

Investigative writer James Bamford contends in his new book, "The Shadow Factory, the Ultra-Secret NSA from 9/11 to the Eavesdropping on America," that at least two high-tech companies with alleged ties to Israeli intelligence mined American communications data on a mass scale. The companies were hired to help major American telecommunications firms that were cooperating with the National Security Agency on its controversial eavesdropping program.

Michael Oren, an Israeli-American historian with the conservative Shalem Center in Jerusalem, charged that Bamford lacked proof to back up the Israeli-intelligence assertions made in the book. Oren has also criticized a previous Bamford book in which he accused the Israelis of purposely bombing an American spy ship off the Gaza Strip in 1967 during the Six-Day War.

"Bamford makes far-reaching and unsubstantiated allegations about Jews and Israel," Oren told the Forward. "In the latest instance, he makes two serious assertions, namely that Israelis working in high-tech are Mossad and the Mossad works against the U. S. But in keeping with his previous work, there is no evidence."

TVNL Comment: Although Bamford, who has uncovered a great deal of government's wrongdoing and lying including the Northwoods documents, exposes "Israel's" actions, he is being accused of saying things about "Jews". That is a technique that has been used to stifle all criticism of Israel.

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