

Is it safe to travel to Israel? The answer is YES!

To put things in perspective, let us look at the Occupying Wall Street (OWS) demonstrations. According to Bloomberg and CBS news, the recent demonstration in NYC affected tourism to the city and it is costing the New-York economy millions of dollars. The perception is that NYC is not safe. Is it really unsafe?

The media chooses to focus on events based on ratings. Although a small minority of people is demonstrating, the media focus gives it a negative perception about NYC and the first industry affected by it is tourism.

Israel is the only democratic state in the Middle-East, the size of New Jersey and the center of three major religions. All the news media networks in the world have reporters in Israel. In fact, Israel has more international reporters than Washington DC. Unfortunately many News Networks have been biased against Israel and they have been reporting opinions rather than the news.

Here are some Statistics.

Let's look at some countries and cities safety and compare it with Israel.

A safe state or city is determined by the number of homicides per 100,000 people.

Honduras 82

New Orleans 52

Chicago 34

Venezuela 48

Mexico 18

Detroit 18.2

Columbus OH 5.8

United States 4.8

Israel 2.1

United Kingdom 1.17

Canada 1.62

Ireland 1.25

Italy 0.98

Germany 0.84

With these statistics are we safer in New Orleans, Detroit, or Chicago?

The US homicide rate is still among the highest in the industrial world.

I hope this puts perceptions and reality into perspective.

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