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CONTAINED:

The Separation Wall in Palestine/Israel

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Methodology

Justice orientated approach to international and Israeli legal analysis in connection with critical theory and settler colonial studies.

Background

More than *15 years* after the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled the wall violated international law, the wall and Israel's political interests behind it continue today.

The wall is *435 miles long*, and *85%* of it is constructed within the occupied West Bank in deviation from the recognized border.

Analysis

The ICJ voted *14 to 1* that the entirety of the wall was illegal due to political motivations of de facto annexation of Palestinian land. The UN Security Council never implemented the decision.

As result, *85%* of illegal Israeli settlers are protected by the wall. Only legal petitions to Israel's courts were able to reduce the amount of land trapped, from *16% to 8%*.

Application

Israel used the wall as a tool for containment: fracturing Palestine into isolated archipelagos fully surrounded by Israel, preventing either a two or one state solution.

contain / *isolate* / restrict

The goals of this project are being implemented now. Prime Minister Netanyahu is working with Trump to approve further annexation of the West Bank. The "deal of the century" was the logical political objective of the wall's route – *colonize the land without incorporating the occupied people.*