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expresses a new experience as use.  
-Once we understood her situation, we immediately sought assistance from New Orleans doctors, elderly abuse support services, attorneys, the court system, nursing homes, police and financial institutions. We received

the medical mastery to revisit their laws and processes and treat this dilemma of victimization with a sense of urgency, ensuring the safety and well-being of this vulnerable group.

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## Israel being held to different standard in conflict

Israel is attempting to destroy a terrorist organization that committed the worst mass atrocity against Jews since World War II and promises more, yet one letter writer claims that the regrettable deaths caused by the effort against a group that uses civilians as human shields puts in doubt Israel's right to exist.

Did he doubt Syria's right to exist when Bashar al-Assad killed over 200,000 Muslims?

Did he doubt Saudi Arabia's right to

exist when thousands of children died as it bombarded Houthi rebels in Yemen?

How about Russian President Vladimir Putin's bombardment of civilian targets in Ukraine?

Yet, it is the tiny nation of Israel whose existence is placed in doubt as it tries to defend itself against an adversary bent on its annihilation, and the annihilation of its people.

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