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## SHOCKING: Censorship Now Also Infects Google Translate, as It Whitewashes Islam

It goes without saying that if you *need* to use an automated translation service such as Google Translate, you can't personally know if the translation is correct. Of course, we assume that translation missteps are limited to the odd grammar and word usage manifesting themselves when a computer (the ultimate nerd) translates one sometimes illogical human language into another sometimes illogical human language. But what if some "missteps" were Machiavellian attempts to censor information via artificial intelligence? How would you know?



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Just such furtive censorship is occurring, [reveals](#) Arabic-fluent writer Raymond Ibrahim. To wit: Google Translate censored an *Al Jazeera* article passage to obscure how Palestinians are "inspired" by history's land-grabbing oppressors, to paraphrase Ibrahim.

The commentator, whose main focus is exposing Muslim jihadist aims, became aware of the deception [after writing about](#) the *Al Jazeera* article on June 17. Penned by a Palestinian professor, [the Arabic piece](#) "is about how Palestinians find inspiration in the jihads of history," Ibrahim explains.

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Now, he'd quoted the professor as writing that "prominent among" the jihads is "the raid of Badr, the opening of Mecca, the opening of al-Andalus, and the battle of the pavement of martyrs [the Battle of Tours]." It's a simple translation for an Arabic speaker.

But not for Google. In fact, in the tech behemoth's English translation, the Battle of Tours, raids, and past conquests aren't mentioned at all. Poof, gone.

Ironically, Ibrahim has an apparently liberal critic to thank for uncovering the deception. For after his article was published, Ibrahim was contacted by readers concerned that he might have mistranslated *Al Jazeera*. Making them thus wonder was the following snarky post by the critic, one "Dan Foster," which appeared under Ibrahim's piece at [FrontPage Magazine](#):

An honest reader would be forgiven if they thought Ibrahim were actually talking about the *Al Jazeera* at the beginning of this piece. He's not of course. He seems to have forgotten that while google translate isn't 100% reliable it: a. Exists and b. translates webpages. So I was actually able to read the article he linked. It doesn't reference the Battle of Tours or raids and conquests of the past. The title gives you a clue what it actually is about:

"This is how the Palestinian resistance made Ramadan a season of operations and victories"





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The good news is that you can easily access other automated translation services, as the article "[7 Best Google Translate Alternatives for 2021](#)" makes clear.

Moreover, it's now apparent that a good idea when using such a service is to cross-reference it with a competitor to see if the translations match — especially when a passage deals with politically sensitive matters.

But here's a simple translation of the 925 words above: Dump Google; it stinks.



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