

Religious Turns: Gush Emunim & Hamas

From secular nationalism to religious legitimation

- 1. Rise of Gush Emunim (Bloc of the Faithful) & Hamas – Harakat al-Muqawamah al-'Islamiyyah (Islamic Resistance Movement).
- 2. Prior religious dimensions of conflict.
- 3. Boost religious definition of conflict & legitimate uncompromising goals (partition).

Generational conflict

- 1. What is a generational explanation?
- 2. Older generation in double-vise & with negligible influence.
- 3. Politicized in 1967 and 1987, respectively.
- 4. GE reinterprets colonization & Hamas reinterprets jihad.

Spoilers of Oslo

- 1. Why did Yasser Arafat sign the unfavorable Oslo DOP?
- 2. The PNA's 'survivalist' approach.
- 3. Settler violence.
- 4. Second Intifada.
- 5. Timing of terror attacks (dual arena strategy or outbidding).

Socio-economic dimension

- 1. Hamas's da'wa social service institutions.
- 2. Gush Emunim's social mobility (Amana & Council of Yesha).
- 3. GE's inroads into the institutional framework.

Internal dynamics

- 1. GE vanguardists & consensus-builders.
- 2. Hamas' pragmatism & controlled violence.
- 3. Hamas's new Charter.
- 4. Limits on their influence (territorial division & secular forces).
- 5. International and Israeli blockade.