

The Collapse or the Two State Solution
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A record of several talks on the problems of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

A talk by Salim Tamari on the Collapse of the Two-State Solution, also featuring Ilan Pappé, Ghada Karmi, Mick Dumper and Norman G. Finkelstein - this talking heads video is an academic film about Palestine. It features some of the most prominent and controversial scholars of our time, including Norman Finkelstein and Ilan Pappé. It was filmed at the University of Exeter between 10 - 12 November 2008, and covers very relevant and contemporary problems of the ongoing Israel - Palestine conflict. Here is a timing of the film in Hours;Minute;Seconds.

Overview

Beginning to 00:25:55 Demographic territorial dilemma by Professor Salim Tamari
00:26 00 - 00:38:19 History by Professor Ilan Pappé
00:38 23 - 00:45:38 Professor Mick Dumper
00:45 :40 - 00:50:24 Dr. Ghada Karmi
00:50 26 - 00:55:48 Professor Salim Tamari
00:55 50 - 01:01:08 Redefining what is the State by Professor Mick Dumper
01:01 12 - 01:07:56 Professor Ilan Pappé
01:08 00 - 01:11:43 Professor Ilan Pappé
01:11 48 - end Proposition that the conflict is remarkably uncomplicated by Norman G. Finkelstein (a communist with a small c, Jewish atheist)

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Detailed Notes

10 November 2008

Beginning to 00:25:55 Demographic territorial dilemma by Professor Salim Tamari
00:26:00 - 00:38:19 History by Professor Ilan Pappé
00:27:14 "Had they (the Israeli Government) the chance, and Britain and the United States would have not interfered, they would have done a 1967 already in 1958. In the very last moment Dwight Eisenhower, an American President that the Palestinians should really study, was the only pro Palestinian American. Eisenhower, at the very last moment prevented an occupation of the West Bank, and we would have had a very different story than the one we have."
00:27:38 nature of the beast, not the environment
De-zionisation of Israel - in the nature of ideological infrastructure
00:37:00 Parallel with South Africa falls down as ANC gave no compromise
00:38:23 - 00:45:38 Professor Mick Dumper
00:45::40 - 00:50:24 Dr. Ghada Karmi

Where do you start

Settler/colonist issue

Issue 1 - only way forward is the sharing of land - whole land belongs to the people

Issue 2 - how to make it happen

00:50:26 - 00:55:48 Professor Salim Tamari

De-Zionism - will be fought tenaciously for it not to happen

00:52:15 Economically there is roughly a 1:20 ratio between Israelis and Palestinians -

equality will be fought tenaciously for equality not to happen. Transitional period

00:55:50 - 01:01:08 Redefining what is the State by Professor Mick Dumper

Agrees with Ghada on the goal (ie only way forwards is sharing of land - whole land belongs to the people)

01:01:12 - 01:07:56 Professor Ilan Pappé

Unilateralism

Last phase of Zionist project

Last phase of settler/ colonial movement

01:03:52 "Accept that the political elite's vision of how to move forwards is the exclusive vision that exists -the vision of the political elites in Israel, in Palestine, in Britain, in the United States, including Barack Obama with his Israeli Emanuel Chief of Staff, all these people have a vision which allows the Zionist project to be completed as the Zionists see it as having as much of Palestine as possible with as few Palestinians as possible. Maybe academics should challenge the so called pragmatism of the political elites and tell them

they are playing a role in sustaining a dispossession project that started late nineteenth century." 01:07:00 Tony Blair appointment - like appointing Dracula to guard a blood bank
01:08:00 - 01:11:43 Professor Ilan Pappé
01:11:43 Hamas vision
Post Zionist reality - what should it look like
12 November 2008
01:11:48 Proposition that the conflict is remarkably uncomplicated by Norman G. Finkelstein (a communist with a small c, Jewish atheist)
1:13:01 UN General Assembly Resolution
i) Full Israeli withdrawal
1:14:02 ii) illegal Settlements
1:14:20 iii) Refugees & compensation reference Resolution 194
1:15:08 Votes 1997 155-2 (Israel & USA)
Votes 2002 160-4 (only Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia & USA against)
Votes 2003 160-6 (only Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Pilau, Uganda & USA against)
Votes 2007 161-7 (Australia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Pilau, Mnaru & USA against) - More than wheeler dealing - some principle at stake.
1:17:25 International Court of Justice (ICJ) 1:19:08 Borders - Israel has no title to occupied territories 1:19:46 Settlements - inadmissible to transfer populations under 4th Geneva convention
1:20:50 14-1 Vote for these bedrock issues - American Judge Thomas Buergenthal - majority opinion with which I agree & recognised article 49 of the 4th Geneva Convention - ie 15 out of 15 agree on the core issues.
1: 23:02 Refugees
1 :24:22 Human Rights Watch
1 :26:20 Arab League
1 :26:25 Where does this leave us to get the USA & Israel to respect law and public opinion
1 :28:20 Occupied people have right to use violence 1 30:57 Interfada started non violent
1 :33:15 To dispel myth & humbug - what is received and respected opinion - it is elementary but being blocked by Israel and USA
1: 34:30 Zionists understood battle for public opinion was crucial
1 :35:20 best Book by Isaiah Freedman 'The Question of Palestine' - Strategic reason/ not easy to compress into a few remarks - for Britain to issue Balfour Declaration - northern flank of Suez canal.
1 :37:00 Ethnic Cleansing built into Zionist idea
1 :41:51 Did people want to vote against USA - Rosalyn Higgins the British Jewish conservative Judge on ICJ - suffering and steadfastness of Palestinian people.
1 :44:02 Israel overestimates its opposition - as terrified - panics 1 :47:40 radical settlers
1 48:20 Mao - unite many to defeat few - pariah state
1 :50:25 Zionists - God helps those that help themselves.
1 :51:50 Wall, like Berlin wall is judged as illegal & must be dismantled
1 :53:10 Most American Jews are liberal and believe in the rule of law. Israel like gangster state -embarrasses USA - 'mushsugan state' - crazy state - seen by young American Jews.
1 :56:09 Advisory opinion - Bank Ki-MMoon does not mention ICJ opinion
1 :59:00 Do Palestians have the right to enforce the law - is the political question
2: 01:00 Palestinians overran check points.