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[Seattle Mideast Awareness Campaign](#)

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Efforts by the Seattle Mideast Awareness Campaign (SeaMAC) to call attention to injustices against the Palestinian people have once again been censored.

Just days after several billboards went up in the Seattle area with the slogan “EQUAL RIGHTS FOR PALESTINIANS – Stop Funding the Israeli Military”, Clear Channel Outdoor, the billboard company, announced that it was canceling the contract and taking the billboards down.

“It seems clear that even a call for equal rights for Palestinians is a message that the Israel Lobby in this country cannot tolerate,” said Rod Such, volunteer with SeaMAC.

In a call yesterday to SeaMAC representatives, Olivia Lippens, president of local Clear Channel, confirmed that objections from unnamed “groups and individuals” caused Clear Channel to “re-evaluate”.

Several organizations that dispute civil, political, and national rights for Palestinians also objected to SeaMAC’s Metro bus ad campaign, “ISRAELI WAR CRIMES: Your Tax Dollars at Work” which was to run on Metro buses starting last December. King County ultimately cancelled those ads and refused to honor the signed contract with SeaMAC.

At least three of SeaMAC’s billboards were already in place: on Aurora at Republican, on Elliot Way near West Lee St., and on Lake City Way near 104th St. Ms. Lippens told SeaMAC that the billboards will be taken down as soon as possible and that all money will be refunded.

“We are concerned by the apparent campaign to deny human rights organizations the right to air our views in the public arena”, said Ed Mast, another SeaMAC volunteer. “And we’re very disturbed that those individuals and groups that oppose equal rights and human rights for Palestinians have such power over both public and private media organizations.”

SeaMAC will hold a press conference Thursday at noon to divulge further details. The press conference will take place outdoors under the location of one of the billboards that SeaMAC purchased, on Elliot Ave West, just north of West Lee St. Press packets will be available.



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1.  *Fred* says:
[April 28, 2011 at 2:13 pm](#)


They should have expected this and bought a bill board. They will have to control the whole channel or “unnamed” sources will pressure the owner of the channel to remove the message.

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2.  *Brian* says:
[April 28, 2011 at 2:42 pm](#)


I'd like a copy of the picture. dvlinablusuit@yahoo.com

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3.  *Chris* says:
[April 28, 2011 at 2:45 pm](#)


This is most unfortunate. Yet another victory for Abe Foxman and his cohorts to keep the average American ignorant of the fact that Israel is a criminal, pariah state.

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4.  *Americathebraveless* says:
[April 28, 2011 at 4:22 pm](#)

The only free speech in this country is that approved by Israel and its lobbies. How is it possible for such a small group to control and manipulate this entire nation, government, and hijack the bill of rights. As long as all of us stay silent and hide behind comment sections nothing will change. GET OFF YOUR salivation for entertainment and sports and claim your humanity and country otherwise don't be surprised when we all pay for Israel and our youth die for its wars. why do they hate us? Israel why do we hate them? Israel America you're either free or serve Israel in complicity.


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5.  *StructuralEngineer* says:
[April 28, 2011 at 4:25 pm](#)

more proof of the power these sociopaths want to have over all aspects of everyone else's lives. For christ's sake, they've run roughshod over American 1st amendment rights and even broke a legal contract with impunity over these billboards. What kind of people would want to have that kind of control over another person's life?

Look up the word sociopath in the dictionary to find out.
Peace, prosperity and justice, in spite of them.


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6.  *Harry* says:
[April 28, 2011 at 4:52 pm](#)

I assume "this is the SAME Clear Channel that carries all the PSEUDO-christian PROPHETS-for-PROFIT that shill for Israel all day.

You might try going after OTHER billboard renters of that company
Ask them why they use a bigoted company.

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7.  *robertsgt40* says:
[April 28, 2011 at 5:28 pm](#)

ADL/AIPAC strike again. Won't be able to keep a lid on this forever

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