

**Student Comments about Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Professor Manzar Foroohar from PolyRatings**

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“Foroohar seems to have mistaken the podium for a pulpit. Her politics interfere with the teaching of the class. She is from Iran and tries to convince you that the U.S. is horrible and the Middle East is perfect. She is also rabidly anti-Israel...Midway through the quarter, I could not take it anymore and withdrew from the class.”

“Manzar Foorhar is the most antisemitic faculty member on campus. She consistently tries to push her alternative views of history on her students who often don't know better.”

“Her bias was out of control, any reading that had to do with Israel was anti Israel, and it wasn't even hidden. Over and over she continues to bash Israel, in lecture, readings, and the movie she shows.”

“Dr. Foroohar is biased. She admits this openly in the beginning; her lectures on the Middle East is a linear argument about why the US sucks and Israel is the worst thing to ever occur to human rights.”

“This professor has an agenda. Her classes are nothing but propaganda to support her cause.”

“The latter portion of our course was focused on the Arab-Israeli conflict and rather than present the matter objectively explaining the influence of both parties, she remained staunchly in favor of Palestinian accusations. Not only was the lecture material influenced by Arab sentiment but all of her assigned readings for so-called "Book Reports"... all ignore the Jewish diaspora and dispellment from the region that occurred for hundreds of years prior to this. It's so disappointing when a class such as this which describes

such a terrible era of racism and discrimination is taught by someone who feels the same way.”

“Dr. Foroohar is definitely passionate about issues in the Middle East, however History of the Middle East was basically just a way for her to shove her opinions down everyone's throats...Dr. Foroohar is so vocally biased... Take this class if you want to hear about how Iranians are the best race in the world, how Israelis suck, and how the Jewish diaspora didn't ever occur (that's right, she denies that Jews were persecuted and exiled from areas of the Middle East, Russia, Europe, etc for hundreds of years, something that is a historical fact). I'm not pro-Israel or pro-Palestine but I can tell when someone is trying to shove their opinion down your throat and ignores historical facts while doing so.”

“This teacher exploits the lack of knowledge of students about what is going on in the middle east. If you openly oppose her, she will tell you that you are wrong because there is no proof. If you openly oppose her with proof and make her look bad she will grade you down, and with each point counting as a percent of your grade it sucks. She gives all the facts in her readings, for example: Zionists did act x, Palestinians retaliated with act y, but will only lecture on how bad Israel is and nothing about act y.”

“The course is not hard, if you want to believe the Jews stole Israel from the innocent Palestinians by means of Jewish terrorism against innocent Arabs. Professor Foroohar is simply full of crap. She even calls those refuting what she says liars even after the objective proof that her information is not true is presented in class.”

“As a history major I was eager to take this class and gain knowledge about the Middle East....while I did gain much knowledge per say...this class is incredibly biased. You will read books by discredited historians such as Ilan Pappé and by anti Israeli writers who take quotes criminally out of context to make their points.”

“She is extremely one-sided. I am a Jewish student, and I felt extremely uncomfortable during her discussions about the middle-east, as she presented all of the course material in ways that seemed to attack Israel. If you are uncomfortable about this, DO NOT take this class. She says she does not express her opinion, but every document you read and every video you watch is Pro-Palestinian. I wouldn't mind this if she actually presented the other side of the issue, but she didn't.”