

Resolution 20-06.20

CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM AND MISINFORMATION OF “DEADLY EXCHANGE”

1 WHEREAS, antisemitism through history blames Jews for contemporary problems, ascribing to them
2 whatever it is that a given civilization defines as its most loathsome qualities; for example, the "blood
3 libel" of pre-Holocaust Christianity, the "race-polluter" of Nazism, the "Zionists" of the USSR, or recently
4 blaming Israel for ISIS and COVID-19, and
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6 WHEREAS, rather than focus on the root causes of police brutality and systemic racism in American law
7 enforcement, some have deliberately tried to conflate police brutality with policies on Israel and
8 Palestine by falsely claiming that Israeli police train American police officers on violent restraint tactics
9 to use against people of color, labeling it a "Deadly Exchange", when in fact the Homeland Security
10 program exclusively focuses on how to respond to terrorist attacks and mass shootings, and is one of
11 over 25 such exchange programs with U.S. and European, Latin American and Asian police forces from
12 China and Brazil to Finland and the Netherlands, yet this "campaign" is concerned only with Israel; and
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14 WHEREAS, while the effects of U.S. police militarization are dehumanizing, the U.S.-Israel Homeland
15 Security program has a specific focus on anti-terrorist training where participants learn how Israeli law
16 enforcement disrupts, and responds to terrorist attacks, explores the ideology of suicide bombers, mass
17 shooters, and other attackers, and teaches best practices to de-escalate an ongoing incident--training
18 which is clearly distinguishable from police militarization or arrest mechanics--and these trips are only
19 for senior officers, not patrol officers on the street; and despite false allegations made following the
20 murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police, while many countries, including Canada and France and
21 many U.S. municipal police forces use the dangerous knee-to-neck technique, Israel has never taught
22 arrest mechanics or restraints in its training programs with senior law enforcement officers from other
23 countries as confirmed by Minneapolis Police which stated that it authorized the technique years before
24 any Israeli contacts.
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26 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns all forms of antisemitism,
27 including the false allegations around the Homeland Security Program; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms its commitment to, and
30 encourages others to focus on solutions that genuinely and fundamentally restructure public safety so as
31 to end the scourge of police brutality, transforming racist oppressive institutions that disproportionately
32 harm people of color, and effectively combating white supremacy.

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