

Did CNN Cause the Boulder Terror Attack?

The “Blood Libel’ reinvented

By Roger L Simon

My title is deliberately salacious. Admittedly I’m in that kind of mood, given the events in Boulder June 1 and those in DC just a few days earlier. But that doesn’t mean I’m wrong.



The Intifada is being globalized, as they say. It’s here in the USA and it’s happening in high and low places.

The low, we can assume, refers to the two events above that were apparently perpetrated by lone wolves against Jews or their Christian supporters by single actors.

But who inspires them to act that way? Many people, actually, from our educational system to extremist politicians to foreign entities to religious zealots. But our media is prominent among them. When potential terrorists see Israel continually criticized in our media, they feel encouraged,

correctly or not. They can think they are in a zone of safety here in the USA, that their act will be well received by many.

Our journalists, editors and publishers have participated in globalizing the Intifada through their nearly unquestioning reporting of propaganda, notably parroting data from Hamas "health officials," often verbatim, despite the same organs having been caught lying multiple times.

Sometimes it has been remarkably extreme as when US and foreign outlets immediately bought into a supposed Israel bombing of a Gaza hospital when it turned out the cause was an errant missile from Islamic Jihad. Even then the mortalities had been wildly inflated.

That event should have been suspicious immediately because such deceptions had been going on for years. Many of us remember the Pallywood Scandal with the postage stamps of many nations fallaciously depicting the murder of a little Palestinian boy by Israeli troops. Pallywood is thriving in Gaza now, as are the "journalists" eager to report its productions, even those so slapdash it's embarrassing.

I awakened today, some time before the atrocities in Boulder, by a disturbing report from CNN. Here's how Google's AI answered my question about what occurred (caveat emptor, of course, on anything to do with AI):

"Yes, CNN has reported that multiple Gazans were shot near a food aid hub on the morning of June 1, 2025

"Eyewitnesses told CNN that they were fired upon at the 'Al-Alam' roundabout as they approached the aid site. The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported mass casualties, including scores injured and killed from gunshots.

"It's important to note that the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation distribution center denied claims that the IDF attacked a food distribution point, contradicting some reports. CNN was also

unable to independently confirm the exact numbers of casualties reported by the Palestinian Ministry of Health.”

Needless to say the early CNN reports made this sound like another example of, let's be kind at this point, the IDF going a bit out of control . Actually something quite different occurred. Masked gunmen are visible on video shooting Gazans trying to obtain rations from the new US backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, something the IDF would never do. You don't have to be Sherlock Holmes to surmise that was Hamas itself that are very threatened by this new development that breaks their control of food distribution and hurts their finances. Gazans were shocked the food from the Americans was free.

News outlets like CNN (I could add dozens more—the AP and the BBC both at the top of the list) hide behind a facade of journalistic “impartiality” that is the thinnest of disguises for sometimes extreme bias. I find CNN particularly reprehensible because many of their lead reporters (quite a few Jewish, alas) stay on with the organization despite its lies about many matters from the Russia Hoax to Joe Biden's senility having been widely exposed. You could say that of many of the other outlets as well.

Have they no shame? Evidently not. Why did I even ask? These people glory in Pulitzers for their lies. I would place CNN's Jake Tapper high on this inauspicious list for running around trying to profit for his own endless dishonesty regarding Biden through sales of his new book.

Regarding the Jews and Israel, CNN and the others are creating a climate that is virtually a new, and only slightly more subtle, version of the old “Blood Libel”. The “Blood Libel,” for those unfamiliar, was a calumny from the Middle Ages when Jews were accused of murdering Christians (often children) to obtain blood to make matzah, a ludicrous physical impossibility since matzah is unleavened bread made entirely

of flour and and water with sometimes a pinch of salt. Yet somehow this blood lie persisted off and on for centuries resulting in many horrible crimes. In a way, it set the stage for centuries of antisemitism. Israel has become the most lied about nation of all time.

We now have a new version of the Blood Libel whose perpetrators are not directly responsible for the heinous deeds of the likes of Mohamed Soliman (not surpassingly an Egyptian who overstayed his visa) but they help create the zeitgeist that promotes such acts.

Originally, most of these people were leftists whose utterly illogical alliance with Jihadists is well known. This is a constant on our streets and on nearly every campus in our country save a few, not just Columbia and Harvard.

Unfortunately, however, they are no longer alone. They have been joined by a coterie of what I might call Nouveau Antisemites on the right. These include notable and influential figures, one of whom I considered a friend, Tucker Carlson. (People asked me to approach Tucker about this and I did once, about the Churchill being more dangerous than Hitler absurdity, but didn't get very far.) Also involved are podcaster Joe Rogan, a comic named Dave Smith I had never heard of previously, and of course, Candace Owen whose antisemitism is so excessive she sometimes sounds like a modern day Father Coughlin.

It's hard to make heads or tails what motivates these people—there are others, of course—without being extremely cynical about the narcotic allure of internet popularity. (Owen exploited the sponsorship of the great Dennis Prager, now suffering from a several spinal injury, of all people before going on her bigoted tirades.)

I would like to be optimistic and think what has been going on of late would make these folks reconsider, but I am skeptical.

Members of the chattering class rarely recant in a full way.

I wonder sometimes too if they would sit for the 9 1/2 hours of Claude Lanzmann's masterful 1985 documentary "[Shoah](#)" during which the director interviews so many participants in the Holocaust... if that would move the needle at all—it devastated me—but I doubt that too. People believe what they want to believe.

My views were formed when I first encountered Hamas as I was standing on a Paris street corner circa 1988. The then new organization—actually just a Muslim Brotherhood spinoff—came down the street, chanting in English and French, "Hamas, Hamas, Jews to the gas." That gave me shivers that haven't stopped.

It might be hard to imagine, but I was once (1970s) a loose member of the group Peace Now, at least I attended some of their meetings. We were very supportive of a Palestinian state and land for peace and so forth. I even thought it was good idea, though I was nervous, when Ariel Sharon decided to give Gaza back to the "Palestinians" in 2005.

But when Hamas was voted in in 2007 and started throwing Palestinian Authority members off rooftops, my eagerness for a Palestinian state started to dwindle.. When I hear Emmanuel Macron arguing for one now, I want to do much more than slap him. The so-called Palestinians have been offered their state multiple times and have never taken it. They don't want a two state solution, obviously, although some pretend they do. They want "the river to the sea." I'm sure readers of this site know very well what that means. But it's the Israelis who are supposed to be genocidal.

So I am sitting here typing while identifying with those currently in the hospital wounded by this latest terrorist/illegal alien. The victims are all mostly my age and at some point what happened to them could happen to me. I

never thought about it that way before, to be honest. I was always a safe American boy. But I do now. I also worry about family and friends.

I of course support the hostages adamantly and am not shy about it. This only makes me want to demonstrate more in their behalf. Am I crazy? I certainly don't want to let these jerks stop me.

Nevertheless, my fellow Jews and their supporters, I advise you, if you haven't, though you probably have, to watch your backs.

And to all my colleagues in the media, right and left, who are creating this zeitgeist, this putrid atmosphere, wise up. G-d is watching.

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