

Motion title: Separate the Public from the Powerful: Students are not accountable for governments

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Summary: In light of recent & ongoing conflicts (Palestine & Israel) It is important to separate the civilians from the organisations in control. The SU needs to promote peace and welfare of all students, and publicly condemn violence towards innocent civilians, and acknowledge the detrimental effects of conflating Judaism with the Israeli Government's retaliation and Islam with the HAMAS's acts of terrorism. The resolves in this motion are also to be extended to other conflicts.

Council Notes:

11. There has been an intense rise in antisemitism & Islamophobia after the HAMAS attacks. (1)
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12. HAMAS are using the conflict as a means to push their own personal agenda and are not recognised governing over Palestine. (2)

13. A large volume of War Crimes have been committed. (3)

Council Believes:

1. You cannot hold the innocent public accountable for the actions taken by corrupt people in power.

2. Everyone affected deserve unbiased, equal support.

3. There is a large volume of people both sides of the conflict enduring unjust, inhumane, and undeserved consequences due to things out of their own control.

4. This conflict is NOT to be used as a scapegoat to justify either Islamophobia, Antisemitism or ANY OTHER FORM OF DISCRIMINATION

Council Resolves:

1. Mandates the SU to put student welfare above all – signposting those affected to resources both in-house and externally.

2. Extending the idea of this motion towards other instances such as the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine and any other potential conflicts in the future.

3. Support and protect students against radicalisation through open communication & providing safe, unbiased and non-judgmental spaces to ask questions (anonymous forums & similar things)

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