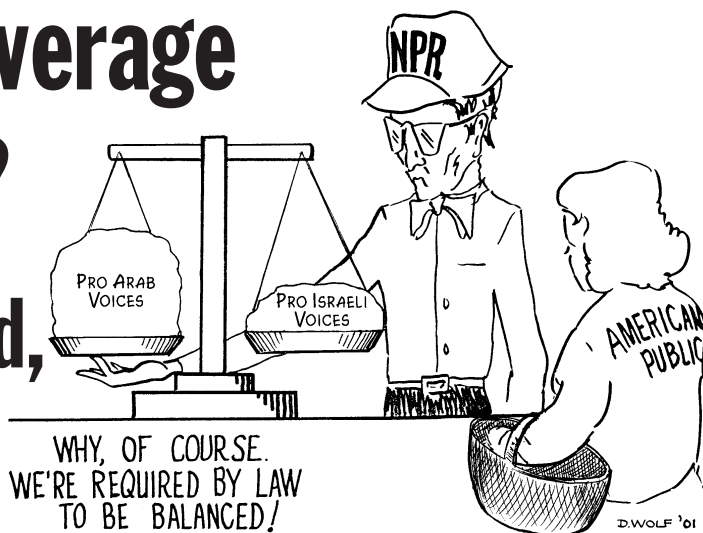
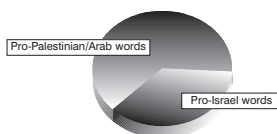


# NPR's Coverage of Israel? Still Skewed, Still False.



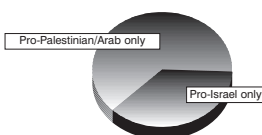
**National Public Radio, America's leading tax-supported radio network, sharply tilts its coverage in favor of Palestinian and Arab perspectives, airs inaccurate stories and fails to correct false reports.**

**BIAS IN NUMBER OF WORDS BY GUEST SPEAKERS**



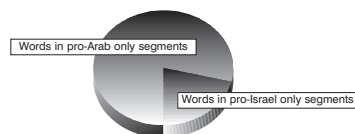
**64%** Pro-Palestinian/Arab  
**36%** Pro-Israel

**BIAS IN NUMBER OF ARAB-ONLY VS ISRAELI-ONLY SEGMENTS**



**63%** Pro-Palestinian/Arab only  
**37%** Pro-Israel only

**BIAS IN WORD COUNTS FOR EXCLUSIVELY PRO-ARAB VS PRO-ISRAEL SEGMENTS**



**18,321** words in pro-Arab  
only segments  
**4,934** words in pro-Israel  
only segments

## NPR stacks the deck

Despite insistent network claims of balanced and objective reporting, NPR has provided neither. Regarding balance, NPR has given substantially less air time to Israeli and pro-Israeli perspectives than it has to Palestinian/Arab and pro-Palestinian views.

NPR has frequently presented programs with no Israeli perspective at all. Far fewer programs completely exclude Arab views. In a two-month period (September 26 to November 26, 2000) there were nearly twice as many segments (41) of the main news and interview programs that omitted entirely Israeli views as there were segments (24) that omitted Palestinian and Arab views. In addition, the Palestinian/Arab-only broadcasts were almost four times as long.

*NPR has failed its responsibility to provide balance*

## NPR distorts facts and refuses to correct errors

One example. Correspondent Jennifer Ludden reported (October 9, 2000) that, according to "eyewitnesses," "Jewish settlers" had tortured and murdered a Palestinian, an act which "outraged Palestinian leaders." (Other media outlets were cautious in relaying the incendiary Palestinian claims at face value.)

**FACT:** After an extensive investigation, Physicians for Human Rights, a group often critical of Israel, concluded the Palestinian victim, Issam Judeh Hamed, had been killed in a car accident. PHR found no evidence of torture. Other media presented the facts and clarified earlier coverage of the story. **NOT NPR.**

*NPR has failed its responsibility to report news accurately*

**Help end harmful anti-Israel distortions by National Public Radio. Suspend donations to local NPR affiliates and explain why. Contact Members of Congress to urge an inquiry into the use of tax funds by the network to subsidize biased coverage. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which channels tax dollars both directly and indirectly to NPR, is required to dispense funds only to recipients that provide "strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature." In reporting on Israel, NPR has never met this test.**

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