



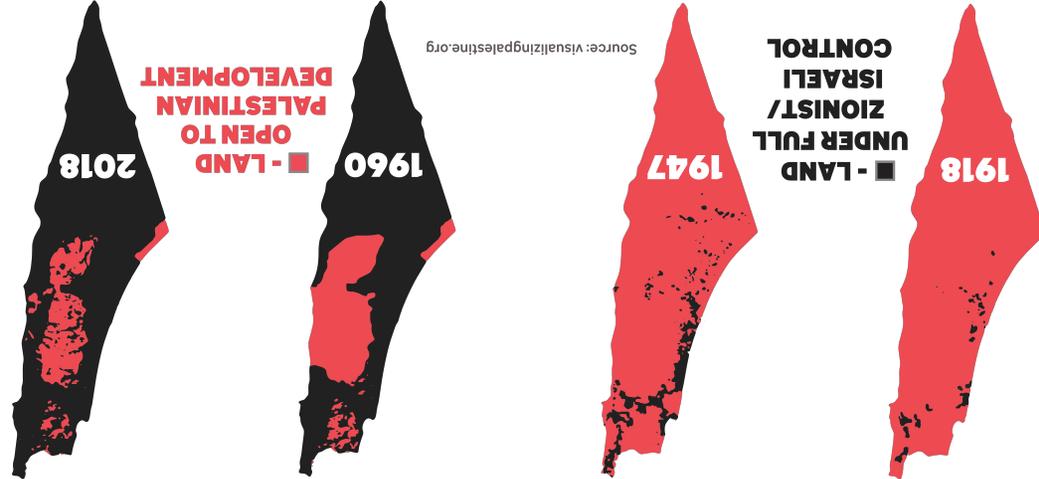
What is BDS?

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We are the **Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)**. There are tens of thousands of us across the United States working in solidarity with the Palestinian demand for **Freedom, Justice, and Equality**. Join us or learn more: dsausa.org/join

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Israel was formed in 1948 when **Zionist** forces displaced roughly 800,000 **indigenous Palestinians**, destroying more than 500 villages in the process. This event, known as the **Nakba** (catastrophe), has led to 70 years of **settler colonialism**. The Zionist drive to create an exclusively Jewish state involves expelling Palestinians from their land and treating them with extreme discrimination. This brutal system of **apartheid** and **occupation** can only be maintained with the international political, military, and economic support Israel receives.



BDS

is the movement for **Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions** launched in 2005 by 170 Palestinian civil society organizations. They call on the international community to put non-violent pressure on Israel to "comply with international law and universal principles of human rights" by withdrawing support from Israeli companies and cultural institutions while pushing governments to end trade and diplomatic relations with Israel.



At the 2017 National Convention, the Democratic Socialists of America (**DSA**) resolved to **fully support BDS**. We condemn efforts to deny the right of Palestinians in the US and their allies to free speech, assembly, and academic freedom. We **strongly oppose** the **Israel Anti-Boycott Act** (which would make it a felony to support boycotts targeting Israel), as well as all similar legislation at state and local levels.

Learn more at: bdsmovement.net

The movement has THREE DEMANDS

- 1) End the occupation and colonization of Arab lands and dismantle the wall.
- 2) Recognize the fundamental rights of Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality.
- 3) Respect, protect, and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.



As **democratic socialists and internationalists** we stand in solidarity with Palestinian civil society's non-violent struggle against **apartheid, colonialism, military occupation and for equality, human rights, and self-determination**. We affirm that any political solution to the ongoing crisis must be premised on the realization of basic human rights, including all of those outlined by the BDS movement.

