

USA'S POSITION

ON ISRAEL'S ACTIONS AND PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES



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1. On the Right of Self-Determination

- **Background:** The right of self-determination is a fundamental principle in international law.
- **USA's Stance:** The United States has historically supported the right of self-determination for various nations.
- **Challenges:** Balancing support for Israel's security and stability with recognizing Palestinian aspirations for statehood has posed challenges for U.S. policymakers.

2. On Occupation

Historical Context

- **1948:** Israel's establishment led to the displacement of Palestinians and the occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.
- **1967:** Israel captured these territories during the Six-Day War, leading to prolonged occupation.

U.S. Policy

- **Support for Israel:** The U.S. has consistently supported Israel's security and right to exist.
- **Criticism of Settlements:** The U.S. considers Israeli settlements in the occupied territories as inconsistent with international law.
- **ICJ Case:** In 2024, the U.S. defended Israel's occupation at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), arguing against declaring it illegal.

Political Context

- **Domestic Pressure:** U.S. policymakers face pressure from pro-Israel lobbying groups and human rights advocates.
- **Regional Dynamics:** The Middle East's volatile situation influences U.S. decisions.

Comparison

- **Balancing Act:** The U.S. balances its strategic alliance with Israel and the need to address Palestinian rights.
- **Shifts in Tone:** Recent administrations have shifted their rhetoric on settlements and Palestinian statehood.

Conclusions

- **Complexity:** The Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains multifaceted, with no easy solutions.
- **Humanitarian Concerns:** The U.S. provides humanitarian aid to Palestinians but also arms support to Israel.

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