

Why Should We Care About Palestine?

“Have you wondered what you would have done if you were alive during the Holocaust, plantation slavery, genocide against Native Americans, or apartheid in South Africa? The answer is, whatever you are doing right now.”

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A Social Justice Issue
A Decolonial Issue
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