

# *Max Blumenthal confronts outgoing U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken*

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Washington, January 17 (RHC)-- Outgoing Secretary of State Antony Blinken was confronted by two journalists as he delivered his final news conference Thursday. The Grayzone's editor Max Blumenthal disrupted Blinken just minutes into his address to reporters.

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Secretary of State Antony Blinken: "I look forward to taking questions when I get a chance to finish my statement. Thank you."

Max Blumenthal: "Your father-in-law was an Israel lobbyist. Your grandfather was an Israel lobbyist. Are you compromised by Israel? Why did you allow the Holocaust of our time to happen?"

Aide: "It's time to go. Thanks very much."

Max Blumenthal: "How does it feel to have your legacy be genocide? How does it feel to have your legacy be genocide? You, too, Matt, you smirked through the whole thing every day. You smirked through a genocide."

Blumenthal was addressing State Department spokesperson Matt Miller at the end of the video. Matt Miller then ordered security to preemptively remove independent journalist Sam Hussein, forcing him to shout his questions to Blinken toward the stage as he was forcibly carried out of the room, then handcuffed.

Sam Hussein: "Everybody, from Amnesty International — from Amnesty International to the ICJ, is saying that Israel is doing genocide and extermination. You're telling me to respect the process. Criminal! Why aren't you in The Hague? Why aren't you in The Hague?"

Right before the journalists confronted the secretary of state, Blinken thanked the press for "asking tough questions." Earlier this week, a ProPublica report detailed the Biden administration's repeated pattern of issuing "empty threats" and warnings to Israel over the past 15 months, allowing Netanyahu to dismiss any red lines from Washington while continuing its genocide in Gaza with impunity.

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