U.S. AND ISRAEL LEAVE UNESCO
WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING IN THIS VIDEO?

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"For the people of Israel and America are historic partners in the global quest for human dignity and freedom. We will always remain at each other’s side."

Ronald Reagan
WHY U.S SUPPORTS ISRAEL?

Since World War II, the US has vied to achieve two main foreign policy objectives in the Middle East: Control the region and its resources and prop-up its allies (often dictators), while maintaining a degree of "stability" so that the US is able to conduct its business unhindered.

Israel's intelligence and insights into Middle Eastern affairs is "unparalleled" throughout the world and "benefits the US in all sorts of ways." For decades, intelligence analysts have regarded Israel's Unit 8200 as one of the most elite in the world. The unit functions similarly to the US National Security Agency, and the two work closely together.
UNIT 8200

Unit 8200 is an Israeli Intelligence Corps unit responsible for collecting signal intelligence (SIGINT) and code decryption.

In 2010, for example, the US and Israel collaborated on one of the most-sophisticated malware systems ever created, Stuxnet, to infiltrate Iran's cyber infrastructure and slow progress towards nuclear weapons without firing a shot.

Stuxnet is a malicious computer worm
DEMOCRACY

Israel is the only liberal democracy in the Middle East.

Like the US, Israel has regular and open elections with peaceful transitions of power.

President of Israel - Reuven Rivlin
Prime Minister of Israel - Benjamin Netanyahu
In 2015 more than half of the US's foreign military aid went to Israel. That's about $3.1 billion dollars. Much of this money Israel spends on US defense projects in return.
US-Israel missile defense

Congress has approved funds to Israel for defence spending and for joint US-Israel missile defence programmes. Both countries work together in defence development, production and technology.

**IRON DOME**
Short range anti-rocket system
Operational since 2011
**COST TO THE US:** $1.335bn
Additional fiscal year 2016: $55m

**DAVID’S SLING**
Short/medium range system
Passed productions tests in Dec 2015
**COST TO THE US:** $1.127bn
Additional fiscal year 2016: $286.526m

**ARROW and ARROW II**
Anti-missile system
Operational since 2000
**COST TO THE US since 1990:** $2,642.287m

**ARROW III**
High altitude missile defence system
Operational since December 2015
**COST TO THE US since 2008 $538m**
Additional fiscal year 2016:
$89,500m and cannot spend more than $15m until co-production is established.
AMERICAN EVANGELICALS ARE A HUGE BASE OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL
Strategically, Israel is a point from which the US can project force into the Middle East if necessary.

American Senator Jesse Helms used to call Israel, "America's aircraft carrier in the Middle East."
WHAT’S THE ROLE OF UNESCO?

According to United Nations Charter, it was decided that, “In order to promote international stability the United Nations shall promote international, cultural and education co-operation“. To put this in operation, a conference was called in London which created “United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).”

Came into existence - 16 November 1945

Headquarters - Place de Fontenoy, Paris, France
ROLE

UNESCO is best known for the heritage sites and biosphere reserves it designates, but the organization was founded on the broader principles of combating extremism and promoting peace. The organization works on all matters of global development, including gender equality, sex education, clean water, and literacy.
SO WHAT’S THE ISSUE?

The US and UNESCO have actually been at loggerheads since 2011.

In October 2011, UNESCO admitted the Palestinian territories to the organization as an independent member-state called Palestine. This triggered a US law which cut off American funding for any organization that recognized an independent Palestine. The US had previously paid for 22 percent ($80 million) of UNESCO’s annual budget.
Finally, in 2013, after the US missed several rounds of payments to UNESCO, the organization suspended US voting rights in its core decision-making bodies.

Earlier this year, UNESCO designated the core area of the West Bank city of Hebron — home to the Cave of the Patriarchs, an important religious site for Jews and Muslims — as a Palestinian World Heritage Site, a symbolic slight of both the US and Israel.
The US has not paid its dues to the organization since then, raking up a bill of over $500 million in debt to the organization.
in 1984, the Reagan administration took out its frustration with the UN on UNESCO over accusations of anti-US, pro-Soviet bias at the UN (it took until 2002 for the US to rejoin).
“At the time when conflicts continue to tear apart societies across the world, it is deeply regrettable for the United States to withdraw from the United Nations agency promoting education for peace and protecting culture under attack,” Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova said in a statement. “This is a loss to the United Nations family. This is a loss for multilateralism.”
SHOULD UNESCO BE POLITICISED LIKE THIS?

This might propel other countries to leave UNESCO

This clearly indicates politicisation of UNESCO whose aim is to contribute to the building of peace, sustainable development and eradication of poverty
UNESCO World Heritage Sites In The United States Of America. There are 23 World Heritage Sites in the US, which include ten cultural, one mixed, and twelve natural Heritage Sites, with most of them being national parks.