

***Israel Charny's Proposed Checklist of Ethical and Professional Criteria
for Publishing Statements Accusing Policies and Actions of being Genocidal
(-including Crimes against Humanity)***

Does the statement ...

1. Relate with genuine empathy to *all* those who lost their lives and all those who suffered threats of loss of life?
2. Focus on promoting an ideological or political position, more than on respecting the human tragedy and condemning the evil that caused loss of life?
3. Present the *facts* of the event as objectively as possible based on all available information; and bring charges based on the facts, including towards otherwise victims --present or past, and including one's own people?
4. Promote the writer or organization's status or prestige more than it expresses genuine concern for human life?
5. Honor and confirm the right to self-defense of people who come under threat to their lives, and clearly differentiates killings committed in self-defense from killings committed in aggressive actions?
6. Weigh carefully interactive actions and processes between peoples-- or does it restore an *Us-Them thinking* dichotomy between one party that is defined entirely as abused victims, and another part that is cast as purely abusers and satanic?

Note: This criterion definitely does not rule out the many cases of genocide that were in fact perpetrated by an overwhelmingly murderous leader, despotic ideology, and/or a large number of participants from a given perpetrator group.

7. Seek to delegitimize the further existence of any people?
8. Seek or support annihilatory (genocidal) vengeance against a perpetrator people?
9. Convey and encourage a high road of genuine caring and protection of all remaining living people?

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ALL critiques and suggestions for revisions are seriously welcomed.

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