



## Who Are Hezbollah Now?

The Age reported the latest catchphrase for Western so-called peace activists is "We are all Hezbollah now". Who are 'we'?

Hezbollah's Program states:

*"We are the sons of the umma [Muslim community] ... the vanguard of which was made victorious by God in Iran. ... We obey the orders of one leader.... Ruhollah Musawi Khomeini....Each of us is a fighting soldier. And when it becomes necessary to carry out the Holy War, each of us takes up his assignment in the fight in accordance with the injunctions of the Law....*

*To the Christians ... [w]e don't wish you evil. We call upon you to embrace Islam so that you can be happy in this world and the next.*

*... Israel ... is the hated enemy that must be fought until the hated ones get what they deserve.... [O]ur struggle will end only when this entity is obliterated. We recognize no treaty with it, no cease fire, and no peace agreements, whether separate or consolidated."*  
([http://www.ict.org.il/articles/Hiz\\_letter.htm](http://www.ict.org.il/articles/Hiz_letter.htm))

Hezbollah's current leader Hassan Nasrallah has gone even further: *"[I]f they [Jews] all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide."*

Support for Hezbollah is support for an Iranian tumour imposed on the Lebanese body politic, for extremist Shia Islam and whatever this entails, including the building of a nuclear arsenal and the forced Islamisation of others. It is a commitment to the extinction of Israel and the Jews. It is endorsement of totalitarianism and opposition to peace and democratic values. Is this what Hezbollah's fellow-travellers truly want?

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