

# **The Arab-Israeli Conflict**

**Avoiding Damaging Words in the Battle of Narratives:**

**Guide for Making Intelligent Choices**


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# **Avoiding Damaging Words in the Battle of Narratives: A Guide for Making Intelligent Choices**

## **Author's Comments and Assumptions**

**T**he goal of this Guide is to reduce the use of counterproductive terminology that distorts and obscures the issues in this battle of narratives.

Using accurate terms is a key weapon in countering the propaganda and lies being used against Israel. Original source material, including testimonies and official documents, has been used whenever possible.

No consideration has been given to government policy, political correctness, or conventional wisdom. Nor was there a concern that this document could be interpreted as representing either a left wing or right wing perspective. Only evidence matters.

A main assumption is that mainstream Arab leaders mean what they say, write and teach their children about Israel and Jews regarding their objective to ultimately replace Israel with another Arab state.

A second assumption is that Israel's vision as expressed in the Declaration of Independence is still valid today. That it speaks of cooperation, peace, and reconciliation with their Arab neighbors remains a very real objective.

A third assumption is that most people who accept the Palestinian Arab narrative do so out of ignorance, misinformation and misconceptions about this conflict.

Another assumption is that criticism of Israel is not a symptom of anti-Semitism unless special standards or definitions are applied to the world's only Jewish state.

Lastly, assuming that this Terminology Guide will be used by people who are already knowledgeable and pro-Israel, it contains minimal supporting documentation.

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## **Is Criticism of Israel Anti-Semitic?**

No, not if the same standards, definitions, and terms are used for all countries.

### **Implication for Israel Advocacy**

This presents an opportunity to disprove ‘conventional wisdom’ by alerting people when special definitions or higher standards are applied to the Jewish State and lower standards are used for Arab states and organizations.

### **Example**

Where is the only place in the world that a unique definition for a decades old community of tens of thousands results in it being referred to as a “settlement” rather than a town or city? The answer is Judea, Samaria and part of the capital city of the world’s only Jewish state - Israel.

### **Application**

Challenge the use of special standards or terminology for the Jewish state and apply them without prejudice to other countries and the Palestinian Arabs.

### **Resource for Detecting Biased Terminology and Propaganda**

This Terminology and Narratives Guide

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## **Introduction**

Israel's efforts to improve its image and influence public opinion are being undermined by its own spokespersons, politicians and advocates by their choice of words. Their use of the faulty terminology of Israel's detractors validates Arab propaganda and implies that what had been considered disputed issues and demands have been resolved in favor of the Arab position. This is not helpful in achieving the best possible arrangement with the Arab side.

It is difficult to resolve disputes and win the public's support when words have different meanings to each party in a discussion or negotiation. Standardized terminology will contribute to creating an atmosphere more conducive to communication that could lead to real peace and reconciliation.

To effect change, Israeli spokespersons, politicians, diplomats, mass media, individuals and Non Governmental Organizations must choose words that support Israel's position and challenge harmful inaccurate misleading vocabulary.

Implementing some of these recommendations will likely result in short-term controversy because they conflict with misinformed popular assumptions. Reopening conversation and reexamining these assumptions can only result in a more favorable perception of Israel's situation.

Our long-term goal must be to reverse the institutionalization of inaccurate terminology used to delegitimize and demonize Israel. The essential elements to successfully re-engage Israel's detractors in the battle of narratives and public opinion are honesty, accuracy, integrity and common sense. The struggle begins with our own spokespersons.

***The process begins with an analysis of terminology,  
narratives, and how issues are described.***

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# PART I: TERMINOLOGY

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**Format used to discuss each term**

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2. Recommended Term
3. Rationale
4. Talking Points


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- C. [Occupation](#)
- D. [Settlements](#)
- E. [Settlement Building Freeze](#)
- F. [West Bank](#)
- G. [East Jerusalem](#)
- H. [Border/Green Line](#)
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- J. [Right of Return](#)
- K. [Refugees \(Arab\)](#)
- L. [Israeli-Palestinian Conflict](#)

## Damaging Term

### A - *Palestinian*

**Recommended Term:** Palestinian Arab or Arabs living in the Palestine region

**Rationale:** *Establishing that a Palestinian Arab identity is a modern construct undermines the very foundation of the Arab narrative.* Its keystone is that a unique and historically distinct people called Palestinians are struggling against the “Zionist occupation of their homeland.”





The **evolution of a Palestinian identity** since the late 1960’s does not obscure the fact that this newfound identity cannot be applied retroactively to justify violence against Jews for nearly a hundred years before the identity existed.  1 ([See Website](#))

Discrediting the claim of an historical Palestinian people-hood is not the same as denying that a sense of Palestinian identity has recently evolved. As a ploy to deflect attention from this critical point, Israel’s detractors have been known to characterize as racist anyone denying Palestinian Arabs their identity; but that presents advocates for Israel an opportunity to expose this modern myth and its use to retroactively justify terrorism and the demonization and de-legitimization of Israel – a clear logic and time line conflict.

**Talking Points:** (Decide if each point is a matter of perspective or neutral fact)

- **Is questioning a Palestinian identity racist?** Not if the same **standards** are used to define what constitutes a unique and historically distinct people. For example, Kurds, Basques, and Tibetans (all of whom have been denied self-determination) qualify as genuine historically distinct people by standard definitions, but unless a unique definition crafted just for Arabs of Palestine is used, “Palestinians” do not.
- **Words like Texan and Virginian are terms to describe the place one lives.** If you move to Texas, people will call you a Texan. It does not define a unique and historically distinct people for whom self-determination could reasonably be claimed.

And so it is for the term “Palestinian,” a word used until the late 1960’s to describe anyone living in the Palestine region.

- **During the Mandate period** through 1948, Muslims, Christians and Jews living in the Mandate were officially identified as Palestinian as evidenced by the listing of Palestinian for nationality on their birth certificates and passports.
  - **The original Mandate document** refers to the responsibility of the mandatory power to “facilitate the acquisition of Palestinian citizenship by Jews who take up their permanent residence in Palestine.” Palestinian Arabs are nowhere mentioned and absolutely nothing appears that would imply that the term “Palestinian” meant a unique and distinct Arab people.  ([See Doc 3](#))
  - **Records of every international conference and board of inquiry** about the Middle East that included testimony from official Arab representatives from 1919 through the mid 1960’s refer to Arabs and never a unique and historically distinct Palestinian Arab people or sovereign country of Palestine. ([See Examples](#))  2 ([See Website](#))
  - **Until Israel’s rebirth**, media and publications about pre-state Israel show clear evidence that “Palestinian” commonly referred to Jews while Arabs generally rejected the term as a Zionist lie.
  - **The Anglo-Palestine Bank**, the Palestine Electric Company, the Palestine Foundation Fund, the Palestine Philharmonic – the list is endless – were all Jewish institutions.
-  **Ask** - Why, with very few exceptions, were all pre-1948 institutions with Palestine or Palestinian in their names Jewish, not Arab?
- **All historical records** which suggest creating a second state alongside a Jewish state on former Ottoman land west of the Jordan River speak of an **Arab state** – never a “Palestinian” state. The 1947 **UN Resolution 181**, which recommended partition of land west of the Jordan, specifically refers to an “**Arab state**” and a “**Jewish state**” more than 20 times. A ‘Palestinian state’ is never mentioned.  ([See Doc 9](#))
  - No independent Arab state has ever existed in the west Palestine region.

① **Ask - If the claimed core issue and reason for Arab violence is the loss of the homeland of an unique and historically distinct Arab people called Palestinians, why was the official position of Arab leaders and spokespersons before Israel's resurrection to deny that a Palestinian identity existed? [[Logic and timeline conflict](#)]**

① **Ask – Were Arab leaders lying then or are they lying now** when they state the opposite is true? What is the basis for claiming the new found Palestinian identity?

① **Ask - Why after the 1948 Arab invasion and subsequent illegal occupation** of land allocated for a Jewish homeland, none of the Arab governments created a state in order for a 'Palestinian people' to achieve self determination? (Because at that time no such identity existed beyond a description of where a particular group of Arabs lived.)

- Soon **after 1967**, Palestinian Arabs sought support because they claimed a Palestinian homeland was stolen even though they previously denied existence of a Palestinian identity. (Until 1948, Jews of the area were called Palestinian Jews) They also began to claim they were engaged in a struggle to end the occupation of their homeland – on the very same land they previously denied having any claim. (**According to the 1964 charter of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, it belonged to Egypt and Jordan.**) ([See Doc 4](#))
- **The newfound “Palestinian” identity for Arabs in Palestine is a *modern term which emerged in the latter half of the twentieth century*.** The term became popular after the 1967 war. There is no evidence to support any other claim. (Web) 1 ([See Website](#))
- The **PLO** is the **Palestine (NOT Palestinian)** Liberation Organization. This distinction is significant because it clearly exposes the purpose of the organization when it was formed in 1964 was to “liberate” Arab land rather than to “liberate” a people whose identity had not yet been formulated. (Web) 1 ([See Website](#))

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**NOTE:** If the situation is such that it is better to use incorrect terms such as Palestinian or West Bank, you must first explain the evolution of the terms. ([See Part 6](#))

**It is not a matter of opinion if a sovereign Palestine or a historically unique and distinct people called “Palestinians” existed in the past. They either did or they did not - there are no shades of gray.**

**First Congress of Muslim-Christian Associations**  
Resolution passed February 1919 Jerusalem

*We consider “Palestine” as  
part of Arab Syria, as  
it has never been separated  
from it at any time.*

**Ahmad Shukairy**  
Speech to UN General Assembly  
As Arab League delegate to the UN

Became First Palestine Liberation Organization  
President 1964



*“There is no such thing as Pal-  
estine, this land is nothing but the  
southern part of Greater Syria”...*  
1956



**Zuheir Mohsen**  
PLO Exec Committee member  
Traou Newspaper interview 1977

*“The Palestinian people doesn’t exist...  
In reality today there is no difference  
between Jordanians, Palestinians,  
Syrians and Lebanese.”*

## **What Arab Leaders Said Before the Narrative Was Changed**

**Auni Bey Abdul-Hadi**, Secretary General  
Istiqlal Pan-Arab Independence Party, to Peel Commission



*“There is no Palestine in the  
Bible. Our country was for  
centuries part of Syria”*  
1937

**Hafiz Assad**  
Syrian  
President

Palestine is “not only a part  
of the Arab homeland but a  
basic part of southern Syria.”

New York Times and Damascus Radio 1947



*“A country named Palestine  
never existed.”*

Conference in Amman, Jordan 1987

*“When I speak of Palestine,  
I view it as part of Syria.”*

Egyptian newspaper interview 1993



**Azmi Bishara**  
Former Arab member of  
Knesset (Israeli Parliament)  
Arab TV interview 2009

*“I don’t think there is a Palestinian  
Nation, I think its a Colonial  
invention Palestinian Nation.”*


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## Damaging Term


### B – *(Occupied) Palestinian Land – Arab Land – Islamic Land*


**Recommended Term:** Disputed land/Arab Occupied Israeli territories/ former Ottoman land



**Rationale:** Even though official Israeli spokespersons may use the phrases “Occupied Palestinian land” or “Palestinian territory,” avoid their use as they are not accurate and support the false Arab narrative. “Arab land” or “Palestinian land” denotes that the land belongs exclusively to Arabs and that any other claim of ownership or sovereignty is illegitimate. Even the more accurate term, **disputed territory**, has fallen into disuse. ([See Chart 2](#)) ([See Arab Testimony](#))


**Talking Points:**  3 ([See Website](#)) (Decide – Perspective or neutral facts)

- The land reverted back to Israel after the defeat of the Arab army of occupation.
  - The only three times that **sovereign rule west of the Jordan River** was not by foreign powers were the two Jewish states during the biblical period *and the modern Jewish state of Israel*.
  - It is important to note that the land is “**disputed**” not because of legal documents, justice, morality or documented history, but rather because of the **Arab all-or-nothing violent rejection** of the UN partition vote over the distribution of former Ottoman (non-Arab) land allocated for the “**reconstituted**” **Jewish homeland**.
  - Arabs lost their 1948 genocidal **war to reverse the Mandate requirement** and the UN resolution which allocated the land specifically for the Jewish homeland. They failed to achieve their well documented goal of annihilating the Jews.
-  **Ask** – How can land that Jews legally purchased and former Ottoman Empire state land granted to Israel in the official Mandate documents be considered “Arab land”? Significant amounts of land in Judea and Samaria are in this category.

- **In** the legal documents (San Remo Conference, League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, United Nations official continuance of the Mandate) which allocated a tiny sliver of the former Ottoman Empire for the **“reconstitution” of the Jewish homeland, political rights were granted solely to the Jews**. This is conclusive proof that the intent was clearly to create a sovereign state on the same basis as the other counties which were being created from the ashes of the dissolved German, Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires after WWI. ([See Doc 3](#)) 4 ([See Website](#))

 **Ask** – What document, treaty, or international law rescinded the allocation of former Ottoman land west of the Jordan River for a Jewish homeland? (There is none.)

- While Jews were granted **political rights west of the Jordan River**, minorities were only guaranteed religious and civil rights. Why? Because Arabs were granted exclusive political rights to the Palestine region **east of the Jordan River** in what became the Arab country of Jordan.  ([See Doc 3](#))
- At the insistence of Arab leaders, **Jews were allowed no presence or rights in eastern Palestine**, which eventually became the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In exchange, Jews were the only party granted political rights in western Palestine.
- An argument can be made that, based on the documented evidence, even the term “disputed territory” is inaccurate because all **evidence demonstrates** the land west of the Jordan River was clearly allocated for the Jewish state.
- Note that while Arabs, Jews and all others could live in the section of the Mandate allocated for the Jewish state west of the Jordan River, in the Eastern Palestine section designated another Arab state (Transjordan - which later became known as Jordan) no Jews were allowed. 5 ([See Website](#))

 **Question the accuracy** of the term “Arab land” west of the Jordan River since Arabs have not had sovereignty there for well over 500 years (consisting of 100 years of Israeli administration, Jordanian occupation, British administration of the Mandate, British Military Occupation, plus 400 years as part of the non-Arab Ottoman Empire)

**Sovereign “Palestinian Land”: Zero years – Never!**

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# Damaging Term


## C - Occupation

**Recommended Term:** Israeli administration of Judea/Samaria

**Rationale:** Referring to Israel's presence in Judea/Samaria (also known as West Bank) as an occupation implies that it is occupying land belonging to another sovereign entity.

**Talking Points:** (Decide – Perspective or neutral facts)

- See comments in Part I Term “B” about the claim of Arab or Palestinian land west of the Jordan River.

① **Ask - *Whose land is being occupied?*** Could the legal basis for allocating former Ottoman territory for the Jewish homeland including Judea and Samaria be evidence that the “West Bank” is being illegally occupied by Arabs who demand sovereignty over land never granted to them?  3 ([See Website](#))

### ① **Ask - Which Occupation?** ①

**The Arab pre-1967 version of “occupation”** referenced in nearly every mainstream sector of Arab society, which considered all of Israel as occupied “Arab land”? ([See Part 2-Duplicity](#))

***The “Palestine Liberation Organization” (PLO) was founded in 1964, before there were “Occupied Territories.”***

① **Ask-** What was the PLO intent on “Liberating” since Arabs controlled the “West Bank” and Gaza? (Arab religious/ethnic apartheid)

This “occupation” is the one Arabs used openly during the period Arabs controlled all land they now claim as occupied *yet they did not create another state*. Their widely declared “cause” focused solely on the destruction of the Jewish state rather than the creation of another Arab Muslim state.

The “occupation” Arab leaders claim to be fighting against in their organization’s foundation documents specifically stated it had nothing to do with Judea/Samaria (also known as the Jordanian occupied West Bank 1948-1967) and Gaza (Egyptian occupied.)


⑦ **Ask** if they were lying then or if they are lying now about what they are fighting to liberate and why the reversal in their position?

### **- - - Or Do They Mean - - -**

**The Arab post-1967 propaganda version of “occupation”** used for non-Arabic audiences which speaks of “occupied Arab land” or “occupied Palestinian land.”

They ignore that the last internationally recognized and uncontested head of state for that territory was the Sultan of the (non-Arab) Ottoman Empire.

The “occupation” of Gaza and Judea/Samaria (known since the 1948 Jordanian invasion as the West Bank (of Jordan)), is on a sliver of land which formerly belonged to the non-Arab Ottoman Empire for 400 years. It was legally allocated for the Jewish homeland by the 1920 San Remo Conference, the League of Nations, and the United Nations.

While resolutions containing recommendations to alter the allocation were made and rejected during the entire Mandate period, the allocation of all the land west of the Jordan River for the Jewish homeland remained officially unchanged. 4 ([See Website](#))

([See Part VI Chart 2](#) “Judea/Samaria/West Bank” for additional information)

#### **Arab Testimony: Palestine is Southern Syria**



1919 Muslim-Christian Association



1947 UN General Assembly



1937 Peel Commission



1949 Security Council



1946 Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry


## Damaging Term

### D – Settlements

**Recommended Term:** Jewish communities, neighborhoods, towns, or villages

**Rationale:** To refer to a community as a “settlement” suggests it is a small new community with questionable legitimacy. Use of the word “settlements” for Jewish communities implies they are less than established and permanent. It validates the Arab premise that the Jewish communities are intrusive incursions on their land. The most damning connotation of “settlers” and “settlements” is the sense they are no different than European colonizers who do not belong there. ([See Part I Damaging Term “B” – Palestinian/Arab Land](#))

#### Talking Points:

- Insist that there should not be **special definitions** just for Israel or Jews as that could be an indication of anti-Semitism.
- In modern times, **decades-old cities** with **populations of tens of thousands** are not called settlements anywhere except when Israel is involved. (\*Special definition)
- Anywhere else in the world, most of what are called “settlements” in Judea/Samaria would be referred to as Jewish towns, villages, or cities. (\*Special definition)
- It is a matter of record that **Jewish communities have been permitted everywhere west of the Jordan River for centuries except when Arabs practiced religious apartheid and ethnic cleansing**. In hundreds of years this has only occurred during the 19-year Jordanian occupation of what became known as the West Bank. Ethnic cleansing of Jews is also being demanded for the proposed future Arab state of Palestine.  5 ([See Website](#))
- Refer to ‘**Arab settlements**’ and ‘**Arab settlers**’ whenever it is accurate to do so.

- Point out that **Arab communities**, regardless of age, size, or legality, are rarely, if ever, called ‘**settlements**’ or the **Arab** inhabitants ‘**settlers**’.
- Refer to the demand for removal of “settlements” as a ***demand for the ethnic cleansing of Jews*** by Arabs in areas Arabs eventually hope to govern.

## Damaging Term

### E – Settlement Freeze

**Recommended Term:** Voluntary unilateral suspension of construction

**Rationale:** The term “**Settlement Freeze**” implies that a freeze halts a wrongdoing being done by Israel while the Arabs are the injured party. The recommended term implies sovereignty rights over disputed land have not been conclusively determined.

#### Talking Points:

- When referring to Israel’s halt to building on disputed land, one should accurately refer to it as a ***voluntary unilateral suspension of construction*** while the Palestinian Arabs enjoyed an unrestricted building boom as if the ownership/sovereignty dispute had been settled in their favor.
- Another unilateral building freeze for Jews on disputed land is justified as a policy likely to create an atmosphere conducive to peace talks. On the other hand the freeze in the status of Arab refugees along with their descendents is justified by mainstream Palestinian Arab organizations as a policy to prevent resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict short of the destruction of the Jewish state. Neither freeze is productive.

**?** **Ask** - How is a unilateral Israeli building freeze on disputed land presumed to yield progress toward resolution of the conflict without a corresponding building freeze by the Palestinian Arabs? This places no pressure on the Arabs to negotiate permanent peace or to relinquish their well documented goal of destroying the Jewish state of Israel.



# Damaging Term

## F – *West Bank*

**Recommended Term:** Judea and Samaria

**Rationale:** Use of the term “West Bank” legitimizes the Palestinian Arab claim that that area is and has been a distinct separate entity which belongs to them. By extension, this implies that it is being illegitimately occupied by Israel.

### Talking Points:

- When first referring to the “West Bank,” one should point out that until the 1948 Jordanian invasion it was referred to exclusively as Judea and Samaria.
- **“Judea and Samaria”** have been referenced as the biblical term for the West Bank to suggest that only right wing extremists reach back to ancient times to justify Jewish claims to the area. However, while Judea and Samaria may be the biblical name for the region, they are also the terms commonly used in modern times until it became known as the West Bank of Jordan after the illegal 1948 Arab invasion of land designated for the Jewish homeland.
- The 1947 **UN partition resolution (181)** referenced “the hill country of Samaria and Judea,” and **not the “West Bank.”** It also recommends creation of an “Arab’ state and **not a “Palestinian” state.**  ([See Doc 9](#))
- Do not fail to mention that Jews had as much right to live there as did Arabs until the Arab ethnic cleansing of Jews which took place from 1948 to 1967. More than permitted, “*close settlement of the land by Jews*” was ***required*** by terms of the Mandate for Palestine with no exceptions.  ([See Doc 3](#))
  - No part of western Palestine, including the “West Bank,” was excluded from that requirement.

([See Part VI Chart 2](#) “Judea/Samaria/West Bank” for additional information)

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## Damaging Term

### G – *East Jerusalem*

**Recommended Term:** East side of Israel’s capital or liberated parts of the capital city

**Rationale:** As with the term “West Bank,” use of the term “East Jerusalem” legitimizes the Palestinian Arab claim that that area is and always has been a distinct separate entity which belongs to them. By extension this implies that it is being illegitimately occupied by Israel. ([See Part I Damaging Term “F” – West Bank](#)) **You want to be challenged on this point to be able to point out the Arab invasion, ethnic cleansing and illegal occupation of the eastern neighborhoods of Jerusalem.**

#### Talking Points:

- The section of Israel’s capital city now referred to as Arab East Jerusalem is called that because of the **successful ethnic cleansing of Jews** from those neighborhoods after the illegal 1948 Arab invasion, occupation and unilateral seizure of the eastern part of the city.
- **?** **Ask** - After a Jewish presence had been reestablished and the ethnic cleansing by the Arab invaders was ended by their being repulsed, is there any moral, ethical, or legal justification for demands that Jews once again be expelled and forbidden from living in areas over which Arabs hope to eventually govern?
- Eastern Jerusalem has never been referred to as a distinct municipal entity until the illegal Jordanian Arab invasion and partition.
- “East Jerusalem” is the **original Jewish capital** and location of the holiest Jewish sites.
- As an indication of Jerusalem’s **pre-1967 lack of importance** to Arabs during the 19-year Jordanian occupation, point out that - during that period of total Arab control - no foreign Arab head of state visited the city and no major religious or educational institutions were built.

- Mention the thousands of years of the documented **spiritual connection** Jews have with Jerusalem and that the only times in history it served as **capital city** of an independent sovereign nation was during times of Jewish sovereignty;
- ① **Ask** the number of times Jerusalem was capital of an Arab country, state, region, colony or empire – Zero.
- Mention that the Arab demand that it become the capital city of a new Arab country would be the first time in history that it served as the capital of any Arab country.
- **Challenge** the use of a capital “E” for east Jerusalem as this suggests that it is a separate entity from the city of Jerusalem.
- Mention that prior to the ethnic cleansing of Jews by Arabs from its east side from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem had a documented continuous **Jewish majority** for hundreds of years.
- **Do not say** Israel “annexed” the east side of Jerusalem: The reunification was the **reversal of** the forced 19-year division and **ethnic cleansing** following the Jordanian invasion and occupation.
- **Point out** that the brief tearing apart of Jerusalem by the Arab Jordanians was the only time in thousands of years the city was not whole.
- **Point out** that while the division of Berlin after World War II was by international agreement, its reunification was cheered by most people. Yet the reunification of Jerusalem, which was divided after the Arab invasion, is considered illegal by some people.
- ① **Ask** people to compare Jerusalem under the religious apartheid of Muslim control with Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty today as a sacred city where Jews, Christians, Muslims, and others can openly practice and promote their religion.

*Accurately characterize the reunification of Jerusalem as the defeat of Arab aggression, religious apartheid and ethnic cleansing.*

## Damaging Term

*H – Borders (with Judea-Samaria / West Bank), Green Line or “67” Border*

**Recommended Term:** Cease fire lines or Armistice line

**Rationale:** Referring to the 1949 cease fire lines as the “border” or “green line” incorrectly implies that Israel violated an international border with the “West Bank” during the 1967 war and has no sovereignty rights on the other side of the line. Saying “border” grants the cease fire lines a status to which they are not entitled. **The cease fire lines mark where the illegal Arab invasion of the new state of Israel was stopped.**

**Talking Points:**


- **Jordan’s invasion and occupation** of Judea and Samaria, remnants of former Ottoman land allocated for the Jewish homeland, was an illegal defiance of the Mandate and UN resolutions.
  - ① **Ask:** “What border was crossed?” Also, “**Why is the 1967 cease fire line considered any less permanent than the 1949 cease fire line?**” Both resulted from failed Arab aggression. (1948 marked the point the Arab invasion was stopped)
- Even though the mandatory power (Great Britain) surrendered its administration of the Mandate of Palestine, the Mandate designation of exclusive **sovereignty rights to Jews west of the Jordan River** was never surrendered or revoked.
- **Demanding all-or-nothing**, the Arabs rejected the UN partition committee’s suggested modification of land distribution that would take land allocated for a Jewish state and use it for another Arab state.
- **At the insistence of the Arabs**, the 1949 ceasefire lines were defined in the armistice agreement as not being political borders; as such, the 1967 fighting ended the armistice and **made** the cease fire lines irrelevant. How is one line different than the other?

- A **proposed modification** to a contract or agreement rejected by one of the parties voids the proposal and renders it moot. **Arab** leadership unanimously rejected it.
- United Nations partition suggestion (Resolution 181). Therefore, no legal change occurred and the legal assignment of the land west of the Jordan River for the re-establishment of a sovereign Jewish state remains unchanged and unaltered.

## Damaging Term

### I – *Security Barrier / Fence*

**Recommended Term:** Life saving anti-terrorism barrier or anti-terrorism barrier

**Rationale:** Never call it a wall. To call the life-saving security barrier merely a security barrier or wall validates its characterization as an apartheid wall used to steal “Arab or Palestinian land.” ([See Part I – B](#))  6 ([See Website](#))

#### Talking Points:


- Point out that the barrier became a non-lethal life-saving response to Arab terrorism when the toll in murdered and maimed Israeli civilians of all faiths became too high.
- Suggest that because of reduced fear and tension from fewer successful terrorist attacks, the *anti-terrorism barrier* is contributing to an improved atmosphere for peace talks.
- Over 95% of the *life saving anti-terrorism barrier* is composed of fences. Sections of wall are built when fences were inadequate to protect innocent men, women and children from Arab snipers.
- Point out that while the US, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Korea, and several other countries have security barriers, Israel’s *life saving anti-terrorism barrier* is one of the few built solely to prevent terrorism.
- Draw comparisons between Israel’s *life saving security barrier* with the anti-smuggling and immigration fence along the US-Mexico border and several other countries.

- Mention that where the barrier has been constructed, successful *terrorist attacks have decreased over 90% and many lives have been saved*. While maiming and death from Arab terrorism is permanent, potential inconvenience and hardship because of the placement of barriers is temporary because the barriers can be removed.
- Challenge any attempts to suggest it is primarily a wall.

## Damaging Term

### J – Right of Return

**Recommended Term:** Unique claim of a right of return

**Rationale:** Using this term reinforces the concept that the Arab refugees and displaced persons *plus all their descendents* have a “right” to return even though no such right exists. ([See Part I Damaging Term “K” – Refugees](#))  7 ([See Website](#))

#### Talking Points:

- No other people in history can pass refugee status to future generations because in all other instances refugees are considered **a humanitarian issue rather than a political issue**.
- Show **how Arabs rejected every option** suggested by UN resolutions to permanently solve their refugee problem, including the option to return. By some bizarre logic they now call the return option in a comprehensive resolution *they rejected completely*, a “**Right of Return**.”
- Point out that it is the **official policy of the Arab League** not to allow Arab refugees to resettle or accept new housing from Israel because these actions would imply recognition of the Jewish state on what they considered Arab Islamic land. This evolved into demanding a “Right of Return” instead of resettlement.

- ① **Ask** about a “Right of Return” for the “West Bank” **Jewish refugees**. Point out that while Jews who remained in 1948-1949 where Arab invaders took possession were killed or expelled in a genocidal wave of ethnic cleansing, Arabs who remained in Israel after the failed Arab war to destroy Israel eventually became Israeli citizens.
- ① **Ask** – How do refugees/displaced persons of one defeated aggressor without any right of return, Germans after WWII, differ from the defeated Arab aggressors?
- ① **Ask** - “What about the greater number of **Jewish refugees from Arab countries**? Should they be punished because their plight was treated as a **humanitarian issue rather than a political issue**?” Would not a more humanitarian solution be to consider this an exchange of populations like the very much larger India-Pakistan or Greece-Turkey exchanges?
- ① **Ask** - “Does it make sense that while descendents of Arab Muslim refugees demand a new Arab state on land already allocated for Israel, they simultaneously **demand a right to return to a different sovereign state**, Israel, a place where most of them have never been and whose people, culture, and religion are alien to them?
- Point out that **once Palestinian Arabs become citizens** of their own or any other country they would not qualify as refugees nor have a legal claim of return under any existing law, treaty, or principle.
- ① **Ask** – Since it violates internationally accepted standards for determining refugee status, **what is the basis for claiming that status** and a right of return for Palestinian Arabs who have resettled in other countries or who have Jordanian citizenship?
- ① **Ask** – Is it fair to the Arab refugees and their descendents that while over a hundred million legitimate refugees have been resettled under the auspices of the UN, that the UN Reliefs Works Agency prevents Palestinian Arab resettlement while promoting a fictional right of return?
- ① **Ask** - How can someone have return to a place they’ve never been?

Have you ever wondered about what pro-Palestinian Europeans who live in homes stolen from Holocaust victims would have to say about the ‘Right of Return’ if it applied to descendents of the rightful owners of their homes?

## Damaging Term

### K – Refugees (Arab)

**Recommended Term:** Arab refugees, displaced persons and their descendents

**Rationale:** The terms refugees and refugee camps imply a **humanitarian** problem caused by Israel rather than an artificial **political** problem perpetuated by Arab leadership as a weapon against Israel.  8 ([See Website](#))

#### Talking Points:

- Show that the **Palestinian Arab refugee problem**, while being one of the easiest to resolve since World War I by virtue of the homogeneous nature of the refugees and the population of neighboring countries, has been permanently institutionalized because Arab leadership consider refugee status a *political tool rather than a humanitarian issue*.
- Calling the peace process's "refugee" issue "the Palestinian refugee issue" demonstrates a prejudicial perspective as it excludes the Israel-absorbed **Jewish refugees** from Muslim lands from that refugee issue. **It in effect penalizes Israel for treating the issue as a humanitarian issue** which was resolved rather than as a political weapon to be perpetuated.
- Discuss the **unique definition** created for Arab refugees from the Palestine region and how damaging it has been for them. Compare it with the official definition for all other refugees. Tell listeners that today they and their children and their children's children would still be considered official refugees if the first person from their family to come to this country was an Arab from the Palestinian region who claimed to have lived there for as little as two years or more and if they lost their livelihood. This debilitating definition applies to no other people anywhere in the world.
- **Actuarial estimates** indicate, assuming Arabs of 1948 Palestine had the same health standards and mortality rate as US citizens did, no more than 75 thousand to 100 thousand would be alive today.

## Damaging Term

### L– *Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

**Recommended Term:** Arab-Israeli Conflict

**Rationale:**

The phrase “Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” validates the 1970’s era Arab marketing/propaganda coup whereby they **reframed characterization of the Arab-Israeli conflict into the “Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.”** This title change suggests an entirely different type of conflict with different primary antagonists and reverses the perception of which party is the villain and perpetrator. “Arab-Israeli Conflict” implies that Israel is the tiny David facing a huge Arab Goliath in a struggle for survival. “Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” implies that the “Palestinians” are the David facing a powerful Israeli Goliath in a struggle to end occupation of their homeland.

**Talking Points** ([See Part I Items “A - Palestinian”](#) [“B - Palestinian Land”](#) [“C - Occupation”](#))

- The conflict grew during a period when Arab spokesmen, scholars, and diplomats officially denied the existence of a Palestinian people and continued throughout the 19-years Arabs controlled all the area they now publically claim as occupied land.
- Ⓢ **Ask:** “Justify saying “Palestinian Conflict” before a Palestinian identity existed.”
- The Arab goal as stated to non-Arab audiences was revised from destruction of Israel because it was on Arab-Islamic land to a struggle against occupation of Palestinian land and self-determination for a “Palestinian” people.
  - There is no evidence in contemporary media, diplomatic correspondence, academic works, or any other legitimate document to justify the change in perception of which party is the David and which is the Goliath. It is still tiny Israel against many Arab countries plus the Arabs of Palestine who are known as ‘Palestinians.’
- Ⓢ **Ask -** Doesn’t the conflict’s revisionist name ignore the genocidal Arab wars against Israel that signified Arab rejection of any Jewish state on former Ottoman land?

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## PART II: DUPLICITY

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**Duplicity** - It is vital that advocates for Israel explain the double meaning of the following terms to spur people to use critical thinking and ask questions when they encounter anti-Israel/pro-Palestinian spokespersons.

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**What We Mean When We Say:**

**“Occupation”**

The most liberal meaning of “occupation” is any Israeli presence in the “West Bank” and Gaza. (See Part I -Term “C”)

**When Palestinian Arabs Say:**

**“Occupation”**

They mean all land from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea including all of Israel.

**What We Mean When We Say:**

**“Settlements”**

Most people mean Jewish communities in Judea-Samaria (also known as “West Bank” since 1948) (See Part I - Term “D”)

**When Palestinian Arabs Say:**

**“Settlements”**

They mean all Jewish communities and cities anywhere between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea including all of Israel.

Islamist organizations like the Islamic Resistance Movement (also known as HAMAS) state that Islam forbids violence against innocent civilians, yet they engage in terrorism against Israeli children and families. **The critical question is how they distinguish between who is innocent and who is a legitimate target.**

**What We Mean When We Say:**

**“Innocent Civilian”**

We mean a person following the pursuits of civil life, especially one who is not an active member of the military, the police, or a belligerent group.

**When Palestinian Arabs Say:**

**“Innocent Civilian”**

They justify the targeting of every Israeli man, women, and child regardless of age or status in the name of “resistance” against the occupation of Arab/Islamic/ Palestinian land.

**What We Mean When We Say:**

**“Peace”**

We mean an absence of hostilities and incitement in an atmosphere of cooperation, respect, reconciliation, and tolerance.

**When Palestinian Arabs Say:**

**“Peace”**

They mean the absence of violence after total victory over enemies who have either been killed, cleansed from where Arabs govern, totally subdued, or converted. (Pax Islamica)

**What We Mean When We Say:**

**“Justice”**

We mean restoring balance, making things right, or getting just due for acts committed based on the democratic rule of law.

**When Palestinian Arabs Say:**

**“Justice”**

They mean the Justice of reclaiming Islamic land as per the will of Allah or the triumph of Islam over other religions and submission of non-Muslims.

**What We Mean When We Say:**

**“Imperialism”**

We mean the policy of extending the rule or authority of an empire or nation over foreign countries, or of acquiring and holding colonies and dependencies.

**When Palestinian Arabs Say:**

**“Imperialism”**

They mean the same with the exception of any time imperialism is being done in the name of Islam or the Arab nation. The term is used as a political attack word rather than an objective description of events (See Peace and Justice in this section)

**What We Mean When We Say:**

**“Blasphemy”**

We mean the act of insulting or showing contempt for God or religious beliefs.

**When Palestinian Arabs Say:**

**“Blasphemy”**

They mean only criticism of Islam and exclude criticism of other religions as found in Islamic Holy Scriptures. Killing anyone leaving Islam (apostates) is a religious duty in all mainstream branches of Islam.



**Video link:** After viewing of the film “Crossing the Line” at a meeting, the author was asked to comment why so many people get it wrong about the Middle East Conflict. The title of the YouTube video is “Duplicity in the Middle East Conflict.”

<http://tinyurl.com/term-video>

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## PART III: REFRAMING ISSUES

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**Reframing Terms** - *Reframe how you characterize aspects of the conflict.* Choose terminology and present concepts in a truthful accurate manner favorable to your position while making the Arab position less palatable.

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## Reframing Issues

### A – Israel – Gaza – “West Bank”

Characterize Israel, Gaza, and the “West Bank” not as being on Arab land, Palestinian land, or disputed land but more accurately as being former Ottoman Empire land which was *assigned by international law for a Jewish homeland*.

- **The legal instruments** and the documents upon which the assignment is based, the Balfour Declaration - San Remo Conference – League of Nations – Mandate of Palestine ([See Doc 3](#)) <sup>(Web)</sup>4 ([See Website](#))– United Nations, **have never been repealed or superseded.**
- Israel has been a primary focus for Judaism continuously for thousands of years.

## Reframing Issues


### B – The “Settlement” Issue

**Characterize the “settlement” issue as an Arab demand that no Jews be allowed to live where Palestinian Arabs eventually hope to govern.** Who’s going to support that without finding a “special” standard or definition just for Jews? That’s anti-Semitism! Use the same standard for labeling Arab settlements. ([See Part I - D](#))

## Reframing Issues

### C– *The “East Jerusalem” Issue*

Characterize the **“East Jerusalem” issue** as an Arab attempt to artificially rip the city apart for the second time in 3000 years. The first time was during the brief 19-year Jordanian occupation following their invasion and failed attempt to kill all the Jews and destroy the resurrected state of Israel. This on the tiny sliver of former Ottoman Empire land legally allocated specifically for a Jewish homeland.

- Do not say Israel annexed the east side of Jerusalem in 1967: Accurately characterize it as the ***reunification and liberation of Jerusalem from the 19-year Jordanian occupation***. ([See Part I - G](#))  10 ([See Website](#))

## Reframing Issues

### D–*Inconveniences for “Palestinians”*

Characterize **inconveniences for Palestinian Arabs as the *unfortunate side effects of*** Israel’s life-saving ***security measures*** to protect people from the Arab Muslim terrorism which began long before “occupation” or “settlements.” Point out that while the inconveniences from security measures are temporary, that death and maimed bodies from the terrorism they prevent are permanent

- ① Ask people who object to how lives are being saved to suggest better methods.
- Point out that few ‘inconveniences’ were in place until the death toll from Arab terrorism against civilian men, women, and children became too great.

## Reframing Issues

### E – *The BDS Movement Issue*

#### *(Boycott – Divestment – Sanctions)*

- Characterize **the “BDS Movement”** as a propaganda weapon which attempts to unfairly **Belittle**, **Defame** and **Slander** the only Jewish state in the world.
- Characterize “**boycotts**” of Israel as having resulted in policies and activism which embolden terrorists, prolong suffering, and cruelly perpetuate a bizarrely unique Arab refugee problem because their leadership is encouraged by outside support.

([See Part I Damaging Term “K” – Refugees](#))

❓ **ASK** –Supporting a BDS movement is a stand for what principles and values? Then measure the Palestinian Authority and HAMAS regimes with those principles and values.

- Arab true intentions toward Israel is exhibited by their words, deeds, foundation documents, media, and most importantly, what they teach and preach to their children. They perpetuate the conflict by instilling into future generations the values of Arab religious apartheid, hatred of Jews, love of martyrdom, and a future without Israel. **This is what boycotts validate by demonstrating support for Israel’s adversaries.**
- It is not about partisan politics to decide if one supports boycotts, divestment, and sanctions against Israel. It is not a matter if you disagree with how Israel is attempting to save lives from Arab terrorism. And it is not a matter of supporting a struggle against “occupation” of a mythical homeland for a “people” with a modern new-found identity.

Supporting the BDS Movement is a decision to ultimately encourage terrorists and Arab leaders whose ultimate intentions are anything but humane, righteous, moral or ethical.

([See Part I Damaging Terms “A” Palestinian](#), [“B” Palestinian Land](#), [“C” Occupation](#))


① **ASK** - Are these values you can support?


- Manipulating public interest, professional, and academic organizations to serve the BDS movement's political agenda has a potential of being a highly divisive factor within those organizations because of the wide range of understanding of the core issues and high degree of misinformation and propaganda to which people are exposed.

## Reframing Issues

### F– *The Peace Process Issue*

\* Characterize the peace process as having different meanings to each party.

**For Israelis** it is a process with the goal of reaching the goals as stated in their Declaration of Independence: reconciliation, peace, stability, and co-operation for the entire region.  ([See Doc 1](#))

**For Arabs** it is a process for reaching the goals as stated in their 1974 Phased Plan for the Liberation of Palestine and the Charters of most major mainstream organizations: the ultimate destruction of the Jewish state of Israel. The peace process is perceived as negotiating Israel's surrender one step at a time.  ([See Doc 4](#), [Doc 5](#), and [Doc 2](#))

① **ASK** - What evidence is there to support an assumption that progress toward peace in the Middle East depends on Israeli actions rather than Arab actions (or inaction)?

① **ASK** – Considering broken pledges to officially remove genocidal articles from their foundation documents, to disarm and dismantle terrorist organizations, and to eliminate incitement, what substantial **confidence building measures, concessions, or agreements** the Palestinian Arabs have made that were actually honored?


① **ASK** – Considering the **dismal Arab record** for honoring commitments with Israel and their documented genocidal goal, what evidence would support the contention by people and some governments that there would be progress toward peace in the Middle East if only Israel made the 'right' concessions?

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## Reframing Issues

### G– *The Nakba Day Issue*

Characterize the latest “**Nakba Day**,” a holiday to recognize the “disaster” (to Arabs) of modern Israel’s existence, as commemorating the consequences of the Pan-Arab failure to accomplish their *announced goal of exterminating every Jewish man, woman, and child in Palestine*.

- Point out that the year 1920 was referred to as the Nakba because of the brutal reaction of the British and French forces to the Arab uprisings in Syria, Palestine (including Eastern Palestine – Jordan) and Mesopotamia (Iraq).
- Point out that Nakba Day could be accurately described as The Day the Jews Survived or The Day the Arabs failed to kill all the Jews.
- Point out that the Arabs that were dispossessed were dispossessed directly because of the Arab overtly racist, genocidal war against the Jews, because they were Jews, rather than any action initiated by the Jewish state of Israel.
- Recognize that on each May 15<sup>th</sup>, “Nakba Day”, Arabs protest and demonstrate about their catastrophe- Israel's rebirth - because in their well documented attempt at completing Hitler's genocide in 1948, their efforts backfired and it was they who lost the war. They **now want a “do-over” without repercussions**.
- Recognize the Nakba is a commemoration observed by Palestinian Arabs and their sympathizers to recognize the displacement of Arabs from Palestine by Israel even though evidence is readily available that only a **small percentage of Palestinian Arab refugees were driven out by Israeli forces**.  10 ([See Website](#))

**Comment:** Isn’t it obscene that “Nakba Day” is officially observed by the United Nations every year? Ask why this day is recognized by the very same organization whose actions the Arabs illegally fought against.

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# Reframing Issues


## H – *The Core Issue of the Conflict*

If people become open to considering that the **conflict's core issue** from the Arab perspective is the presence of a non-Arab Muslim sovereign nation on what Arabs consider Arab Islamic land, they will come to appreciate and hopefully identify with Israel's position. If the core issue is more than real estate or a two-state solution, the lack of progress in settling the conflict, despite Israel's unilateral concessions and offers to compromise, lies with the Arabs.

The down side is a depressing realization that a permanent solution with sincere peace and reconciliation with everyone able to openly practice and promote their religion is unlikely unless Arabs renounce Islamic imperialism, supremacist beliefs, religious apartheid, and anti-Jewish incitement.

### Talking Points:

- To introduce people to the conflict's religious element, be sure to **use the complete translated name of terrorist organizations** when they are first mentioned:

Example - Say the “**Islamic Resistance Movement**” *before* saying **HAMAS** – then mention that it is the Gaza branch of the **Muslim Brotherhood**, an organization dedicated to establishing Islamic government and Islamic Sharia law throughout the Middle East and North Africa.  ([See Doc 5](#))


Example - Say the “**Party of God**” *before* saying **Hezbollah**

Example - **Fatah**, the party of the president of the Palestinian Authority, is also a word used in religious discourse to signify the Islamic expansion in the first centuries of Islamic history

- **Suggest the headlines would be more or less the same** if Israel were a Christian, Hindu, or any other non-Muslim country.

- **Point out** that soon after the 1967 war when Egyptian and Jordanian occupation forces were expelled from Judea/Samaria (also known as the West Bank of Jordan from 1949-1967) and Gaza, Arabs began to call those areas “Palestinian Land” or “Occupied Palestinian Land.” Before then, Arab leadership referred to the Palestine region as “Arab Land” “Islamic Land” or as an Islamic Waqf (Endowment or Trust).

② **ASK** – What evidence is there to support the belief that Israel’s borders rather than Israel’s existence is the core issue of the Arab-Israeli Conflict? (There is none!)

- **Suggest** people Google the PLO 1974 Phased Plan for the Liberation of Palestine, (also known as the 10-point Plan or Plan of Stages), to read the road map for events from the Oslo Accords on into the future.  ([See Doc 2](#))
- **Suggest** people Google “**Sharia**” and determine its relevance in modern democratic societies. Look for Islamic doctrine regarding treatment of non-Muslims (dhimmis or second-class non-Muslims), competing religions, women, minorities, gays, and jihad.

## Reframing Issues

### I – *The Apartheid Issue*

Apartheid is an official policy of segregation involving political, legal, and economic discrimination. The oppressed group has defined second class status, severely limited opportunities for upward mobility, and no power over the dominant group.

- Point out that in the US, Israel, and most other democratic countries housing discrimination against anyone is a race crime. Yet it is the rule in Arab countries.
- Ask for a neutral definition of ‘apartheid’ to apply to Israel and Palestinian Arabs.

**Refer to the chart on the next page to compare two civil governments.**

**Which one appears to be practicing a form of apartheid?**

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Characteristic	Group 1	Group 2
Religious minorities	Growing	Shrinking
Mosques and Synagogue allowed	Yes	No
Education & Medical care for all	Yes	No
Arabs & Jews allowed to be citizens	Yes	No
Arabs & Jews in leadership positions	Yes	No
Arabs & Jews in government	Yes	No
Arabs & Jews in diplomatic corps	Yes	No
Arabs & Jews in army and police	Yes	No
Arab & Jewish judges	Yes	No
Arabs & Jews allowed to buy homes	Yes	No
Arab & Jewish civilian deaths condemned	Yes	No
Children taught respect for life	Yes	No
Demands ethnic cleansing of Jews (or Arabs) from areas over which they hope to eventually have sovereignty	No	Yes
Official languages	Arabic/Hebrew	Arabic

Comparing the two groups clearly demonstrates that Group 2, the Palestinian Authority, practices **religious and ethnic apartheid** in areas they govern. The other Palestinian Arab governing group, the Islamic Resistance Movement (also known as HAMAS) openly calls for killing all Jews - men, women and children.

**While Israel is slandered as an apartheid country, the Palestinian Arabs appear to ruthlessly practice it wherever they govern.**

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## PART IV: REFRAMING BACKGROUND OF CONFLICT

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**Reframing Terms - *Reframe how you characterize the background of the conflict.***

While this information is presumably common knowledge, it must be presented in an evidenced-based and truthful accurate manner favorable to your position while making the Arab position less palatable. [Use actual and not revisionist historical facts]

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Of all the countries in the Middle East and Europe created after WWI from the remnants of the defeated German, Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian Empires, **why is Israel singled out** as the only one with questionable rights to the land it was allocated?

**Background**

The legal basis for the creation of states in Eastern Europe from land of the defeated German and Austro-Hungarian Empires is the result of the **1919 Paris Peace Conference**. The creation of states in the Middle East from land of the Ottoman (Turkish) Empire is the result of **1920 San Remo Conference**.  4 ([See Website](#))

Not including modern Turkey, Arabs were awarded nearly all the remaining Ottoman land for eventual sovereignty in new countries after institutions for self government and economic progress were developed under a **Mandate system** created by the League of Nations, predecessor to the United Nations. ([See Map](#))

The tiny sliver of land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea was allocated for an eventual **Jewish homeland**. The allocation roughly coincided with the territory inhabited by the area's former sovereign nations with capitals in Jerusalem, all of them Jewish. Unlike the massive movement of people after World War II, there was no requirement for the displacement of any state or people as a result of this allocation.

In contrast to the new Arab countries, Israel is unique in that official documents authorizing its creation describe it as a “**reconstituted**” Jewish homeland justified by historical evidence of the Jewish co<sup>[TOC](#)</sup>tion to the land.  ([See Doc 3](#))

All Arab powers rejected every proposal that in addition to their vast allocation of **non-Arab Ottoman land**, they also receive part of the allocation for the Jewish state. They in effect **demand** **all-or-nothing** of the Jewish homeland for themselves.

Israel exercised its right to declare its sovereignty rights 28 years after the San Remo Conference. In response, the Arabs openly declared a **war of extermination** to prevent the establishment of a non-Arab, non-Muslim state on what they considered their land even though it was over 500 years since there had been an Arab sovereign nation there.

**Jordanian Arab invaders** from across the Jordan River in eastern Palestine occupied Judea and Samaria, part of the former Ottoman territory allocated exclusively for a Jewish homeland. The 1948 cease fire lines mark the lines where the Arab invasion was stopped. They enforced an **illegal occupation** for 19-years with strict religious apartheid, total **ethnic cleansing of Jews**, and widespread desecration of Jewish holy sites. This was the only time in many hundreds of years that Jews were barred from living in Judea/Samaria and the east side of Jerusalem, a city that only twice before in recorded history has served as a capital city for the indigenous population, both times for Jewish sovereign states. The Arab occupation forces declared the captured Jewish land to be the “**West Bank of Jordan**”, built military bases on Jewish-owned land, and confiscated all property owned by Jews. The Arabs of the region became citizens of Jordan.

After Israel drove out the invaders from Arab occupied Israel in 1967, Jewish refugees returned to reclaim their property. ***What the Arabs took by force they lost by force.***

① Ask what is the moral standard by which it has become politically correct to use terminology that validates the brief illegal Arab occupation by saying “West Bank” instead of Judea/Samaria even though the region is **no longer the West Bank of Jordan**?

② Ask why conventional wisdom now identifies people who use the accurate terminology for the liberated territory, Judea and Samaria, as hawkish and right wing.

In the interest of reconciliation, long-term peace, stability, and prosperity for all, Israel demonstrated a willingness to allocate some of its land for another Arab state.

In 1993 it agreed to the creation of a Palestinian Arab governing authority in exchange for an Arab commitment to **dismantle terrorist organizations and a cessation of**

**official incitement**. Institutionalized terrorism and hate education became the norm.

In 2005 the Israeli government decided to give the Arabs an opportunity to demonstrate their **true intentions** by evacuating Gaza, a territory larger than at least ten recognized independent countries. Instead, it became a base for thousands of rocket attacks and terrorism.

In 2009, Israel instituted a ten-month **unilateral building freeze** while the Palestinian Arabs continued an **unprecedented building boom**, mostly without building permits on land they did not own. This yielded Arab demands for its continuation. ([See Part 1-E](#))

① Question how and why some people represent the current situation with positions contrary to all historical documented evidence, logic, and common sense.

### Middle East After Breakup of Ottoman Empire



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## PART V: THE ARAB NARRATIVE

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# Deconstructing

## *The Post-1967 Arab Narrative*

Perhaps more than any defining moment in modern Middle East history, the Palestinian Arab narrative du jour is wrapped in **propaganda, myths, beliefs and contradictions**. It has minimal documented historical evidence and is often in direct contradiction to actual documented historical evidence that does exist. For the uninformed, these myths serve as the foundation for understanding and forming opinions about the Arab-Israeli conflict.

**By not challenging its false premises, Israel's representatives and advocates appear to agree with its anti-Israel message.** It is not a matter of alternative narratives: it is a matter of substantiated truth verses groundless lies.


[[See Part VI](#)- Evolution of Narratives Charts]

### **A Generic Version of the Post-1967 Arab Narrative**

[The numbers before each segment correspond to the numbered sections on following pages. Narrative text is in **bold** and the reason it is not true follows.]

<sup>[1]</sup> **Because of guilt over the Holocaust during World War II,** <sup>[2]</sup> **the victors took Arab land** <sup>[3]</sup> **from a unique and historically distinct people called Palestinians** <sup>[4]</sup> **to give to the Zionist remnants of European Jewry.** <sup>[5]</sup> **The Zionists use their superior military power to suppress** <sup>[6]</sup> **the Palestinian struggle for self-determination** <sup>[7]</sup> **and fight to end the brutal apartheid-like** <sup>[8]</sup> **occupation of Palestinian land.**

**[1] “Because of guilt over the Holocaust during World War II...”**

Jews were given the right to re-establish a sovereign Jewish state decades *before* the Holocaust of World War II occurred. The Balfour Declaration became international law at the San Remo Conference and League of Nations decades before the war and was later reaffirmed by the United Nations. The British were named administrators of the Mandate of Palestine for the purpose of building the institutions of statehood. Under the Mandate provisions they were also required to facilitate “close settlement” of the land by Jews. *Israel was established not because of the Holocaust but despite the Holocaust.* ([See Part 4](#))  ([See Doc 3](#))

**[2] “the victors took Arab land...”**

Israel was reconstituted by the same legal authority which created most Middle Eastern Arab countries on former Ottoman Empire land and many Eastern European countries on former Austro-Hungarian Empire territory. ([See Part 4](#))

**[3] “from a unique and historically distinct people called Palestinians...”**

Until 1967, the term was used to identify people from a specific region, like Texans or Virginians. Palestinians claim to be descendants of Canaanites. But Canaanites disappeared from history 1000 years before the Arab invasion and colonization of the land of Christians and Jews. Early-20th century public records and media routinely refer to the region's Jews as Palestinian Jews, but to the region's Arabs merely as Arabs. Indeed, public records clearly demonstrate that the Palestinian Arabs of that time routinely and pointedly insisted themselves that they were Arabs and not a distinct people. ([See Part 1 – A](#))

**[4] “to give to the Zionist remnants of European Jewry...”**

A plurality of Israeli families came from Jewish refugees from the Middle East and North Africa. The documented number of Jewish refugees from Arab countries is greater than the number of claimed Arab refugees and displaced persons from the failed Arab wars to destroy Israel.

**[5] “The Zionists use their military power to suppress...”**

Numerous broken Arab promises to stop incitement and terrorism in exchange for sovereignty resulted in Israeli security measures only after the cost in civilian injuries and deaths from Arab terrorism increased dramatically.

**[6] “the Palestinian struggle for self-determination...”**

Arabs govern the civil affairs of 96% of the Arabs in disputed territory. According to the Oslo agreement, self government was to occur five years after terrorism and incitement ended. Instead of ending, Arab terrorism has increased dramatically. ([See Part 1 – A](#))

**[7] “and their fight to end the brutal apartheid-like...”**

While Arabs who remained in Israel in 1948-1949 eventually became citizens, Jews who remained in the area invaded and occupied by Jordan were killed. When there was minimal Arab terrorism there was no need for security measures; many thousands of Palestinian Arabs were employed in Israel, shopped in Israel, and mixed with Israelis and their standard of living rose significantly.

Today, minorities in Israel participate and rise to high levels in almost every mainstream sector of society. If Israel were an apartheid-like country, minorities would not have achieved the upward mobility and economic success available to them. *Israel is the only country in the Middle East with an increase in its minority population.*

Terrorist attacks increased after the Palestinian Authority agreed to disarm terrorist organizations and bring an end to institutionalized incitement against Jews and Israel in exchange for self-government of civil affairs. Remember: *Arab terrorism against Jews began long before any alleged “occupation.”* ([See Part 3 – I](#))

**[8] “occupation of Palestinian land. ...”**

Besides biblical Israel, the modern state of Israel is the only time the region has been self-ruled. Arabs have not had sovereignty there for well over 500 years: The last 100 years included Israeli administration + Jordanian occupation + British administration of Mandate + British Military Occupation. Add an additional 400 years under the non-Arab Ottoman Empire plus several hundred years under non-Arab Mamluk rule. Prior to that it

was “Arab land” only by imperialism and colonialism; and sovereignty as “**Palestinian Land**”, zero years – never! This is easily verifiable information. ([See Part 1 –B](#))

② **Ask - Are Arab leaders lying to their own people** when they teach in their schools, preach in their mosques, and disseminate through mainstream media what is documented in the foundation documents of their main political organizations - a hatred of Jews, a love of martyrdom, and the annihilation of Israel? **Or are they lying to everyone else** when they say the Arabs of Palestine, with their new-found national identity, are only struggling to end an "occupation" (of a land over which they never had sovereignty) and for self-determination?

**- These mutually exclusive narratives cannot both be true -**

③ **Ask -** Would permanent peace between Israel and its neighbors result from the creation of a Palestinian Arab state on the same West Bank and Gaza land that Arabs controlled after their 1948 invasion until 1967?

**Ask Yourself - *WHAT DOES it matter if Arab notables speak soothingly in Western media interviews while millions at home are inundated by a message of genocidal hatred and incitement in official mainstream sectors of their society? Even if the suit-and-tie, polished-manners crowd are sincere, they dare not say the same thing to their people that they pronounce to gullible foreigners. \****

\* Modified from internet forum comments.

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## PART VI: EVOLUTION OF NARRATIVES

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- A. [Chart 1: Evolving Identity](#)
- B. [Chart 2: Judea/Samaria/"West Bank"](#)
- C. [Chart 2: Evolving Arab Narratives](#)

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# Evolution of Arab and Israeli Narratives 1900-2010

## Chart 1 - IDENTITY

EVOLUTION OF ARAB AND ISRAELI NARRATIVES 1900 - 2010 (1)		
Years	Israeli Identity	Palestinian Identity
1900-1919	None - Jews are citizens of Ottoman Empire	None - Arabs are citizens of Ottoman Empire / Palestinian describes any resident of area
1920-1940	None - Jews known as Palestinian Jews	Official Arab denial that a "Palestinian" identity exists
1950	Palestinian Jews adopt Israeli identity	West bank Arabs become Jordanian citizens/ Term "Palestinian" described non-Israelis in the region
1960	Israeli Jews, Christians, Moslems, Druze, etc.	Arabs of Palestine identify as part of the "Arab Nation"
1970	Same	New Palestinian identity evolves for Palestinian Arabs
1980	Same	Arabs of Palestinan identify themselves as a distinct group
1990	Same	Same
2000	Same	Same
2010	Same	Same

(See Part I item "A" )

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# Evolution of Arab and Israeli Narratives 1900-2010

## Chart 2 – JUDEA/SAMARIA/ “WEST BANK”

EVOLUTION OF ARAB AND ISRAELI NARRATIVES 1900 - 2010 (2)			
Years	Term used for "West Bank"	Government of West Bank/Gaza	Jewish Communities in West Bank/Gaza
1900-1919	Called Judea-Samaria for many centuries	Ottoman Empire for 400 years	No restrictions on Jewish communities
1920-1940	Judea-Samaria	British Military Occupation followed by Mandate to prepare for Jewish homeland	No restrictions on Jewish communities
1950	West Bank of Jordan	Post invasion military occupation by Jordan followed by illegal annexation	None - Ethnic cleansing of all Jewish communities by Arabs creates Jewish refugees
1960	West Bank of Jordan	Jordanian Arab Government	None - Arab religious apartheid demands no rights for Jews and no Jews allowed
1970	West Bank - Disputed Territory	Arab invaders expelled/ Israeli military occupation	Arab invaders expelled / Jews re-establish communities
1980	West Bank/ Occupied Territory	Israeli military government	Any size Jewish community is called a "settlement"
1990	West Bank/ Occupied Territory/ Arab land	Israeli military government	144 new Jewish Communities & 261 new Arab Communities
2000	West Bank/ Occupied Territory/ Palestinian land	Divided governing - Palestinian Authority governs 95% of Arabs	All Jewish communities tagged "illegal settlements"
2010	West Bank/ Occupied Palestinian land	Same	Arabs demand return to ethnic cleansing of all Jews from "West Bank" and Gaza

([See Part I item “F”](#))

([See Part I item “C”](#))

([See Part I item “D”](#))

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# Evolution of Arab and Israeli Narratives 1900-2010

## Chart 3 - TARGETED ARAB NARRATIVES

EVOLUTION OF ARAB AND ISRAELI NARRATIVES 1900 - 2010 (3)		
Years	Arab Narrative to non-Arabs	Arab Narrative to their Constituency
1900-1919	None	None
1920-1940	Kill Jews because they are taking Arab land	Kill Jews because they are taking Arab land
1950	Kill Jews/ Push them into the sea	Kill the Jews/ Push them into the sea
1960	Liberation struggle does NOT include W.Bank/Gaza	Occupied Palestine includes all of Israel
1970	Struggle to liberate W.Bank/ Gaza & end apartheid	Occupied Palestine includes all of Israel
1980	Arab struggle to liberate occupied Palestine	Kill Jews & destroy Israel as per phased plan
1990	Palestinian struggle to end occupation of their land	Kill Jews/love martyrdom, a future with no Israel
2000	Struggle against occupation and for self determination	Destroy Israel in stages (PLO/Fatah/PA) or all at once (HAMAS)
2010	Same	Same

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## PART VII: RECOMMENDED NARRATIVE

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## **A Recommended Accurate Israeli Narrative**

Even though Israel was legally allocated the sliver of territory west of the Jordan River from the dissolved (non-Arab) Ottoman Empire after World War I for the reconstituted Jewish homeland, in the interest of reconciliation, long-term peace and prosperity for all, Israel is willing to allocate some of its land for another state for the Arabs of Palestine

Remember to be honest, accurate, and always ask for evidence when confronting Israel's critics. Assume that people you are addressing are innocent victims of misinformation and propaganda who are unaware of the documented historical evidence for Israel and the lack of evidence to support the Arab narrative. Challenge the use of false terminology even though it has been used incorrectly in the past.

**Honesty, Accuracy, and Integrity are your best weapons**

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## PART VIII: IMPACT OF MISCONCEPTIONS

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Widespread entrenched misconceptions about the Arab-Israeli conflict will present a challenge once you choose to use accurate terminology which contradicts the Arab narrative. *We must help people come to the conclusion that some widely held assumptions are not true*, verifiable by neutral open source data. Once doubts surface about the validity of information used to form their opinion, people will be more open minded about accepting Israel's position. [See Part IX: Inconvenient questions]

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A- Considering how much media attention Israel receives, people in general are surprised to learn that:


- Israel is *smaller* than New Jersey;
  - Israel has *fewer* people than New York City;
- } People tend to believe that Israel's size and population are proportional to the amount of media attention it receives

(Use local examples for other regions of the world like Mexico City/ London/ Paris/ Moscow/ Istanbul/ Tokyo/ Shanghai/ Sydney-Melbourne, Calcutta, etc.)


B- Israel's detractors characterize it as an expansionist state

- After defensive wars, **Israel returned to Arab aggressors captured territory several times larger** than all rest of the land in Israel in the hope that this would result in peace;

C- Israel's detractors characterize it as a state just for Jews. People in general are surprised to learn that:

- With approximately 76% of its citizens being the majority religion, Israel is more religiously *diverse* than the 79<sup>+</sup>% Christian United States;  ([See Doc 6](#) and [Doc 7](#))
- Many people are astounded to learn that while Christianity and Islam each have over a **billion** adherents worldwide that there are only about 14 **million** Jews. (less than the population of each of the ten largest cities)

**D-** That Israel insists on being recognized as a Jewish state is sometimes submitted as proof that Israel it is an official apartheid or racist country. People in general are surprised to learn that:

- Non-Jews are in positions of influence in most mainstream sectors of Israeli society (Judges, Generals, Politicians, etc.)
- While some Arab countries forbid people of some religions from being citizens or holding political office, religious minorities in Israel exercise upward mobility and are successful in most mainstream sectors of society.
- While Israel has no *official* state religion;
  - Christianity is the **official state religion** for 20 countries
  - Islam is the **official state religion** for 25 others.  ([See Doc 8](#))

**E- Proposed non-contiguous Arab state of Palestine:** Palestinian Arab supporters voice a concern that a **non-contiguous state** of Palestine with a separated West Bank and Gaza would be impractical.

**It is not a problem for:**

- the six other nations with non-contiguous fragments separated by land (like Oman, Russia, and the United States)
- the many island chain nations (like Japan and the Philippines)

**F-** People in general are surprised to learn that **no country was displaced and no government was overturned** for the purpose of making Israel's rebirth possible.

([See Part I Term "B"](#), [Part 5 item 8](#), and [Part VI chart #2](#))

**G-** People in general are surprised to learn that the last internationally recognized and **uncontested head of state** for that territory was Sultan Mahmud VI of the (non-Arab) Ottoman Empire until 1917. It was not and never was an Arab from the Palestine region.

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## PART IX: INCONVENIENT QUESTIONS

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- A. [The Conflict](#)
- B. [Core Issue](#)
- C. [Comparisons](#)
- D. [Arabs of Palestine Mandate Region](#)
- E. [Refugees](#)
- F. [Settlements](#)
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These questions will present a challenge in logic, common sense and morality to those who champion the Arab narrative and terminology against Israel. The probable response will be to change the subject or find a way to draw attention from the lack of evidence for their position. Always ask for a response to the specific questions.

\* = a question not restated from previous sections

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## A- THE CONFLICT

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- (1) What evidence exists that **permanent peace** between Israel and its neighbors would result from the creation of a Palestinian Arab state on the same ‘West Bank’ and Gaza land that Arabs illegally occupied after the 1948 invasion until 1967? ([See Part 5](#))
- (2) What evidence exists that the Arab goal is killing of Jews and the destruction of the Jewish state of Israel rather than self determination? ([See Part 1 – C](#)) ([See Part 3 – E](#))
- (3) Why are the **1967 cease fire lines** after the Arab armies attacked considered any less permanent than the **1949 cease fire lines**? (Both resulted from failed Arab aggression. The 1949 line marked where the Arab invasion was stopped.) ([See Part 1 – H](#))
- (4) Ask people who object to how lives are being saved by **Israel’s security measures** to suggest better methods. Ask why those measures are necessary. ([See Part 3 – D](#))
- (5) Supporting a **BDS** movement (Boycott – Divestment – Sanctions) against Israel is a stand for what principles and values? ([See Part 3 – E](#))
- (6) Considering broken pledges to officially remove the genocidal articles from their foundation documents, to disarm and dismantle terrorist organizations, and to eliminate incitement, what substantial **confidence-building measures or concessions** have the Arabs made that were actually honored? ([See Part 3 – F](#))
- (7) Considering the Arab’s documented genocidal goal and **dismal record** for honoring commitments with Israel, what evidence would support the contention by people and some governments that there would be **peace in the Middle East if only Israel made the ‘right’ concessions**? ([See Part 3 – F](#))

## B- CORE ISSUE

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- (1) What evidence is there to support the belief that Israel's borders rather than Israel's existence is the **core issue** of the Arab-Israeli Conflict? (There is none!) ([See Part 3 – I](#))
- (2) Why do some people choose to ignore the **unambiguous calls for genocide** and destruction of the world's only Jewish state in the foundation documents of most Middle Eastern Arab political and religious organizations and in the 1974 Phased Plan for the Liberation of Palestine (also known as the 10 Point Plan or Plan of Stages,) official road map for Israel's destruction in stages?  ([See Doc 2](#), [Doc 4](#), and [Doc 5](#))
- (3) **What was the Palestine Liberation Organization intent on “Liberating”** since Arabs controlled all the land now claimed by Palestinian Arabs when it was formed in 1964? ([See Part 1 – C](#)) [This presents a clear **timeline conflict**.]
- (4) What is the only country in the world **publically marked for extinction** by leaders of other countries? (And why is this not officially denounced by the United Nations?)
- (5) After a Jewish presence had been reestablished and the **ethnic cleansing** by the Arab invaders was ended by their being repulsed, is there any moral, ethical, or legal justification for demands that Jews once again be expelled and forbidden from living in areas over which Arabs hope to eventually govern? ([See Part 1 – D](#), [1 - F](#), & [1 - G](#))
- (6) **Are Arab leaders lying to their own people** when they teach in their schools, preach in their mosques, and disseminate in mainstream media what is documented in the foundation documents of their main political organizations - a hatred of Jews and the annihilation of Israel? **Or are they lying to everyone else** when they say the Arabs of Palestine, with their new-found national identity, are only struggling to end an "occupation" (of a land over which they never had sovereignty) and for self-determination? ([See Part 5](#))
- (7) Why do some people fail to understand that **supporting Palestinian Arabs** with boycotts, divestment, and sanctions against Israel is supporting their documented genocidal goal, Arab religious apartheid, and destruction of the world's only Jewish Homeland? ([See Part 3 – E](#))

## C- COMPARISONS

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(1) **What is the basis** for calling the returning Jewish refugees and others who chose to live in the liberated territory “**settlers**” or their communities “**illegal settlements**” regardless of how large they are or how long they have existed, while small new Arab settlements, often illegally built on other’s land, are called villages or towns? ([See Part 1- D](#))

(2) Ask people to explain why using **higher standards and unique definitions** solely for the Jewish state of Israel is not anti-Semitism. A follow-up question is to ask why Israel is the only place in the world that decades-old communities of tens of thousands are referred to as “settlements” rather than as towns or cities.

(3) **Ask people to compare the fate of Arabs who remained in Israel with the fate of Jews who were in Judea/Samaria after the Arab invasion.** Point out that while Arabs who remained in Israel after the failed Arab war to destroy Israel eventually became Israeli citizens who have exercised upward mobility in many fields, that Jews who remained where the Arab invaders took possession were either killed or expelled in a genocidal wave of ethnic cleansing. **Then ask why only Israel is slandered with the charge of being an apartheid state.** ([See Part 1 – J](#))

(4) Ask people to compare the Arab denial of the right of actual Jewish refugees from Judea/Samaria to return to their lands after the end of illegal occupation by Arab invaders, with the Arab **demand for a right to return for Arab refugees/displaced persons and their descendents to a different state than the one they hope to someday govern?** ([See Part 1 – J](#))

(5) **Compare the different fate of Jewish and Arab refugees.**

The **Jewish refugees** from Arab countries, who had lost vastly greater assets than had been lost by Arab refugees from the Palestine region, were integrated into the struggling new state of Israel.

Even though the number of **Arab refugees** and displaced persons from the Palestine region was less than the number of Jewish refugees from Arab countries, Arab leadership, with far greater resources and territory than Israel, refused to resettle their refugees despite sharing the same language, ethnic background, religion, culture, etc.

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**Can this legitimately be considered an exchange of populations** like the much larger India-Pakistan exchange at approximately the same time? ([See Part 1 – J](#) & [Part 1 - K](#))

(6) Compare the Israel's treatment of their refugees as a **humanitarian issue** with the Arab policy of treating their refugees as a **political issue**. ([See Part 1 – J](#) & [Part 1 - K](#))

(7) Why do some people question **Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state** in a world with dozens of Muslim and Christian countries with official state religions? The legal documents for allocating former Ottoman land for the resurrection of the Jewish homeland unequivocally state that a primary justification for that allocation is the historical and religious connection of Jews to that specific land? ([See Part 3- I](#))

\* (8) Why do some people fail to examine and contrast the following positions? In mainstream Arab society individuals and organizations that **advocate killing Jews** are openly celebrated as role models, while in Israel promoting hatred or violence against Arabs is considered a crime punishable with imprisonment. (See Core Issue questions below)

(9) Why do some people demand that Israel, with sovereignty rights in Judea/Samaria, unilaterally **freeze home construction** in the midst of an unprecedented Palestinian Arab building boom, generally without building permits on land they do not own? ([See Part 1-E](#))

(10) How can people be so taken in by the **marketing reversal** of who is **David** and who is **Goliath**? This is demonstrated by the characterization of the Arab-Israeli Conflict with Goliath being the 400 million block of Arabs being pitted against the tiny Israeli nation inexplicably morphing into the Israel-Palestinian Conflict with Israel being Goliath against one market segment of Arabs as if they were Israel's only adversary. ([See Part 1- L](#))

(11) Compare **Jerusalem** under the religious apartheid of Muslim control with Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty today as a sacred city where Jews, Christians, Muslims, and others can openly practice and promote their religion

\* (12) Compare **rights, population growth, and opportunities** for upward mobility for minorities both in Israel and where Palestinian Arabs govern. ([See Part 3 – I](#))

\* (13) Why do some people criticize **Israel's life-saving security measures** rather than the Arab terrorism targeted against civilians that brought about those measures?


(14) Why does our media fail to expose the **duplicity** exhibited by Arab leaders and spokesmen who speak of peace arising from a two-state solution to Western media and governments while in Arabic to their own people they openly advocate genocidal jihad against the infidel Jewish state of Israel and the killing of all Jews? ([See Part 2](#))

## D- ARABS OF THE PALESTINE MANDATE REGION 2 ([See Website](#)) —

(1) Considering that there is no evidence to refute **official Arab spokesmen** prior to the late 1960s that there was no such thing as a Palestinian people, why do some people today consider the new found Palestinian identity for Arabs of the Palestine region to have any historical basis and to be legitimate **retroactive justification** for Arab violence against Jews many decades before that identity was first claimed? ([See Part 1- A](#))

(2) **Why is agreement today with the Arab position** prior to the late 1960s that a unique and historically distinct Palestinian identity did not exist often result in charges of being racist, extremist, hawkish, or right wing?

(3) Why, with very few exceptions, were **all pre-1948 institutions** with 'Palestine' or Palestinian in their names Jewish, not Arab? ([See Part 1 – A](#))


(4) Can you explain why every official **Commission of Inquiry** about Palestine from 1919 until Israel's rebirth mentioned Arabs and "Palestinian Jews" but not once ever mentioned "Palestinian" as a separate Arab identity or people?  11 ([See website](#))

(5) Can you justify saying "**Israel-Palestinian Conflict**" to describe a time before a Palestinian identity existed. [This presents a **timeline conflict**.] ([See Part 1 – L](#))

(6) Why do some people accept the Arab claim that Israeli "**occupation**" of Judea and Samaria is the reason for terrorism even though Arab terrorism against Jews began several generations before that occurred? [This presents a clear **timeline conflict**.] ([See Part 1 – C](#))

\* (7) Why is the PLO the Palestine Liberation Organization instead of the Palestinian L O?

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- \* (8) How can it be justified that the demand for the **ethnic cleansing** of Jews from the new state Arabs want to establish would result in neighboring states where one (Israel) is a multi-cultural democracy with citizens of many religions and another Arab country where Jews are forbidden?
- \* (9) Why do some people accept the **claim of Arabs of Palestine** that they should be recognized as a state on land legally allocated for the Jewish homeland when they themselves have no fixed borders, multiple competing governments, negligible financial viability, plus words, deeds, and foundation documents which clearly demonstrate their goal is the destruction of the sovereign Jewish state of Israel rather than self determination for themselves?
- \* (10) The question that should be asked is why Palestinian Arabs devoured **foreign aid far greater per capita** than the Marshall Plan which rebuilt devastated war-torn Europe after WWII in efforts to destroy Israel rather than for building the necessary institutions and infrastructure required for establishing another Arab country.  12 ([See Website](#))

## E- REFUGEES ([See Part 1- K](#)) 7 ([See Website](#))

- \* (1) Why do some people fail to realize that both the Arab and Jewish refugee problems are the **direct result of official decisions made by the Arab League**? (Jewish refugees resulted from the decisions to invade Israel and expel Jews from Arab countries across the Middle East and North Africa. Arab refugees resulted because of that failed war and another decision to treat them as a political issue rather than a humanitarian issue.)
- \* (2) If refugees from the loosing German aggressors in World War II have no “right of return,” what basis is there for claims of a “right of return,” for the loosing Arab aggressors after the failed 1948 Arab invasion of the new state of Israel?
- \* (3) Why do some people fail to question the UN’s unique **criteria for assigning refugee status** for Palestinian Arabs and the unprecedented institutionalization of that status by making it possible to pass it on to future generations?
- (4) Why do you suppose that while vastly **larger groups of refugees than the Arabs** have been resettled worldwide in relatively short time spans?

(5) Question the Arab insistence they have a unique **right of return** even though it defies logic that anyone could return to a place where most of them have never been or that this demand is being made by the same organizations that are demanding a completely different separate Palestinian (Arab) state. ([See Part 1 – J](#))

\* (6) By what logic are the Arab refugees and displaced persons from their failed attempts to destroy the sovereign state of Israel and slaughter its Jewish inhabitants allowed to refuse resettlement while being entitled to a **unique ability to pass refugee status to their** descendants?

\* (7) **Why do people accept the Arab claim** of the number of their refugees and displaced persons when statistics clearly demonstrate the claim greatly exceeds the maximum possible total?

\* (8) Why do some people fail to question why the Arab refugees and displaced persons from their failed attempts to destroy the sovereign state of Israel are **the only static refugee group in the world whose numbers go up rather than down?**

(9) Since it violates internationally accepted standards for determining refugee status, **what is the basis for claiming that status** and a right of return for Palestinian Arabs who have resettled in other countries or who have Jordanian citizenship?

## F- SETTLEMENTS ([See Part 1 – D](#) & [Part 3 – B](#))

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(1) Since there were **no Jewish communities on Arab owned land** during the decades of Arab terrorism against Jews before Israel's resurrection in 1948, what supports claims they were the primary cause of Arab violence?

(2) Since because of the total **ethnic cleansing of Jews by the Arab Occupation forces** in Judea/Samaria after the 1948 invasion, what supports claims that "settlements" prevented peace until the 1967 war?

(3) Since there were many Jewish communities (also known as "settlements") when Israel concluded peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, what justifies claims that they are a major obstacle toward peace?

## G- LAND

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- \* (1) Since **Israel's right to declare sovereignty** stems from the legally binding 1920 San Remo Resolution, the 1922 Mandate for Palestine under the auspices of the League of Nations, and was reconfirmed by the United Nations, why do people state that right derived from the non-binding (and rejected by the Arabs) 1947 UN partition recommendation, General Assembly Resolution 181?
- (2) **What document, treaty, or international law** rescinded the allocation of former Ottoman land west of the Jordan River to Zionists for a Jewish homeland or granted it to the Arabs of Palestine (also known as Palestinians)? (None exists) ([See Part 1 –B](#))
- \* (3) What document, treaty, international law, or definition justifies describing the “West Bank” as anything other than liberated Israeli territory after the 19-year post-Arab invasion and illegal occupation was ended by force in 1967? (None exists)
- \* (4) What justifies considering the Arab-rejected 1947 UN Partition Committee proposal as the basis for Arab claims of illegal Israeli occupation and future Arab sovereignty?
- \* (5) What makes the Arab-rejected 1947 UN Partition Committee proposal to reassign a portion of former Ottoman land allocated for a Jewish state to an Arab state more valid than the Arab-rejected 1937 Peel Commission proposal to do the same thing? Both were meaningless once either party rejected it.
- \* (6) Why do some people accept the Arab insistence that the **former Ottoman land** designated by international treaty to be part of Israel that Arabs took by force and lost by force is “occupied Palestinian (Arab) land” even though the liberators are the very people whose sovereignty rights over that territory have never been revoked or superseded?
- (7) Why do many people consider the territory west of the Jordan River “**Arab or Palestinian land**” despite the fact that it has not been under local Arab sovereignty for over five hundred years? How can it be occupied Arab land if no Arab state was displaced or occupied Palestinian (Arab) land if there is no evidence it was ever theirs or that a Palestinian (Arab) identity even existed prior to the resurrection of the state of Israel? ([See Part 1- B](#))

(8) How can **land Jews legally purchased** and former Ottoman Empire state land granted to Israel in the official Mandate documents be considered “Arab land”? Significant amounts of land in Judea and Samaria are in this category. ([See Part 1 B](#))

 ([See Doc 3](#))

9) ***Whose land is being occupied?*** Could the legal basis for allocating former Ottoman territory for the Jewish homeland including Judea and Samaria be evidence that the “West Bank” is being illegally occupied by Arabs who demand sovereignty over land that has been neither possessed by them nor granted to them? ([See Part 1 – C](#))

10) **Why did the Arab countries, who were at the time illegally occupying Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, as well as part of Jerusalem, not use this territory to create a state for the Palestinian Arab people when they had the opportunity (albeit illegally) to do so?** ([See Part 1 – A](#))

(11) What is the **moral standard** by which it has become politically correct to use terminology that validates the brief illegal Arab occupation by saying “West Bank” even though the region is no longer the West Bank of Jordan? ([See Part 4](#))

\*(12) What evidence is there to validate the use of the new terminology “**West Bank**” **instead of Judea/Samaria** since the area had been referred to as Judea/Samaria in historical documents and modern official records until the 1948 Arab invasion? ([See Part 1 – F](#))

(13) What evidence is there to validate the use of the use of the new terminology “**East Jerusalem**” **instead of Jerusalem**? The city has been referred to as Jerusalem in historical documents and modern official records until the 1948 Arab invasion and illegal partition of the city as the result of armed aggression? ([See Part 1 – G](#))

\*(14) Ask the **number of times Jerusalem was capital** of an Arab country, state, region, colony or empire – Zero. ([See Part 1 – G](#)) (Contrast this with Jerusalem as Jewish capital)

\*(15) Why does **conventional wisdom** identify people who use the accurate terminology for the liberated land, Judea and Samaria, as hawkish and right wing? ([See Part 4](#))

\*(16) Why does **conventional wisdom** consider as politically correct the term ‘**West Bank**’ when that term serves to validate the Jordanian Arab military invasion and 19-year illegal occupation and annexation of Judea and Samaria during which time the occupiers called it the West Bank of Jordan? ([See Part 4](#))

(17) **Ask for an explanation as to why the** reunification of Berlin Germany, divided after World War II by international agreement, was cheered by most people, while the reunification of Jerusalem, which was divided after an Arab invasion in violation of international law, is considered illegal by some people. ([See Part 1 – G](#))

\*(18) If the main thing that prevented the “West Bank” and Gaza from being legally part of Israel was the 1948 Arab invasion and occupation, then what should the status be after the invaders were repulsed 19-years later in 1967?

\*(19) Since Arabs turned down plans to divide the Jewish allocation of former Ottoman land in 1937, 1948, and 2000, why do they claim a right to what they formally rejected?

The purpose of this section (Inconvenient Questions) and Part VIII (Misconceptions) is to help people come to the conclusion that some of their assumptions about the Arab-Israeli conflict may not be true and raise doubts about Arab propaganda.

The next section, Myth Busting Questions, is designed to lead people to discover the contrast between myth-based “conventional wisdom” and evidence based facts.

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## PART X: MYTH BUSTING QUESTIONS

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### **Myths and Misconceptions**

- A. [Israel is a large country of Jews](#)
- B. [Israel won wars only because of US support](#)
- C. [Palestinians are a unique and historically distinct people](#)
- D. [Palestine is the historical homeland of the Palestinian people](#)
- E. [Israel is an apartheid country](#)
- F. [Israel's legitimacy is in question](#)
- G. [Israel's security barrier is a wall surrounding all the Palestinian Arabs](#)
- H. [The US-Israel relationship only benefits Israel](#)
- I. [The West Bank is occupied Palestinian territory](#)
- J. [Gaza has the highest population density in the world](#)
- K. [Miscellaneous](#)

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The harm caused to Israel's image by damaging terminology may be reversible if we can help people discover that one or more of their assumptions about the Arab-Israeli conflict is based on myth and misconceptions. By asking a series of questions concerning information which may be easily verified using neutral sources, the stage may be set for them to become more opened minded and willing to learn about the pro-Israel perspective based on evidence and documented facts.

The following questions are grouped with the misconceptions they address.

**To aid in customizing the questions for different countries, information about the first misconception is provided at the end of this section.**

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#### **A. Misconception: Israel is a large country of Jews / Jews are numerous worldwide**

- 1) Q- What do the following cities have in common compared to Israel - New York/ Los Angeles/ Mexico City/ London/ Paris/ Moscow/ Istanbul/ Tokyo/ Shanghai/ Calcutta  
A- Each one of these cities has a larger population than the entire country of Israel
- 2) Q- What US state is approximately the same size as Israel?  
A- New Jersey (Note: Customize this question to apply to other counties)
- 3) Q- Which of the following countries is smaller than Israel - Ireland/ Denmark/ Belgium/ Greece/ Haiti/Costa Rica/ Rwanda  
A- None (152 countries are larger than Israel)
- 4) Q- Approximately what percentage of Israeli citizens are Jews?  
A- 76% (About the same as the percentage of Christians in the US)
- 5) Q- Which of the following religions has fewer members than Judaism?  
Christianity/ Islam/ Hindu/ Sikhism/ Buddhism  
A- None (The next largest religion -Sikhism- is more than 50% larger)

## **B. Misconception: Israel won wars only because of US support**

- 6) Q- Name two western countries that had arms embargos against Israel which lasted more than five years after the 1948 War of Independence.  
A- United States and Great Britain
- 7) Q- What country was Israel's principal supplier of small arms during the War of Independence?  
A- Czechoslovakia
- 8) Q- What country was Israel's principal supplier of tanks and planes during the first few decades of independence?  
A- France

## **C. Misconception: Palestinians are a unique and historically distinct people**

- 9) Q- Who were Israel's first president and prime minister? What was their nationality in 1947?  
A- Prime Minister - David Ben Gurion / President - Chaim Weizmann. (Official documents like their passports identified them as Palestinians.)
- 10) Q- What orchestra played Hatikvah when Israel's independence was announced?  
A- Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra
- 11) Q- What newspaper became the Jerusalem Post?  
A- Palestine Post
- 12) Q- When is the only time in hundreds of years that it was illegal for Jews to live in what's commonly referred to as the "West Bank"?  
A- During the 19-year Jordanian occupation from 1948 to 1967.
- 13) Q- How many people were identified as Palestinian Arabs in 1900?  
A- Zero. There is no record of anyone claiming to be part of a unique and historically distinct people called Palestinians until after Israel's reconstitution.

#### **D. Misconception: Palestine is the historical homeland of the Palestinian people**

**14) Q-** What are the only three times in history that Jerusalem served as a capital city for the indigenous population?

A- 1st Temple Period 420yrs/ 2nd Temple Period 540yrs/ Modern Israel 65yrs

**15) Q-** How many times has Jerusalem served as a capital city for an Arab country, state, region, colony or empire?

A- Zero – There is no record of this in recorded history

**16) Q-** Who was the last universally recognized head of state for the region of Palestine?

A- Sultan Mehmet VI of the Ottoman Empire

**17) Q-** How many times is a proposed state of Palestine alongside a Jewish state mentioned in any official document before the establishment of the state of Israel?

A- Zero. Even the UN Partition committee referred to another “Arab state” rather than a Palestinian state.

**18) Q-** How many times is the “West Bank” or “East Jerusalem” mentioned in any official document before the establishment of the state of Israel?

A- Zero. The “West Bank” has been known as Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem was undivided for thousands of years until they were illegally annexed by Jordanian after the 1948 Arab invasion and ethnic cleansing of Jews.

#### **E. Misconception: Israel is an apartheid country**

**19) Q-** What do all these countries have in common with Israel regarding rights for specific categories of people? France/ Spain/ India/ Turkey / Denmark / Norway/ Bahrain/ Liberia

A- They all have Laws of Return which give preferential immigration rights to select categories of people.

**20) Q-** What is/are Israel’s official language(s)?

A- Hebrew and Arabic

21) Q- Other than being predominantly Jewish, what demographic trend in Israel is different than for any other Middle East country?

A- It is the only country with a population growth of minority religions.

22) Q- What country is responsible of the greatest number of Palestinian Arab deaths?

A- Jordan during the 1970 Palestinian Arab attempt to topple the government.

23) Q- What country's policies is responsible for the greatest number of Palestinian Arab refugees?

A- Kuwait because of Palestinian support for the 1991 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait

#### **F. Misconception: Israel's legitimacy is in question.**

24) Q- What does the legal foundation for the formation of Syria, Jordan, Hungary, Austria and several other Middle Eastern and Eastern European countries have in common with Israel?

A- They were all created with the same legal authority, the League of Nations, by the victors of World War I on land of either the former Ottoman Empire or Austria-Hungary Empires, neither of which were Arab.

25) Q- How is Israel different than the states of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria in the documents legalizing their establishment?

A- Israel is the only one stated as "reconstituted" in official Mandate Documents

#### **G. Misconception: The security barrier is a wall surrounding all Palestinian Arabs.**

26) Q- Approximately how much of Israel's anti-terrorism barrier is a wall and how much is a fence?

A- Less than 5% is wall and is only built where a fence is inadequate protection from snipers.

27) Q- How much of Israel's security barrier is on the eastern side of the Palestinian Arab occupied area bordered by Jordan?

A- None of it.

**28) Q-** How is the purpose of Israel's security barrier different than the border walls of the US, Spain, Botswana, and Cyprus?

A- Only Israel's barrier was specifically built to prevent terrorism

#### **H. Misconception: The US-Israel relationship only benefits Israel**

**29) Q-** What percentage of US military aid to Israel must be used for purchases from US companies

A- Almost 75%

**30) Q-** Which country shares with the US the most improvements made to US military equipment - England, Egypt, Israel, or Saudi Arabia?

A- Israel

**3-) Q-** Which country provides the greatest amount of security intelligence about the Middle East to the United States - England, Egypt, Israel, or Saudi Arabia?

A- Israel

**32) Q-** Which is the only country in the Middle East that shares economic, scientific, energy, research, academic, and military innovations with the US?

A- Israel

**33) Q-** With only 3% of population of the Middle East, Israel imports what percentage of US exports to the entire region?    3%    10%    15%    25%

A- 25%

**34) Q-** Which country sent the US aid after natural disasters and terrorist attacks like against US embassies and 9/11 - England, Egypt, Israel, or Saudi Arabia?

A- Israel

**35) Q-** Which is the Middle East country in the United Nations that votes most consistently with the US?

A- Israel

## **I. Misconception: Judea and Samaria (also known as the West Bank) is occupied Palestinian territory**

**36) Q-** What document, treaty, or international law rescinded the allocation of former Ottoman land west of the Jordan River to Zionists for a Jewish homeland or granted it to the Arabs of Palestine (also known as Palestinians)?

A- None exists. Recommendations for division were refused by the Arabs

**37) Q-** What document, treaty, international law, or definition justifies describing the “West Bank” as anything other than liberated Israeli territory after the 19-year post Arab invasion and illegal occupation was ended by force in 1967?

A- None exists. The occupation by the Arab invaders was ended by force.

**38) Q-** What justifies describing the territory west of the Jordan River “**Arab or Palestinian land**” despite the fact that it has not been under local Arab sovereignty for at least five hundred years?

A- No evidence exists to support that claim.

**39) Q-** What documented evidence supports the claim that the territory west of the Jordan River is occupied Arab Palestinian land if no Arab state was displaced and no historically unique and distinct Palestinian (Arab) identity was claimed prior to the resurrection of the state of Israel? ([See Part 1- B](#))

A- No evidence exists to support that claim.

## **J. Misconception: Gaza has the highest population density in the world**

**40) Q-** Which city has a higher population density than Gaza?

Boston – Tel Aviv – Chicago – Jerusalem – San Francisco – Paris – Athens

A- All of them plus more than 50 other cities and countries.

## **K. Miscellaneous:**

**41) Q-** Name two Israeli Prime Ministers who at one time lived in the United States either in Milwaukee or near Philadelphia.

A- Golda Meir and Benjamin Netanyahu

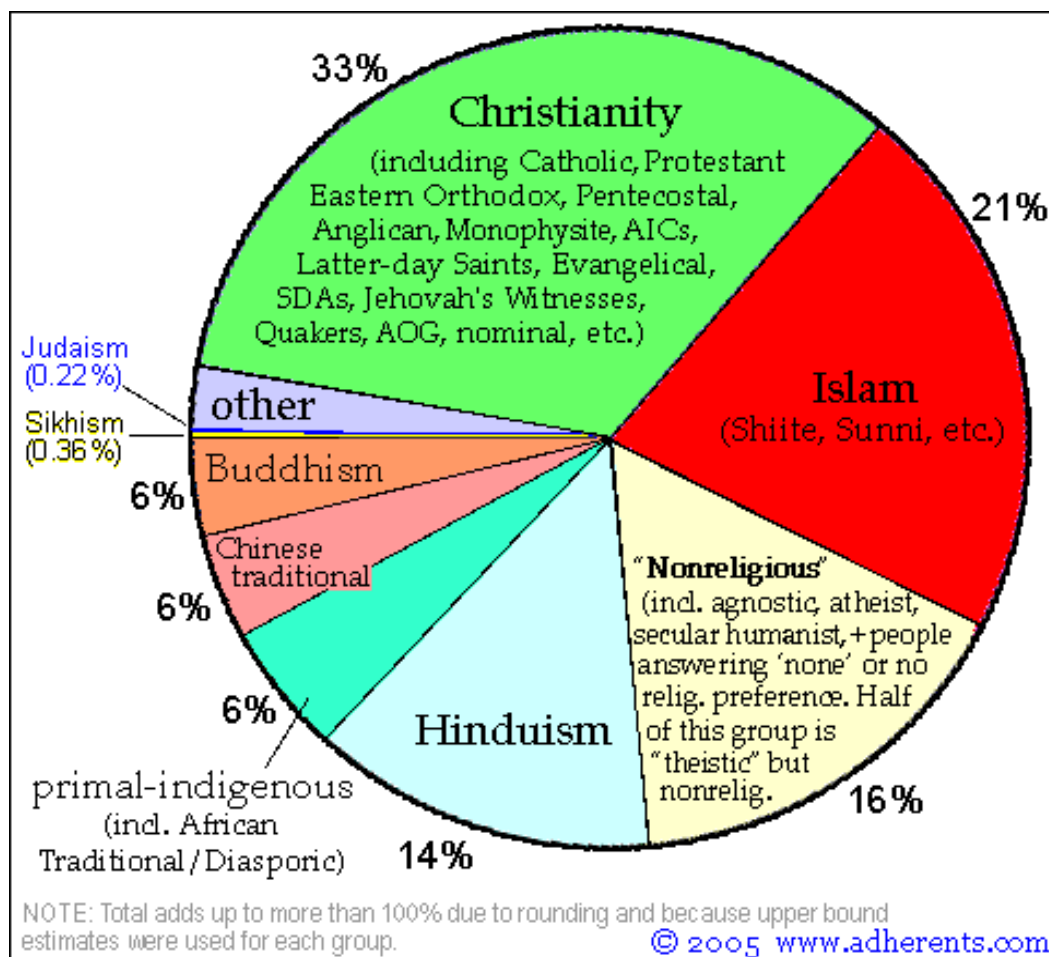
42) Q- Of these three countries, the US, Great Britain, and Saudi Arabia, only Great Britain has what in common about its government with Israel today?

A- Both have a parliamentary form of government

## MYTH BUSTING QUESTIONS: Lists, Charts, and Graphs

### MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

1- Christianity: 2.1 billion	7- primal-indigenous: 300 million
2- Islam: 1.5 billion	8- African Traditional : 100 million
3- Secular /Agnostic/Atheist: 1.1 billion	9- Sikhism: 23 million
4- Hinduism: 900 million	10- Juche: 19 million
5- Chinese traditional religion: 394 million	11- Spiritism: 15 million
6- Buddhism: 376 million	12- Judaism: 14 million



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## CITIES With More People Than All The Jews In The World

1. Tokyo, Japan (37,126,000)	10. Mexico City, Mexico (19,463,000)
2. Jakarta, Indonesia (26,063,000)	11. Cairo, Egypt (17,816,000)
3. Seoul, South Korea (22,547,000)	12. Beijing, China (17,311,000)
4. Delhi, India (22,242,000)	13. Osaka, Japan (17,011,000)
5. Shanghai, China (20,860,000)	14. Mumbai (Bombay), India (16,910,000)
6. Manila, Philippines (20,767,000)	15. Guangzhou, China (16,827,000)
7. Karachi, Pakistan (20,711,000)	16. Moscow, Russia (15,512,000)
8. New York, USA (20,464,000)	17. Los Angeles, USA (14,900,000)
9. Sao Paulo, Brazil (20,186,000)	18. Calcutta, India (14,374,000)

### Largest Countries By Area (rounded)

1- Russia	17,100,000 km <sup>2</sup>
2- Canada	10,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>
3- China	9,700,000 km <sup>2</sup>
4- United States	9,600,000 km <sup>2</sup>
18- Iran	1,600,000 km <sup>2</sup>
30- Egypt	1,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>
89- Syria	185,000 km <sup>2</sup>
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153 Israel	20,700 km <sup>2</sup>

### Countries With Similar Size To Israel

147- Haiti	27,700 km <sup>2</sup>
148- Rwanda	26,300 km <sup>2</sup>
149- Macedonia	23,700 km <sup>2</sup>
150- Djibouti	23,000 km <sup>2</sup>
151- Belize	23,000 km <sup>2</sup>
152- El Salvador	21,000 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>153- Israel</b>	<b>20,700 km<sup>2</sup></b>
154- Slovenia	20,200 km <sup>2</sup>
155- New Caledonia	18,600 km <sup>2</sup>

<b>37 CITIES with larger population than the COUNTRY of Israel</b>	
1.	Tokyo, Japan (37,126,000)
2.	Jakarta, Indonesia (26,063,000)
3.	Seoul, South Korea (22,547,000)
4.	Delhi, India (22,242,000)
5.	Shanghai, China (20,860,000)
6.	Manila, Philippines (20,767,000)
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18.	Calcutta, India (14,374,000)
19.	Dhaka, Bangladesh (14,000,000)
20.	Buenos Aires, Argentina (13,639,000)
21.	Istanbul, Turkey (13,576,000)
22.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (12,043,000)
23.	Shenzhen, China (11,885,000)
24.	Lagos, Nigeria (11,547,000)
25.	Paris, France (10,755,000)
26.	Nagoya, Japan (10,027,000)
27.	Lima, Peru (9,121,600)

<b>37 CITIES with larger population than the COUNTRY of Israel</b>	
28.	Chicago, USA (9,121,000)
29.	Kinshasa, Congo (DRC) (9,046,000)
30.	Tianjin, China (8,922,000)
31.	Chennai, India (8,865,000)
32.	Bogota, Colombia (8,702,000)
33.	Bengaluru, India (8,670,000)
34.	London, United Kingdom (8,586,000)
35.	Taipei, Taiwan (8,338,000)
36.	Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Vietnam (8,314,000)
37.	Dongguan, China (8,278,000)

### Data Comparison: Is Gaza the Most Densely Populated Place on Earth?



Source: CIA World Fact Book, UN Statistics Division Demographic Yearbook 2008.

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<b>Region or Country</b>	<b>Region the same size or larger than Israel</b>	<b>Region - More People than Israel</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	Tierra del Fuego Province (1X)	Buenos Aires
<b>Australia</b>	Tasmania (4X larger than Israel)	Sydney & Melbourne combined
<b>Belgium</b>	Belgium (1.5X larger than Israel)	Belgium
<b>Brazil</b>	Sergipe State (1X)+	Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro
<b>Canada</b>	Vancouver Island (1.5X)	Ontario Province, Quebec Province
<b>Egypt</b>	North Sinai Province (1.4X)	Cairo
<b>France</b>	Lorraine (1X)+	Paris
<b>Germany</b>	Hesse State (1X)+	Lower Saxony State, +
<b>Greece</b>	Peloponnese (1X)	Konstantimople (Istanbul)
<b>India</b>	Mizoram (1X)	Mumbai, Deli, Calcutta, +
<b>Italy</b>	Sicily (1X)	Lombardy
<b>Japan</b>	Prefecture of Hokkaido (4X)	Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya
<b>Nigeria</b>	Cross River State (1X)	Lagos
<b>Norway</b>	Nord-Trøndelag (1X)+	Sweden
<b>Pakistan</b>	Gilgit Balistan Territory (3.5X)	Karachi
<b>Philippines</b>	Western Visayas (1X)	Manila
<b>Russia</b>	Ivanovo Province (1X)+	Moscow
<b>South Africa</b>	Mpumalanga Province (4X)	Gauteng Province
<b>South America</b>	Uruguay (8X), Costa Rica, +	Lima, San Paulo, Buenos Aires, +
<b>Turkey</b>	Antalya Province (1X),	Istanbul
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Scotland (1.5X)	London
<b>United States</b>	New Jersey (1X), California (80X)+	New York, Chicago, Los Angeles

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## PART XI: PALESTINIAN TERMINOLOGY GUIDE

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NOTE: This document is organized so each section may be read independently or as part of the whole. Acceptance of one or more recommendations does not necessarily imply acceptance or agreement with of any of the others.

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Israel's adversaries are disciplined in their choice of words and rarely miss an opportunity to use propaganda terminology such as **occupation, occupied territory, occupied Palestinian territory, apartheid, resistance, or illegal settlements.**

The impact of the unchallenged use of Arab propaganda terminology has made us indifferent to the effect it has on a public that is generally ignorant about accurate documented facts, history, and recognized legal standards.

Using the propaganda terminology of those who openly seek Israel's destruction validates the misinformation and myths covered in the previous sections.

**The importance of the terminology weapon to Israel's adversaries is demonstrated by the official 2012 Terminology Guide produced by the Palestinian Ministry of Information.** The Guide was analyzed by Palestinian Media Watch. The website to view the study is:

<http://tinyurl.com/PalTerminology>

The guide, **Terminology in Media, Culture and Politics**, includes the terms found in the chart on the following page.

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Israeli term	Palestinian Arab term
(Palestinian) Terror	Resistance
(Palestinian) Terrorist	Resistance member
Suicide (bombing) operations	Martyrdom-seeking operations
Palestinian violence	Legitimate resistance
Person who was killed	Martyr ( <i>Shahid</i> )
Israeli Minister of Defense	Israeli Minister of War
IDF - Israeli Defense Forces	Israeli occupation forces
Separation fence	Racist separation fence
Star of David	Six-pointed star
Wailing (Western) Wall (Kotel)	Al-Buraq Wall
Temple Mount	Noble Sanctuary of Jerusalem
The Promised Land	The Land of Palestine
Judea and Samaria (Biblical terms)	The occupied West Bank
(Israeli) Redeployment	Withdrawal from occupied territory
Palestinians	The Palestinian People
The Palestinian Authority	The Palestinian National Authority
PA autonomous areas	Liberated Palestinian territory
East Jerusalem	Arab Jerusalem
Disputed territory	Occupied territory
Return (of refugees)	Right of return (of refugees)
Palestinian demands	Palestinian rights
Israeli authorities	Israeli occupation authorities
Israeli prisons	Israeli occupation prisons
The Green Line	1967 borders

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