

How reliable are sources b and g for evidence of arab attitudes towards israel

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Source B shows a stereotypical Jewish man being forced into the sea by the unified Arab armies. This gives the impression that the Arab armies are being aggressive and pushing forwards. It also shows the Jewish man as a quivering wreck obviously being portrayed as being very weak and scared. This source has some truth behind it as it was true that the Arab armies were unified and were intent on wiping Israel off the map.

They also made a lot of threats before the war claiming that they were going to throw the Jews into the sea. The Egyptians especially were being so hostile because they believed if they made enough threats then Israel would not be attack Syria as that would inconvenience Egypt greatly as they were presently fighting in Yemen also and could not afford to fight on both fronts. It was a published in an Arab newspaper just before the war so I think its purpose is very clear.

It has been published just before to reflect the public hatred of the Jews in order to 'rally the troops' in other words to make sure all the public were doubtless of the armed forces objective of abolishing Israel and everything it stood for before they went to war. Source G is an aggressive statement of destruction against Israel making it very clear what they think of Israel referring to Israel as an 'error' or a 'disgrace'. It also states 'Our goal is very clear - to wipe Israel off the map.

This if obviously making its message very clear as this was a broadcast by the President of Iraq again reflecting public opinion and rallying the joint hatred amongst the Arab states against the Israelis. Again this was broadcast just before the war again reassuring the Arab people that they

were going to win the war and regain Palestine. This is correct compared to my own knowledge as the Arab nations did make very aggressive threats before the war and were adamant that they would win back their previous territory and regain Palestine.

They were also very confident in their numbers as they had the whole of the surrounding Arab countries supporting the war effort and the campaign to recover Palestine. They also believed that the Israelis would never attack and were very confident in making these threats without any retaliation from the Israelis. I think that Source G is more reliable to give us evidence of Arab attitudes towards the Israelis because the President of Iraq would not have broadcast this very bold statement to the Iraqi public if it did not reflect the Arab public opinion and attitudes towards the Israelis.

Although this could have been propaganda that the President would have made this statement in order to rally his people. Source B is less reliable because it comes across as being a very mocking portrayal showing a very stereotypical Jewish character in a very cartoon form which would not be found in any history book or formal document. This makes me think that is just a propaganda article published in an Arab newspaper to 'rally the troops' by mocking and undermining the Israelis.