AREN'T ALL SUICIDE BOMBERS TERRORISTS?

Not According to the StarTribune

Here's what the Editor of the Wall Street Journal's OpinionJournal.com, James Taranto, recently wrote about the StarTribune's refusal to call those who deliberately kill Israeli civilians by their real name — terrorists:

"The Minneapolis Star Tribune is willing to call Hamas 'a terrorist organization. But if you murder 300 Israel civilians, you are not a terrorist — at least in the Twin Cities."

Gelfand says, incredibly, that the paper's policy is "even-handed" through its use of the term "Jewish" — and the StarTribune is even more hostile toward Jewish civilians than Yasser Arafat, at least if you believe Arafat's op-ed in The New York Times. "I condemn the attacks carried out by terrorist groups against Israel civilians..."

... the leading German daily, Die Welt, reported that it "has been identified by the United States and the Times: "I condemn the attacks carried out by Yasser Arafat, at least in the emotional and heated nature of that dispute."

Terrorists are terrorists, whether the victims are Jews in Israel, Americans in the World Trade Center, or others. Why doesn't our local newspaper understand that?

WE CALL ON THE StarTribune TO REFER TO THOSE WHO INTENTIONALLY KILL ISRAELI CIVILIANS AS TERRORISTS.

Tell the StarTribune how you feel.

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