The Role of Myth in Escalating The Conflict Between Israel-Palestine

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Abstract

Myth as the basic of information before conducting life in society can escalate the sight toward other perspective, and make conflicting between Israel-Palestine. They are defending their myth. The myth of David and Goliath which stone as a tool in conquering the monster Goliath, it is been trying for youth Palestinian to beat Israel. Whereas, according to Abu Nimer, the reason for Palestinian using stone is like symbol that they want to show non-violent. However, by using stone, Israel fears that the story of David and Goliath will happen to them, yet the story is opposite. Now, the Israel becomes Goliath, and youth Palestinian becomes David who is throwing stone to the monster. By using Kepferer's theory about power of myth, this article wants to analyze how strong the power of myth in the conflict of Israel-Palestine on the perspective of throwing stones.

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PLO Recognition. In September 1993, following intense behind-the-scenes contacts between Israeli and Palestinian negotiators in Oslo, an agreement was achieved between Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians may be the most explosive political situation on the planet, yet it very rarely receives balanced coverage. Pro-Israeli media and groups depict Israel as the innocent victim and Palestinians as heartless terrorists threatening innocent civilians. Pro-Palestinian media and groups villainize the Israelis and glorify their own cause. Very rarely, even in Western media, do we see balanced stories on the highly-charged conflict between Israel and Palestine. Below is a rare, balanced article from Canada's respected Toronto Star which explores the The Israeli–Palestinian conflict is the ongoing struggle between Israelis and Palestinians that began in the mid-20th century amidst the greater Arab–Israeli conflict. Various attempts have been made to resolve the conflict as part of the Israeli–Palestinian peace process. The origins to the conflict can be traced back to Jewish immigration and sectarian conflict in Mandatory Palestine between Jews and Arabs. It has been referred to as the world's "most intractable conflict," with the ongoing Israeli The Israel-Palestine conflict is often referred as the ‘world’s most intractable conflict’. It is rooted in a dispute over land claimed by Jews. At the end of the war between Israel and Arab countries, Israel emerged victoriously. Moreover, it could increase its territory to a larger extent and it marked the beginning of the expansionist policy of Israel. As a consequence of the war, a large number of Palestinians either flee or were forced to move out of Israel and settle in refugee camps near Israel's border. It was the beginning of Palestine refugee crisis which ultimately led to the creation of a terrorist organization PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) in 1964. Israel's fight against the Arab countries (1967).