

HEROES AND VILLAINS OF 2019

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For a number of years, Keghart.com has, at the end of the year, featured the year's heroes and villains from an Armenian perspective. Here's the 2019 list:

HEROES

- The people of Armenia and Artsakh who stay put despite their numerous challenges
- Government officials in Armenia who continue their housecleaning following the Velvet Revolution
- Soldiers defending Armenia and Artsakh
- Senators Bob Menendez and Ted Cruz along with the U.S Senate for recognizing the Armenian Genocide
- The members of the U.S. House of Representatives for their efforts re Armenian Genocide recognition
- Our lobbyists in Washington
- The people of Syria (Arabs, Armenians, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Kurds, Syriacs, and Yezidis) for withstanding the invasion of their country
- Kim Kardashian for her outspoken pro-Armenian comments
- Armenians of Jerusalem (about a thousand) who make sure, despite official harassment, we retain our remarkable presence in that city
- Diaspora freelance writers who contribute to our media without receiving compensation or recognition
- Journalists (Robert Fisk, Sarah Abed, Uzay Bulut, Appo Jabarian and many others) who stick their neck out and get the story; Ara Papian of the Modus Vivendi Center in Yerevan for being a one-man army in legitimizing and putting on the map the Treaty of Sèvres
- [Armenian-Americans](#) who lobbied untiringly for years to obtain parole for Hampig Sassounian.
- Lawyer Mark Geragos and Murad Minassian through untiring efforts obtained parole for Hampig Sassounian.

VILLAINS

- Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
- Donald Trump
- Senators Lindsay Graham, David Perdue and Kevin Cramer who quashed the U.S. Senate's

recognition of the Armenian Genocide

- Jewish/Israeli propagandist "journalists" ([the list](#) is too long to cite all the offenders) who justify the anti-Armenian policies of Azerbaijan
- Catholicos Karekin II
- Israeli authorities which pressure the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem
- The not-so-hidden sponsors of ISIS
- John Bolton, maniacal warmonger
- Mainstream media for mishandling the Armenian Genocide resolution of the U.S. Senate
- Azeris firing across the line of contact (9,000 times in 2019) and for blacklisting people who visit Artsakh.

