

The Collapse of Israel's Hamas "Conceptzia"

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The belief that Hamas would abandon ideology for economic gain led to disastrous consequences.

Whether deliberate or a cruel historic irony, it is remarkable that the Hamas' barbaric massacre on October 7, which [killed 1,400 \(https://abcnews.go.com/International/live-updates/israel-gaza-hamas/?id=103804516\)](https://abcnews.go.com/International/live-updates/israel-gaza-hamas/?id=103804516) and injured over 3,300 Israelis, came fifty years and a day after the 1973 war. That war was defined by strategic surprise: Egypt and Syria attacked Israel on the holiest day of the year. The postwar [Agranat Commission of Inquiry \(https://israeled.org/resources/documents/agranat-yom-kippur-war/\)](https://israeled.org/resources/documents/agranat-yom-kippur-war/) investigated not just the operational surprise but the conceptual failure. This became known as the "*conceptzia*": the governing assumption that convinced key Israeli military figures Egypt, unable to engage in the necessary deep penetration bombing of Israel, would not start a war it could not win.

[Read the full article on the National Interest website. \(https://nationalinterest.org/feature/collapse-israel%E2%80%99s-hamas-conceptzia-207058\)](https://nationalinterest.org/feature/collapse-israel%E2%80%99s-hamas-conceptzia-207058) ❖

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