

Review of: "[Commentary] Israel: A Problem the World Created (And Now Appears Unable to Solve)"

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This is not a serious academic article. Citations from an encyclopedia are not a substitute for deeply delving into the extensive literature on the conflict. If the author had done so, he or she would not have made egregious errors like calling Herzl's first name "Alexander" (instead of Theodor) [p.3]. In addition, it would appear that the author has a clear anti-Israeli bias if one examines the terms he uses like "the artificial state of Israel" (p.2). He also misunderstands the nature of the 1948 war (The Jews were on the defensive in February and March 1948--a fact he skipped over, choosing instead to emphasize the controversial "Dalet " plan.) He also seems to argue that Israel expelled all 750,000 Palestinians, while in fact most left to get away from the fighting, although Rabin did expel approximately 100,000 from the Lod/Ramle area for fear they would be a fifth column helping the invading Egyptian and Jordanian troops. In order to be published, the article needs to be completely rewritten, the assertions footnoted, and the anti-Israeli bias removed.