

# Israel in the West Bank and Gaza

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# General Comments

- Sensitive issue
- Since the 1970's: the main dividing line in Israeli politics
- Our purpose: study, not advocate
- Unique status in the International system

# History

- Status Prior to 1947-1949
- 1949-1967: Jordan and Egypt
- 1967- Israeli control but not sovereignty
- 1995-partial power sharing
- 2005- Israel leaves Gaza
- 2011: future still unclear

# Where are we now?

- The failure of the three visions
- The internal Palestinian crisis

# Current debate 1: where are we?

- Is it a temporary situation, a result of a conflict; or a discriminatory control system

Current Debate: Is it about the territories or beyond?

# Current debate 3: who should own it?

- Security

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLC3G3tOjRU&feature=related>

Including external threats, water issues, electromagnetic spectrum

# Current debate 4: Who should own it?

- The legal argument: lack of sovereignty, acquired in a war of self defense

# Internal Israeli debate: moral issues vs. security

- Obama, take away the pain
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- But, the need to defend
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rleFpY402vM>
- And the religious argument

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