**On Dec. 19, FRONTLINE Presents a Two-Part, Two-Hour Special   
on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

***Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza***

**and, in collaboration with The Washington Post, *Failure at the Fence*** Tues., Dec. 19, 2023  
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In a two-hour special premiering Tues., Dec. 19, FRONTLINE presents two probing reports on how the Israeli-Palestinian conflict reached this point.

First: As the war in Gaza continues with devastating consequences, a major 90-minute documentary offers a sweeping examination of the critical moments leading up to this crisis over the course of the past three decades, and the pivotal role of a central player: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Starting with the Oslo peace accords and continuing through the Oct. 7 Hamas attack and the ongoing war in Gaza, ***Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza*** is an incisive and deeply reported look at the long history of failed peace efforts and violent conflict in the region ​​— and the increasing tensions between Israel and its ally, the U.S., over the war’s catastrophic toll and what comes next.

From an award-winning team that includes director James Jacoby and producer Anya Bourg, the documentary traces the tenure of Israel’s longest-serving prime minister and the years of jockeying between him, U.S. presidents and the Palestinians. It features firsthand accounts of insiders and advisors to Netanyahu, U.S. presidents and Palestinian leadership, as well as key insights from experts and observers of the decades-long conflict. Painting a revealing portrait of Netanyahu’s political evolution and fateful decisions*,* the film also draws on past interviews from FRONTLINE’s 2016 documentary *Netanyahu at War*.

Amid controversy over the U.S.’s support of Israel, the documentary offers invaluable context for the crisis unfolding now — from Netanyahu’s rise to power in opposition to the Oslo Accords, to his subsequent clashes with U.S. presidents over further attempts to make peace between Israelis and Palestinians, to his strategy towards Hamas; from his fight for political survival amidst allegations of corruption and his alliance with the Israeli far-right, to his handling of the current conflict in Gaza.

***Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza*** also shows how, in the wake of President Joe Biden’s initial embrace of Netanyahu in response to Oct. 7, the relationship has become increasingly fractious, with the president pressing Israel to embrace a two-state solution to the conflict, and the prime minister vowing not to “repeat the mistake of Oslo.”

The documentary will be followed by ***Failure at the Fence,*** a groundbreaking visual investigation incollaboration with *The Washington Post* featuring a detailed examination of how Hamas was able to breach Israel’s vaunted security barrier on Oct. 7 and carry out its devastating attack.  
  
From the *Post*’s visual forensics team and award-winning producer Gabrielle Schonder, the short documentary draws on on-the-ground reporting, hundreds of hours of video and audio and Hamas planning documents. This special collaboration stems from a *Post* reconstruction published in November, now deepened with additional on-the ground reporting and riveting interviews that present a remarkable picture of how, as the *Post* reporters show, Hamas was planning the attack in plain sight, and Israel was blinded to its own vulnerabilities.  
The two-part, two-hour special featuring ***Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza*** and ***Failure at the Fence*** premieres Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 pm ET at pbs.org/frontline, washingtonpost.com and in the PBS App, and at 10/9c that night on PBS and FRONTLINE’s YouTube channel. Both documentaries are distributed internationally by [PBS International](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__pbsinternational.org_&d=DwMGaQ&c=QX2OfGk7aRC3kh1nmtbeQQ&r=s91bx4LZAGaX9J4elQuHU0ONRGORfW085QJyKg3__AM&m=a0WzUJ-Oufk4-_rewDbdVDNRAXr5V7_metrAjAdoJaUp6SdfOW_yoO09M_Z1OgMH&s=Lgy6iI_5d9vmNC-ccyilBxwyotuAuMAAsUtmcA1OhzY&e=). [Subscribe](https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/newsletter-subscriptions/) to FRONTLINE’s newsletter to get updates on events, podcast episodes and more related to ***Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza*** and ***Failure at the Fence****.* Read related, in-depth reporting and watch *Failure at the Fence* at washingtonpost.com.

**Credits**  
***Netanyahu, America & the Road to War in Gaza*** is a FRONTLINE Production with Left/Right Docs. Directed by James Jacoby. Written by James Jacoby and Anya Bourg. Produced by Anya Bourg and Lauren Ezell Kinlaw. Co-produced by Christina Avalos and Chris O’Coin. The senior producers are Eamonn Matthews and Frank Koughan. ***Failure at the Fence*** is a FRONTLINE Production with Schonder Productions in association with *The Washington Post*. Written, produced and directed by Gabrielle Schonder. The correspondent is Jon Swaine. Reported by Jon Swaine and Joyce Sohyun Lee. The senior producer is Frank Koughan. The executive editor of The Washington Post is Sally Buzbee. The editor-in-chief and executive producer of FRONTLINE is Raney Aronson-Rath.

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