

# ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

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## CAN THIS PROBLEM BE SOLVED?

- Most common suggestion: The “Two-State Solution”

## THE 2-STATE SOLUTION

- Idea to create Palestinian state out of part of Israel
- Where the West Bank is today



## THE 2-STATE SOLUTION

- Supported by almost every country in the United Nations
- Polls of Israelis & Palestinians generally support the idea in polls
- Proposal been talked about since 1970s

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- Younger people in Israel and Palestinian settlements seem less and less interested in “working this out”

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- Jewish settlers moving into WB and GS regularly
- Outnumber Palestinians
- Point is to make sure Palestinians can't create a Palestinian state
- So what do Palestinians do to fight back?

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- Have bigger families, so they don't get outnumbered

## INSIDE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

- Jewish settlers get more resources (like water) inside WB and GS



## ISRAEL'S OPINION

- Why should we give up any land? We already own it all. And we have Jews living inside the West Bank now. Would they be kicked out? What's happening now is fine for me.



## PALESTINE'S OPINION

- If we're going to be in the West Bank and that's our country, we want the Jews out. They can go back to Israel. I'm tired of getting pushed around.

## SO WHY CAN'T THE 2-STATE SOLUTION SEEM TO WORK?

- 1) Israel has established they are no longer interested in conflict resolution, just conflict management

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- 2) Division among the Palestinians - some want diplomacy and some want to fight

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- 3) The USA is the "peace process" middle man in this situation, and we clearly are biased

## TRAGIC MOMENTS IN THE CONFLICT

- July, 2014 - 4 Palestinian boys killed on beach in Gaza strip when Israel believed people were sneaking supplies in to the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip
- <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/middle-east-unrest/palestinians-mourn-four-children-killed-gaza-beach-n157536>

## RECENT MOMENTS IN THE CONFLICT

- June 2014, 3 Israeli teens kidnapped and murdered by Palestinian extremists



## ANOTHER IDEA - THE BINATIONAL SOLUTION

- one country, one shared gov't
- both Israeli and Palestinian leadership

## VIDEO: 60 MINUTES - TIME RUNNING OUT FOR A 2-STATE SOLUTION?

- <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/time-running-out-for-a-two-state-solution/>
- 13 minutes