

No, Congress Isn't Trying to Merge the U.S. and Israeli Militaries

THE LIE

The 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) would surrender American sovereignty by merging the United States and Israeli militaries, giving Israel unprecedented control over the Pentagon.

THE TRUTH

The bill would not merge the U.S. and Israeli militaries, nor would it give Israel any control over America's armed forces. It would simply increase America's security, military power, and economy by capitalizing on Israel's advanced technology, techniques, and intelligence.

BACKGROUND

- On July 14, 2026, Senate Democrats in a 50-46 vote blocked the advancement of the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). ([The Hill](#))
- The news was celebrated by anti-Israel voices who claimed a provision in the bill would compromise American "sovereignty" by "merging" the United States military with the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).
- That claim has been promoted by anti-Israel figures on both the Left and the Right, like Cenk Uygur, outgoing Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY), and former counterterrorism official Joe Kent, among others. ([X](#)), ([X](#))
- The claims went further, warning that increased collaboration with Israel might create more jobs in the American defense industry, which could give Israel undue influence over U.S. elections. ([Responsible Statecraft](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- Section 224 does not create a shared command structure, subordinate U.S. forces to Israel, or grant Israeli officers authority over American troops. It simply establishes a Pentagon official responsible for coordinating U.S.-Israel defense technology research, development, and industrial cooperation. ([House Armed Services Committee](#))
- The arrangement created by Section 224 is functionally similar to existing U.S. defense partnerships with allies such as the United Kingdom through AUKUS and intelligence-sharing arrangements like Five Eyes, none of which are considered threats to American sovereignty. ([BBC](#)), ([Britannica](#))
- Far from compromising sovereignty, U.S.-Israel defense cooperation has repeatedly strengthened America's ability to defend itself through battlefield-tested technologies, intelligence sharing, and military innovation.
- In 2026, Israel delivered SkyHunter interceptors to the U.S. Marine Corps, restoring American expeditionary air defense after ~30 years. ([Breaking Defense](#)), ([INSS](#))
- Israel became the first country to fly the F-35 in combat in 2018 and worked directly with Lockheed Martin to identify and resolve operational issues at a time when the United States was considering axing the program. The F-35 program now supports roughly 290,000 American jobs, generates approximately \$72 billion in annual U.S. economic output, and carries an order backlog valued at \$173 billion. ([The Ettinger Report](#)), ([INSS](#))
- Israel's Trophy system has been installed on U.S. Abrams tanks since 2018. Its armored D9 bulldozer was used in U.S. operations in Iraq. Israeli experience countering Hamas and Hezbollah IEDs helped the U.S. rapidly develop counter-IED technology during the Iraq War. U.S.-Israel tunnel detection technology is now used by U.S. border agencies to detect and destroy cartel tunnels. The Israeli-designed LITENING targeting pod is standard on U.S. aircraft and has protected U.S. systems against Houthi drones. ([The Ettinger Report](#)), ([INSS](#))
- Israeli operational experience helped shape U.S. doctrine and systems including AirLand Battle, Apache, Bradley, Patriot, Abrams, and Black Hawk. Joint U.S.-Israel trainings like Juniper Oak further help American forces prepare for contingencies in battle. Israeli intelligence has assisted U.S. forces in fighting ISIS. ([INSS](#)), ([Department of War](#)) ([NY Times](#))

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→ Israel's collaboration with the U.S. has already created hundreds of thousands of American jobs. If that gave Israel outsized electoral influence, there would be no need for pro-Israel lobby groups like AIPAC.

QUOTES

“Top Israeli cyberoperators penetrated a small cell of extremist bombmakers in Syria months ago, the officials said. That was how the United States learned that the terrorist group was working to make explosives that fooled airport X-ray machines and other screening by looking exactly like batteries for laptop computers...The intelligence was so exquisite that it enabled the United States to understand how the weapons could be detonated.” — New York Times

TAKEAWAY

Thomas Massie, Joe Kent, and the reflexive anti-Israel chorus are so blinded by their hatred that they're willing to sabotage American jobs, troop safety, and military edge just because Israel is involved. Section 224 simply expands practical tech cooperation on missiles, drones, AI, and proven systems like Trophy and Iron Dome—yet they're calling it sovereignty suicide. Their most deranged complaint is that Israeli collaboration creates U.S. defense jobs.

Let that absurdity sink in: they're actively trying to kill American manufacturing work and battlefield advantages because the partner is Israel. This is unhinged Israel derangement syndrome that would rather leave U.S. forces less protected and less lethal than allow any win involving the Jewish state. While China builds its arsenal, these critics would cripple America's own strength to satisfy their fixation.