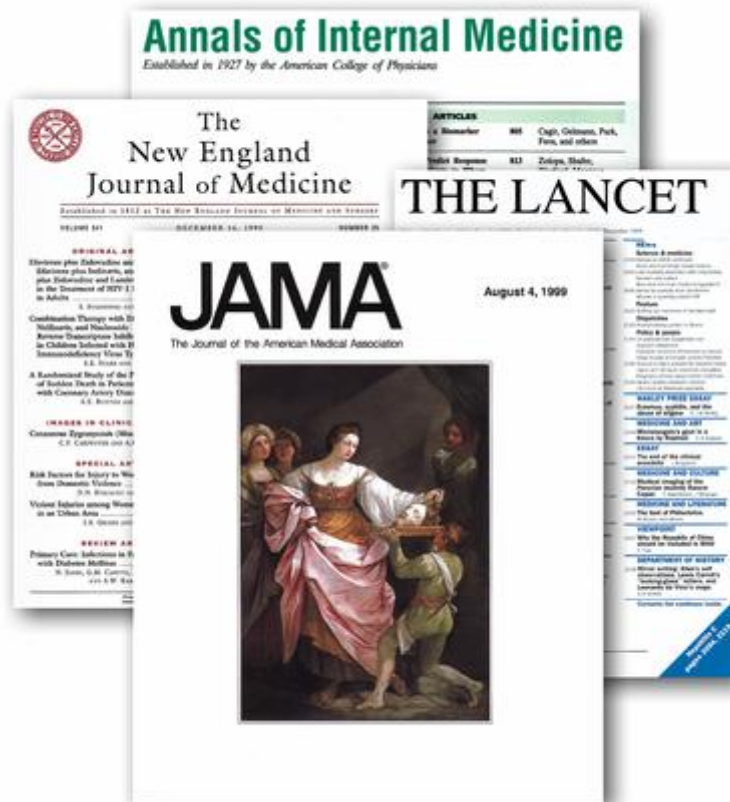


# Baseless Israel Bashing Permeates Science, Medicine, and Education Unions

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Until recently, the hard sciences proved impregnable to political propaganda and to Soviet-style boycotts and censorship. Not anymore.

From college campuses to medical and mental health professionals, people whose careers are rooted in inquiry and fact are falling over each other to condemn Israel for last month's defensive war against Hamas – and in [Michael Vanyukov](#), a geneticist and a professor of pharmaceutical sciences, psychiatry, and human genetics at the University of Pittsburgh:

“I left the totalitarian anti-Semitic Soviet Union 30 years ago...little did I know that the scientific society I would soon join in the United States—Behavior Genetics Association (BGA)...would bring back memories of my old unlamented country. I recently learned that the company’s executive committee expressed support for BLM. I was shocked. Not only does BGA have no business getting engaged in partisan politics but the BLM attacks on Jewish institutions were not random...unsurprisingly, the BLM leaders also describe themselves as ‘trained Marxists.’ Endorsing BLM – a racist Jew-hating group – returns genetics to its ugly history page of ignorance.”

To his enormous credit, Vanyukov resigned.

Makes perfect sense. We are undergoing the most profound degradation of both experts and of expertise.

For example, in 2010, *The Lancet*, once a premier journal of medicine, [alleged increase](#) of “wife beating” in Gaza.

These researchers failed to disclose that their study was funded by the Palestinian National Authority and their data was collected by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. Further, they establish no baseline comparison with domestic violence in Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia, countries which are not occupied by Israel or the West.

And amid the latest conflict, it [14 years](#) prioritizing its [providing a platform](#) for [politics](#) is not [disclose](#) that their [comes from](#) pro-Palestinian groups, such as Medical Aid for Palestinians and the pro-Palestinian Norwegian Aid Committee, organizations that are hostile to Israel.

What’s newsworthy is that, despite pointed rebuttals by the [leading conforms](#) to the Hamas-created “lethal narrative” that’s been adopted by the Western media.

Even when Lancet’s authors are [medical issues](#) in Gaza, the

still [published](#) an article which focuses solely on the “raging mental health crisis,” but only in Gaza – not in Israel?

The article, written by psychiatrist Yasser Abu Jamei, the director of the Gaza Community Mental Health program, is accompanied by a photo of people amidst rubble, together with civil defense workers, in the “aftermath of an Israeli bombing raid.” Abu Jamei refers to post traumatic stress symptomatology among Palestinian children as a result of Israel’s “11-day offensive on the people of the Gaza Strip.”

Abu Jamei does not mention the number of casualties and trauma created when hundreds of Hamas rockets fell short and landed on top of Palestinians. He has not a word for the mental health issues in Israel due to Hamas’s shelling ([terrorist-combatant](#) among them! Further, Abu Jamei saw “six hospitals and 11 clinics (that were) damaged.” Not a word about whether Hamas [stored weapons](#) there. Not a word about Hamas’s refusal to protect its civilians or its penchant for using them as human shields merely for propaganda purposes. In fact, Hamas is not mentioned at all.

But Hamas chief Yahya al-Sinwar [said](#) it lost 80 fighters. Israel [said](#) Israel’s bombings in Gaza were “precise.”

For acknowledging this reality, Matthias Schmale had to apologize and was [representing](#) “25,000 faculty and staff at City University of New York” [signed](#) onto an “Open Letter in Support for Palestine.”

The poisoned propaganda trickles down to public grade and high school teachers. For example, the Los Angeles Teachers Union hopes to [distribute](#) iPads to its students. Yet, a major supplier is [subject to torture](#) and held in internment camps where they are “indoctrinated to disavow Islam” by the Chinese government, a new Amnesty International report finds.

No boycott of China is proposed by the union.

The San Francisco teachers union has already [Lara unleashed](#) mini-pogroms and major pogroms against Jews around the world. In the diaspora, civilian Jews have no IDF to defend them. Kathryn Wolf [IPT](#).