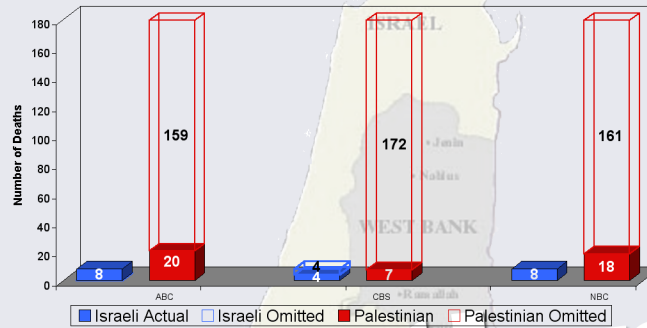


## MEDIA COVERAGE OF ISRAEL-PALESTINE

### Children's Deaths Reported & Omitted

ABC, CBS, NBC Evening News  
2004



# Question

Recent studies of U.S. media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict reveal that the media reported Israeli children's deaths at rates 7 to 40 times greater than Palestinian children's deaths. Some typical examples:

- In 2004, when 8 Israeli children were killed and 179 Palestinian children were killed, NBC reported on 100% of Israeli children's deaths and on 10% of Palestinian children's deaths, ABC on 100% and 11%.
- *The New York Times* reported on 50% of Israeli children's deaths and 7% of Palestinian children's deaths.
- In the first six months of the current uprising – during which time four Israeli children were killed and 93 Palestinian children were killed – the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported prominently on 150% of the Israeli children's deaths (through repetitions) and on 5% of the Palestinian children's deaths.
- A 2004 study of Portland's *Oregonian* newspaper revealed headline coverage on 88% of Israeli children's deaths and on 2% of Palestinian ones.

At least 82 Palestinian children were killed before the first Israeli child. *Why is there such an immense differential in reporting on deaths related to the ethnicity of the victim? Why are so few Palestinian children's deaths being reported to the American public?*