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## PALESTINIAN-AMERICAN ON HAMAS' ATTACK AND...

Fouad Alkhatib, who grew up in Gaza, joins us one yea...

founder and  
director of  
Realign for  
Palestine  
the Atlantic  
Council, where he  
is a resident senior  
fellow with the  
Scowcroft Middle  
East Security  
Initiative at the  
Middle East  
Programs. Alkhatib  
is a Palestinian-  
American writer,

speaker, and advocate who grew up in Gaza City, which he left  
in 2005 as a teenage exchange student to the United States.

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**“ ALKHATIB BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN 2014, VOWING TO LEVER HIS NEWLY ACQUIRED PRIVILEGES MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR HIS PEOPLE AND FELLOW CITIZENS. ”**

Alkhatib became an American citizen in 2014, vowing to leverage his newly acquired privileges to make the world a better place for his people and fellow citizens. In 2011, Alkhatib earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and began working for a homelessness policy advocacy organization, focusing on outreach to current and prospective allies, fundraising, and engagement. In 2015, he founded

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the Strip's affairs through his immediate and extended family members, most of whom remained in the coastal enclave. When the October 7 attack, he began challenging the dominant narratives that quickly emerged following the massacre and the unprecedented war that the Gaza Strip and its people experienced. Furious at Hamas's terrorism, crimes against Palestinians, and the support he received outside of Gaza for carrying out October 7, he has emerged as a fierce and consistent critic of the Islamist group while speaking out uncompromisingly against Israeli crimes in Gaza, military occupation and the settlement enterprise in the West Bank, and the dehumanization of Palestinians. This has earned him praise and recognition from people on both sides of the Israel and Palestine conflict, many of whom are hungry for a third



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build bridges, promote common humanity, and create common ground that's humanely and pragmatically s empathy, kindness, patience, and understanding whe are coming from. Alkhatib writes extensively on Gaza's and geostrategic affairs and has grown a substantial online following. He speaks about the Strip's humanitarian, security, and local affairs. He has played a role in advocating for some large-scale initiatives, such as the food airdrops campaign and raising hundreds of thousands for the International Medical Corps(IMC)'s life-saving work on the ground. Alkhatib's writing and commentary have been regularly featured in US, Israeli, and international media outlets. He is a firm believer in intellectual independence, diversity, curiosity, and breaking the enforced conformity that stifles meaningful discussion and dissent within the Palestinian community.

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