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Following the surprise and doubts of a student about the US funding of Israel, here are a few short comments, data and links

1. US Council on Foreign Relations

U.S. Aid to Israel in Four Charts

Israel has long been the leading recipient of U.S. foreign aid, including military assistance. That aid has come under heightened scrutiny amid Israel's conflicts with Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran.

Article by Jonathan Masters and Will Merrow

US Council on Foreign Relations. Updated November 2024

[*https://www.cfr.org/article/us-aid-israel-four-charts*](https://www.cfr.org/article/us-aid-israel-four-charts)

Quotations, Council of Foreign Relations

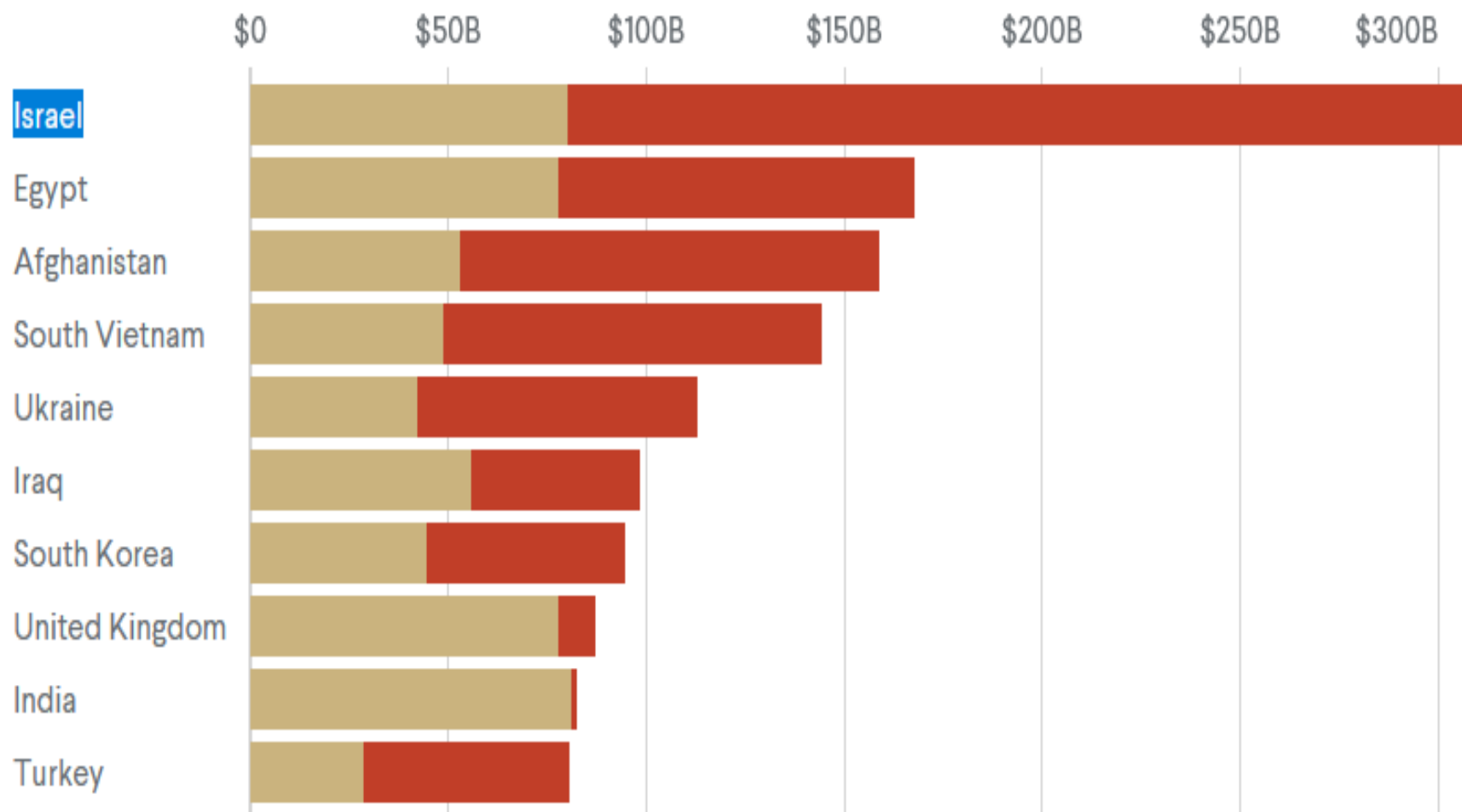
Israel has received hundreds of billions of dollars in U.S. foreign aid in the post–World War II era

- *Israel is also a leading buyer of U.S. weapons systems via traditional arms sales.*
- *U.S. military aid to Israel has soared to its highest in decades amid Israel's yearlong war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip. More than forty thousand Palestinians, including a large share of civilians, have died in the conflict*
- *Israel has been the largest cumulative recipient of U.S. foreign aid since its founding, receiving about \$310 billion (adjusted for inflation) in total economic and military assistance.*

Israel Is the Largest Cumulative Recipient of U.S. Aid

Total aid from fiscal years 1946 to 2024* (constant 2022 dollars)

Economic Military



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- The United States provided Israel considerable economic assistance from 1971 to 2007, but nearly all U.S. aid today goes to support Israel's military, the most advanced in the region. The United States has provisionally agreed via a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide Israel with \$3.8 billion per year through 2028.***
- Since the start of Israel's war with Hamas on October 7, 2023, the United States has enacted legislation providing at least \$12.5 billion in direct military aid to Israel, which includes \$3.8 billion from a bill in March 2024 (in line with the current MOU) and \$8.7 billion from a supplemental appropriations act in April 2024. Other analysts—Linda J. Bilmes, William D. Hartung, and Stephen Semler, from Brown University—have reported [PDF] that Israel received \$17.9 billion in U.S. military aid during this period, a figure that additionally accounts for the cost to the U.S. Defense Department of replenishing the stock of weapons provided to Israel.***

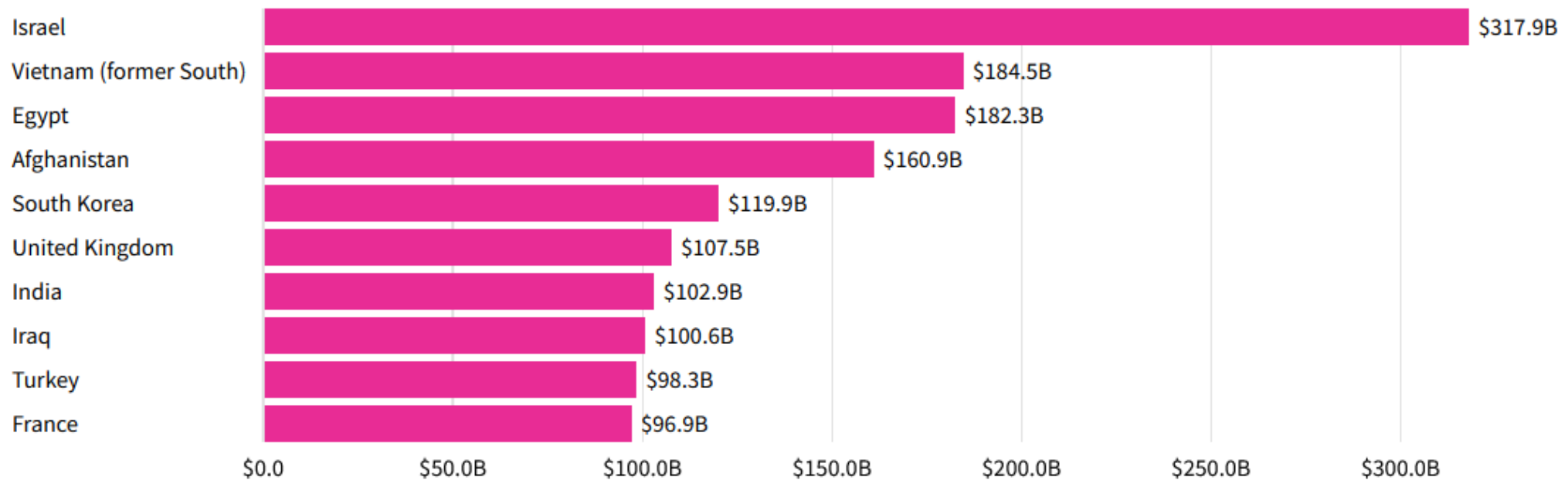
US Funding continued despite Israel being found guilty of genocide

- Israeli Genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza. Reports [Israel's Crime of Extermination, Acts of Genocide in Gaza](#) (Human Rights Watch)
- Amnesty International investigation concludes Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza [\(Amnesty International\)](#)
- Gaza war: UN rights expert accuses Israel of acts of genocide [BBC](#)
- State Terrorism on a Global Scale: The Role of Israel. [Jan Piertese. JSTOR](#)

Data from USA Facts

Since WWII, the US has provided more foreign aid to Israel than to any other country.

Total US foreign assistance by country, adjusted for inflation, 1946–2022



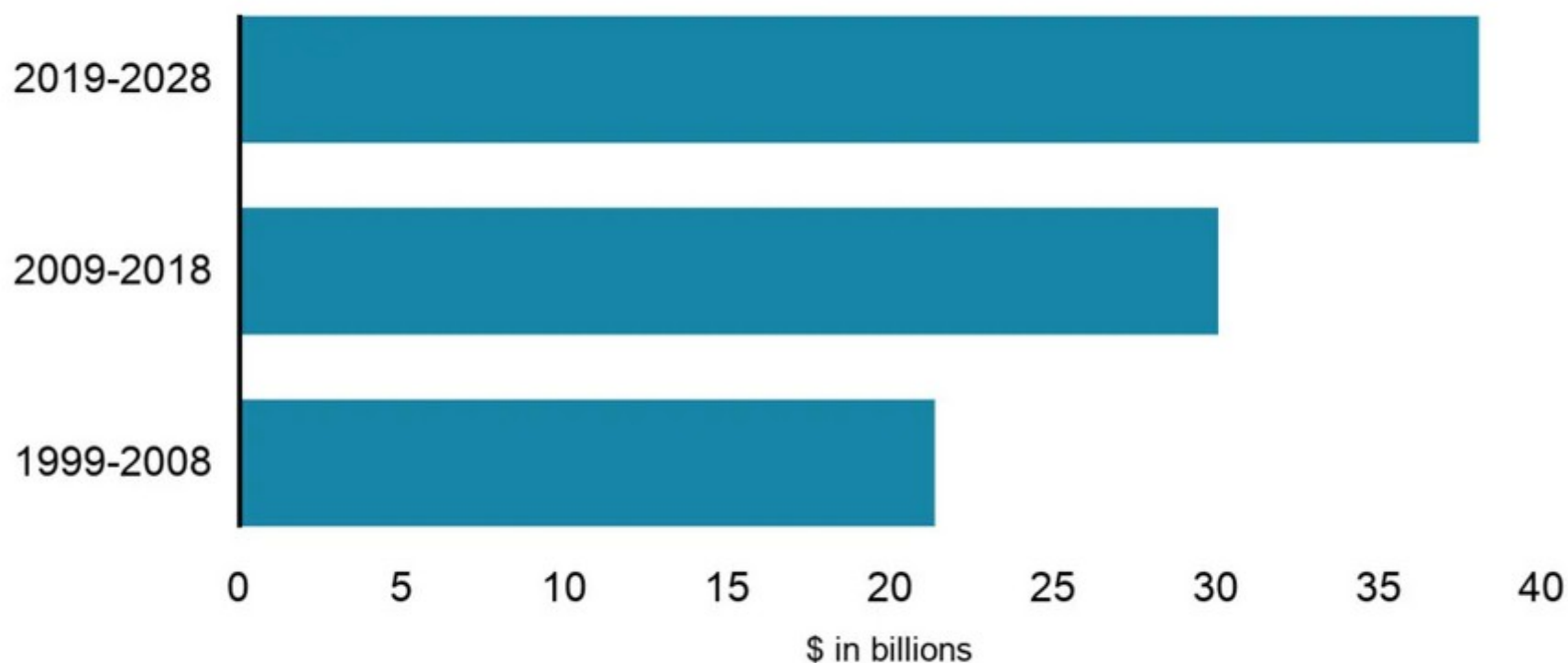
Adjusted for inflation in 2022 dollars. Date range for aid to Israel is 1951–2022. Data for 2020–2022 is partially completed.

Source: [US Agency for International Development](#) • [Get the data](#) • [Embed](#) • [Download image](#) • [Download SVG](#)

Data from the BBC

US aid commitments to Israel have increased

Total amount of military aid pledged



Missile defence funds not included. Figures not adjusted for inflation.

Source: Congressional Research Service

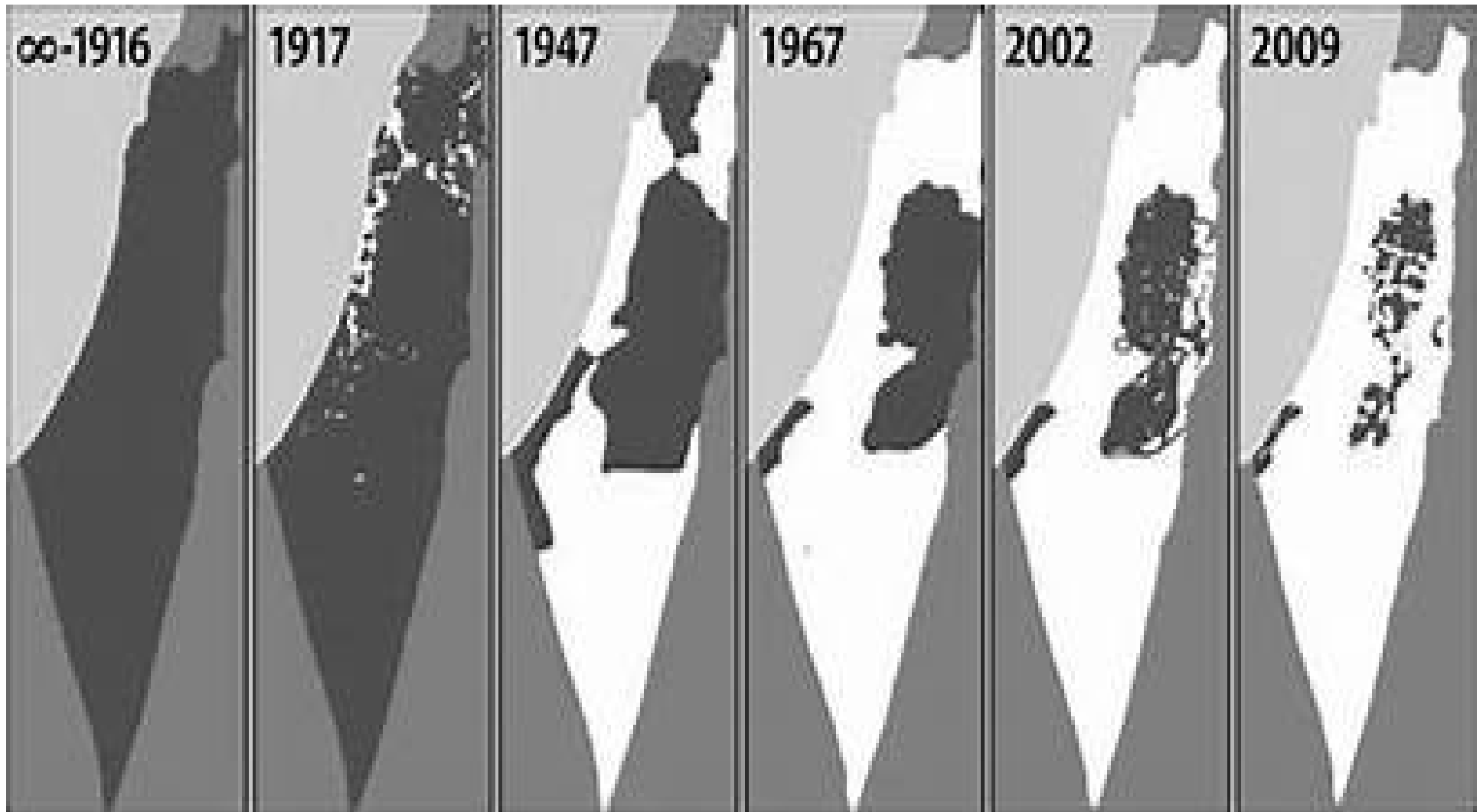
Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School

Israel's Dependence on the United States is Existential

"So maybe Israel can survive without the United States, significantly reduce its standard of living, withdraw into itself. Maybe. What is abundantly clear is that it would be a far less secure and far poorer existence, with severe isolation and a lifestyle fundamentally different from that which most Israelis have become accustomed to."

Source

The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine



Welcome to Gaza



I never thought that in my lifetime I would witness a Western-backed genocide. Many opposing this genocide, including Jews, are called 'anti-semitic' instead of being called 'anti-Israeli state' or 'anti-genocide' or simply humanitarian. David Rees, 2025