

Dearborn, Michigan — “Death to America” Rally by Muslims

Source: https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Yon_XjzYvjI

I was moved to tears. I write this as I am actively moving my things, as I unfortunately have been re-exposed to harmful chemicals that are hurting me. We are under too much stress.

As I have expressed openly before, I sympathize with Palestine, and I don't feel comfortable with what we have witnessed. I also feel that there is more to the situation that many are acknowledging. I feel Americans have been targeted by many, including Israel and people who are from other places, like Palestine. I feel that for many Americans, this was a neutral experience. We are American. Americans are often “exploited” to support wars that often have nothing to do with them, and yet we bear the world's responsibility for defense, whether this is in the Middle East, Europe, or Greenland. We are expected to have this responsibility, and yet we are also targeted for it.

My heart breaks for Palestinians and Israelis who have had their worlds turned upside down by war. My heart breaks for the people of Ukraine and Russia. My heart breaks thinking of the bombs and the delicate spirit of these nations being tortured, having their communities, homes, and families torn apart by the worst of humanity. I know the truth is that we are all surviving. We must all do what we must to survive.

Sometimes the price we pay means life or death. I feel Americans understand this cost very well, as billions are spent on wars that we never wanted anything to do with. Still, we find the gravity of the circumstances we face in videos such as this, in which we hear people rooting for the harming of Americans while also supporting the liberation of others. I believe it is just and true to advocate for the liberation and humanity of others. We can understand this anger and sympathize, especially those of us who tried to advocate for the lives of Palestinians, their dignity, and their survival.

We also consider the humanity of innocent Americans. We think of the number of people who have suffered in Palestine, and then we consider what mass immigration has done to Americans, and yet, often among activists, this experience is ignored. The death rate of Americans killed by foreign violent predators is hardly measured. Our data systems cannot keep up, though we are trying to regain our spirit so that we may. Americans have been affected by crimes committed by illegal immigrants, first- and second-generation immigrants, and the realities of Fourth Generation Warfare. These experiences should never be ignored.

At the end of the day, within my country, my culture, and my society, if someone is actively threatening me and my community and posing an active threat, I view this as an assault against me. Ultimately, at this stage, I am a victim. I am seeking safety. I am a survivor. I believe in America's right to humanity and its right to survive. I will always choose American safety. While the decision to “safeguard,” Americans is never easy, I do feel it is the most important decision we must make. For all those who work in national security who are providing this warning so that we may do our best to navigate it, I am grateful.

No matter who we support overseas, as Americans, our alliance is here, with our families. At the end of the day, I am American. When someone is shouting “Death to America,” it is no longer about “from the river to the sea.” It is from sea to shining sea. In summary: This is why, as delicate as this issue is, our national security experts providing this warning have my support.