

Trump Endorses Israeli Land Theft, Opposes Palestinian Statehood

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Trump and Clinton agree more than disagree on major issues, despite both presidential aspirants and media scoundrels suggesting otherwise, serving as a collective mouthpiece for a she devil, war criminal, racketeer menace.

Trump's only redeeming quality is he's not her, hardly a reason to support him. The presidential contest between two deplorable candidates should encourage groundswell campaigning for none of the above – urging voters choose from among independent aspirants or opt out.

Their one-sided support for Israel, contemptuous of Palestinian rights, is one of many reasons to reject them.

Clinton is like Obama – backing unlimited settlement expansions while claiming otherwise, rejecting peace while faking support, and opposing Palestinian statehood while pretending to back it.

Trump is much the same – one-sidedly pro-Israel, anti-Palestinian, clear in an interview his co-advisor on Israeli affairs David Friedman gave <u>Haaretz</u>.

As president, he'd support the illegal Israeli annexation of West Bank land, rejecting Palestinian statehood as a US national security interest, according to Friedman, likely to become Trump's ambassador to Israel if he defeats Clinton.

His policy on Israel/Palestine is contradictory, incompatible with conflict resolution – saying he'll try to achieve peace while undermining it by supporting unlimited settlement expansions on stolen Palestinian land, a formula for endless conflict.

He'll only endorse Palestinian statehood with Israel's consent on its terms, mindless of the rights of a long-suffering people under illegal occupation harshness.

"This is an issue that Israel has to deal with on its own because it will have to deal with the consequences," said Friedman. Trump's "feeling about Israel is that it is a robust democracy" – ignoring its Zionist zealotry, its apartheid viciousness, its contempt for rule of law principles.

"The Israelis have to make the decision on whether or not to give up land to create a Palestinian state," Trump insists, according to Friedman. "If (they) don't want to do it, he doesn't think they should do it. It is their choice...He does not think it is an American imperative for it to be an independent Palestinian state."

All that matter for Trump is what Israel wants. If it deems a Palestinian state desirable "to enhance (its) longterm security – which I think we are very skeptical about...we will respect this decision," Friedman explained.

What Palestinians want and deserve doesn't matter. Friedman saying Trump "has no doubt that Israel wants peace" runs counter to hard, indisputable facts. He has things backwards.

Like America, Israel needs invented enemies, confrontation, instability and state-sponsored terror to advance its imperial agenda. Peace and stability defeat it.

As president, Trump would offer one-sided support like previous US leaders, fundamental Palestinian rights considered unimportant.

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