



Lying About Killing for Votes

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Some foreign policy issues, such as regarding Israel and Palestine, are confusing enough that many of us tend to be wary of sharing our opinions.

But no matter how reticent we may be, we can agree on this: there should be no outright *lying* about our positions.

Mitchell Plitnick is a progressive who is willing to confront this prevarication problem forthrightly. Of the many “disheartening moments” during the last presidential campaign, “few,” he [admits](#), “were quite as deflating as that moment when the ostensibly progressive, leading member of The Squad, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez stood at the podium at the Democratic National Convention and [told the audience](#) that then-Vice President Kamala Harris

was ‘working tirelessly to secure a ceasefire in Gaza and bring the hostages home.’

“We knew she was lying,” Plitnick confesses. “AOC herself knew she was lying. But it was just the message that the crowd—who were more than eager to show their support for the Democrats despite the [party’s utter refusal](#) to allow even the most conciliatory and moderate Palestinian voice to be heard—wanted to hear, and they ate it up.”

This willingness of the few to promote a blatant lie, and of the masses to believe it, might be the most disheartening thing about modern politics.

And as for the truth, how do we know Plitnick is right about the prevarications? “The utterly shameless nature of the lie has now been confirmed by no less than nine officials from Joe Biden’s administration and [reported on by Israel’s own Channel 13 news program](#), Hamakor...”

We, the people—pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian and otherwise—may all wish for a ceasefire.

But it’s clear that the last administration wanted nothing to do with it.

And lied about it. For votes.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.