

# The Palestinians

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## Source Materials

### A Few (Soft) Population Statistics

- ✓ Numbers vary widely, according to the source, so should not be treated as reliable.
- ✓ For a dramatic chart showing the population increase since 1990, see this World Bank [chart](#).
- ✓ Overall population figures for the [West Bank](#) and [Gaza](#) are from the Encyclopedia Britannica.
- ✓ For a good round-up of how and where Palestinians are now living, see this U.S. News [report](#).

### Who is a refugee?

- ✓ The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ([UNHCR](#)) is the UN organization that operates everywhere in the world except for Palestine. Its governing [statute](#) mirrors the language describing a refugee contained in Article 1 of the [Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees from 1951](#), as amended. That language clearly refers only to individuals who have left a country – not to their descendants.
- ✓ The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ([UNRWA](#)) uses a different definition that expands exponentially the number of “refugees:”
- ✓ “Palestine refugees are defined as ‘persons whose normal place of residence was Palestine during the period 1 June 1946 to 15 May 1948, and who lost both home and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 conflict.’
- ✓ UNRWA services are available to all those living in its area of operations who meet this definition, who are registered with the Agency and who need assistance. The descendants of Palestine refugee males, including adopted children, are also eligible for registration. When the Agency began operations in 1950, it was responding to the needs of about 750,000 Palestine refugees. Today, some 5.9 million Palestine “refugees” are eligible for UNRWA services.
- ✓ For the ratio of refugees to inhabitants in Gaza, see UNRWA [website](#).

## Population upheavals in the late 1940s

- ✓ The number for the Palestinians is from the UNRWA [website](#).
- ✓ For Jewish refugees from Arab countries, see this 2005 [article](#) by Avi Beker of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.
- ✓ For Polish refugees, note that U.S. President Roosevelt at one point suggested this population transfer (*Stalin's War*, Sean McMeekin, p. 510).
- ✓ For German refugees, see this [article](#) by Gary Cohen of the University of Minnesota (2010).
- ✓ For India-Pakistan resettlement, see this [entry](#) from the Encyclopedia Britannica.

## We love death more than you love life

- ✓ Video footage is available from the Middle East Media Research Institute ([MEMRI](#)), the Palestinian Media Watch ([PMW](#)), and YouTube. Unfortunately, many such video clips are available. [Here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) are the links to the ones presented in the Power Point slide.
- ✓ Here is an [analysis](#) by PMW of Palestinian child martyrs.
- ✓ Criticism of Palestinian (or UNRWA) school curricula has been ongoing for decades, with no perceptible impact. The citation on the slide is from a relatively recent [report](#) prepared by IMPACT-se.
- ✓ Palestinian children are not the only ones being indoctrinated in this cult of violence, murder and death. [Here](#) is a horrifying British report on how ISIS is currently training child soldiers.

## UNRWA and Divided Authority

- ✓ All the data on this slide comes from the UNRWA website, much of it from the [section](#) on frequently asked questions.

## Hamas

- ✓ See Article 20, page 7 of the 2017 amended Hamas [charter](#).
- ✓ The two video clips ([here](#) and [here](#)) are provided by MEMRI.

## The Palestinian Authority (PA)

- ✓ Background on [Fatah](#) from the Encyclopedia Britannica.
- ✓ Article from Palestine Media Watch on PA glorifying [terrorism](#).
- ✓ Article from Palestine Media Watch on members of [Palestine Security Forces](#) who commit terrorism.
- ✓ PA immediately [paid](#) almost \$3 million to October 7 terrorists and their families.
- ✓ The citation on this slide is from a January 2024 [editorial](#) in the *WSJ*.

## Arab views of Palestinians

- ✓ The Egyptians built the wall on their border with Gaza some years ago, as you can see from the pictures posted on Google.
- ✓ See this 2016 article for information on Palestinian refugees in [Lebanon](#).
- ✓ See this article from the Council on Foreign Relations regarding the treatment of Palestinians in [Syria](#).
- ✓ The list of terrorist entities is from the [CIA Factbook](#).

## What can the United States do?

- ✓ The figure on U.S. funding of UNRWA is from the UNRWA [website](#). It dates back to 2022. Payments were [suspended](#) until March 2025, in response to reports about Hamas terrorists on the UNRWA payroll.
- ✓ Taylor Force was an American murdered in 2016 by a Palestinian terrorist. The [Taylor-Force Act](#) was enacted as part of a larger spending [bill](#) in March 2018; see p. 555.
- ✓ This opinion [piece](#) in *Newsweek* by A.J. Caschetta describes the Biden Administration's renewed funding for the Palestinian Authority.
- ✓ The PA's payments to terrorists have grown even larger since October 7 (see this [analysis](#) by Itamar Marcus, the head of PMW). The PA relies on the [International Red Cross](#) to sign up Palestinian terrorists held in Israeli prisons.