

# Israel, America, and the Long War

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## The Washington Institute's executive director addressed the ICT's 14th International Conference on Counter-Terrorism in Herzliya, Israel.

**T**he following is an excerpt from Dr. Satloff's prepared remarks; download the PDF to read the full presentation.

The contents of this talk are connected to an [article of mine which appeared yesterday in \*Mosaic\* magazine](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/israels-situation-in-one-word) (<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/israels-situation-in-one-word>), which itself is a response to an article by Elliott Abrams on Israel's strategic situation today. The essential point of Elliott's article is that Israel today needs to view itself as just having completed, in Gaza, one in a long series of episodes -- "a long war" -- over its existence. To paraphrase, this is the idea that Israel, despite all its remarkable successes in its young life, remains shackled with a series of profound threats and daunting challenges that will likely define its strategic predicament far into the future...



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