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## Selective bias

Laurent Le Pierres, in his column "Deep-seated prejudice or well-founded wariness?" (Aug. 20), throws in a senseless and unbalanced comment attacking the Palestinians for "suicide bombings and all manner of depraved acts."

The abhorrent, rare suicide bombings carried out against innocent civilians, by a few misguided Palestinians, are minuscule compared to the massive war crimes committed against them, continuously, by the Israeli authorities. These include numerous massacres, the killing of thousands, including hundreds of children, as in the 2008-2009 Operation Cast Lead assault on Gaza — using phosphorus and cluster bombs; destroying hospitals, schools and the total infrastructure of the besieged Gaza Strip; depriving its population of 1.5 million of health care and all elements of basic life.

Yet, Mr. Le Pierres makes no mention of that. Surely, the killing of innocent civilians, anywhere, is abhorrent and must be condemned by all, without this selective bias. It is time that Chronicle Herald readers are allowed some balanced opinions.

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