



**THE UNTOLD  
HISTORY OF  
PALESTINE  
& ISRAEL**

# DISCUSSION

- Can you think of other examples where rhetoric similar to “highways of a civilized people” and “vanguard against barbarism” has been used?
  - What does this reflect about the Zionist movement?

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- **What is Zionism?**
- **Why did/do many secular and religious Jews denounce the state of Israel and the Zionist movement?**

# ORIGINS OF ZIONISM

- Zionism: The belief in a Jewish state, influenced by late 19th century European colonialist ideologies
- Zionism is a secular movement
- Countries also considered by the early Zionist movement included: Argentina, Uganda, Madagascar, among others



# BEFORE 1948

- Jews, Muslims, & Christians lived in relative harmony in Palestine
- Palestinians initially welcomed the European Zionist settlers



# AL-NAKBA

- Ethnic cleansing campaign beginning in 1948
- 500 Arab villages depopulated and demolished
- Over 750,000 Palestinians displaced and made refugees



# DISCUSSION

- How does the myth that the so-called conflict in the Middle East is thousands of years old serve Zionist propaganda?
- What about the myth of 'a land without a people for a people without a land'? How can we combat both?

# 1948 & ONWARD

- UN issued Resolution 194 granting Palestinians the right to return in 1948
- Prevention of Infiltration law passed in Israel in 1954
- Gaza and the West Bank are put under martial law in 1967



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- The military control over Gaza and the West Bank outlawed political activity
- Between 1967 and 2005, Israel has taken 20% of Gaza's territory
- 81% of Gaza's residents are refugees or descendants of those made refugees from the Nakba

# **THE ROLE OF THE US**

- **Israel is the US's largest recipient of foreign aid**
- **\$14.5bn supplemental funding bill for Israel passed by congress in April**
  - **This is on top of the more than \$3bn in annual US military aid to Israel**
- **Israel functions as an outpost for US imperialism**
- **Israel could not be carrying out the genocide or bombing Lebanon if it weren't for US weapons**

# DISCUSSION

- **Why is it important to know and understand the history of Palestine?**

# THANK YOU!

## Upcoming Events

- **10/5, 2pm @ DeNorval Unthank Park:** International Day of Action
- **10/7, 4:00pm - 7:30pm:** One Year of Genocide Speak-out in Quad + Dinner w/ MSA & guest speaker
- **10/10, 4:30p - 5:30p:** Teach-in
- **10/18, 7pm:** Halloween movie night fundraiser
- **11/16, 6pm @ Our 3rd Space:** Gaza Fights for Freedom screening fundraiser + QA w/ filmmaker & journalist Abby Martin

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