

Fact Sheet - HB 16-1284 - Please vote **NO**

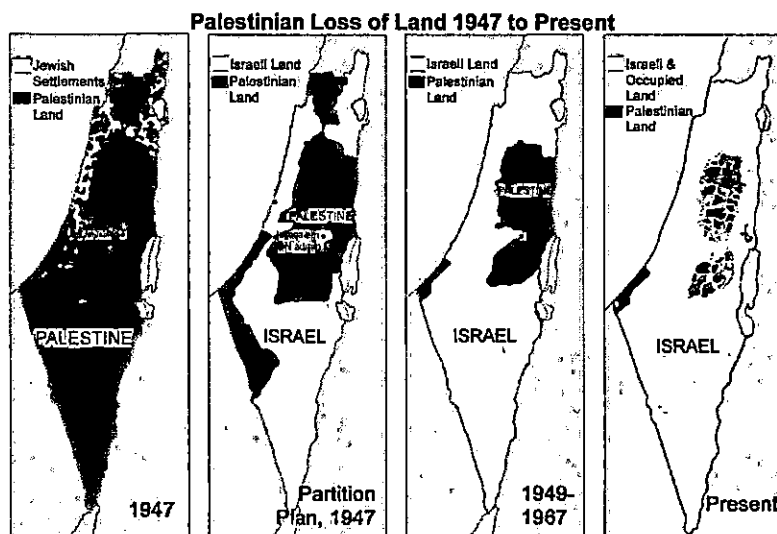
"Divestment from Companies that have Economic Prohibitions Against Israel"

As American citizens, we seek the protection of our right to free speech. Boycotts are a constitutionally protected form of free speech, and have a long history of being used successfully to address injustice and effect political change. We oppose HB 16-1284 and ask you to vote against this bill. Some reasons:

- Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) is a non-violent movement that seeks equal rights by encouraging Israel to end its occupation of Palestinian land, recognize the rights of Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality, and respect the rights of Palestinian refugees <http://bdsmovement.net/call>
- BDS is founded on an anti-racist platform that rejects all forms of racism, including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. - See more at: <http://bdsmovement.net/2013/bds-movement-position-on-boycott-of-individuals-10679#sthash.WNXVCX8x.dpuf>
- A "Two-State Solution" is a laudable goal, but it has not happened. After its conquest of the West Bank in 1967, Israel built settlements on Palestinian lands east of the Green Line. The West Bank, land which could have been a Palestinian state, is now home to more than 500,000 Israeli settlers. Furthermore, the charter of the current ruling party, Likud, stipulates that there shall be no Arab state between the Mediterranean and the Jordan.
- Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu supports the BDS movement: "In South Africa, we could not have achieved our democracy without the help of people around the world, who through the use of non-violent means, such as boycotts and divestment, encouraged their governments and other corporate actors to reverse decades-long support for the apartheid regime. The same issues of inequality and injustice today motivate the divestment movement trying to end Israel's decades long occupation of Palestinian territory and the unfair and prejudicial treatment of the Palestinian people by the Israeli government ruling over them." (*Haaretz*, March 10, 2014: <http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/1.578872>)
- HB16-1284 states that this bill should not interfere with U.S. foreign policy (Section 2. (1) (r). The boycott targets settlements in the West Bank built by Israeli in defiance of both U.S. foreign policy and international law (Fourth Geneva Convention signed by both Israel and the U.S.). Every Republican and Democratic President since 1967 has opposed Israeli settlements on Palestinian lands.

Please vote NO on HB-16-1284.

Coloradans for Justice in Palestine – Friends of Sabeel-Colorado – Front Range Jewish Voice for Peace – American Friends Service Committee, Colorado Office – Green Party of Colorado - Boulder Branch, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom



? Is the Two-State solution at Risk? ?

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This is a 2011 map

Today more than 500,000 settlers live in the West Bank—the land that could have been a Palestinian state.

● Israeli settlements

○ Palestinian land

○ Israeli-military-controlled Area C

Learn more:
PeaceNow.org

WEST BANK & JERUSALEM MAP

The Settlements: The Biggest Threat To A Two-State Solution

Settlements: 10/20/2011 / January 2011

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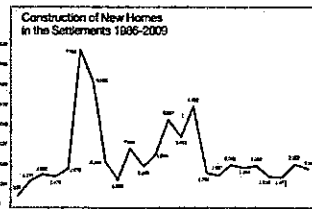
Number of Settlers in the West Bank: 296,586

Number of Palestinians in the West Bank: 2,275,982

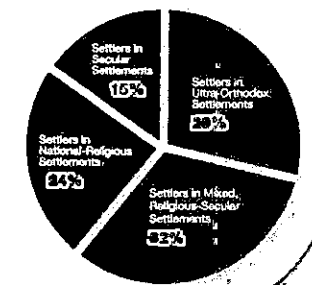
	Number of settlers on the "Palestinian" side of the barrier	Number of settlers on the "Israeli" side of the barrier
The Planned Route of the Separation Barrier	88,418	227,171
The Proposed Barrier According to the General Initiative	120,858	168,730

The number of settlers is based on figures published by the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2010. The number of Palestinians is based on figures published by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2010.

From 1993 to 2009 40,071 new housing units were built in the settlements



Source: Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2010. The number of new housing units built in the settlements is based on figures published by the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2010.



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