

## Israel: The Ally That Pays America Back Tenfold

### THE LIE

Israel is not a true U.S. ally because it exploits the U.S. and gives nothing in return.

### THE TRUTH

The U.S. government views Israel as a “model ally” because of the major military and economic benefits the alliance provides to America.

### BACKGROUND

- A Napolitan News Service survey published May 13, 2026 found that only 33% of American voters believe Israel is an ally — and one in five believe it is an outright enemy. ([Napolitan News Service](#))
- This drop in support for Israel is driven in part by commentators like Tucker Carlson, who has repeatedly framed the alliance as one-sided charity while insisting America receives nothing in return. ([Jewish Journal](#))

### TRUTH EXPLAINED

- In its National Defense Strategy published in January 2026, the **Pentagon** called Israel a “**model ally**” and the benchmark for how all allies should behave. It specifically praised Israel for defending American interests “**with critical but limited support from the United States.**” ([Pentagon](#))
- **Secretary of War Pete Hegseth** reinforced this in April 2026, praising Israel's performance in the war against Iran and telling America's other allies they should “**take notes.**” ([Times of Israel](#))
- The United States maintains roughly **750 military bases** in more than **80 countries**, costing American taxpayers an estimated **\$80 billion a year** to defend foreign populations. **Israel is not on that list.** Unlike Japan, Germany, or South Korea, Israel handles its own defense entirely. It has never asked for American boots on the ground, and it has never needed them. ([Quincy Institute](#))
- Contrast that with U.S. bases in Arab countries, where Iranian missile and drone attacks have **killed more than a dozen American service members and wounded hundreds more.** They have knocked out refueling planes, radar systems, air defense batteries, and communications hubs. ([JINSA](#))
- Israel shares **real-time intelligence** with Washington, strikes targets that would otherwise require large American deployments, and conducts operations that directly advance U.S. national security **without a single American casualty.** When Israel acts, America benefits, at no cost to American lives. ([INSS](#)), ([Ettinger Report](#))
- Israel battle-tests U.S. weapons under real combat conditions and feeds the data directly back to American manufacturers. Its **June 2025** air offensive against Iran — featuring **200 U.S.-made F-35, F-16, and F-15 aircraft** — showcased the superiority of American combat aircraft to the entire world, exposed the vulnerabilities of Russian and Chinese air defense systems, and directly **drove up U.S. weapons exports.** No other ally does this. ([Ettinger Report](#))
- **U.S. Special Operations forces** benefit directly from Israel's battlefield experience countering **car bombs, suicide bombers, and IEDs.** These are lessons learned through decades of real combat, shared freely with American forces — **saving American lives** in every theater where those threats exist. ([Ettinger Report](#)), ([INSS](#))
- The United States provides Israel **\$3.8 billion** in annual military aid. Economists estimate this generates an annual return of **over \$40 billion** to the U.S. economy through defense co-development, technology transfer, weapons exports, and related economic activity. **That is a return of more than ten to one** — a ratio that virtually no other government expenditure comes close to matching. ([White House](#)), ([Israel Truth Network](#))
- In 2024 alone, Israel purchased **\$14.8 billion** in U.S. goods, directly adding **\$13.2 billion to American GDP.** Israelis invest nearly **\$24 billion** in the United States. More than **2,500 American companies** — including Intel, Google, and Microsoft — operate inside Israel, accessing its world-class talent and innovation ecosystem. ([US Trade Representative](#)), ([U.S. Embassy Jerusalem](#))

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### QUOTES

"Israel is the largest US aircraft carrier, which does not require American soldiers on board, cannot be sunk, and is deployed in a most critical region, economically and militarily, sparing the US the need to manufacture, deploy and maintain more real aircraft carriers and additional ground divisions, which would cost the US some \$15 billion annually." – General Alexander Haig and Admiral Elmo Zumwalt

"I could not have procured the intelligence . . . with five CIAs," – General George F. Keegan

### TAKEAWAY

**The U.S.-Israel alliance is, by every measurable standard, one of the smartest deals America has ever made.** No troops stationed, no bases funded, and no wars fought on Israel's behalf. Instead: real-time intelligence, battle-tested weapons, neutralized Iranian nuclear sites, hundreds of thousands of American jobs, \$40 billion in annual economic returns on a \$3.8 billion investment, and a frontline partner that has repeatedly gone to war so American soldiers didn't have to.

The U.S.-Israel alliance is not a charity. It is a force multiplier and an economic engine. The people calling it a burden either haven't looked at the numbers, or they have and are hoping you won't.