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## **WHAT REALLY MATTERS? WELL ... THAT DEPENDS**

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Criticism quickly rains down on anyone trying to say “All Lives Matter” as a well-intentioned expansion on the “Black Lives Matter” slogan. I’m not arguing for or against either of those statements. I just want to point out some inconsistencies I’ve noticed as to when to be “specific” and when to be “general” when creating soundbites defending the progressive “issue du jour.”

Particularly among progressive political pundits, it’s necessary to specifically refer to “black lives” when proclaiming that “lives matter.” Let’s contrast that with another progressive political stance.

Rep. Ilhan Omar recently made critical comments about the relationship between the U.S. and Israel. Some of her terminology was bigoted by any standard. Many thought a specific House resolution was called for, ideally naming Omar as the offender, and anti-Semitism as the offense. However, the House passed only a general resolution condemning bigotry against various ethnic groups, without naming Omar as an offender. It’s obvious that when it comes to the specifics of progressive outrage, it matters greatly “whose ox is being gored.”

It’s surprising Speaker Pelosi couldn’t deliver enough Democrat votes supporting a resolution at least condemning anti-Semitism specifically. Has Rep. Ilhan Omar’s influence really become that significant this quickly?