

IS ISRAEL LEGALLY APARTHEID ?

Compare Outline of Israel's Legalized Discrimination with Apartheid Definition

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I. LAWS THAT LEGALIZE DISCRIMINATION IN ISRAEL

1. Citizenship & Immigration Regulations

- A. Citizenship is made automatic for Jews, but relatively difficult for many Palestinians;
- B. Religion and Nationality-of-Origin are immediately available to government officials & clerks who have the power to ask for Identity Certificates, and who then discriminate;
- C. Citizenship and Identity Certificate regulations were used to keep Palestinians from returning to their homes, lands and businesses following the fighting in 1948, and then much of their property was redistributed to Jewish Immigrants. A minority of Arabs were compensated for their losses, or were allowed to return to their homes.
- D. Arab Spouses from Occupied Territories not allowed to live with Partner in Israel.

2. Land Laws that Confine Palestinians to Ghettos

- A. Expropriate land owned by Palestinians, and designate it state lands;
- B. Label state lands "Israel Lands", and forbid its sale or transfer to anyone but government agencies and the Jewish National Fund. This confines Palestinians to less than 5% of the land of Israel - ghettos;
- C. Develop government agencies to manage "Israel Lands" and Palestinian ghettos. They practice discrimination providing services and programs unequally. The result is Palestinians live in desperate poverty on less than 5% of the land in Israel.
- D. Extreme is Planning & Building Law (1965) which zoned out of existence over 40 ancient Palestinian villages, which were then denied basic services. Only U.N. intervention has given some relief.

2. Military Service & Veteran Benefits Mostly for Jews Only

- A. Veteran Benefits mostly for Jews include advantages in housing, loans, mortgages, tuition, educational housing, and large family subsidies.
- B. No Comparable National Service Program Set up For Most Arabs, Not Even a Voluntary One, so They Can Get Comparable Benefits;
- C. Full-Time Jewish Religious Students Given Same Benefits Without Military Service.

3. Special Government Roles & Funding for Jewish Political, Cultural & Religious Organizations

- A. Assign important positions in government decision-making to non-government Jewish political organizations;
- B. Award Special Funding to Jewish Cultural and Religious Organizations & Festivals;
- C. Install Jewish Religious Symbols as Government Symbols.

4. Compromise Democratic Rights for Non-Zionists Groups & Individuals

- A. By Law, Zionist Political Organizations Are Assigned Important Positions In Government Decision-Making;
- B. Zionist-Controlled Legislature Chooses President Who Then Chooses Prime Minister Who Then Chooses Government Agency Ministers, Who Then Must Be Ok With Legislature;
- C. Supreme Court Weakens Its Own Ability To Rule Over Law-Making Of Legislature.
- D. Freedoms Of Speech & Association Inhibited For Opponents of Zionism.

The above Legal Regimen leads to **DISCRIMINATION THROUGHOUT Israeli Society**, and isolation of the majority of Palestinian people in small areas. This fits exactly the **LEGAL DEFINITION OF APARTHEID...** (over)

ISRAELI LEGALIZED DISCRIMINATION (please see other side)
fits exactly the **OFFICIAL U.N. LEGAL DEFINITION of APARTHEID:**

**INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT
OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID (18 July 1976)**

Article I

- 1. The States Parties to the present Convention declare that apartheid is a crime against humanity and that inhuman acts resulting from the policies and practices of apartheid and similar policies and practices of racial segregation and discrimination, as defined in article II of the Convention, are crimes violating the principles of international law, in particular the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and constituting a serious threat to international peace and security.
- 2. The States Parties to the present Convention declare criminal those organizations, institutions and individuals committing the crime of apartheid.

Article II

- For the purpose of the present Convention, the term "the crime of apartheid", which shall include similar policies and practices of racial segregation and discrimination as practised in southern Africa, shall apply to the following inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them:
 - a. Denial to a member or members of a racial group or groups of the right to life and liberty of person:
 - i. By murder of members of a racial group or groups;
 - ii. By the infliction upon the members of a racial group or groups of serious bodily or mental harm, by the infringement of their freedom or dignity, or by subjecting them to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
 - iii. By arbitrary arrest and illegal imprisonment of the members of a racial group or groups;
 - b. Deliberate imposition on a racial group or groups of living conditions calculated to cause its or their physical destruction in whole or in part;
 - c. Any legislative measures and other measures calculated to prevent a racial group or groups from participation in the political, social, economic and cultural life of the country and the deliberate creation of conditions preventing the full development of such a group or groups, in particular by denying to members of a racial group or groups basic human rights and freedoms, including the right to work, the right to form recognized trade unions, the right to education, the right to leave and to return to their country, the right to a nationality, the right to freedom of movement and residence, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association;
 - d. Any measures, including legislative measures, designed to divide the population along racial lines by the creation of separate reserves and ghettos for the members of a racial group or groups, the prohibition of mixed marriages among members of various racial groups, the expropriation of landed property belonging to a racial group or groups or to members thereof;
 - e. Exploitation of the labour of the members of a racial group or groups, in particular by submitting them to forced labour;
 - f. Persecution of organizations and persons, by depriving them of fundamental rights and freedoms, because they oppose apartheid."

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