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## The Epstein-Israel Conspiracy That Doesn't Exist

### The Lie

Jeffrey Epstein was a Mossad agent who used his elite sex-trafficking ring to blackmail politicians on behalf of Israel.

### The Truth

- Jeffrey Epstein was **not employed** by Israel or Mossad.
- While he maintained professional and personal relationships with Israeli officials—as he did with many global elites—there is **no evidence** that his sex-trafficking activities were directed by, or conducted *for*, Israel.

### Background

- Jeffrey Epstein was a wealthy financier and social figure with extensive high-level connections.
- In 2008, Epstein pled guilty to procuring a minor for prostitution and soliciting prostitution. In 2019, he was federally charged with child sex-trafficking, and died in prison while awaiting trial.
- Some commentators and social media influencers, including **Tucker Carlson**, have claimed that Jeffrey Epstein operated on behalf of Israeli intelligence and used his sex-trafficking network for political blackmail. ([TIME](#))
- On **November 11, 2025**, journalist **Megyn Kelly** shared video footage purportedly showing **Turning Point USA** founder **Charlie Kirk** encouraging Carlson to discuss alleged ties between Epstein and Israel at a Turning Point USA event. ([X](#))
- Some influencers are using this to amplify their claims that Epstein was conducting a blackmail operation on Israel's behalf.

### Truth Explained

- Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak met Epstein in 2003 and visited him dozens of times over several years. Barak never denied having a business relationship with Epstein. ([The Times of Israel](#)), ([The Cradle](#))
- Epstein sometimes leveraged his global network to help facilitate connections and agreements between Israel and other countries. ([The Cradle](#)), ([Drop Site News](#)), ([Middle East Monitor](#))
- Epstein maintained connections with elites and officials across **the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Russia, and the United Kingdom**, engaging in business, political, and intelligence circles. ([ABC News](#)), ([The Standard](#)), ([Mediapart](#)), ([New York Magazine](#)), ([BBC](#))
- None of the countries with which Epstein had relationships have been shown to have run a formal blackmail ring linked to him.
- On July 14, 2025, Israel's former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett publicly declared: “The accusation that Jeffrey Epstein somehow worked for Israel or the Mossad running a blackmail ring is categorically and totally false.” ([X](#))
- Intelligence expert and former U.S. State Department official Mike Benz concluded that **Epstein acted as a private intermediary** for Israeli interests—via informal brokers like Barak—**not as an intelligence operative** executing a coordinated blackmail campaign. ([The Liz Wheeler Show](#))
- Claims that Israel could use Epstein to blackmail politicians are **contradicted by political trends**.
- In recent years, many American politicians have publicly **criticized Israeli policies** or voted in ways that diverge from Israel's preferred positions. ([The Institute for National Security Studies](#))
- Public support for Israel in the United States has **declined dramatically**, suggesting that political alignment with Israel is not secured or guaranteed. ([Gallup](#))

### Quotes

“There are going to be a lot of people named in these disclosures, who their very names [when] disclosed is going to make it look like they were involved in some child sex trafficking ring that they weren't. They were probably involved in the deals though.” — Mike Benz (July 16, 2025)

“As a former Israeli Prime Minister, with the Mossad having reported directly to me, I say to you with 100% certainty: The accusation that Jeffrey Epstein somehow worked for Israel or the Mossad running a blackmail ring is categorically and totally false. Epstein's conduct, both the criminal and the merely despicable, had nothing whatsoever to do with the Mossad or the State of Israel. Epstein never worked for the Mossad. This accusation is a lie being peddled by prominent online personalities such as Tucker Carlson pretending they know things they don't. They just make things up, say it with confidence and these lies stick, because it's Israel. There's a vicious wave of slander and lies against my country and my people, and we just won't take it anymore.” — Former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett (July 14, 2025)

### Takeaway

Jeffrey Epstein's crimes were personal and criminal—not political. While he had connections to Israeli officials, **no evidence** supports the conclusion that Israel or Mossad directed his sex-trafficking or used it for blackmail. The claim that Epstein was part of an Israeli blackmail operation remains **unverified and unfounded**.