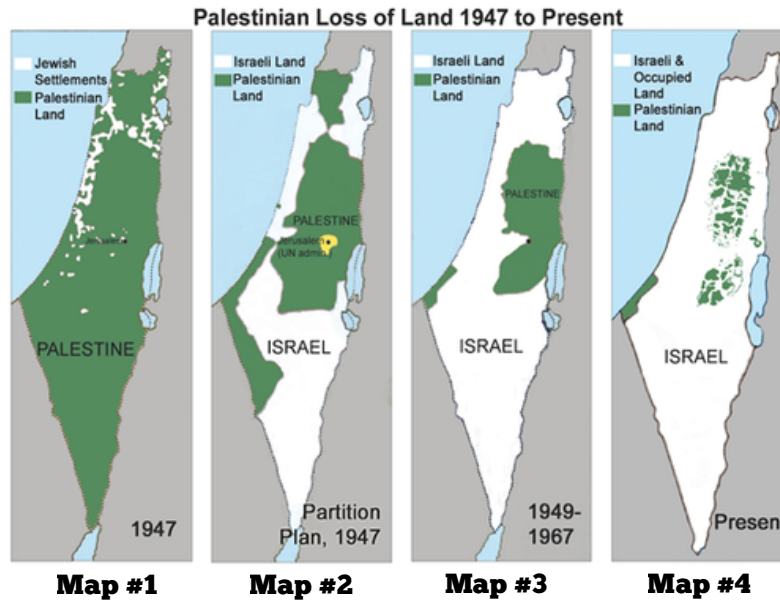


"Palestinian Loss of Land" Maps



For centuries, Palestine was controlled by colonial powers. Neither Jews nor Arabs ruled the territory. The above series of maps purports to show the loss of Palestinian land ownership over time, but none of the maps actually depicts land owned by Palestinians. The series of maps falsely implies Jewish encroachment on Palestinian land.

Map #1

- In the first map on the left, most of the land colored green was classified as "state land." After the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, the British Mandate took over.
- Most of this land was empty and without permanent settlement. Land ownership by either Jews or Arabs consisted only of private holdings.
- The map shows land purchases by the Jewish National Fund prior to 1947. This map gives the false impression that all land that was not purchased by the Jewish National Fund was by default Palestinian Arab land. In fact, only a small portion of the land that is colored green belonged to Palestinian Arabs.

Map #2

- This map shows the 1947 UN proposal to partition the Palestine Mandate into one Jewish state and one Arab state, which Arab leadership rejected.
- This proposal to partition the land was nullified by the decision of Arab states to invade Israel in contravention of the UN Charter.

Map #3

- The third map shows the 1949 armistice lines imposed on Jews and Arabs following the failure of Arab countries to destroy Israel.
- This map fails to note the land was not owned by Palestinians, but rather was occupied by Arab countries that had invaded Israel in 1948.

Map #4

- The fourth map shows areas designated to be controlled by the Palestinian Authority as part of the 1995 Oslo agreements, which were violated by the Palestinian leadership.
- This arrangement was intended to be temporary until a final status agreement could be reached. Due to the Palestinian leaders' rejection of a two-state solution in favor of a campaign of violence against Israelis, a final status agreement was never reached.
- The map conceals that Palestinian political leadership has been divided between the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip and Fatah-controlled West Bank following Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005.



**For more information about these maps,
see CAMERA's "Palestinian Land Loss."**