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### Research Graphic Organizer: Point of View

Role: Hamas Representative of Palestinian Authority (Oppose Violent Means of Solving Issue Within Hamas Party)

Position: Israel is actually Palestine and belongs to the Palestinians to govern and control.

Position	Supporting Fact/Argument	Supporting Fact/Argument	Supporting Fact/Argument	Counter-Argument
<p><b>Reason 1:</b></p> <p><b>Israel is actually Palestine and is rightfully the Palestinians to own and govern.</b></p>	<p>“Palestine became a predominately Arab and Islamic country by the end of the seventh century.”  <a href="http://www.ifamericansknew.org/history/origin.html">http://www.ifamericansknew.org/history/origin.html</a></p> <p>In ancient times it was known as Canaan, then the Israelites controlled it for a few centuries. After that, it has remained largely an Arab controlled area up until the Arab-Israeli War in 1948.</p>	<p>The British promised Palestinians this land if they fought with and for them against the Ottoman empire. They did that and Palestine is rightfully theirs as it has been since the seventh century.  <a href="http://www.merip.org/palestine-israel_primer/brit-mandate-pal-isr-prime.html">http://www.merip.org/palestine-israel_primer/brit-mandate-pal-isr-prime.html</a></p> <p>The Palestinian were the majority then and fought for their right to continue to live and own the land. The Jews immigrated from Europe – They did not own the land the British also promised them.</p>	<p>“Palestine belongs to the Arabs in the same sense that England belongs to the English or France to the French...What is going on in Palestine today cannot be justified by any moral code of conduct...If they [the Jews] must look to the Palestine of geography as their national home, it is wrong to enter it under the shadow of the British gun. A religious act cannot be performed with the aid of the bayonet or the bomb. They can settle in Palestine only by the goodwill of the Arabs...”                      Ghandi  <a href="http://www.ifamericansknew.org/history/origin.html">http://www.ifamericansknew.org/history/origin.html</a></p> <p>Explained: Palestinians lived in Palestine for centuries before WWII, so the Jews can only settle or live there if the Palestinians let them.</p>	<p>God promised the land of Israel to Abraham's descendants – The Jews.</p> <p><b>How to refute this?</b>                      “The Islamic version states that the covenant between God, Abraham, and his only son Ishmael was made and sealed when Ishmael was supposed to be sacrificed. On the very same day, Abraham, Ishmael, and all the men of Abraham's household were circumcised. At that time, Isaac had not even born: Genesis 17:24-27”  <a href="http://www.islam101.com/religions/christianity/sacrifice.htm">http://www.islam101.com/religions/christianity/sacrifice.htm</a></p>

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<p><b>Reason 2:</b></p> <p><b>Israel is illegally occupying Palestinian territory, violating Palestinian human rights, and needs to give it back to Palestinians</b></p>	<p>"In violation of international law, Israel has confiscated over 52 percent of the land in the West Bank and 30 percent of the Gaza Strip for military use or for settlement by Jewish civilians...From 1967 to 1982, Israel's military government demolished 1,338 Palestinian homes on the West Bank. Over this period, more than 300,000 Palestinians were detained without trial for various periods by Israeli security forces."  <a href="http://cactus48.com/1967war.html">http://cactus48.com/1967war.html</a></p>	<p>"There are currently 121 Israeli settlements and approximately 102 Israeli outposts built illegally on Palestinian land occupied by Israel in 1967. All of these settlements and outposts are illegal under international law and have been condemned by numerous United Nations Security Council resolutions. Israeli outposts are considered illegal under Israeli law."  <a href="http://www.palestinemonitor.org/sip/spip.php?article7">http://www.palestinemonitor.org/sip/spip.php?article7</a></p>	<p>"The establishment of the settlements leads to the violation of the rights of the Palestinians as enshrined in international human rights law."  <a href="http://www.ifamericansknew.org/stats/settlements.html">http://www.ifamericansknew.org/stats/settlements.html</a>                  Israeli settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are illegal and need to be given back.</p>	<p>"Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs in the Johnson Administration, Resolution 242 gives Israel a legal right to be in the West Bank. The resolution. Rostow noted, "allows Israel to administer the territories" it won in 1967 "until 'a just and lasting peace in the Middle East' is achieved," Rostow wrote."  <a href="http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/myths/mf22a.html">http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/myths/mf22a.html</a></p> <p><b>How to refute this?</b>                  It was illegal in the first place for the Israeli Jews to own the land in the first place. They were the illegal immigrants from Europe (mainly). They had no right to fight for the land to begin with.</p>
<p><b>Reason 3:</b></p> <p><b>Hamas is a popular voice of the Palestinian people.</b></p>	<p>"Hamas won a large majority in the new Palestinian parliament, according to official election results announced Thursday, trouncing the governing Fatah party..."  <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/01/26/AR2006012600372.html">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/01/26/AR2006012600372.html</a>                  )                  This happened in 2006.</p>	<p>To be completed...</p>	<p>To be completed...</p>	<p>To be completed...</p>

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<p><b>Reason 4:</b> <b>If Israel gives back our land, Hamas will end its militant tactics (suicide bombings and rocket fire attacks) and continue its work to provide schools and health care to its people.</b></p>	<p>Hamas works to promote “social programmes like building schools, hospitals and religious institutions.” (<a href="http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/1654510.stm">http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/1654510.stm</a>)</p>	<p>"Approximately 90 percent of its work is in social, welfare, cultural, and educational activities," writes the Israeli scholar Reuven Paz. (<a href="http://www.cfr.org/publication/8968/">http://www.cfr.org/publication/8968/</a>)</p> <p>While Hamas dedicates some money and resources to terrorism of Israel, it gains the will of the people by helping them. *You could argue here that Hamas should discontinue its terrorist actions and devote all its resources to peaceful means of helping Palestinians.</p>		
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