to recruit the children. The schools, run by a follow up movie with David Bedouin about this teach from curriculum provided by Hamas. Their schools are used as rocket launching pads as facilities. The United Nations in Gaza is Hamas. Okay. And what is their mission is to [00:24:00] feed Gazans directly, to get the aid in the hands of Gazans. And not only is it so revolutionary, but it is preventing the United Nations. And I will say this with emphasis, the United Nations and NGOs are not only smuggling drugs through Egypt into Gaza. There's a huge drug problem there. They are actively, intentionally, willfully arming and providing food and providing aid and money to Hamas to sustain the terrorist group while it engages in what it would like to be a forever battle against Israel, until all of the civilians in Gaza are dead because they're used as human shields, which is why they want to deny the rights of the Gazans refugee status from Syria.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:24:46] We've had over 7 million refugees, Ukraine, 8 million refugees. If Gazans aren't refugees. Right. Then the entire premise of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict fails. If they're refugees, they don't need to [00:25:00] be used as human shields. That is their sole purpose. That is what Hamas did. It built the largest subterranean terrorist compound underneath a civilian population. And if we have any humanity, we will temporarily relocate the civilian population. They want to leave.



They're paying to leave. Thousands have left, and anyone who's trying to stop them from leaving is responsible for the foreseeable result of those civilian deaths. And after, when Gaza's reconstituted, reconstituted. Everybody who's been removed from Gaza, including the Jews, should be entitled to go back. Gaza will no longer be a Judenrein state, and October 7th didn't happen because the Palestinians didn't have a state. October 7th happened because they did have a state, and that state was Gaza. And so let's not make the same mistake again.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:25:51] Yeah. Brooke. Thank you. This is incredibly powerful and very much needed truth telling. We're going to turn finally to Doctor Harold [00:26:00] Rhode, a man I had the privilege of serving with in the Pentagon for many years long after I left. He remained really one of the top duty experts for the office of the secretary of Defense, in particular on the Middle East, on our enemies there what they were doing what their objectives were and his insights and I think his clarity has been surpassingly important appreciated by, of course, his colleagues there, but also by those of us who've had the privilege of working with him outside of government as well. Harold is now with the Gatestone Institute. He is a very frequent commentator and contributor through articles and other outlets to this effort we're making here with the Victory Coalition for Truth Telling. And, Harold, we wanted particularly to catch [00:27:00] up with you to talk about gutter and what it represents in terms of this very, very regrettable situation where the war is not yet done with Hamas. We are told that that gutter is an intermediary, a mediator that is helping us get you know, these various cease fires and so on. The Israelis attacked Qatar, as we've been discussing. Again, sadly, without quite the decisive effect that they've had in Iran and Lebanon and parts of, of Gaza to but just level set with us, if you would, Harold. Is this a major non-NATO ally in the literal sense of that, or is it actually [00:28:00] an enemy that is continuing to help other of these enemies wage their war against well, Judeo-Christian civilization? I would argue.

**Harold Rhode:** [00:28:12] Look, by an act of history, Qatar sits on the largest natural gas field in the world. Now, this is a tiny country. The people from there are originally from northeastern. And what is today Saudi Arabia. They're Wahhabis, just like the Saudis, but they hate the Saudis, and the Saudis hate them. It was sort of in my neighborhood growing up in Philadelphia. If you don't go to the church that I go to, then you're doing the work of the devil. And they hate each other with a passion. All of a sudden, when, when the Qataris, the Al-Thani tribe lost the battle in northeastern Arabia

to the Saudis, they were forced to go [00:29:00] out to the coast, which is where they are today. They couldn't. And the coast was an awful place. You didn't want to go there. But they ended up there. And by that fluke, something that happened about 200, 300 years ago, all of a sudden, like the Beverly Hillbillies, they become unbelievably wealthy. They have maybe 300,000 thousand country citizens, and the country in formal Arabic is Qatar. Which they pronounce locally there as Qatar the way you did. Frank and gutter may actually have a better meaning here. Now their purpose is to fund radical extremist Islam everywhere in the world. What is radical extremist Islam? It is viciously anti-Western, anti-American, anti-European, [00:30:00] anti-Christian, anti-Israel, anti-Semitic, you name it. And the way things work in the Muslim world in in Arabic, Turkish and Persian, they have this word.

**Harold Rhode:** [00:30:14] Patience is the most important thing. They can wait until they will take over the entire world. Now, you and I, Frank and David and Brooke are probably not thinking or with our tongues hanging out waiting to convert to Islam. But we will. And the Qataris and all of these extremist Muslims know this. They don't think it. And they have they can wait forever until this happened. So why? Okay. So let's so what do they do now if, when, if you listen to Al Jazeera, the TV station, which I want to talk about a bit, but to explain what is on that thing, it is viciously anti [00:31:00] American anti-everything that I said before anti-Christian, anti-Western anti whatever. And that is in Arabic. In English, it's not just in their English. Al Jazeera is not just a translation of what's in Arabic. It's a mild version. And you know, we don't have people who know Middle Eastern languages. And so we think, oh, what's on Al Jazeera. When we talk about English, it has nothing to do with the vicious hatred that is on the Arabic station. How do they get us? Specifically the United States, to not to do anything about this? Well, they bribe us. What? How do they bribe us? They have given us this air, this air force base and all Dede, which is the largest American air base in the area.

**Harold Rhode:** [00:31:57] And they and this is a bribe that we [00:32:00] should look the other way at all the awful things that they are, the propaganda that they're spreading, the awful forces in the world like Hamas and other viciously, viciously, everything which is we hold dear in the West. And that is probably, in fact, I believe it from my experience of working in the government. That is the reason that we choose to look the other way. We don't want to lose this base. I would argue if we're thinking long term, everybody, we're talking about Gaza and all, whatever happened, look at the

pictures. Israel was forced to blow up and continue to blow up all sorts of buildings. The place is a mess. And the reason among the things is that the Hamas has been booby trapping all these buildings. The only other way to disarm them is to go in and get killed. And so that's why Israel has to use this. Yes. Has to destroy all [00:33:00] this. Now, President Trump was talking in the very beginning about, well you know, we could make it like the Riviera. You clean the whole thing out. And among the things at one point he was talking about would be a great place for an American base. And believe me, if it's there, it would be a lot more secure than it is in Qatar land or if they moved it to Saudi Arabia.

**Harold Rhode:** [00:33:25] I guess the bottom line is this is a possibility and we're thinking for the future. What is most important is that since Qatar had that land and it uses all the where the where the gas is, and it uses this money to spread all this viciously anti US things, maybe we might just think if you're planning for the future of moving that base, that we had something in Saudi Arabia many years before, I think is it about 11 years? I can't remember the [00:34:00] number of years we've had that base, but obviously the military, we don't want to give this up. So we're willing to sow the seeds of our destruction by ignoring the fact that Hamas. Excuse me Qatar uses this money to undermine us, to destroy the West. To destroy the non-Muslim world. And they've got their own problems internally in the Muslim world. Anyway, this is the bottom. The context in which things are what Qatar is all about. Do not believe, I mean, that Israel would go. Why does why does Qatar allow Hamas to have its so-called political heads to live in Qatar because Hamas is part of the extremist, fanatical Muslim mission to take over the world. And of course, therefore that's [00:35:00] what that's why Qatar exists, and that's why they fund Hamas and they fund all sorts of all sorts of any group which is anti-Western and somewhat Muslim oriented.

**Harold Rhode:** [00:35:11] The same is happening in Europe. Qatar is funding all sorts of things in Europe. And the Islamification of Europe is much more advanced than it is in the United States. Yes. I would end with one other thing. The September 11th, which is today, is a very interesting day in in the, in the for the for the Muslim world. What is that? On a book, Frank, that I wrote that you're the center that your center published called Modern Islamic Warfare An Ancient Doctrine marches on. The cover of that book is a battle that took place in 1683 between the Ottomans, who were Muslims, who had reached the, the gates of Vienna. And they were [00:36:00] about to destroy take over

Vienna. And Islam would then progress into the rest of Europe, and they would have eventually, because the Ottomans were the strongest power in the area, would have taken over Islam, Western Europe in a way that they're doing differently today. Well, this is what happened. All of a sudden, the Austrians were losing, Austrians were Catholic. And religion really, really matters. The basis for identity. Way back then. And miraculously, out of nowhere, the poles, also Catholic, sent an army. They arrived in Vienna and they destroyed. They defeated the Ottomans. Why is this important? And why is this? On the cover of the book that the center published? It's because the day that that happened was the evening of September 11th. [00:37:00]

**Harold Rhode:** [00:37:01] And in the Middle East, everything is symbolic. So that's when they began to be pushed back down, down, down by the Christian world to the borders of where Turkey is today. And that's all of Southeast Europe. And for them. As Brooke said before, once a territory is conquered for Islam, it must remain Muslim forever. But the word Fatah, the name of Fatah, they call it in English, is it? It means they tell you. It means conquest. Yeah, it means conquest. An Islamic context. It comes from the Arabic root for to open, which is actually the same in Hebrew. And what it means is once an area is open for Islam that is conquered by Islam, it is Muslims must remain Muslim forever. That's where we are. That's where we're up against. That's what Hamas is part of. That's what the Palestinian [00:38:00] Authority is part of. And so much of the press, that's what the what Turkey is part of Iran is part of. They don't agree what happens after the whole world becomes Muslim because then they'll start killing each other. But in the meantime, they gotta get us. And that's what they're doing. And we are looking the other way. We're ignoring this at our peril.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:38:23] That's the point that I wanted to come back to both Brooke and David on. We're told endlessly that the alternative to what is going on now is an endless war. In point of fact, I think for reasons that Harold, among others, have mentioned. We're in an endless war. Yes, we are. For 1400 years is arguably the most endless war in history. Certainly modern history. So David and, Brooke, your thoughts on this [00:39:00] idea that Donald Trump has actually spoken about on several occasions, as I recall, that Israel must finish the job, as he puts it specifically with respect to Hamas in Gaza, A but arguably, you know, it applies elsewhere as well. Is that in fact the policy of the United States government? Where are we on cease fire negotiations? And more to the point especially, I think you were so clear on this. Should

it be our policy, should there be any policy other than standing with Israel to achieve that decisive victory over not just her enemies, but ours? Let's start with you, David. We'll go to Brooke.

**David Wurmser:** [00:39:46] Yeah, well, it should, obviously, because what you know, and this is something, you know, relating also to what happened with sadly, with Charlie Kirk. Gaza is not a local war. It is not a border dispute. [00:40:00] And it isn't even just a dispute over Israel's existence. The Gaza war is the front line of the battle between Western civilization and barbarism, between Anti-civilization And what worries me about what happened to the assassination of Charlie Kirk is we have a whole community in the West, specifically our youth, which are lost. And they don't know. They know everything's wrong. They're sort of been led out of Egypt, out of Pharaoh's Egypt, where the incarceration of our education system into an ideological box. They have now departed that ideological box, but they are unfortunately lost and they don't know where to go. And Charlie Kirk was sort of guiding them to the foundations of Western civilization, guiding them back to their roots, their Christian roots, the Judeo-Christian foundations. And [00:41:00] I'm very afraid of when this quote, Moses has essentially been killed. What happens to the youth who really looked up to him as a father figure, as a guide? And so I think this assassination may have tremendous implications. And the strategic implication of it is, is exactly about Gaza, not only about Gaza, but the fact is the clarity of the fact that the West is under attack.

**David Wurmser:** [00:41:30] It is an award, a twilight struggle to the death. Now with Islamic radicalism such as is advocated by Qatar and the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas and all its affiliates and Israel is simply the front line of it. So it should very much be the Western policy to eradicate Hamas. Unfortunately, I think we're a little bit murky whether we want to deal if [00:42:00] it gets all the hostages back and we want a cease fire, we want this war to end. We're end. We're getting tired of it. If this is not engaged and won decisively, then we have deepened and made more central to our own efforts and endless war. We are making it worse for ourselves. If we have a brilliant opportunity here in this endless war, which again, what Harold is saying and I think what Brooker is saying. This is where our children's children are going to live with this, this clash. But we have the ability to at least win big in the next few decades and buy for ourselves in the West some respite if we know what the stakes are. And unfortunately, one of the main

people who is keeping us clearheaded was just assassinated. And unfortunately, I'm not sure the West has this clarity entirely.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:42:56] No, it does not seem to. Brooke, to you, I [00:43:00] don't know if while you were in Gaza or in Israel, you were particularly tracking on the various developments of Steve Witkoff. S efforts to broker some new ceasefire or not. But just from your vantage point, again, with your, I think, very clear eyed understanding of what it is we're up against and what the tradition of Islam is with respect to this practice known as hudna, which is not actually to make a peace not to have an enduring one at the very least. But just to truce have a pause. Yeah. A truce or a pause which allows people to regroup and rearm and go back at it. Your thoughts?

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:43:48] Well, well, you would know better than me because you and Daniel Pipes pretty much taught me everything I know about Islamism. But I think, you know all the talk about ceasefire and everything. We're missing the forest for the trees. [00:44:00] And you said in the beginning, how do we, you know, define a win. Is this an endless war? And the problem with fighting terrorism in particular is on the asymmetric battlefield is there's no winning. It's a lose. That's why they took the hostages. That's why they use children as suicide bombers and human shields and is there a decisive victory here? I'm not quite sure. Especially when we in the West are so ignorant of history and what Islamism is, because there has been a campaign to cloud our judgment where we cannot talk freely about the threat of radical Islam. And if we don't understand it, if we can't make cartoons about it, if we can't satirize it, if we can't do plays about why can't we talk about this, then we cannot learn how to defeat it. It's even our own language that's so defeatist. We talk about the two state solution, right? Creating [00:45:00] a state in Gaza and Islamist terrorist state is not a solution to anything.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:45:06] We talk about Israeli Palestinian conflict. This is a proxy war. This is a clash of civilizations. And just I don't know if I have much to add to what David said, but like with Qatar. Right? It's the ultimate deception. You know, it is the number one state sponsor of Hamas. It as was said in the beginning, why is it harboring Hamas? Because Qatar is Hamas, Hamas is Qatar. And on the other hand, it its leaders go around parading in suits pretending to be businessmen like nothing is wrong, making real estate deals. We all know we have an American military base there, but what good

is it if they can like this? Release the hostage. We know what they've done, Alexander. If they wanted all the hostages to be released today, they could. So they're playing both sides. And that's why, actually, they were bombed both by Iran, and then they were recently bombed by Israel. But we can't forget, you know, [00:46:00] the day of the afternoon of October the 7th while women were being raped, while babies are being burnt alive. Qatar released an official statement praising the massacre. And the sooner we realize who they are, the sooner the better for us.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:46:18] Because for far too long we've had US administration after administration veto Israel's ability to go in and execute targeted killings. And that's part of winning the war on the ground. We have the media warfare battle, which will continue as long as they have fodder for their blood libels. We have the legal battle, which is coming up now at the United Nations with they want to reward terrorism with the state. And obviously the economic battle, which you talked about on the ground with the further economic feeding and resupply of these terrorist groups. And then obviously, you have the stealth battle that you are the expert on, Frank, of how all of this is coming stealthily within our country. I hope you know, they've come against the Jews. We had an awakening [00:47:00] after nine over 11. We screwed that up because the Islamophobia mania campaign we have now new awakening about radical Islam after October the 7th. But that was only the Jews. And now we have this, hopefully a turning point with the murder, the terrible murder and political assassination of Charlie Kirk, where I think America really needs to wake up to this threat.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:47:22] Harold, could you say anything about the prospect? I think Brooke made the point brilliantly that we are ignoring the reality of what a Palestinian state entails by giving the Palestinians in Gaza a pass under the previous arrangement. But your thoughts and really, I guess I'd like to just close out with each of you saying a word about what the UN has in mind in this upcoming General Assembly exercise. To as Brooke put it, I guess, reward [00:48:00] the Palestinians for their horror on October 7th Seventh by getting an even bigger Palestinian state.

**Harold Rhode:** [00:48:10] These states, I don't care how many Arab states, Muslim states, they exist to propagate Islam. And what we would call fanatic extremist Islam, any whether it's the state in in Gaza or a state in in Judea-Samaria, West Bank. These they make it very clear, if you listen, if you read them and listen to them in Arabic, these

are nothing more than stepping stones to destroy Israel. And there is no concept in Arabic of peace as we know it. There's no concept of bygones be bygones. There are only temporary. There are truces, nothing more. And so it is. By agreeing to anything here, [00:49:00] it's putting a Band-Aid on cancer. So you can't see, God forbid, what it is, but it's still there and it's working against you. And they know how to wait. And so. And anybody who wants to stay, let me even give you something which is even more scary. There is a video you can see on YouTube, and it's about ten years old, but it's basically the same now of people in either middle or high school, in Arabic, middle high school in Israel, being interviewed by Israeli journalists. It's in Hebrew, but you have both Arabic and Hebrew subtitles, English subtitles about these kids, about how they see Israel.

**Harold Rhode:** [00:49:45] Now they this is in a village called Taibeh, which is not far from Petah-Tikva. And it is it's been in Israel since it never was in any other country besides [00:50:00] Israel. And all of these kids made it very clear. You and they're talking to the Israeli journalists who are talking. You guys, you say this or nothing. Look, you don't belong here. This is ours. This is what we learn at home. This is what we learn in the mosques. And if you don't let us teach it, we'll still talk about it among ourselves. You stole our land. What does that mean? You stole this? We Muslims conquered this in 637, 638 AD CE. And it is ours forever. So we can't we compromise. There is no concept of compromise like we have it here in the West. It is basically to be compromised. Meaning there's going to be I win, you lose, you win, I lose. There's no halfway. Because if you give in, if you negotiate before winning, you are saying you don't have either the will [00:51:00] or the ability to win. That is weakness and that is when the Muslims strike.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:51:07] That's their doctrine, as you've described it, Harold, in your very important book, Islamic Way of War. David, final thoughts on what may be coming up at the UN General Assembly and we'll close out.

**David Wurmser:** [00:51:19] You've got a number of countries, especially failed European leaderships, that are politically failing. Their nations have retreated into sort of a vague or soft anti-Semitism that's dressed as this anti-Zionism or more this. Well, we just want a peaceful resolution and a Palestinian state at this point, a Palestinian state is synonymous with Israel's destruction. And after October 7th, to maintain that fiction is



disingenuous. I mean, if there's no way any leader in the West cannot understand that if there had been a Palestinian state in the borders of 48, [00:52:00] as they call it, namely Judea, Samaria, the West Bank and in Gaza. Israel would not exist anymore. And they know that. And they know that there was nothing that could be done to appease the Palestinians into some sort of a peaceful state, because the Palestinian Authority itself praised those attacks on October 7th. So you have a group of failed leaders in Europe peddling an idea that, of course, the enemies of the West, which are in UN structures. Why? Because China essentially has a domination of many UN structures. They've so indebted so many African countries to themselves that they call in the they call in their chits, which are in un fora, whether it's the W.H.O. or so on and so forth. So you have a situation here where you have a guaranteed anti-Israeli structure in the UN, you have a guaranteed anti-Western structure in the UN, you have an attack on the West in the UN, and it's really [00:53:00] a strategic arm of this larger civilizational war that is playing out physically in Gaza and with Iran, with and in the DACA and in in, in Doha. So essentially these European leaders are increasingly failed. And I hate to say it, but I think that there's an element of corruption in some of these. I think France and its role of fin total with Qatar and its \$10 billion deal and France with the maritime agreement with Lebanon not entirely explicable if it's not done in the framework of a mercantile policy that may not be outright illegal, but is truly unsavory.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:53:48] Yes. Insidious indeed. Brooke, a final comment from you. Anything to close us out as to what to be looking for on the humanitarian front or the diplomatic one?

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:53:59] No. Well, I will [00:54:00] just repeat again that we just launched our End Hate and Education campaign K through 12, which I really think is one of the most important things that we need to be focusing on right now is securing our country and ensuring that the curriculum that's being used is one that teaches peace, and not an Islamist version of war against the West. And Charlie Kirk spoke about it. We when I was on his show, we spoke with us very issue how Dei has been perverted and these notions of diversity. And it comes from the same virtue signaling like, let's feel good about creating a Palestinian state when it's clearly, you know, a tactic. We keep repeating again, these term Palestinian, as though it's some sort of Muslim exclusive identity. It's not an ethnicity, it's not a religion. It was a geographic location. And my ancestors identified as Palestinian. The Jerusalem Post was the

Palestine Post. It was a geographic location. And there's fiction of the state. Is the is the same. [00:55:00] And the fiction that these are somehow democratic protests for, for the establishment of the first ever democracy in the Middle East when they're chanting on our campuses, kill the Jews, death to America. We're blinding ourselves. And people always ask, why, why? Why do people hate Jews? It is completely irrational because Europe is killing itself to appease Islamism. And, you know, the Jews are just the first group where it's going to become, you know uncomfortable for.

**Brooke Goldstein:** [00:55:33] And we've seen this time and time again in the continued ignorance of the history, you know, it's astounding even I didn't know the historical relevance of nine over 11. So, you know, thank you for teaching me that. So the most important thing we need to do is this these dialogs spreading these dialogs, not being afraid at all about speaking the truth. You know, I always said, if more people publish that Danish cartoon of Muhammad, you know, 15, 16 years ago that Charlie [00:56:00] Hebdo would not have been such a target. So. So let's continue this conversation. I full faith in the American people. And I also want to have a call for unity that we should not be divided on Partizan politics. Even in the Jewish community, there's pro Jews, anti-Bibi Jews, you know, pro-Palestinian state, Jews and Jews who think that Jews have every right to live in Judea because after all, where are we from? But that cannot allow us to be divided on our number one goal, which should be upholding the civil rights of the Jewish community here and now in the diaspora. We are so focused on pro-Israel advocacy. We have to be focused on civil rights advocacy here in America, using legal system and using grassroots mobilization to enforce our rights here to equal protection, regardless of what's happening thousands of miles away in the so-called Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:56:53] Yeah, and Jew hatred. Amen. Brooke Goldstein, Harold Rhode, David Wurmser [00:57:00]. We deeply, deeply appreciate what you are bringing to these debates. As Brooke has called for, and especially the clarity that is more needed now in the aftermath of Charlie Kirk's murder than ever. And we look forward to continuing to try to bring that with your help through the Victory Coalition. Please stay in touch with us for more of these briefings, folks at victory. Org. In the meantime, peace be upon you. This is a challenge for all of us. We must rise to if we are to save our country and indeed, Judeo-Christian civilization. God bless you all.