

## Author talks about defunding and replacing the U.N.



International investigative author and journalist Edwin Black recently spoke at the Israeli Riviera Parliament in North Miami about his movement to try to defund and replace the United Nations with a Covenant of Democratic Nations. (COURTESY)



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Covenant of Democratic Nations is proposed U.N. replacement

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**A**pproximately a year ago, Edwin Black – best-selling investigative author, journalist, and Jewish political and social activist – came up with an idea to shut down the **United Nations** and replace it with a new world body called the Covenant of Democratic Nations.

Black recently spoke about his movement in a discussion titled "Time to Defund and Replace the United Nations with a Covenant of Democratic Nations" during a meeting at the Israeli Riviera Parliament, a foreign policy social group based in North Miami.

"The League of Nations outlived its usefulness during the Hitler regime," Black said. "After the war, the league was replaced by the United Nations. Now the United Nations has outlived its usefulness and must be replaced with a new international body — one comprised solely of those nations governed by democratic principles and devoted to genuine democracy, equality and peaceful relations throughout the world."

Black feels that the United States should defund and withdraw from the United Nations and reconstitute the movement to achieve world peace for all in a new world body.

"The Covenant of Democratic Nations will review, re-ratify, amend, or nullify all acts and resolutions of the United Nations and its agencies creating a new body of long-overdue, reformed, and updated international law."

Black, who feels that that leaving the U.N. is easy but that actually replacing it is vital, noted that the passage of U.N. Security Council Resolution 2334 on Dec. 23, 2016 created a special ignition switch that had everybody talking and wondering. This resolution states that Israel's establishment of settlements in Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, had no legal validity, constituting a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the vision of two States living side-by-side in peace and security, within internationally recognized borders.

Despite what he feels has been unfair and harmful treatment of Israel by the U.N., Black noted that this movement is for both Jews and non-Jews to take action on the fact that the U.N. has outlived any usefulness it may have once had.

During his recent local presentation, Black stated that there was no way that the U.N. could possibly be a Democratic body because aside from the United States, the United Kingdom

and France, the other founding security council members were the then Soviet Union and civil war torn China.

Black also mentioned that there have been several bills proposed in U.S. Congress, including the American Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2017 that repeals the United Nations Participation Act of 1945.

"Unfortunately, if we just leave the United Nations without any possibility of staying in and monitoring the bad actions that we have now, all the U.N. will do is continue as an increasingly menacing satellite of the Organization of Islamic Organization, Iran, etc."

Black listed a few things that are needed to start this proposed new world body. First, there would be declarations from public bodies. Second, there would be an international conference. And third, there would be an international convention to create a treaty that would then be adopted.

This recent discussion was part of a world tour where Black has spoken about his movement.

"I do about 200 events a year on many topics and I've never seen such unanimity of support for this topic which is defunding and replacing the United Nations," Black said. "It is now way beyond me. The conversation needs to go to the next level."

Dan Morr, coordinator of speakers for Israeli Riviera Parliament, thinks Black's proposal is a "great idea."

"He has a lot of good points. The question is when this can become a reality. At this point in time, personally, I don't see it as a reality, but a lot of people have said things and they happened years later, like when Churchill said we need a Jewish state in Israel and it became a reality many years later, so an idea can become a reality over time."

Representatives from the United Nations' headquarters in New York declined to comment on this movement when reached by phone.

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