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Israel

"Ahmad, Iman and Lizan, three Iraqi children who suffer from heart defects, arrive at Wolfson Medical Center for surgery as part of humanitarian project; 'We're not afraid', says Ahmad's mother Meital Yasur-Beit on 03.01.07 at 22:45"

In several cases since the war on Iraq, Israel may not not only be a problematic conspiracy in Iraq's violence but it has been the most influential state that has offered its medical attention to the Iraqis who are ill and in need of major help. An example of this are these 3 children. Many ignorant people have down-sized the good things Israel has to offer. Certainly Israel has been guilty of political violence and incitation against the Palestinians and even probably against Iraq but these acts should not erase the good things it has to offer for people world wide. If those people don't believe in goodness in Israel, then they should be asked "What good thing have Arab nations offered to the Iraqis?" Why the need to degrade an entire population for the actions of a few people or a government? Last week I sat down with friends where suddenly, the topic turned political in regard to the issue of Israel and the New World Order "I am against all Jews because theyre Israelis" someone said. I thought for some time about what to say in a very subtle way to these friends who are sensitive towards the word 'Israel'. I have come to a conflicting point where I am starting to accept the fact that as a person, you cannot speak out every opinion you have at any given moment, especially in politics and religion merely because of maintaining the friendship that existed before these discussions even took place. The most controversial time to speak what needs to be spoken is if a person of certain origin (Jewish/Israeli/ Muslim) is disadvantaged by this person because of his/her belief. I have always

wanted to speak what is rarely spoken in truth but I realize that life offers no necessity to withhold all this truth to the public; it would only comprise more tension and distance for the sake of a single discussion and for common sense it is much more beneficial to not keep away from people with extreme views but to retain them close with hope they would be less ignorant about it.

However, the small truth in this post would be people need to balance the good and bad deeds of a person and of a nation. Nations are like people because nations are represented by these people with certain traits of character and personality. To see Israel with a history and presence of violence offer their help to the international society must be accounted for. If we see Israel attack Palestinians and be at the hands of USA, **this should not** erase the goodness Israel has to offer and this is likewise for Muslim countries with extremists. Yes, life would make much more sense if we are to immediately group people and nations of 'good' and 'bad' but it would be a worthy life if we are in a world where we do NOT permanently characterise and generalise these people/nations based on a single action and develop our understanding of it. Life, otherwise, would not make sense because it would no longer be logical to know what reason we are here for in life if we refuse to learn.