

To the editors:

The problem with Hosseini's article ("A Pro-Palestinian activist came to Oakland"... San Francisco chronicle, Aug 19, 2026) is that it's packed with lies. There is no genocide in Gaza despite many parroting Hamas falsehoods. According to World Population Reviews (<https://worldpopulationreview.com/cities/palestine/gaza>) the population of Gaza has grown by 22,771 since 2024, a 2.84% increase.

Genocide is what Nazis did to the Jews in the 1940s. In 1939, there were 9.5 million European Jews. In 1945 there was a 60% decrease with only 3.8 million European Jews left after Hitler's murderous campaign.

Genocide is what Hamas calls for in its charter. Genocide is what the keffiyeh wearing pro-Hamas agitators on college campuses and elsewhere call for when they say, "from the River to the Sea Palestine will be free." They mean free of Jewish people.

The individuals who broke into a Columbia dorm were not peaceniks singing kumbaya - they were violent thugs who broke into university property and threatened custodial staff who feared for their lives (<https://www.facebook.com/AinsleyEarhardt/videos/union-suing-columbia-university-for-putting-janitors-in-danger-after-pro-hamas-m/838997431591194/>). The perpetrators were rightfully arrested for their criminal behavior.

When individuals claim genocide in the face of population increase and when criminals are deemed peaceful protesters, civil society is in trouble.

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