

THE TRUMP PLAN: EXPLAINED

The Trump administration's plan for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict seeks to redefine the longstanding bipartisan and international consensus around what a two-state solution entails, paving the way for West Bank annexation and a one-state outcome that will threaten Israel's secure, Jewish, and democratic future.

THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION AND WEST BANK ANNEXATION

- The Trump plan pays lip service to the idea of a two-state solution while redefining what two states actually means in order to suit a pro-annexation agenda.
- The Trump administration's proposal permits Israeli annexation of all West Bank settlements and the Jordan Valley. The Israeli government could treat this as a green light for immediate unilateral annexation.
- The Palestinian entity envisioned by the plan is a state in name only. It lacks control over its own borders, would be subject to continuous and intrusive Israeli military presence, and would be territorially fragmented.
- The plan calls for a settlement freeze, but only in areas that Israel has never previously built settlements and never intends to build in the future.

ISRAELI SECURITY

- The Trump plan accounts for Israel's security needs, but in such a way that makes a Palestinian state non-viable. This could drive Palestinian public support for a one-state outcome.
- The Palestinian entity envisioned under the plan would be comprised of separate enclaves within Israeli territory. The border between Israel and the Palestinian entity would be over 850 miles long and would require a new security barrier, far longer and more expensive than the existing 440 mile Israel-West Bank barrier.
- The Trump plan permits West Bank annexation. This will make conditioning security assistance a mainstream political position in Washington, seriously damaging the US-Israel relationship and Israel's security.

THE FUTURE OF JERUSALEM

- The Trump plan leaves areas of East Jerusalem populated overwhelmingly by non-citizen Palestinians within the Israeli capital rather than make these areas part of a Palestinian capital.
- The Trump plan acknowledges the Palestinian desire for a capital in Jerusalem, but only includes a few small areas of the city beyond the security barrier with limited connection to Jerusalem.

LAND SWAPS

- The Trump plan incorporates the important concept of land swaps. However, the land swaps are imposed rather than mutually agreed upon, and are not equitable in quantity or quality.
- The Trump plan leaves the Triangle, an area home to 250,000 Israeli citizens, mostly Israeli Arabs, within the Palestinian entity. These individuals would lose their Israeli citizenship; essentially, this is a population transfer.



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THE TRIANGLE

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM

GAZA STRIP

ISRAEL

NEGEV DESERT

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The Trump Plan co-opts the two-state label in order to give a green light to Israeli annexation of all West Bank settlements, which is a central provision of the White House's proposal. This creates disconnected islands of Palestinian territory within the State of Israel, while leaving behind a Palestinian entity with no real sovereignty or control over its external borders.