Pro-Palestinian groups often make two claims in defense of Hamas' attack on Israel:

--The stories about the atrocities inflicted by Hamas are fake news.

--The Israelis have it coming to them because they are an apartheid state.

Let's look at those two claims.

First, it's hard to claim that the atrocities are fake news when the Hamas terrorists who engaged in them filmed them and posted them on social media. This kind of excuse is very reminiscent of those who engage in Holocaust denial.

With regard to Israel being an apartheid state, if you believe this propaganda, ask yourself this question. **How many Israeli Arabs have felt so oppressed that they have decided to move to Gaza?** They are free to leave Israel if they want to. They certainly haven't been voting with their feet.

There are those who claim that withholding humanitarian aid is a form of collective punishment.

Let's remember that Hamas is the elected government of the Gaza Strip.

In 1933, the Germans elected Adolf Hitler chancellor of Germany. They embraced the racist ideology of Nazism and proceeded to plunge the world into a war that killed millions.

In 1945, the Nazis were entrenched in the city of Dresden, along with German civilians. They were holding people from their concentration camps hostage within the city. They had also built underground bunkers from which they continue to attack the Allied forces.

The civilian population in Dresden was running out of food and water.

Did the world consider providing "humanitarian aid" for the German civilians?

No, Allied forces bombed Dresden down to the ground. Why?

Because everyone understood that only by routing the Nazis **completely** would there be peace. Sometimes, the best way to be humanitarian is to eliminate evil so that **people on both sides** can be saved.