Response To Common Inaccuracy: Palestinians Fighting Israel's Colonialism

Inaccuracy: The Palestinian people are waging a war of independence against a colonial, hegemonic power.

Response

In no way can the State of Israel be considered a colonial or hegemonic power. Israel is not a foreign invader. The State of Israel is built on the foundation of thousands of years of Jewish connection to, and presence in, this land.

Moreover, Israel has no desire to empire-build, gain financial benefit, or systematically rule over the lives of millions of Arab Palestinians in the West Bank or Gaza Strip, as is evident from their efforts to seek a negotiated settlement to the conflict with the Palestinians and Israel's unilateral disengagement from Gaza. Indeed, public opinion polls going back decades show the majority of the Israeli public support a two-state solution, although there is skepticism as to the Palestinian commitment to true reconciliation.