

Norman Finkelstein

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International law says people fighting for self-determination can use force in order to achieve their independence.

~Norman Finkelstein

They used to say Palestinians fight like heroes, now they say heroes fight like Palestinians

~Norman Finkelstein

Why should these Palestinians, who have lived in Jerusalem for hundreds of years, be evicted from their homes so that Jews from Brooklyn can live in them?

~Norman Finkelstein

Insofar as Zionism sought to solve the Jewish question, it must be reckoned not just a failure but a catastrophe: Israel is the main cause of anti-Semitism in the world today.

~Norman Finkelstein

I'm politically on the left, no question about it. I oppose sweatshops, I oppose exploitation of labour in the third world.

~Norman Finkelstein

Israel has come out of the boils of the hell, a satanic state.

~Norman Finkelstein

It's utterly hypocritical for Israelis to wonder aloud why Palestinians don't pursue a non-violent strategy. One obvious reason is that, whenever they have, Israel brutally represses it.

~Norman Finkelstein

There's nothing Israel can do without US support. It can't breathe without US support. The US bankrolls everything, and it's just silly to think that Israel can do anything without the support.

~Norman Finkelstein

Indeed, the field of Holocaust studies is replete with nonsense if not sheer fraud.

~Norman Finkelstein

Apart from my parents, every family member on both sides was exterminated by the Nazis.

~Norman Finkelstein

People are motivated by the desires for privilege, for power, for profit. Those are not shocking revelations. Anyone who's had any experience in life knows these things.

~Norman Finkelstein

The Holocaust only emerged in American life after Israel's victory in the 1967 Six Day war against its Arab neighbours.

~Norman Finkelstein

September 11 was a godsend for Israel. It could now conjoin its merciless persecution of the Palestinians with Bush's War against Terror. But my impression is that it wasn't altogether successful.

~Norman Finkelstein

Everybody wants peace. That's a truism. There is no point in accomplishing through war what you can accomplish through peace.

~Norman Finkelstein

War is not a means to an end, it is the end, whereas politics is merely the hiatus between wars.

~Norman Finkelstein

As one Israeli said, "It's a big mistake for Israel to say it 'won' the war, when there was no war. There were no battles...no military enemy in the field."

~Norman Finkelstein

The Holocaust industry has always been bankrupt. What remains is to openly declare it so. The time is long past to put it out of business.

~Norman Finkelstein

There is no way a non-Jew could say what I did in 'The Holocaust Industry' without being labelled a Holocaust denier. I am labelled a Holocaust denier, too.

~Norman Finkelstein

Every victory of Hezbollah, I celebrate.

~Norman Finkelstein

Given the nonsense that is turned out daily by the Holocaust industry, the wonder is that there are so few skeptics.

~Norman Finkelstein

When I was a young man, my mother said to me, 'You can't be a communist without being a militant atheist.' So I had to be a militant atheist because I wanted to be a communist.

~Norman Finkelstein

State terrorism - and yet the Israeli invasion Goldstone investigated is still commonly referred to as the Gaza War.

~Norman Finkelstein

You know, frankly speaking, money just doesn't figure largely in my world view.

~Norman Finkelstein

I don't feel particularly attached to Israel - 'nationalism,' as Noam Chomsky said, 'is not my cup of tea' - but I feel no particular need to demonize it.

~Norman Finkelstein

I focus on my work. If I let myself get distracted by the insults and slanders I wouldn't get anything substantive done.

~Norman Finkelstein

As Israel becomes like South Africa, it's increasingly becoming a pariah state, being excluded from culture at large.

~Norman Finkelstein

Public opinion in the United States has shifted significantly, not just outside but also within the Jewish community.

~Norman Finkelstein

Each of the various tactics that have been tried to get Israel to budge.. nonviolent resistance, legal accountability, BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions).. has had some measure of success.

~Norman Finkelstein

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