



George Washington Academy - Capstone

COMPARING PERCEPTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

The topic of this Capstone final project is **"How do Moroccan youths' views differ from their Palestinian and Israeli peers on the future options for peace in the Middle East?"** The humanitarian crisis between Israel and Palestine has affected multiple generations of families and it is important for future generations to understand different perspectives since that is how the conflict between Israel and Palestine will be solved. The research in this Capstone compares what youth in Morocco, Palestine, and Israel believe is the best way to solve the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

I chose this Capstone topic because it brings together many facets of my personal and academic experiences.

RESULTS & CONCLUSION

The **two-state solution** is what is believed to be best, with more rights to Palestinian citizens. Perceptions influence reality and so the perceptions of different Israeli, Palestinian, and all other youth on the conflict in Israel and Palestine will end up being the world's reality.

DIFFERENT PEACE PROPOSALS

Two State Solution:

The two state solution was first outlined/agreed to during the Oslo Accords. Palestine would have it's own independent state, and both nations would have their own governments (Fisher, 2016).

One State Solution:

There are two variations of the One State Solution; One is that both nations come together, which seems implausible. The second variation is that Israel annexes Palestine and takes complete control (Beauchamp, 2018).

Trump's Peace Plan:

Proposed by former US president Trump, is mainly focused on the Israeli perspective. It states that more of Palestine should be given to Israel and that borders be re-written by the Israeli government (Specia, 2020).

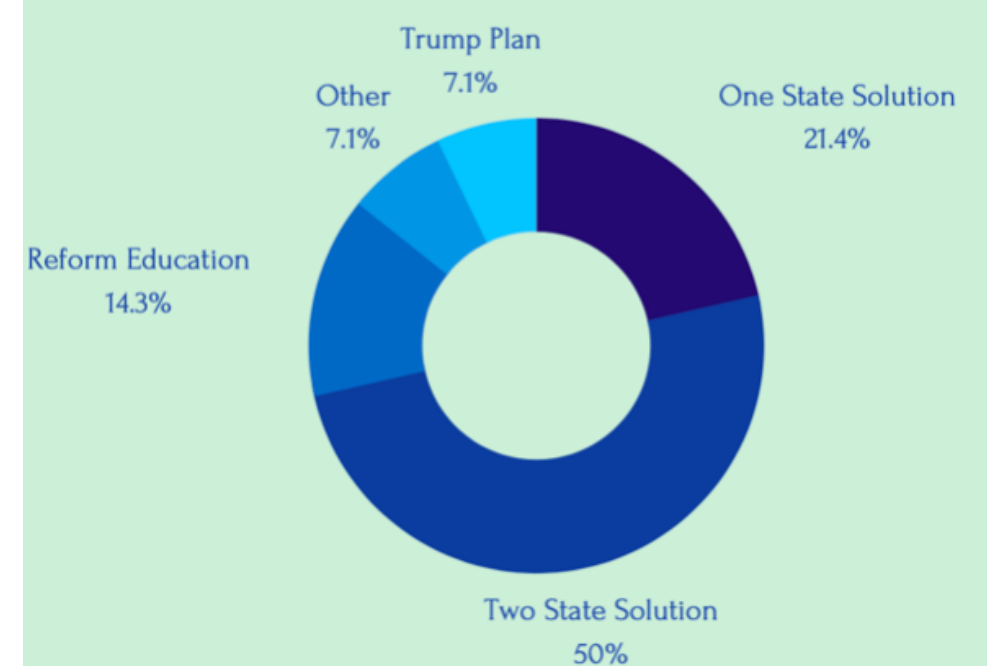
DEMOGRAPHICS ON RESEARCH CANDIDATES

I conducted 30 interviews; 15 Moroccan, 10 Palestinian, & 5 Israeli. I received a 50% response rate.

The research candidates were both male and female, ranging from ages 18-24. Most Palestinian and Moroccan surveyed were my peers, whereas Israeli candidates were found through friend and family connections.

Source: Author

OVERALL VIEWS



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