

Review of New York Times Editorial Coverage on Jews and Israel

2016-Present

Brett Stephens shock-but-not-surprise thesis about the cartoon: “The criticism goes double when it comes to the editorial pages, whose overall approach toward the Jewish state tends to range, with some notable exceptions, from tut-tutting disappointment to thunderous condemnation.”

Scope of Review: 107 Editorials in this time period based on the following search terms: Israel, Jewish, Anti-Semitism, Palestine, BDS. 34 editorials were deemed relevant.

We did not review columns, op-eds or news coverage.

Scored the *relevant* editorials as follows: 1-negative/critical valance 2-Mixed valance 3-positive valance

Overall score: 1.22 valance our of 3

Key Findings

- Extensive addressing of right-wing Antisemitism
- Virtually no addressing of left-wing Antisemitism (until the recent editorial on the cartoon)
- Relentlessly critical of Israeli government policy on peace and settlements
- Highly critical of Israel’s position on Iran
- Highly critical of Prime Minister Netanyahu and right-wing allies
- Not a single editorial with an overall positive valance toward Israel