Israel in the West Bank and Gaza

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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
- But, the need to defend
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rleFpY402vM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rleFpY402vM)
- And the religious argument