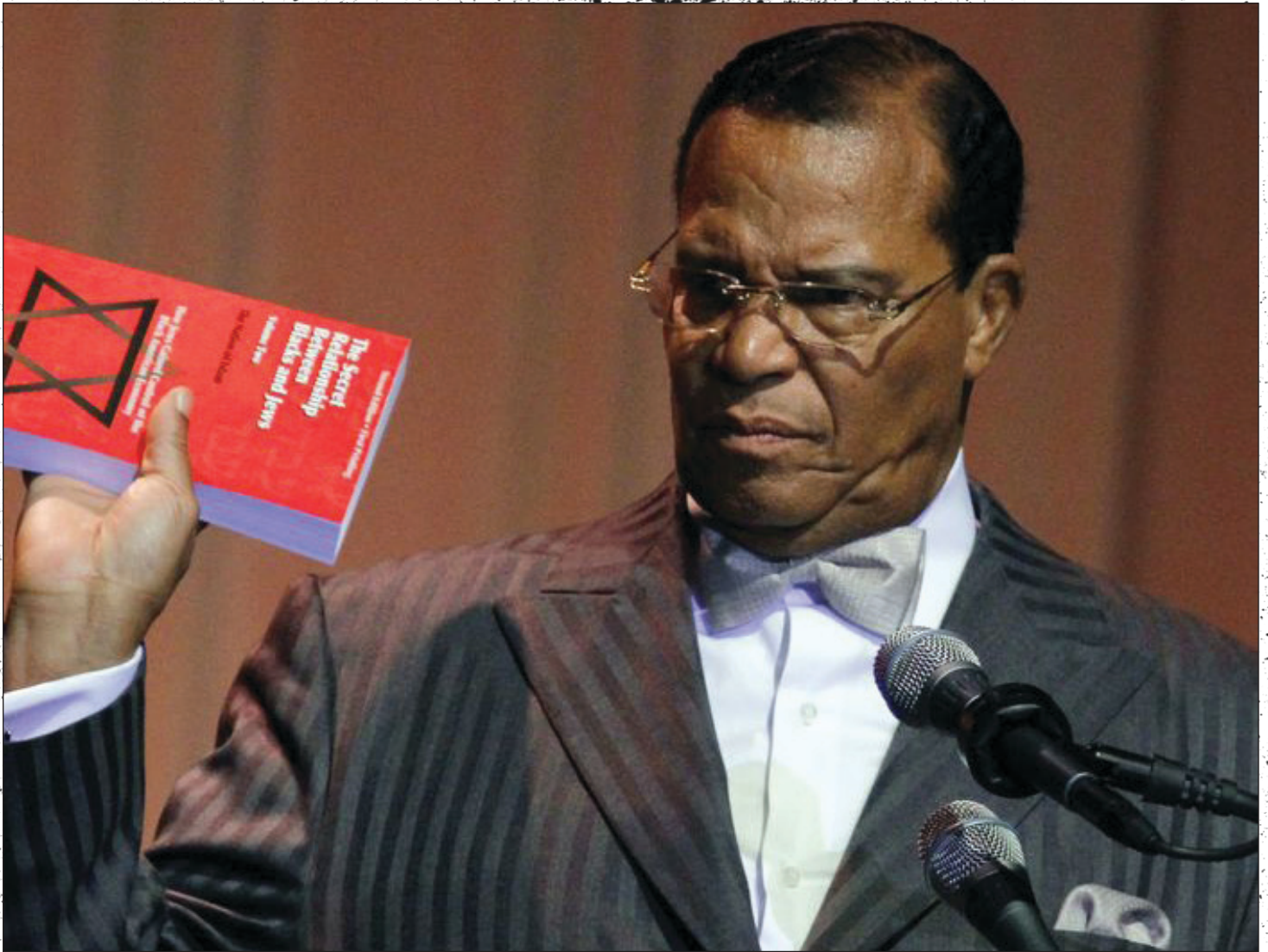


**LOUIS FARRAKHAN - FOUR DECADES OF BIGOTRY**

# **IN HIS OWN WORDS**



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## INTRODUCTION



This report was prepared amidst an unprecedented national reckoning about past and present racism. This reckoning was spurred on by protests in the streets of major US cities, charges that African Americans are victimized by systemic racism, and demands that whites acknowledge their unfair “white privilege.” Many prominent Americans, media and educational institutions, and corporations have begun to reflect publicly about their own biases and privileges.



Celebrity Chelsea Handler misread this necessary moment of national reflection. Boasting nearly four million Instagram followers, she posted a nine-minute clip of Louis Farrakhan from *The Phil Donahue Show* which aired in 1990. Handler gushed, “I learned a lot from this video.” A-list stars like Sean Hayes, Jennifer Aniston, Jennifer Garner and Michelle Pfeiffer “liked” Handler’s post.

Confronted by a growing crescendo of protest, **Handler deleted the post and apologized**, but the damage has been done.

Many other prominent Americans, including politicians, social activists,

NGO leaders, and cultural figures, continue to praise and endorse Minister Farrakhan, who for four decades has exploited every opportunity to inject anti-Semitism into our society’s mainstream.

As a public service, the Simon Wiesenthal Center presents historian Dr. Harold Brackman’s compilation of Farrakhan’s screeds against the Jewish people and the Jewish religion—from the 1980s until today.



## JUDAISM—THE “GUTTER RELIGION”

In a 1984 speech recorded by a reporter for *Chicago's Sun-Times*, Louis Farrakhan gave his own version of biblical history. In a recurring theme, he accused Jews of falsifying the Bible to depict themselves as God's chosen people. In reality, he said, only black Americans are the chosen of God.

Toward the end of his recorded speech, Farrakhan said: “Now, that nation called Israel never has had any peace in 40 years and she will never have any peace because there can be no peace structured on injustice, thievery, lying and deceit and using the name of God to shield your gutter religion under His holy and righteous name.”

The *New York Times* reported that “[The] leader of the Nation of Islam continued tonight to deny referring to Judaism as a ‘gutter religion’, **but a tape recording made available today by the *Chicago Sun-Times* contained that phrase in a sermon broadcast by Mr. Farrakhan last Sunday.**”

Meanwhile, the **US House of Representatives** and the US Senate passed resolutions condemning Farrakhan's remarks by a 95-to-0 vote. Asked about the vote, Mr. Farrakhan said: “And there is not one black senator, is there? My repudiation of the Senate carries more weight with God than their repudiation of me.”



## “SATANIC JEWS . . . SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN”

Farrakhan has consistently described Jewish houses of worship as “Synagogues of Satan,” claiming that “the Satanic Jews . . . control everything and mostly everybody.” In 2011, he said: “Some of you think that I’m just somebody who’s got something out for the Jewish people. You’re stupid. Do you think I would waste my time if I did not think it was important for you to know Satan? My job is to pull the cover off of Satan so that he will never deceive you and the people of the world again.”

## FARRAKHAN DEMONIZES JUDAISM AND THE TALMUD

**He alleges that pedophilia, homosexuality, sex trafficking comes from the Talmud.**

A recent video released by Minister Louis Farrakhan, asserts that Harvey Weinstein and Jeffrey Epstein committed their crimes because they felt entitled by Jewish law:

“Weinstein and Epstein and all of those top Jewish Talmudists who are in media, television that abuse women—there aint nobody talking about Weinstein, there aint nobody talking about Epstein,” said Farrakhan. “You don’t hear anybody talking about the man who set up a hedge fund. Because Talmudic, Satanic Jews are the ones that feel nobody has a right to punish them for what the Talmud has made lawful to them.”

## FARRAKHAN DENIES TODAY'S JEWISH PEOPLE ARE REALLY JEWS

In a Saviours' Day speech, delivered in Chicago on February 25, 1990, Farrakhan declared:

"And you do with me as is written, but remember that I have warned you [Jews] that Allah will punish you. You are wicked deceivers of the American people. You have sucked their blood. You are not real Jews, those of you that are not real Jews. You are the synagogue of Satan, and you have wrapped your tentacles around the U.S. government, and you are deceiving and sending this nation to hell. But I warn you in the name of Allah, you would be wise to leave me alone. But if you choose to crucify me, know that Allah will crucify you."

## FARRAKHAN: WHO ARE THE REAL CHILDREN OF ISRAEL?

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## FARRAKHAN - JEWS CAUSED THE HOLOCAUST

"The Jews have been so bad at politics they lost half their population in the Holocaust. They thought they could trust in Hitler, and they helped him get the Third Reich on the road," Farrakhan claimed in 1998.

## "HITLER WAS A VERY GREAT MAN"

Farrakhan commended comparisons between himself and Adolf Hitler in 1984. "The Jews don't like Farrakhan, so they call me Hitler. Well, that's a good name. Hitler was a very great man." Farrakhan praised Hitler's leadership against the United States in World War II. Briefly touched on the Holocaust, he said that he wasn't "proud of Hitler's evil against the Jewish people, but that's a matter of record." He then praised Hitler's leadership and compared himself to Hitler.

## FARRAKHAN REFERS TO JEWS AS INSECTS

In a statement of November 26, 2018, reminiscent of Nazi Germany's dehumanization of the Jews, Farrakhan "denied" he was an anti-Semite thus: "**I'm not an anti-Semite. I'm anti-Termite.**" Later, he explained that he meant "only 10 percent" of Jews.



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## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL: “OUTLAW ACT”

During a 2018 trip to Iran, Farrakhan joins “death to Israel” chants, later warns of a world war that will started by the US, “at the insistence of Israel”.

Farrakhan also took the opportunity to declare the establishment of the State of Israel an “outlaw act” and accused the Jewish state of “thievery, lying, and deceit.”

## ISRAEL DOES NOT BELONG TO WHITE JEWS

In 2017, Farrakhan said that Israel has no home in the Middle East.

*The Forward* reported that Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan has said that the State of Israel has “no home” in the Middle East and that the Holy Land does not belong to the “white Jew.”

Speaking on a Tuesday broadcast of the *Cliff Kelley Show* on an AM radio station in Chicago, Farrakhan said that “original black man of the earth” was the “original owner” of the Holy Land — and called modern inhabitants of that land settlers.

“Holy Land don’t belong to a white Arab or a white Jew. You are settlers on our land,” Farrakhan said at the conclusion of a nearly two-hour interview. “We are the original owners of that part of the earth and you all kicked us out and assumed our position.”

“But now God has come and we are coming to reclaim what belongs to us,” Farrakhan said.

## FARRAKHAN USES ‘DUAL LOYALTY’ TROPE

At a National Press Club Speech during the Clinton Administration, Farrakhan mentioned by name National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and outgoing presidential adviser Rahm Emanuel. Yet he charged that, “Every Jewish person that is around the president is a dual citizen of Israel and the United States of America...And sometimes, we have to raise the question, ‘Are you more loyal to the state of Israel than you are to the best interests of the United States of America?’”

## FARRAKHAN HAS BLAMED JEWS FOR EVERYTHING FROM THE SLAVE TRADE AND “SUCKING THE BLOOD” OF AFRICAN AMERICANS, TO CONTROLLING THE US GOVERNMENT

Over the years, Farrakhan and his followers have falsely condemned Jews for the Atlantic Slave Trade, plantation slavery, sharecropping, Jim Crow segregation, “bloodsucking” black consumers, athletes and entertainers, and all facets of African American oppression. Farrakhan grew more belligerent in **June 2010, when he sent letters to Jewish community leaders** as well as the Southern Poverty Law Center demanding that they acknowledge the evils they have perpetrated. The letter ended with a threat to “ruin and destroy your power and influence here and throughout the world” if his ultimatum was not met.

“The Jews, a small handful, control the movement of this great nation, like a radar controls the movement of a great ship in the waters. . . . The Jews got a stranglehold on the Congress.”

## **FARRAKHAN BLAMES JEWS FOR 9/11**

Farrakhan has repeatedly accused the Jews of being behind the September 11th terrorist attacks, which he claims was “a false flag attack.” In 2015, for example, he claimed that “there were many Israelis and Zionist Jews in key roles in the 9/11 attacks” and that “many Jews received a text message not to come to work on September 11th.” In 2016, he asserted that “Osama Bin Laden didn’t destroy the Twin Towers. That was a false-flag operation to take the world’s attention away from the great disunity in America after George W. Bush stole the [2000 presidential] election.”

## **FARRAKHAN CLAIMS THAT HOLLYWOOD JEWS ARE “THE CHOSEN OF SATAN” FOR PROMOTING GAY MARRIAGE**

Speaking at an event in 2015, Farrakhan said of Jews in Hollywood: “You’re God’s chosen people? And you promote something that God rejects. You’ve lost your covenant status! You are not the chosen of God, you are the chosen of Satan! . . . You’re promoting homosexuality. God doesn’t. You promote filth. God condemns it!”

## **AMERICAN JEWS, KOREAN AMERICANS, ARAB AMERICAN MERCHANTS MALIGNED BY FARRAKHAN**

Farrakhan and his followers maintain the vile characterization of Jews as “blood suckers of Black people” for the alleged sin that Jewish merchants called African American customers “Mr.” and “Mrs.” and sold to them when non-Jewish merchants often would not. In addition, he maligns other immigrant merchants, **including Korean Americans and Arab Americans, who service inner city clientele.** Farrakhan has also sown discord between African Americans who increasingly share neighborhoods with newcomers from Mexico, Central American, and the Caribbean. His hoary brand of racially-exclusionary, Judenrein identity politics is the antithesis of true pluralist inclusion.

## **FARRAKHAN CLAIMS THAT JEWS EXPLOIT AND PERVERT AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSICIANS, ACTORS, AND ATHLETES**

In Farrakhan’s imaginings, “Jewish bloodsuckers” have evolved from ghetto merchants into Hollywood agents and studio executives who exploit to the last drop African American musicians, actors, and athletes. Those who think Farrakhan is a friend of minorities in the entertainment and music industries should consider the implications of this observation from his **2018 Saviour’s Day Address**: “[The] powerful Jews are my enemy . . . [They are] responsible for all of this filth and degenerate behavior that Hollywood is putting out turning men into women and women into men . . . Farrakhan has pulled the cover off the eyes of the Satanic Jew and I’m here to say your time is up, your world is through. You good Jews better separate because the satanic ones will take you to hell with them because that’s where they are headed. . . . [This] means condemning and unmasking evil and confronting devilish Zionists, powerful people in the Jewish community who use knowledge and influence in opposition to the commands of God. . . They are part of the Synagogue of Satan, which includes people of different races and religions, who deliberately engage in evil and promote immorality. . . Right now, he [Satan] is inviting us into the worst of his social equality. . . In Hollywood, many must submit to anal sex and all kind of debauchery via the casting couch to work. That’s Jewish power. You see Mr. Weinstein on his way to jail?”

In a cover story of the NOI’s newspaper featuring Martin Luther’s sixteenth-century diatribes against Jews, Farrakhan elaborated on President Nixon’s taped prejudiced conversation about Jews with Reverend Billy Graham: “It’s hard to tell a Jew that he’s wrong when the Talmud in which he believes has taught him that Gentile women and Black women, in particular, you can do with anything you want.” In a subsequent speech he said that the FBI is “enemy of black advancement” and is controlled by “the Jews.”

## FARRAKHAN'S ANTI-GAY ATTACKS

### Critiques Obama's Gay Marriage Endorsement

According to journalist Danielle Cadet, Farrakhan criticized President Obama's endorsement of gay marriage, calling him "the first president that sanctioned what the scriptures forbid," according to a video posted by the Nation of Islam's "official" news source, Finalcall.com.

About "males coming to males with lust in their hearts as they should to a female," Farrakhan said: "Now don't you dare say Farrakhan was preaching hate; he's homophobic. I'm not afraid of my brothers and sisters or others who may be practicing what God condemned in the days of Lot. That's not our job to be hateful of our people. Our job is to call us to sanity."

He also criticized *Newsweek* for referring to Obama as the "first gay president," and attacked politicians who take their oath with their hand on the Bible: "If the Book is no good . . . What the hell are you using it for to take an oath of office to uphold, not the Bible, but the constitution?" (**Farrakhan's You Tube Message to Gays, Lesbians, and Transgender People. 20th Anniversary**)

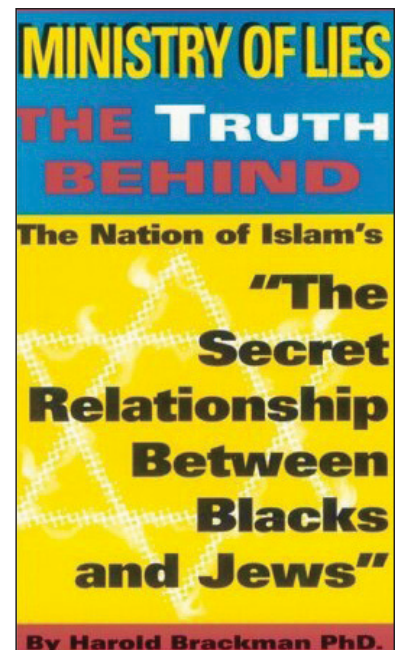
## FARRAKHAN MOCKS ASIAN AMERICANS

Farrakhan sparked debate at UC Berkeley when The Black Student Union invited the leader of the Nation of Islam to appear as part of its ninth annual Afrikan Black Coalition Conference. It was reported that, at one point, he "**briefly adopted a faux Asian accent and used gibberish after asking the audience if they had ever seen the Chinese picketing, drawing a gasp from some in the crowd.**"

## FARRAKHAN'S "HISTORICAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT"

Farrakhan launched his career as a pseudo-historian in 1991 when the Nation of Islam's anonymous "Historical Research Department" published *The Secret Relationship Between Black and Jews*, a libelous falsification of history dressed up with over 1,000 footnotes to make it appear to be credible scholarship. The central thesis of volume one was that Jewish merchants, in fact responsible for considerably less than two percent of the traffic in enslaved people between Africa and the Americas "dominated" the Atlantic Slave Trade. I [Harold Brackman] was the first professional historian systematically to refute *The Secret Relationship's* pernicious fantasies about Jews and the slave trade in my book, *Ministry of Lies* (1994), first published as a report for the Simon Wiesenthal Center in 1992. In 2016, Amazon.com determined that *The Secret Relationship* is hate propaganda masquerading as history and banned its sale online.

A second volume of *The Secret Relationship* mendaciously claiming that Jews "dominated" the exploitative post-Civil War sharecropping system came out in 2010. Now a third volume, entitled "Leo Frank: The Lynching of a Guilty Man" has been distributed as an e-book, starting in 2016.





Volume three may win the award for vile slanders against Jewish victims of anti-Semitism. Farrakhan's organization claims that America's "Jewish elite" tried to frame a black janitor, Jim Conley, for killing a white factory girl, Mary Phagan in order to exonerate Atlanta Jewish businessman Leo Frank, whom the Farrakhanites wrongly accuse of committing the murder. Frank was convicted by a kangaroo court and then lynched. Volume three of *The Secret Relationship* breaks new ground by denying that Ku Klux Klan members, incited by editor-politician Tom Watson, were responsible for lynching Frank in 1915. Instead, the NOI suggests that the real culprits were Jewish conspirators who allegedly had Frank lynched to prevent him from confessing "Jewish guilt" for Mary Phagan's murder.

Lies piled upon lies in a blatant fraud worthy of Nazi propagandist Julius Streicher. (See also, **Nation of Islam's attack on Amazon for banning its hateful lies.**)

## CONCLUSION

I first learned of Farrakhan in the 1960s and 1970s. Initially, I knew of him as a disciple of Malcolm X and then as his nemesis. After Malcolm broke with Elijah Muhammad's Nation of Islam, Farrakhan was accused of inciting or even orchestrating Malcolm's February, 1965, assassination in Harlem. Among the accusers at the time (they have since declared a truce) was Malcolm's widow Betty Shabazz.

A decade later after Elijah Muhammad died, Farrakhan won a power struggle displacing his son, W. Deen Muhammad, as NOI leader because W. Deen had strayed from his father's un-Islamic anti-white, anti-Jewish theology. In the 1980s, Farrakhan, always notable for a winning combination of extremist views and flexible opportunism, hitched his star as security head to Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 Democratic presidential primary campaigns. This is when Farrakhan, who had started his career in the 1950s as a pop singer under the name "Calypso Gene," broke into top ranks of political extremism by calling Hitler "a great man" and Judaism "a gutter religion" or "dirty religion."

Then came Farrakhan's meteoric ascent for organizing 1995's Million Man March on Washington. Farrakhan's hateful ideology was the antithesis of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" Speech at 1963's March on Washington.

There has never been any significant carry-through on Farrakhan's promises in 1995 to the African American community to raise up from African American men from the grassroots. Farrakhan's hateful anti-Jewish, anti-Israel message has never missed a beat in the 25 years since 1995. Far from fading as a twenty first century has been, Farrakhan has emerged in this new century as "the Anti-MLK."

Louis Farrakhan has been fanning the flames of racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, anti-Americanism for half a century. The difference today is that cutting-edge social media mix has given him unprecedented echo chambers to magnify his message.

Prophesying the destruction of his own country, Farrakhan has traveled as an honored guest to Iran where in 2018 he embraced Tehran's mullahs identification of the US as "the Greater Satan" with Israel as "the Lesser Satan."

Farrakhan has consistently expressed his loathing of gay men and the entire LGBT community: "God don't like men coming to men with lust in their hearts like you should go to a female. . . . If you think that the kingdom of God is going to be filled up with that kind of degenerate crap, you're out of your damn mind." Recently, Farrakhan reiterated his conspiracy theory that government scientists (presumably Jewish) have unleashed homosexuality on the African population as a form of castration.



Over ninety years since of MLK's birth in Atlanta, why is Louis Farrakhan still celebrated even as Reverend King's message of judging people on the content of their characters rather than the color of their skin is being painted as somehow reactionary?

One reason is Farrakhan's alliance with Tamika Mallory, Carmen Perez, and Linda Sarsour, co-organizers of 2017's Million Women March on Washington. It's a revelation to listen to **Tamika Mallory double down against criticism by likening her support of Louis Farrakhan to the disciples of Jesus**: "If your leader does not have the same enemies as Jesus, they may not be THE leader! Study the Bible and u will find the similarities. Ostracizing, ridicule



and rejection is a painful part of the process . . . but faith is the substance of things!" How has Farrakhan, an arch-male chauvinist, been able to establish such a grip on these professed feminists? The answer, I think, is that progressive "intersectional" ideology has given him a weapon to "include out" (to use studio head Sam Goldwyn's famous malapropism) Jewish women from today's social change movement because they are both feminists and Zionists.

This move is not new. In June, 1975, in Mexico City, at the United Nations' first World Conference on Women, Soviet and Arab delegations proposed a motion that linked the UN's Ten-Year Plan of Action for Women to the eradication of imperialism, neocolonialism, racism, apartheid and Zionism. Just a few months later, in November 1975, the UN passed General Assembly Resolution 3379 condemning Zionism as "a form of racism and racial discrimination."

Leah Rabin, the wife of the Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin who was later martyred for his advocacy of peace, was booed off stage at the Mexico City Conference. **Betty Friedan also had to leave the discussions early. She called it "one of the most painful experiences in my life."** The traumatic experience helped make Phyllis Chesler into a life-long crusader against the hypocrisy of "feminists" who denounced sexism in Israel while ignoring the much greater discrimination against women in surrounding Arab and Muslim countries.

In 2020, America now faces the triple crisis of the Coronavirus (being blamed on Israel by extreme right fanatics), mass unemployment, and racial upheaval following George Floyd's murder by a policeman in Minneapolis (luridly linked to Israel's supposed training of US police in chokeholds by Palestinian and far left extremists).

Against this backdrop Louis Farrakhan's divisive rhetoric puts in peril the vision of American unity and tolerance that this ageless demagogue has sought to destroy for more than four decades. Social Justice and Equity will never be achieved by embracing or excusing Farrakhan's hate.