

# Middle East Peace Plan

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Town Hall #15

# Key Elements

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- The Palestinians will have a capital in east Jerusalem
- Israel will retain 20% of the West Bank and will lose a small amount of land in the Negev near the Gaza-Egypt border
- Israel will retain the Jordan Valley and all Israeli settlements in the West Bank
- The IDF will not have to leave the West Bank
- The plan does not include immediate recognition of a Palestinian state
- The state will only come into existence in four years if the Palestinians accept the plan, if the Palestinian Authority stops paying terrorists and inciting terrorism and if Hamas and Islamic Jihad put down their weapons.
  - If those conditions are met, the US will recognize a Palestinian state and implement a massive economic plan to assist it.

# Effects of Plan

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- At its core, the plan proposes a two-state solution, ideally envisioning an autonomous Palestinian state
- even though the Palestinians would have their own system of government throughout their state, Israeli forces would still be allowed to patrol and exert their will in the critical Jordan Valley (border with Jordan)
- dismantling of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.
- Palestinian officials would have to agree to stop its policy of paying the families of terrorists who attack Israelis
- a high-speed rail connection between the West Bank and Gaza

# Initial Reactions

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- Where do you think the plan is strongest?
- Where do you think it is weakest?
- What would you like to see in the peace plan that you don't see?
- What actions do you think would actually promote peace?

# Negotiations & Compromise

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- Are negotiations or compromise necessary? Or is managing the conflict more productive?
- Are negotiations or compromise realistic?



# Consider

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- Is there value in announcing a plan if we know that one side is likely to reject it?

# Alternative: One-state solution

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- What are the benefits and risks?
- Consider:
  - Palestinians and Jews would be living under one government
  - Would not be a Jewish state any more



# Two-state solution

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one Jewish State, one Palestinian state  
consider:

A Palestinian state might result in Jews either being kicked out of their homes or absorbed into Palestinian territories completely

May result in civil war if Jews are absorbed

Palestinians have historically rejected every two-state solution offer

# Managing the conflict:

- This would include managing the situation as it is; we would not be giving anyone a state. We would do things to improve Palestinian economy, etc.
- Consider:
  - Are the conditions of the Palestinian government suitable for compromise? Are they capable of reaching a reasonable agreement? (Considering the fact that Palestinians have historically engaged in terrorism and violence)
  - Can you have a deal when the other side is unstable and engages in terror and violence?
- Pros/cons?