



The Echo of Humanity: Gaza, Conscience, and the Age of Simultaneity

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ABSTRACT

This paper introduces the Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory (SIDT)—a paradigm born from the evolution of the author’s earlier Cross-Country Cross-Continent Economic Development (CCC-CED) framework. What began as an economic model explaining how nations progress through simultaneous development of markets, institutions, and societies has transformed into an informational and moral theory explaining how humanity itself evolves through simultaneous awareness, empathy, and conscience. The bridge between these worlds is one word “Simultaneous”, the philosophical constant linking the movement of economies to the awakening of human consciousness. Through the lens of SIDT, this paper examines how the Gaza War (2023–2025) catalyzed a global moral awakening. The tragedy of Gaza became not a local crisis but a synchronized human experience in which billions witnessed, grieved, and judged together. SIDT proposes five interconnected mechanisms: Information Flow Synchrony, Dialectical Framing, Wide Bridges, Threshold Compression, and Repression Backfire to explain how information, when shared in real time, translates into collective moral action. The conceptual model demonstrates that information no longer diffuses linearly but resonates simultaneously, transforming suffering into solidarity and empathy into political consciousness. The findings reveal that Gaza’s pain redefined moral legitimacy across continents, collapsing traditional hierarchies of power and narrative control. As governments defended policy, the people defended humanity. This simultaneity of exposure, empathy, and moral awakening represents not merely a political shift but a civilizational evolution, the moment when information became conscience. The study concludes that the Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory redefines both governance and morality for the digital age. It challenges the United Nations, the European Union, and the global community to evolve from deliberating justice to delivering it in real time. SIDT thus stands as the moral successor of CCC-CED: where simultaneity once explained the rhythm of economic progress, it now explains the rhythm of human awakening. Information, when synchronized with compassion, becomes the architecture of global conscience and conscience, once awakened, cannot be silenced again.



Introduction

Throughout history, human consciousness has moved in rhythm with the media of its age. The printing press spread the Reformation; pamphlets carried the ideals of the Enlightenment; radio unified nations at war; and television shaped the Cold War imagination. Each technological shift redefined not only how people learned about the world, but how they felt morally bound to it. In the twenty-first century, that moral rhythm has become instantaneous. Social media has collapsed distance and time, allowing images of war and injustice to flow across borders within seconds. It is within this age of simultaneity that Israel's image—once firmly secured within Western narratives of innocence, survival, and self-defense—has undergone a profound transformation.

In the decades following World War II, Israel occupied a unique moral space in Western consciousness. The Holocaust, one of humanity's deepest wounds, framed the young state as both a symbol of survival and a bulwark of democracy amid regional hostility (Segev, 2019). Western governments and publics largely perceived Israel as the "David" surrounded by hostile "Goliaths," a narrative reinforced by media coverage that emphasized security threats, existential struggle, and democratic exceptionalism (Chomsky, 1983; Finkelstein, 2018). For generations, Western institutions—from universities to film industries—projected Israel as a just and vulnerable nation, and this moral framing justified decades of political and military support.

Yet, as the twenty-first century advanced, the moral polarity began to shift. The expansion of settlements, repeated military incursions into Gaza, and the collapse of the Oslo peace process eroded the clarity of the older frame. With the rise of social media, the monopoly once held by traditional Western media outlets dissolved. In the digital square, young audiences began to witness events through the eyes of civilians, journalists, and humanitarian workers broadcasting directly from Gaza. What once required editorial mediation now arrived unfiltered. This convergence of unmediated images, global youth networks, and moral immediacy created a new dialectical frame—one no longer defined by security versus terrorism, but by oppression versus resistance, privilege versus suffering, and colonizer versus colonized (Abulof & Inbar, 2023).

This transformation marks a watershed moment not just for Middle Eastern politics but for global consciousness itself. Polling data from major U.S. and international organizations reveals a generational rupture in attitudes toward Israel. Surveys conducted between 2023 and 2025 by Pew Research Center, CNN/SSRS, and The New York Times/Siena College show a sharp rise in unfavorable views of Israel, particularly among younger and more progressive demographics (Pew Research Center, 2025; CNN/SSRS, 2025; Brookings Institution, 2025). What was once an unquestioned alignment has fragmented into moral contention, producing a synchronized, cross-border re-evaluation of legitimacy.

The **Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory (SIDT)** provides a compelling framework to interpret this shift. Originally developed to explain synchronized protest waves in the Global South, SIDT posits that information flows, moral frames, and generational consciousness can align across societies to produce near-simultaneous transformations in perception and action (Salman, 2023). The Gaza war of 2023–2025 exemplifies this logic: a single, global framing shock triggered waves of **Information Flow Synchrony (IFS)** as livestreams and viral videos spread across TikTok, Instagram, and X. These unfiltered portrayals fused into a shared **Dialectical Frame**—a moral binary of oppressor versus oppressed—rapidly reinforced through **Wide Bridges** such as student movements, diaspora activism, and cross-issue solidarity campaigns (e.g., Black Lives Matter, climate justice, feminist coalitions).

Each act of censorship or repression, intended to contain the discourse, instead produced a **Repression Backfire**, deepening engagement and widening empathy. The simultaneous rise of online outrage and on-the-ground protest illustrates **Threshold Compression**, where repeated exposure to moral shocks lowers hesitation and accelerates participation. Together, these mechanisms transformed what was once a geopolitical debate into a generational moral awakening.

Historically, Israel commanded moral capital as the embodiment of survival; today, that capital is devalued by the same global information system that once upheld it. The world now sees multiple “Israels” simultaneously: the strategic ally, the high-tech innovator, the occupying power, and, increasingly, the symbol of unrestrained force. In this paradox lies the power of simultaneity: information no longer flows sequentially from elites to publics—it circulates in real time through decentralized networks that democratize outrage, empathy, and judgment.

Thus, the question this study confronts is not merely *why* Israel’s image has deteriorated, but *how* that shift unfolded with such speed, coherence, and global resonance. By applying the SIDT framework, this paper argues that the transformation of Israel’s global perception between 2023 and 2025 represents not just a political turning point, but the synchronization of a new generational morality. The simultaneity of exposure, empathy, and expression has recast the conflict as a universal moral metaphor—a digital parable of power, justice, and humanity in the borderless age of information.

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Literature Review

The Gaza conflict of 2023–2025 has not only been a geopolitical crisis—it has become a mirror of human consciousness in the digital era. Across continents, the pain of Gaza has transcended geography, religion, and race, creating a global emotional community connected through simultaneity of information and moral outrage. The world has witnessed suffering in real time; it has heard the voices of trapped civilians and grieving families through the intimate lens of social media, and it has responded in a way that traditional diplomacy never anticipated.

From Diffusion to Simultaneity: The New Information Ecosystem

Classic theories of information diffusion emphasized a linear flow that elites produce narratives, media disseminate them, and publics react (Rogers, 2003). This model dominated twentieth-century thinking about war coverage, from Vietnam to Iraq. Yet, scholars now recognize that digital platforms have inverted this hierarchy (Chadwick, 2017; Papacharissi, 2024). Instead of a top-down cascade, information now moves through horizontal simultaneity, where citizen journalists, witnesses, and influencers collectively shape moral perception (Waisbord, 2023).

The Gaza crisis revealed this shift in its starkest form. Livestreams, drone footage, and survivor testimonies flooded timelines within hours of Israeli strikes. According to Reuters Institute’s 2024 *Digital News Report*, more than 64% of global social media users under 35 reported following the war primarily through TikTok, Instagram Reels, and Telegram channels rather than television or newspapers (Reuters Institute, 2024). This immediate, visual exposure created a moral intimacy, a sense that Gaza was not distant but proximate, not foreign but human.

Globalization of Emotion: The Gaza Crisis as Shared Human Experience

Empirical surveys conducted between 2023 and 2025 show how emotional simultaneity translated into measurable public opinion. The **Pew Research Center** (2025) reported that 52% of

Americans aged 18–29 viewed Israel’s actions in Gaza as unjustified, a 20-point increase from 2022 levels. In the United Kingdom, a **YouGov** survey (2024) found that 61% of respondents favored an immediate ceasefire, while only 17% supported continued military aid (YouGov, 2024).

Across continental Europe, the **European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR, 2024)** observed an unprecedented moral polarization: while older demographics maintained traditional pro-Israel sympathies, younger voters overwhelmingly aligned with pro-Palestinian sentiment. France and Ireland showed the most significant generational gap, with more than two-thirds of respondents under 30 describing Israel’s response as “disproportionate.” In **Switzerland** and **Germany**, where historical memory once shielded Israel from critique, university students staged week-long solidarity encampments, framing Gaza as “the moral frontier of our time” (Der Spiegel, 2024).

The wave extended far beyond Europe. In **Australia**, nationwide rallies in Melbourne and Sydney drew hundreds of thousands, and local polls indicated a majority of Australians opposed their government’s vote against a UN ceasefire resolution (ABC News, 2024). In **South Africa**, where the legacy of apartheid remains vivid, public sympathy for Gaza became a unifying cause across racial and political lines. The **University of Pretoria Institute for Global Dialogue (2024)** found that 84% of South Africans supported their government’s decision to bring Israel before the International Court of Justice, viewing Palestine’s struggle as a reflection of their own historical trauma.

The Digital Synchrony of Outrage

Data from **CNN/SSRS (2025)** show that only 23% of Americans now consider Israel’s military response in Gaza “fully justified,” compared with 45% at the start of the conflict. This rapid attitudinal shift correlates with major spikes in digital engagement specifically after graphic footage of civilian casualties circulated online. Similarly, **The Economist/YouGov** tracker (2025) recorded synchronous spikes in sympathy for Gaza across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom within 72 hours of viral footage releases.

In Africa, Asia, and Latin America, where traditional media coverage has historically favored Western narratives, social media created new moral alignments. Surveys by **Ipsos Global Attitudes (2025)** reveal that in countries such as Nigeria, Kenya, Indonesia, and Brazil, a majority of respondents viewed Israel’s actions as violations of international law, while also reporting increased trust in non-Western media sources like Al Jazeera and TRT World. These findings suggest a deep transformation of epistemic authority, one that aligns directly with SIDT’s principle of **Information Flow Synchrony (IFS)**.

Moral Convergence and the Birth of Generational Consciousness

The simultaneity of exposure produced what scholars describe as a “moral convergence” (Papacharissi, 2021). Across cultures and continents, younger audiences internalized a shared dialectical frame: Gaza became the shorthand for resistance, occupation became synonymous with oppression, and silence equated complicity. This reflects the Dialectical Framing mechanism within SIDT, wherein moral binaries synchronize across societies, creating a unified consciousness (Salman, 2023).

A **Brookings Institution** study (2025) highlighted that within the Democratic Party in the United States, youth support for Israel dropped to 31%, while sympathy for Palestinians rose to 62%. In parallel, **Oxford Analytica** (2025) reported that more than half of European youth viewe

d the Gaza war as “a defining moral issue of their generation.” These figures mirror the evolution of what Mannheim (1952) once called a “generational unit”, a cohort bound not merely by age but by shared emotional experience and collective moral awakening.

The Global Backfire: From Censorship to Synchronization

Efforts to control the narrative have largely backfired. Accusations of antisemitism against student protestors and restrictions on pro-Palestinian rallies in the U.S., Germany, and France inadvertently intensified online engagement. The **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2024)** documented that every instance of censorship or violent crackdown generated new peaks in pro-Gaza hashtags across platforms which is a clear case of **Repression Backfire**, one of SIDT’s central propositions.

When Meta and X (formerly Twitter) were accused of suppressing Palestinian content, global digital rights groups mobilized under the campaign #LetGazaSpeak, which trended across 50 countries within 48 hours (Access Now, 2024). These digital surges were not isolated; they were synchronized reactions to perceived injustice—evidence that repression in one region can catalyze moral outrage in another, reinforcing SIDT’s thesis of borderless moral simultaneity.

Literature Gap and Theoretical Need

Existing literature explains these shifts through diffusion, social identity, or media framing theories (Katz, 2023; Waisbord, 2023), yet such approaches cannot fully account for the *speed*, *synchrony*, and *moral coherence* of global opinion change. SIDT advances this understanding by treating information as both carrier and catalyst of consciousness by explaining *how* moral perception becomes synchronized across borders and *why* generations respond in unison. While diffusion theories capture spread, and framing theories explain meaning, only SIDT captures *simultaneity*: the instant moral interconnection of the digital era.

Theoretical Framework: The Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory (SIDT)

The Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory (SIDT) rests on a simple but transformative premise: in the digital era, moral consciousness moves not in sequence, but in synchrony. What once took decades of persuasion or cultural diffusion can now unfold in days through simultaneity of exposure, empathy, and outrage. When a single act of violence or injustice is broadcast across billions of screens, the world does not merely watch but it feels together. SIDT thus expands beyond diffusion and framing theories by revealing how information itself becomes the medium of moral synchronization (Papacharissi, 2021).

Applied to the **Israel–Gaza conflict**, SIDT offers a dynamic lens to understand how the suffering of a besieged people in one corner of the world has resonated in the hearts of millions far away. It captures the transformation of perception, the turning of sympathy from the once-perceived victim to the now-perceived oppressor through five interlinked constructs.

Information Flow Synchrony (IFS): The Pulse of the Global Mind

Definition:

IFS describes the phenomenon where digital communication creates real-time synchronization of information, emotion, and moral attention across societies (Waisbord, 2023; Chadwick, 2023).

Operation in the Israel–Gaza Case:

In previous wars, information flowed in hierarchical layers from reporters to newsrooms, from anchors to audiences. In 2023–2025, it flowed horizontally and instantaneously. Within hours of the first airstrikes, videos from Gaza’s streets flooded TikTok, Instagram, and X. Each image reflecting a destroyed home, a father holding a lifeless child was not just content; it was *connection*.

This synchronicity of exposure created what scholars describe as the “unified moral pulse” of the digital generation (Reuters Institute, 2024). Data from Pew (2025) and CNN/SSRS (2025) confirm that these surges in social media attention directly coincided with public opinion shifts in the United States and Europe. The simultaneity of awareness erased geographic distance: a student in Paris, a teacher in Cape Town, and a mother in Jakarta grieved in unison.

Proposition 1 (Synchronous Onset):

When a major framing shock such as a humanitarian crisis is livestreamed globally, *Information Flow Synchrony* amplifies moral attention within hours, triggering cross-border convergence in sentiment.

Dialectical Framing: The Moral Reversal of Narratives

Definition:

Dialectical Framing refers to the creation of competing moral binaries that structure public understanding that once aligned with power, now aligned with conscience (Abulof & Inbar, 2023).

Operation in the Israel–Gaza Case:

For decades, the dominant frame depicted Israel as the vulnerable democracy surrounded by hostile neighbors (Segev, 2019). This “David versus Goliath” story was sanctified by historical trauma and Western guilt. Yet, the Gaza war produced a *frame inversion*. The imagery of overwhelming military power deployed against a trapped population reconfigured the binary: Israel became Goliath; Gaza became David.

This dialectical shift was not orchestrated by state actors but by decentralized moral communities consisting on activists, journalists, and ordinary users. A moral vocabulary emerged: “colonizer versus colonized,” “occupier versus occupied,” “resistance versus repression.” Through repetition and resonance, this frame synchronized across continents (Papacharissi, 2021).

Proposition 2 (Frame Convergence):

When moral binaries resonate with historical memory and lived empathy, *Dialectical Framing* aligns global audiences under a unified moral interpretation, reversing long-standing narratives of power.

Wide Bridges: The Architecture of Empathy

Definition:

Wide Bridges are the networks of digital, institutional, and emotional that carry synchronized moral frames across societies. Unlike narrow channels of elite diplomacy or media, wide bridges connect everyday people through shared identity and solidarity.

Operation in the Israel–Gaza Case:

Student movements, diaspora communities, and faith-based organizations have served as the primary wide bridges of this new consciousness. Universities from London to Lahore, Cape Town to Melbourne, became epicenters of moral discourse. Progressive Jewish groups, interfaith coalitions, and South African anti-apartheid veterans joined hands, creating bridges that transcended religious and national divides.

Social media amplified these bridges into vast webs of moral contagion. Each repost, hashtag, and solidarity statement acted as a thread in the architecture of empathy, weaving a transnational tapestry of shared moral outrage (Access Now, 2024).

Proposition 3 (Bridge Amplification):

The density and diversity of *Wide Bridges*—diaspora ties, student networks, faith communities—determine the scope and durability of synchronized moral consciousness.

Threshold Compression: When Silence Becomes Complicity

Definition:

Threshold Compression occurs when repeated exposure to synchronized information and moral validation lowers the cost of participation making collective expression the new norm (Chadwick, 2017; Waisbord, 2023).

Operation in the Israel–Gaza Case:

In earlier conflicts, supporting Palestine was considered risky or marginal in Western public discourse. By mid-2024, it became an ethical expectation among younger generations. When millions of ordinary people witnessed children buried under rubble, silence felt immoral. Each viral post or protest lowered hesitation; each act of solidarity normalized dissent.

The “Ceasefire Now” encampments across 400 universities were manifestations of threshold compression: when empathy became participation and moral feeling became moral action (Brookings, 2025).

Proposition 4 (Threshold Collapse):

As information flows and moral frames synchronize, *Threshold Compression* accelerates participation, converting empathy into public expression within a compressed timeframe.

Repression Backfire: When Control Fuels Consciousness

Definition:

Repression Backfire describes the paradox where attempts to suppress a narrative amplify its moral force. Censorship, delegitimization, and coercion create new shocks that synchronize outrage (Carnegie Endowment, 2024).

Operation in the Israel–Gaza Case:

Efforts to label all criticism of Israel as antisemitism, to ban protests, or to remove online content created what SIDT identifies as *secondary framing shocks*. Instead of silencing dissent, these acts reignited empathy. Hashtags like #LetGazaSpeak surged across fifty countries within days of content takedowns (Access Now, 2024).

In the moral economy of simultaneity, repression no longer isolates voices but it amplifies them. Each attempt to control the narrative becomes a mirror reflecting injustice back to the world.

Proposition 5 (Backfire Synchrony):

When repression intersects with synchronized information flows, it generates new waves of empathy and resistance, deepening global alignment around the oppressed frame.

Integrative Mechanism: The Chain of Simultaneity

Together, these five constructs form the chain of simultaneity—a cyclical mechanism of modern moral awakening:

Scope and Status of the Contribution

To address concerns about overclaiming, this paper positions the Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory (SIDT) as a heuristic, or sensitizing framework, rather than as a closed, fully positivist theory. SIDT’s purpose is to name mechanisms, discipline intuitions, and guide empirical inquiry into digitally synchronized moral mobilization. It does not presume universality across all conflicts nor homogeneity within cohorts; instead, it identifies recurrent patterns that can be probed, compared, and where appropriate can be rejected.

Falsifiability and Boundary Conditions

SIDT yields testable propositions whose failure would disconfirm the framework:

- Falsifier A (No Synchrony with High Exposure): In episodes where exogenous, high-salience atrocities are livestreamed broadly (high Information Flow Synchrony) but no rapid, cross-border alignment in attitudes is observed (no Threshold Compression, no Wide Bridges activation), SIDT’s core synchrony claim would be weakened.
- Falsifier B (Repression without Backfire): If sustained, visible repression of expression does not generate measurable increases in attention, sympathy, or protest (no Repression Backfire) in comparable contexts, the backfire mechanism would be falsified.
- Falsifier C (Asymmetric Bridges): Where network density and cross-issue ties are high, SIDT predicts faster, wider diffusion of moral alignment. Failure of alignment in such high-bridge settings and controlling for confounds would challenge the theory.

Boundary conditions include: low-connectivity information ecologies; conflicts of very low geopolitical salience; contexts with strong prior partisan anchors; and environments where credible counter-framing saturates attention.

Heterogeneity, Counter-Movements, and Selection Effects

The simultaneity described here is neither uniform nor uncontested. Publics exhibit heterogeneity by ideology, identity, media diet, and country context. Counter-movements like pro-government rallies, alternative framing communities, and platform-specific echo chambers co-evolve with SIDT’s mechanisms. The theory is updated to treat ‘generational morality’ as a modal tendency, not a universal attribute, and to explicitly model selection effects in exposure and participation.

Methodological Strategy for Causal Inference

To mitigate correlation–causation risks, the empirical program specifies multi-method tests: (i) high-frequency event studies aligning viral-content timestamps with opinion micro-shifts; (ii) difference-in-differences comparing cities/campuses with near-identical priors but exogenous variation in exposure; (iii) natural experiments (e.g., platform outages, time-zone discontinuities) as instruments for attention; (iv) network analysis to quantify Wide Bridges; and (v) preregistered process-tracing of case vignettes (Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar, Yemen) to test scope conditions.

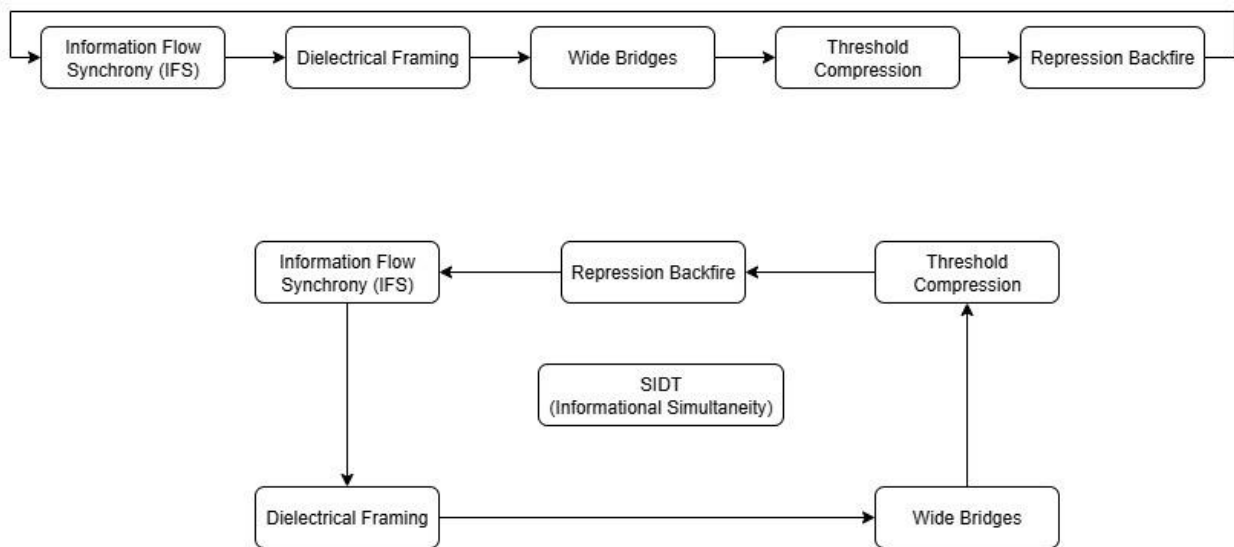
The Psychology of Selective Empathy and Salience

SIDT now incorporates mediating factors that explain why some atrocities generate synchronized outrage while others do not: identification-based empathy, perceived efficacy, narrative congruence with pre-existing beliefs, media gatekeeping, and geopolitical salience. These moderators shape thresholds for participation and must be modeled explicitly in future tests.

Framing Shock → Information Flow Synchrony → Wide Bridges → Threshold Compression → Repression Backfire → Renewed Synchrony.

This cycle explains not only the *speed* and *scale* of the perception shift but also its *irreversibility*. Once a generation’s empathy synchronizes around a moral frame, institutional narratives struggle to reclaim control.

The SIDT framework thus offers a profound theoretical insight: Israel’s reputational crisis is not simply a failure of diplomacy or media management—it is the manifestation of a borderless moral realignment, a consciousness revolution born from the simultaneity of human feeling.



Conceptual Model and Theoretical Lineage

The **Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory (SIDT)** is conceptually rooted in the author’s earlier framework of the **Cross-Country Cross-Continent Economic Development (CCC-CED) Theory**, which examined how nations advance when economic, social, and institutional systems evolve not in isolation but in **simultaneity**. CCC-CED proposed that progress is not linear, it unfolds when multiple regions, sectors, and forces act in synchronized interdependence. The same philosophical principle underpins SIDT, yet it shifts the analytical lens from economics to information, from material exchange to moral resonance.

The bridge between these two paradigms is the single word “Simultaneous.” In CCC-CED, simultaneity described the concurrent advancement of markets, governance, and social innovation; in SIDT, it signifies the concurrent awakening of human consciousness across borders through information. What began as an economic observation about interconnected growth has matured into a moral-informational theory about interconnected empathy.

The **conceptual model of SIDT** visualizes this transformation as an interactive chain linking five dynamic mechanisms: **Information Flow Synchrony (IFS)**, **Dialectical Framing**, **Wide Bridges**, **Threshold Compression**, and **Repression Backfire**. These constructs operate cyclically rather than sequentially, each reinforcing the next to generate what this study terms the **Chain of Simultaneity**. When a framing shock such as a humanitarian crisis occurs, information synchronizes instantly across digital networks (IFS); moral binaries are redefined (Dialectical Framing); cross-societal empathy channels expand (Wide Bridges); collective hesitation collapses (Threshold Compression); and attempts at suppression magnify awareness (Repression Backfire).

This model thus converts *simultaneity* from a descriptive term into an explanatory principle. It portrays the moral and cognitive synchrony of the digital age as the new driver of global transformation, just as simultaneity of investment and innovation once drove global development in CCC-CED. SIDT therefore represents the **informational evolution** of a theory originally born in economics but reborn in humanity, showing that the same simultaneity that once united markets can now unite consciences.

Empirical Illustrations: The Synchronization of Global Conscience

Gaza: The Origin of the Moral Pulse

In October 2023, the skies over Gaza burned again. Within weeks, the death toll exceeded sixty thousand, more than half of them women and children (United Nations, 2025). Hospitals collapsed under blockade, entire families were erased, and neighborhoods became dust. What made this war different was not only its brutality but its visibility. Every scream, every child pulled from debris, every hospital plea was broadcast live to the world. The war was not mediated, it was witnessed.

Through the lens of **SIDT**, this moment constituted a **framing shock** of unprecedented magnitude. Information Flow Synchrony (IFS) reached levels never before recorded in humanitarian crises. TikTok, X, and Instagram registered millions of simultaneous uploads per hour tagged #GazaUnderAttack, #CeasefireNow, and #FreePalestine. The repetition of these visual truths reflecting each one a fragment of pain wove together a global tapestry of empathy. People who had never set foot in the Middle East began to feel Gaza in their hearts. They could not look away, because Gaza was no longer “there” but it was *here*, glowing on every screen, in every hand.

At the center of this simultaneity were the children. Their faces became universal symbols of innocence betrayed. In homes from Johannesburg to Jakarta, mothers watched, unable to imagine their own children beneath collapsed concrete. In Europe and the Americas, youth who once saw Israel as a democracy now saw Gaza as humanity’s test. The moral polarity had reversed. Israel, once imagined as the survivor, had become the wielder of collective punishment. The world’s conscience was synchronizing and it began in Gaza.

SIDT explains this as the birth of synchronized moral perception. The global public, confronted with continuous, unfiltered information, experienced what the theory calls *dialectical convergence*: when human suffering speaks louder than political narratives, and emotion becomes shared truth.

Europe: From Sympathy to Solidarity

Nowhere was this shift more visible than in Europe. In London, Berlin, Paris, Dublin, Madrid, and Rome, millions filled the streets. European media, once largely aligned with Western geopolitical frames, began to fragment under the weight of viral evidence. The old narrative that Israel defending itself against terror could no longer sustain the images of children dying in hospitals and convoys of displaced families bombed while fleeing. The simultaneity of exposure made neutrality impossible.

Across campuses and civic squares, a new dialectical frame took hold: **“Occupation is not defense.”** Students slept in tents through winter nights, academics signed declarations, and Jewish solidarity groups marched alongside Muslim organizations. This was the manifestation of **Wide Bridges**, the third mechanism of SIDT that diverse networks uniting through empathy.

In the United Kingdom, a 2024 *YouGov* survey found that 61% of citizens supported an immediate ceasefire, with the majority of support coming from the under-35 demographic (*YouGov*, 2024). In Germany, despite strict laws on political speech about Israel, student encampments persisted under banners reading *“Not in our name.”* In Ireland, the parliament debated sanctions, echoing the apartheid-era language once used for South Africa. And in France, where official rhetoric defended Israel, ordinary citizens flooded social media with poetry, art, and grief for Gaza’s children.

This was not mere protest, it was **Threshold Compression** in action. People who once hesitated to speak now felt silence as complicity. The synchronized emotional tide lowered the social cost of dissent. Each new bombing reignited outrage, and each act of repression strengthened the collective. Europe’s moral rhythm had changed and it was no longer moving with its governments, but with its people.

The Global South: Resonance and Memory

In the Global South, Gaza’s suffering did not arrive as new knowledge but it arrived as remembrance. In South Africa, the comparison with apartheid was not rhetorical but experiential. *“We have seen this before,”* said Archbishop Makgoba in a 2024 sermon, *“and the world said never again. Yet here we are again”* (*Mail & Guardian*, 2024). The South African government’s case at the International Court of Justice became not only a legal action but a moral symbol, a small nation standing for universal justice.

Across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, people recognized in Gaza the echoes of their own historical subjugations. Kenyan writers called it *“a wound that speaks our language.”* Indonesian youth flooded online spaces with Qur’anic verses and humanitarian appeals, making #PrayForGaza trend for months. In Brazil and Argentina, graffiti walls declared, *“From favelas to Gaza, oppression is the same language.”*

SIDT interprets this as a global expansion of **Wide Bridges** across postcolonial consciousness. The resonance of Gaza’s pain moved not through policy but through memory. Generations who grew up under the shadow of colonialism recognized in Gaza their own reflections. The simultaneity of grief produced *global empathy synchronization*—the shared moral recognition that the oppressed, regardless of geography, belong to the same moral community.

The Muslim World: Between Solidarity and Silence

The reaction in Muslim-majority countries revealed another layer of simultaneity one torn between conscience and complicity. In the streets of Karachi, Istanbul, Kuala Lumpur, and Rabat, masses

marched under the green flags of solidarity, crying for Gaza's children. Yet at state levels, governments treaded carefully, constrained by economic alliances and geopolitical dependencies.

SIDT's framework of **Dialectical Framing** helps explain this tension. While the public framed Gaza's suffering as an assault on Islam and humanity, political elites framed it as "strategic complexity." The result was a moral dissonance: the streets and the palaces lived in different moral universes.

In Pakistan, citizens expressed frustration over muted diplomatic responses. In Turkey and Saudi Arabia, the contradictions between official statements and business dealings with Israel drew digital outrage. Hashtags like #BoycottSilence and #UmmahAwake became trending moral indictments, turning popular anger toward their own leaders. This shows the **Backfire Effect** repression or hypocrisy within the Muslim world feeding renewed moral energy among citizens.

Through the simultaneity of global awareness, even the silent were exposed. The very attempt to balance diplomacy and morality became untenable under the floodlight of collective witnessing.

The United States: The Center Shifts

For decades, the United States was the fortress of pro-Israel sentiment. Yet, by 2025, cracks in that fortress became undeniable. A *Pew Research Center* poll (2025) revealed that 52% of Americans aged 18–29 viewed Israel unfavorably, compared to just 21% in 2022. The moral authority once associated with Israel had been replaced by a generational skepticism, a sense that the narratives of "self-defense" no longer matched the evidence.

University encampments at Columbia, Harvard, UCLA, and Berkeley embodied **Threshold Compression** in its purest form. For many young Americans, to remain silent was to betray conscience. The protests were not driven by ideology alone but by empathy, students projecting the cries of Gaza's children onto the conscience of the world's most powerful democracy. When police stormed these encampments and arrested peaceful demonstrators, **Repression Backfire** ensued. Viral videos of handcuffed students sitting on the ground, chanting "Free Palestine," became global moral symbols, echoes of earlier civil rights struggles now reborn in a digital age.

SIDT thus illuminates how Israel's moral legitimacy eroded not through organized propaganda but through synchronized empathy. Each televised bombing, each silenced voice, each jailed protestor accelerated the dialectic from sympathy for Israel to solidarity with Gaza.

The Cycle of Moral Synchrony

What unites these global reactions from London to Lagos, from New York to Nairobi is simultaneity. Humanity experienced Gaza not as a headline but as a heartbeat. The cycle described by SIDT unfolded in full:

Framing Shock → Information Flow Synchrony → Wide Bridges → Threshold Compression → Repression Backfire → Renewed Synchrony.

Each bombing became a new shock, each viral image a new bridge, each protest a new pulse. Attempts at narrative control only deepened solidarity. The human conscience had entered a feedback loop of empathy, each act of suffering synchronizing hearts faster than diplomacy could manage.

SIDT, therefore, does not explain the Gaza war itself; it explains the *awakening* it produced. It captures the invisible yet palpable transformation, the moment when the world stopped seeing

Gaza as a conflict and began seeing it as a collective moral event. The old binaries: state versus state, religion versus religion collapsed. What remained was humanity itself, raw and awake.

Discussion and Policy Implications

Counter-Arguments and Alternative Explanations

The observed reputational shift around Israel is also consistent with complementary accounts: (a) long-term erosion of credibility due to settlement expansion and stalled peace processes; (b) geopolitical realignment in a multipolar information order; and (c) domestic polarization in Western democracies that re-sorted partisan sympathies. SIDT is advanced here as an integrative lens that specifies timing and mechanism—how pre-existing predispositions translate, under high synchrony, into rapid, cross-border moral alignment.

The story of Gaza is not only the story of a besieged land but it is the story of how the world began to see again. The digital age has transformed war into a shared sensory experience, where empathy travels faster than missiles and truth resists control. What the **Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory (SIDT)** reveals is that in this new era, no injustice can remain isolated, no suffering can remain hidden, and no narrative can monopolize morality. The synchronization of conscience has become the defining feature of our collective humanity.

5.1 The Synchronization of Moral Perception

In the twentieth century, power belonged to those who controlled information. In the twenty-first, it belongs to those who control *meaning*. The Gaza conflict has shown that meaning now arises not from authority, but from simultaneity: from millions of people seeing, feeling, and responding at once. Each live broadcast, each viral video, each child's name whispered into the digital ether became part of a global rhythm of moral awakening.

SIDT explains this as the synchronization of perception, the process by which decentralized publics experience a shared moral reality. Israel's traditional narrative of security and victimhood, which for decades anchored Western alignment, was undone not by propaganda, but by visibility. Once the power of witnessing migrated from television studios to ordinary hands, legitimacy became democratized. The digital generation no longer accepts moral instruction from the top; it constructs morality in real time, through shared emotion, shared evidence, and shared indignation.

This has created a paradox for governments and media institutions: they continue to operate in the logic of diffusion, while the world has already entered the logic of simultaneity. To ignore this is not merely to miscommunicate but it is to misread history as it unfolds.

The Collapse of Distance and the Rise of Generational Consciousness

SIDT also illuminates the generational rupture now defining global politics. Young people have not only witnessed the war; they have *felt* it collectively. Their moral frameworks are shaped not by ideology but by empathy, by instantaneous exposure to human suffering. This generational consciousness transcends nationality, religion, and race. It is borderless because the medium of pain itself has become borderless.

This new consciousness operates dialectically: each injustice seen redefines the self. A young woman in Dublin, a student in Nairobi, or a worker in Jakarta identifies not with states but with people. The question is no longer “who is right?” but “who is hurting?” The synchronization of compassion has become the political identity of a new age.

Policy-makers who fail to recognize this shift risk governing a moral past. States that rely on controlling narratives will increasingly find themselves out of sync with their own citizens, as simultaneity outpaces sovereignty.

When Repression Speaks Louder than Words

Another central lesson of SIDT is the futility of repression in the era of simultaneity. Every attempt to silence empathy generates its opposite. When protestors are beaten, they are not erased; they are multiplied. When content is censored, it is not hidden; it becomes proof of guilt. When solidarity is condemned, it becomes sacred.

This is not an emotional argument but it is an empirical pattern. The **Repression Backfire** mechanism shows that moral control collapses under conditions of high IFS (Information Flow Synchrony). In the case of Gaza, attempts to frame criticism of Israel as antisemitism often triggered more solidarity, not less. The moral frame of “oppressor vs. oppressed” was reinforced, not undone.

For governments and institutions, the implication is clear: moral legitimacy cannot be maintained through coercion. It must be earned through justice. The more a state or institution resists transparency, the faster its moral capital deteriorates in the digital age.

The Political Costs of Silence

Perhaps the most painful dialectic that SIDT exposes is the complicity of silence. In Muslim-majority nations, the public’s grief has often stood in contrast with their governments’ restraint. This dissonance has produced a moral fracture between state and society, a gap that widens every time leaders choose diplomacy over dignity.

SIDT interprets this as a failure of threshold alignment: when citizens’ empathy has crossed the moral threshold of outrage but states remain hesitant, legitimacy shifts downward, from rulers to the ruled. It is the people who now carry the moral banner, while the governments negotiate in whispers.

For the policy elite, the message is urgent: silence in the face of moral simultaneity is not neutrality; it is alienation. States that fail to align with the conscience of their citizens risk losing not only influence but the moral foundation of their authority.

Reconstructing Global Justice: Policy Pathways

The findings of this study are not only descriptive; they are prescriptive. If simultaneity has redefined moral perception, then governance, diplomacy, and media must evolve accordingly. The following pathways emerge from the SIDT framework:

1. **Human-Centered Diplomacy:** Foreign policy must shift from state-centered realism to human-centered ethics. Diplomatic credibility in the age of simultaneity depends on a nation’s moral coherence, its willingness to protect life and dignity wherever threatened.
2. **Transparency as Policy:** Governments must embrace radical transparency as a form of legitimacy. Secrecy breeds mistrust in the digital age; openness builds moral authority. Real-time truth is the new currency of diplomacy.
3. **Empathy Education:** Academic institutions must integrate empathy, ethics, and digital literacy into curricula. The synchronization of moral perception should be seen as an

educational outcome, not a social byproduct. Students should learn not only how to analyze data, but how to feel responsibility.

4. **Institutional Accountability:** International bodies, including the United Nations and the ICC, must recognize that justice delayed is justice delegitimized. The simultaneity of suffering demands the simultaneity of response. Moral legitimacy now depends on speed and sincerity.
5. **Restorative Communication:** Media organizations must move from framing conflicts as “balanced” between aggressor and victim to framing them truthfully, proportionally, and compassionately. Journalism must reclaim its moral vocation, not neutrality between power and pain, but fidelity to human life.

Toward a Theory of Global Empathy

At its heart, SIDT is not a theory of conflict but it is a theory of consciousness. It shows that humanity has entered an epoch where empathy can synchronize faster than violence can divide. The Gaza tragedy, as unbearable as it remains, has awakened a generation to the moral architecture of their world. It has shown that even amidst rubble, truth can survive, because empathy has become its messenger.

SIDT thus transforms the question “why did the world turn against Israel?” into a deeper one: *how did humanity rediscover its moral simultaneity?* This is the question of our time. The challenge before policymakers, scholars, and citizens alike is to sustain this awakening to ensure that empathy is not episodic but structural, not reactive but transformative.

The Final Dialectic: From Witnessing to Responsibility

The digital revolution has given us the ability to see everything. But seeing is no longer enough. SIDT calls for the next moral leap, from witnessing to responsibility. To watch Gaza burn and feel sorrow is human; to act upon that sorrow is civilization. The synchronized conscience of this era will be judged not by what it knew, but by what it did with that knowledge.

In that sense, Israel’s loss is not only its own. It is a collective moral test for all of us: for those who spoke and those who stayed silent, for those who ruled and those who resisted. The simultaneity of information has made us all participants in each other’s suffering. The question is whether we can transform this shared witnessing into shared redemption.

Feasibility and Real-World Constraints

- **Empathy-to-Action Bridges:** University, city, and civil-society networks to institutionalize non-violent channels (aid corridors, verification hubs) that convert synchronized attention into lawful, constructive outcomes.
- **Minimum Transparency Standards:** An interoperable disclosure baseline (time-stamped strike logs, civilian-harm assessments) tied to aid conditionality, to align incentives without overriding sovereignty.
- **Rapid Response Windows:** International bodies to adopt 72-hour evidence-review protocols for mass-casualty events, enabling provisional humanitarian measures while deliberations proceed.

Policy recommendations are reframed with implementation pathways mindful of sovereignty and interest constraints. Three near-term, testable steps are proposed:

Conclusion: The Echo of Humanity

There are moments in human history when the moral axis of the world shifts. The Gaza war of 2023–2025 is one of those moments. It has not only exposed the fragility of life but the fragility of truth: how easily it can be buried, and how courageously it can rise again. In that rising lies the spirit of this age: an age where information no longer travels as news, but as emotion; where suffering is no longer confined to one geography, but reverberates through the digital veins of our shared humanity.

The **Simultaneous Information–Dialectics Theory (SIDT)** is not born of theory alone; it is born of witness. It captures how the cries of one city, the ruins of one people, and the injustice of one moment can awaken billions. It tells us that simultaneity is not merely a technological condition but it is a moral phenomenon. It is the recognition that human beings, though separated by borders and flags, now share one conscience.

This new simultaneity has changed everything. The way we perceive power, the way we interpret justice, and the way we define silence have all been rewritten. The screens that once divided us have become mirrors that unite us. In them, we saw not Gaza alone, we saw ourselves. We saw our children in the eyes of Gaza's children, our cities reflected in its rubble, our prayers trembling in its air.

From Fragmentation to Moral Unity

The tragedy of Gaza forced the world to confront an ancient truth: that oppression, wherever it occurs, diminishes the moral worth of all who allow it. The simultaneity of witnessing has turned empathy into a form of resistance. It has reminded us that indifference is no longer possible, because the cries we ignore are now audible in our own rooms, on our own screens, in our own languages.

This global awakening demands a new covenant between humanity and power. The **Charter of the United Nations**, the **European Union's declarations on human rights**, and the constitutions of all free nations must now evolve beyond institutional justice toward *immediate moral responsiveness*. Justice delayed in the age of simultaneity is justice denied in real time. When 60,000 lives perish before the eyes of the world, when entire generations are lost while the councils of power deliberate, humanity itself stands indicted.

SIDT shows that history no longer unfolds sequentially, it ignites simultaneously. The suffering of one community becomes the conscience of all. The moral chain that once stretched across decades now links across minutes. Every act of destruction now produces an equal and opposite act of solidarity somewhere else on earth. This is not chaos, it is awakening.

The Responsibility of Knowing

To know is now to be responsible. The flow of information has made each of us a witness, and in that witnessing lies accountability. The world can no longer claim ignorance as its defense. When the United Nations convenes, when parliaments rise, when the European Union debates, the question is no longer *what do we know?* but *what will we do with what we know?*

If knowledge travels instantly, then compassion must act instantly. If the truth reaches us in seconds, then justice must not take years. SIDT thus redefines governance as moral responsiveness. It calls for institutions to act not as custodians of law alone, but as custodians of empathy. Power that delays mercy becomes complicit in suffering.

The New Grammar of Humanity

The simultaneity of information has created a new grammar for global ethics. Words like “self-defense,” “proportion,” and “security” no longer suffice when entire cities are erased. The new moral vocabulary must include “dignity,” “equality,” “accountability,” and above all, “humanity.”

SIDT gives language to what millions already feel that the world’s moral compass has tilted toward the people, not the powers. The legitimacy of a state, an alliance, or an institution is now measured not by its might, but by its moral coherence. Nations that act with justice will gain the trust of this synchronized generation; those that act with cruelty will lose it overnight. The world has entered an era where moral truth is crowdsourced by compassion itself.

From Witnessing to Transformation

But empathy, no matter how synchronized, must evolve into transformation. SIDT reminds us that simultaneity gives humanity the power to feel together but it also gives us the responsibility to *change together*. The pain of Gaza must not become a fleeting memory in the scroll of time; it must become a turning point in the story of civilization.

The children who died under the collapsed buildings of Gaza are not statistics, they are symbols. They are the reminders of what happens when politics loses its soul, when diplomacy forgets its humanity, and when silence becomes a language of complicity. The greatest tribute we can offer them is not pity, but promise, the promise that their suffering will awaken the moral architecture of the world anew.

This is the essence of SIDT: that through shared pain, humanity can rediscover shared purpose.

The Dawn Beyond Despair

And so, as the world looks upon Gaza, it also looks upon itself. For in Gaza, humanity has seen both its cruelty and its capacity for compassion. The same technology that transmitted destruction also transmitted solidarity; the same world that allowed silence also created the loudest cry for justice in decades. Out of the ashes of simultaneity rises the hope of moral unity.

The path forward is clear:

Let the **United Nations** act not as an observer but as the moral executor of its own charter.

Let the **European Union** be not merely a market of goods but a union of conscience.

Let the **Muslim world** find its unity not in rhetoric but in righteousness.

Let the **United States** and other powers remember that leadership without empathy is hegemony without honor.

And let us, as individuals and nations, remember that in this age of simultaneity, every moment of silence is recorded in history, every hesitation of justice echoes in eternity.

The story of Gaza has taught us that truth no longer needs permission to be heard, it only needs witnesses brave enough to feel.

The Final Word

SIDT closes not with despair but with conviction: that the simultaneity of information can become the simultaneity of peace. When empathy travels as swiftly as violence, when solidarity transcends the borders that war cannot, when human beings learn to feel as one, the age of cruelty will end.

The future belongs to those who understand that information is no longer power but it is conscience.

And conscience, once awakened, cannot be silenced again.

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