PALESTINE is an issue of RACIAL JUSTICE from the US to Palestine, end racism now!
Slogans like “from Ferguson to Palestine, end racism now” reflect the shared experience of living under racist regimes that target communities with racial profiling, mass incarceration, and state repression.

Many people and groups, including Black4Palestine, and Black scholar-activists like Dr. Angela Davis and Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, articulate the connections between the oppression of Black Americans and the Palestinian people. Both Israel and the U.S. employ mass incarceration, racial profiling, surveillance, and lethal force as forms of control.

U.S. police train side-by-side with the Israeli military, sharing tactics of violent state repression. The U.S. bankrolls the brutal oppression of Black folks here in the U.S. and Palestinians across historic Palestine, pouring funds into the militarization of its own police and providing $3.8 billion in military aid to Israel every year.

U.S. and Israeli officials, with the help of mainstream media, criminalize and dehumanize Palestinians and Black people, portraying systemic and racist violence inherent to both states as “isolated incidents.” At the same time, resistance to this oppression is deemed “illegitimate” or “terrorism”—and is violently repressed.

Declaring that Palestine is a racial justice issue means drawing the connections between the state violence of the US and Israel and how both depend on anti-Black and anti-Palestinian racism, respectively, to justify their actions. It is situating the struggle for Palestinian rights within the broader struggle against racism and white supremacy.

The fight for racial justice extends beyond and across borders. Holding progressive politics and values means supporting freedom, justice, and equality for all people—including the Palestinian people.