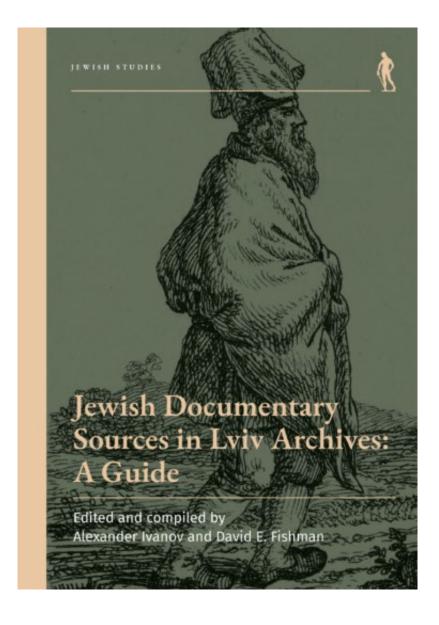
BETWEEN MOSCOW, KYIV, AND JERUSALEM: HOW THE WARS IN UKRAINE AND GAZA HAVE CHANGED RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL AND JEWS

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How Antisemitic are Ukrainians?

Many American Jews are convinced that Ukrainians are extremely antisemitic, based on what they heard from their grandparents about pogroms and Ukrainian collaborators with the Nazis. It continually amazes me that people draw firm conclusions from these stories. Tell them that 4.5 million Ukrainians fought against the Nazis in the ranks of the Red Army, and that 1.3 million of them died in combat fighting the Nazis, and they are in disbelief. The number of Ukrainian Red Army soldiers was probably ten times as large as the numbers of members of Ukrainian Fascist organizations (OUN and UPA) and of the Ukrainian auxiliary police. But let's not let facts get in the way of preconceptions.

The other assumption seems to be that nations are static entities. If a group harbored antisemitic attitudes eighty years ago, it must be the same today. In a rare exception, most Jews acknowledge that the Germans have changed, but they assume that the Ukrainians have stayed the same. There is a similar phenomenon among Jews who emigrated from Ukraine in the 1990s, when antisemitism was at its peak. They assume that its level is the same today as when they left the country. What we need is empirical data and analysis – and a community that is open to drawing conclusions based on the facts.





Assessed Control of Terrain in Ukraine and Main Russian Maneuver Axes as of February 11, 2024, 3:00 PM ET



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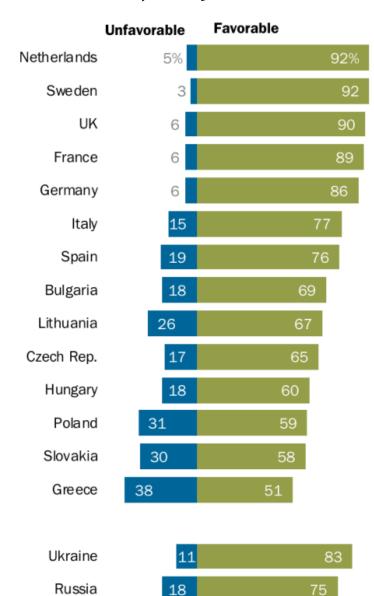
Half or more in all European countries surveyed have a favorable view of Jews

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SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MARIA ZAKHAROVA, DECEMBER 15, 2022

"Zelensky doesn't care about his own people. Only in public does he call himself a citizen of Ukraine. Only in public does he wear a Vishevanka [the traditional Ukrainian shirt], only in public does he perform certain ritual acts in cathedrals. In reality, he doesn't belong to the culture and spirituality of this country and of this people. We fully understand that, based on the merciless criminal acts that he perpetrates."

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FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Netanyahu touts friendship with Putin in new billboard

Targeting Israeli-Russian voters, Likud hangs massive picture of PM alongside Russian president, with the slogan 'Netanyahu: In a league of his own'

By RAOUL WOOTLIFF

28 July 2019, 1:51 pm |



A picture taken on July 28, 2019, shows a giant election poster on the Likud party headquarters showing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Russian President Vladimir Putin shaking hands. The writing on the billboard reads 'Netanyahu, in another league.' (Tal Alovich)

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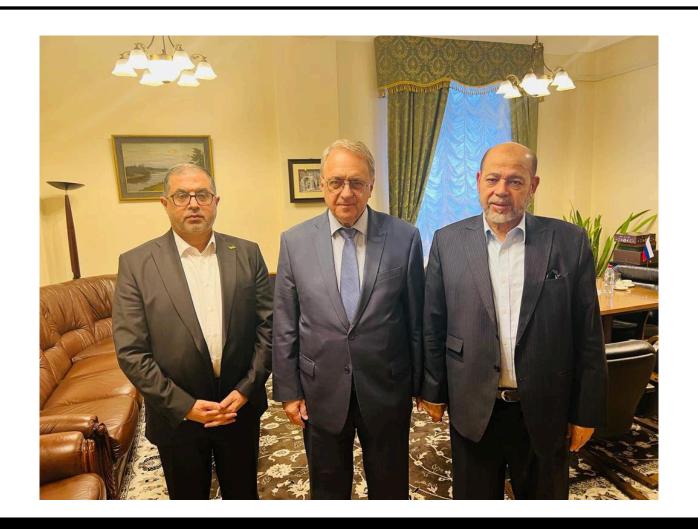








RUSSIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MIKHAIL BOGDANOV (CENTER) MEETS HAMAS LEADERS, OCTOBER 25, 2023









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"In Israel, the political elite and leadership of the country has shown itself to be true Nazis and haters of humanity. The Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has announced, in essence, the final solution to the Palestinian question. [...] Hitler and Himmler would applaud the current leadership of Israel, if they had lived to our day."

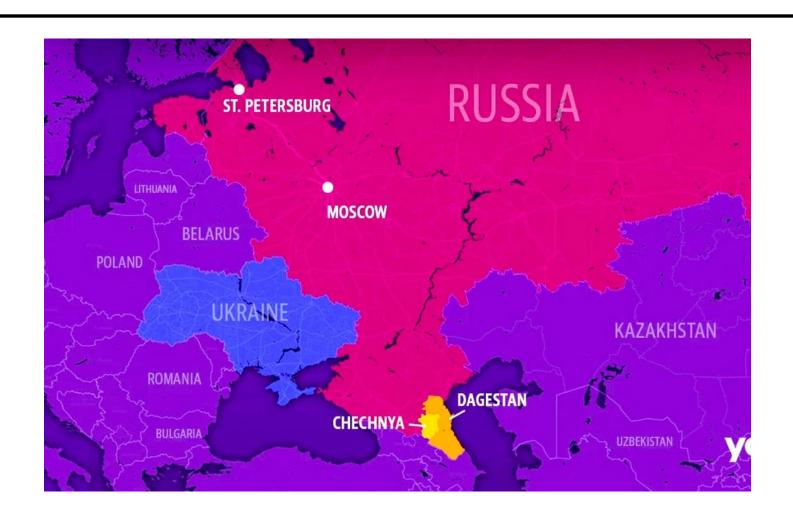


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RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SERGEI LAVROV, DECEMBER 2023

"Israelis should not even be given the impression that because they suffered in World War II, they are allowed to do anything today. Yes, there was the Holocaust, it was a horrible crime. But there was also the genocide of all the peoples of the Soviet Union. They suffered no less. They were exterminated in various concentration camps, and in Leningrad, together with the Jews. According to this logic, everything should also be permissible, and allowed, for us. This is not suitable systematically, if we want to preserve international law."









ISRAELI RADAR IN UKRAINE



