

BDS SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION TIMELINE

2004–2015

2004

Presbyterians begin corporate engagement with companies profiting from the Israeli Occupation. *(divestment)*

JULY 2005

The call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions.

2005

JVP launches shareholder advocacy with Caterpillar. *(divestment)*

JANUARY 2007

The Lutheran Church passes a resolution urging “consideration of refusing to buy goods or invest in activities taking place in Israeli settlements, and a review of other economic options.” (*boycott*)

FEBRUARY 2009

Hampshire College becomes the first campus in the US to divest when the Board of Trustees voted to remove investments in six companies that profit from the Israeli Occupation. (*divestment*)

2010

TIAA-CREF Campaign launched by JVP. (*divestment*)

2010

American singer devendra banhart and tommy sands cancel june 2010 shows. so does carlos Santana and elvis Costello, joining Roger Waters', who made the decision to boycott in 2006. *(cultural)*

2012

TIAA-CREF, U.S. pension fund, drops CATERPILLAR, manufacturer of weaponized bulldozers used to demolish Palestinian homes, from its Social Choice Fund. *(divestment)*

2012

QUAKERS divest from VEOLIA, as well as from HEWLETT-PACKARD, supplier of checkpoint systems used to restrict Palestinian freedom of movement. *(divestment)*

MAY 2012

Methodist Church votes to boycott settlement products. (*boycott*)

NOVEMBER 2013

TIAA-CREF, U.S. pension fund, drops VEOLIA, former operator of segregated buses and dumper of settlement waste onto Palestinian land, from its Social Choice Fund. (*divestment*)

JANUARY 2013

Veolia withdraws from bidding for St. Louis contract, declaring that controversy “is not worth the damage to [Veolia’s] business.” (*divestment*)

MARCH 2014

OXFAM INTERNATIONAL cuts ties with SCARLETT JOHANSON over promotion of SODASTREAM's settlement products.
(boycott)

MAY 2014

The Gates Foundation sells the bulk of its shares with G4S. *(divestment)*

JUNE 2014

After a 10 year process of corporate engagement, travel to the region, and internal organizing, the Presbyterian Church (USA), representing 2 million mainline Christians, votes to divest from Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, and Hewlett-Packard.
(divestment)

AUGUST 2014

During the height of Israel's brutal military assault on Palestinians in Gaza, thousands of activists in the Bay Area take part in pickets and demonstrations that prevent an Israeli ship from docking at the port in Oakland for four consecutive days. By the end of the month, the unloading of Israeli ships has been prevented or disrupted at ports in Oakland, Tacoma, Seattle, and Long Beach. *(boycott)*

OCTOBER 2014

October 2014: SodaStream announces it is to close its factory in the illegal Israeli settlement of Mishor Adumim following a high profile boycott campaign against the company that saw retailers and investors across the world cut links with the company. In spite of this announcement, SodaStream continues to keep its West Bank factory open until an unspecified time, and will move to the Negev/Naqab, where it will benefit from Israel's displacement of Palestinian Bedouin communities there. *(boycott)*

NOVEMBER 2014

Durham County Council votes to end million dollar contract with Occupation profiteer and largest private prison contractor in the world, G4S. (*divestment*)

2015

In recent years, many academic associations have passed resolutions in support of boycott, including the American Studies Association, the African Literature Association, the Association for Asian American Studies, the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association. (*academic*)

APRIL 2015

Veolia announces the sale of its water, waste, and energy contracts in Israel following years of pressure from BDS campaigns that have contributed to the company losing billions of dollars of lost contracts in Europe, the Middle East, and the US. The company maintains a stake in the illegal Jerusalem Light Rail, now its only business interest in Israel. *(divestment)*

MAY 2015

Lauryn Hill cancels concert in Israel, joining Stephen Hawking and Stevie Wonder from recent years. *(cultural)*

2015

To date, over two dozen campuses have debated and voted on BDS resolutions from coast-to-coast!
(divestment)