



The Telegraph's desperate, antisemitic attack on Zack Polanski stinks

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Polanski Telegraph

[Notorious pro-Israel bigot](#) Stephen Pollard has written a desperate, antisemitic article trying to smear Zack Polanski. He did this in response to the Green leader backing calls to [hold potential war criminals to account](#). And he did so in the *Telegraph*, which has joined other right-wing rags in publishing [antisemitic Polanski caricatures](#).

## Lobby backlash as Polanski backs accountability calls for potential war criminals

Zack Polanski, along with [many other Jewish people in the UK](#) has been [vocal in his criticism](#) of Israel's [genocide](#) in Gaza. And hardline Zionists (whether Jewish or non-Jewish) don't like this. So they've thrown their toys out of the pram following Polanski's backing of an [open letter](#) calling on the government to start:

monitoring the entry of British-Israeli dual national citizens into the UK and investigating potential links to war crimes, in cases where they have served in the Israel Defence Forces (IDF).

Israel fanboys like Pollard have [responded](#) by antisemitically suggesting this means [monitoring all Jews](#). As Jewish Voice for Peace has said, [such treatment of Jewish people as a monolithic group is a contemporary expression of antisemitism](#). Even the [controversial IHRA definition](#) argues that [one example of antisemitism is](#)

Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

## Pollard's desperate, antisemitic argument in the *Telegraph*

We'll talk more about Pollard in a minute. But first, let's look at his argument in the [racist Telegraph](#) now under the ownership of the [firmly pro-Israel Axel Springer](#). Pollard [suggested that](#)

- "Zack Polanski wants a Jew register, because tracking people who have served in Israel's occupation army during the genocide (and just happen to be Jews) means making a list of bad Jews."
- "Polanski has said not a word about accusations of war crimes elsewhere in time and space. The only example he mentioned was the [horrific](#) but distant 1971 Bangladesh war of independence. He hinted that this was relevant because many new Green voters are drawn from those communities" (Green deputy leader Mothin Ali, for example, is a [British Bangladeshi](#)). Then, in another casual conflation of Israel and Jewish people, he added "But no Israelis were involved (let's be honest: no Jews)." That's why Polanski was being silent about this, he argued, rather than because it happened 55 years ago.
- Despite the [overwhelming international consensus that Israel has been committing genocide](#) the word genocide was [hotly contested](#) (it is by [Israel and its allies](#) of course, but then genocidal criminals don't embrace that kind of label in public). Pollard contrasted this with the [well-founded allegations](#) that [China's controversial treatment of its Uyghur community](#) may amount to genocide. [Roughly 200 people](#) died during the July 2009 riots.
- Polanski showing interest in the suffering of the Palestinian people was just a "strategy" to get votes from people who "only" care about the genocide in Gaza.

It's not a Jew register [@stephenpollard](#)

Its a war criminal register.

Your not saying Jews are criminals again, are you?

You still can't quite kick the anti-Semite habit, can you? <https://t.co/6YOugU0eOH>

Mark Howell   (@markhowell7) [June 7, 2026](#)

You and Pollard are anti-Semites; Polanski does not mention Jews, he mentions British citizens. What you are doing is akin to saying Germans got tried at the Nuremberg trials not Nazis. It is deeply racist. <https://t.co/HLqw1xeSWh>

Ashunsi Ankram (@AshunsiAnkram) [June 6, 2026](#)

## Away from the *Telegraph*, and in reality?

Some relevant facts to counter Pollard's assertions include that:

- Not all Israelis are Jewish, and not all Jewish Israelis serve in the occupation forces (either through [exemption](#) or [refusal](#)). As the piece itself admits, military service is also compulsory for non-Jewish Israelis like Druze and Circassian citizens.
- As Polanski himself has said, [conflating Jewish people with Israeli war criminals is both harmful and antisemitic](#)•
- During Polanski's short time as Green leader, Israel's genocide in Gaza has been the only genocide in which the UK has been [openly complicit](#) which makes highlighting this as a priority very politically relevant and urgent especially when the [servile corporate media has failed to do so](#). The UK government is literally [cracking down on protest rights](#) as part of [widespread institutional efforts](#) to [silence criticism of Israel](#) it's not doing that for any other country.
- Polanski has called for [consistent international justice](#) and spoken out about the suffering in [numerous global war zones](#). On the other hand, it's [people seeking to defend or downplay Israel's crimes](#) who usually show [double standards](#) about which criminals they condemn and which they don't.
- Pollard isn't someone we should go to if we want reliable, independent conclusions. He previously [lost a lawsuit](#) for example, for making dodgy allegations relating to genocide.
- If anyone is being a [double standard](#) right now, it's the *Telegraph* and other right-wing rags:

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Whilst senior editor [@CamillaTominey](#) is harassing and defaming him, the [@Telegraph](#) have still not apologised for their antisemitic cartoon.

They need an immediate review into antisemitism. [pic.twitter.com/6HTq0lZukl](https://pic.twitter.com/6HTq0lZukl)

Harry Eccles (@Heccles94) [June 6, 2026](#)

You are a shameless liar: Polanski is calling for a list of British citizens who have fought in a probable genocide & possibly committed war crimes & other atrocities to be compiled. This is what any civilised lawful country should do <https://t.co/RikAhqNjWL>

Andrew Feinstein (@andrewfeinstein) [June 7, 2026](#)

I'm sure those well known defenders of Jewish people though will be along with more Antisemitic caricatures before too long of which the establishment will still have absolutely nothing to say weeks later! [pic.twitter.com/CjvMf2wtYC](https://pic.twitter.com/CjvMf2wtYC)

Zack Polanski (@ZackPolanski) [June 4, 2026](#)

# Pollard's dangerous antisemitic rhetoric has always been all about defending Israel and smearing the left

Pollard has basically admitted previously that [he thinks it's ok to conflate Israel and Judaism](#). And he would, because he edited a right-wing pro-Israel rag for years that [played a key role in vicious media efforts](#) to keep Israel critic Jeremy Corbyn out of power.

The whole shtick of the *Jewish Chronicle* in the Corbyn years was basically to weaponise cynical antisemitism allegations against the left. And Pollard's job was essentially to [find antisemitism where it didn't exist](#). The Peter Mandelson quote about working "every single day" to defeat Corbyn literally came from [a chat with Pollard](#).

Nowadays, meanwhile, when Pollard isn't hating on Polanski or spreading antisemitism in the *Telegraph*, he's out [defending actual racist Nigel Farage](#). That shows better than anything else that this is not about religion at all. It's [all about politics](#). And in particular, it's about defending genocide and defending the US criminals behind it.

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Seems Pollard is pro Farage's racism & against Corbyn's anti racism.  
Curious idea of what antisemitism is 😬 [pic.twitter.com/V3Uw40a8b8](https://pic.twitter.com/V3Uw40a8b8)

Mick 🍷🍉 (@MickCoffey2) [March 30, 2026](#)

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