

## History Coursework Arab and Israeli conflict

*In this coursework I will be studying sources and show their effect and purpose also I will give my own views on the Arab and Israeli conflict.*

*From looking at sources A and B I have learned the motivation of the members of the PLO was that the people of Palestine wanted to regain their land and would do anything to get it back from the Israeli. Another thing I have learned from these sources was the people who wrote them were anti-Semitism and had feelings of hatred towards the Jews. I can tell this because the way the source was written was to persuade people that the Palestinians were eager to get their land back from the Jews and would kill them if necessary. In addition to this they had waited to long and were impatient "For twenty years our people have been waiting for a solution to the Palestinians problem." This shows that the people had been waiting to long and wanted the problem resolved this is why they joined the PLO. Some other things mentioned in these two sources was the Palestinians refused to remain as refugees and wanted their land back. When concluding both sources A and B the purpose of both of them was to get an message across that the PLO was ready to regain their land and they were ready to fight "we are ready to shed our blood for you!" this show the people of the PLO were willing to clash with the Israeli in any circumstance this shows that they don't like to fight but they have to fight for their country.*

*From examining all four sources the way sources A and B differ from C and D is that sources A and B are saying that the PLO should have control over Palestine were as sources C and D disagree and say that PLO should not have control over Palestine. Another key aspect is that sources A and B say that the PLO is regaining its land for the right purpose and should have the privilege to debated about it. Whereas sources C and D disagree with this and comment "PLO a murderous group of terrorist with a sophisticated army." This firstly tells us that the PLO is a murderous group organization. Also imply the fact that the people who wrote the sources C and D are Zionist telling us that the Jews should have a homeland and later an independent state. When concluding all four sources the statements made differ and argue a different point of view from the Israelis and Palestinians and their hatred towards each other this also puts forward the fact that both Israeli and Palestinians have strong views and points to put forward. When we see a British writer giving his views on the matter this shows that Britain are also involved in the conflict.*

*The way I would explain the differences between the sources is that they are written from different points of view and reflect various opinion. I can say this because from examining the sources and looking at the people who have written it. The sources are stating their own point of view and backing up their own nation. I reply that one of the sources that is written by Terence Prittie a British writer. Says that the Jews had the land in the first place and the Palestinians were just trying to achieve independence he also mentions in real life no place was present when he comments, "In reality no place existed". This shows that the British writer has said that there was no reason for the Arabs and Israeli fighting when the land belonged to the Jews in the first place. The purpose of this source was to tell people that Britain was also involved in the Arab and Israeli conflict and had their own opinions on the matter. The nature and the way it was written was to tell convey an idea that the Arabs were fighting for no persuasive cause. When looking at a source written by a Palestinian he interprets "All that we got was charity and humiliation while other continued to live in our homes" this tells us that the Palestinians are saying that the land was there's in the first place. In addition to this he also says we suffered humiliation while the Jews lived in our homes. The purpose of this source was to tell people that the Palestinians were ready to regain their land back. When concluding all four sources I can say that the differences was that the sources were just written to one extent and did not look at the matter in another content all the sources did was they put their opinion on the conflict. The reason for this being is because the Palestinians and Israel people were keen on getting their land back and had their own views on the conflict. The effect that the sources are primary and secondary play a significant part in the way you study them.*

*Whilst looking at sources C and D the reliability of the sources tell us how dependent it is. When looking at source C I can say it is quite reliable because it is written as a primary source and is written at the time we are studying. When looking at source D I can say it is not that reliable because it has no date of when it was written also it explains in very little detail of why Israeli should have their land but it does tell us that the Palestinians were fighting for no reason and just wanted to achieve independence. When analysing both sources I can say overall that they reflect the same intention and get the same message across which is saying that the Israeli should have the their land back. Out of the two sources the one I will choose as being more reliable will be source C this is because it tells us when the source was written and also mentions key points such as "Israeli are just fighting a war" this tells*

*us that the Israeli people are fighting because they have to get their land back and achieve independence after all the anti Semitism behaviour they have been through. I have not chose source D to be more reliable than source C because source D may have been written by a British writer but it has no exact date of when it was written and has very detail on the conflict.*

*The extent that sources F, G and H support the impression of Yasser Arafat given in source E. As well as, source D contradicts historical evidence. “ No such country” this shows that we know that the Palestinians were living in their land for centuries. “At no time did we develop independence” this shows that they tried against the Turks and the British “ no nationality” this also shows that they speak the same language have the same language have common culture and religion! That Source F does not support the impression of Yasser Arafat. I can tell this because it comments “Arafat and most of the leaders of the PLO wanted to limit raids and bombings to Israeli’s territory because their military aim was strictly war on Israeli”. This shows that although the leaders wanted to do maximum raids and bombings to the Israel the real purpose was to have a war with Israel. Also it talks about the Palestinians being “extremist” which suggest that the Palestinians have strong opinions or aims that they refuse to change in any circumstances. As well as this the PLO are making attacks in the other parts of the world. This also tells us that source F does not support the impression of Yasser Arafat finally it says, “These Palestinians realised that raids into Israeli achieved very little” written in 1984 it was in a period when Arafat still wanted to destroy Israel. Whereas source G and H disagree and support the impression of Yasser Arafat in source E I can tell this since the sources are written by Palestinians when looking at source G it says “Our people do not carry guns and bombs because they enjoy killing” the Palestinians says this to tell people they do not kill Israelis for enjoyment they do it for democracy and freedom. It also adds “There was no result. So this was our last option” the reason for the Palestinians saying this is to tell people that there was no answer so fighting is their only option to resolve the conflict. When looking at source H I can say that the person who wrote it is trying to convey an idea that the Palestinians are fighting for the right purpose and not bombing the women and children but in any circumstances if the women and children are killed it will be by mistake. He also point out the fact that they are not prosecuting the Jews when he says, “We are not against the Jews. We want our land back”. Telling us the Palestinians want their land back that they claim is rightly there’s. After analysing all three sources and seeing which of them support the*

*impression of Yasser Arafat I can reply by saying the sources that does not support the impression of Yasser Arafat in source E is source F the reason for this is because it is written by a British history book in 1984. The background of the British not supporting the Yasser Arafat is that Britain had promised Jews a homeland after the second world war and wanted them to have their own state. But the Arabs were furious because they help Britain to fight against the Turks in the Second World War and wanted independence. The other two sources support the impression of Yasser Arafat in source E they do this because they are Palestinians and want to achieve independence and show how good there leader Yasser Arafat is they also want to put in mind that they will do anything to get their land back from the Jews also Yasser Arafat has achieved something for the Palestinians people.*

*When examining sources A, B, G and H it makes me understand the motivation of the PLO members by telling me that the Palestinians Liberation Organisation want to achieve independence for the Palestinian people. I can say that all the sources are useful because they give us an impression of how desperate the Palestinians are to get their land back. The nature of the sources is that it is written by the people of Palestine and resumes the fact that the Palestinian people are willing to kill themselves to get independence and regain their land. The strength of the sources is that they show how keen the PLO is to succeed also they give us an idea of the Palestine view on the matter and what they think should be done to resolve the conflict. The weakness of the source is that they refer to violent when the sources use words such as “guns bombs killing blood” this is not good because it builds up a disturbing image of the Palestinians people and suggest they do not want to resolve the matter in an peaceful manner. This tells other countries such as Britain and the U.S.A that the Palestinians are violent and disturbing. When concluding sources A, B, G and H I can say that they do tend to help understand the motivation of the members of the PLO by showing us why the PLO want to attack Israel in the first place they also want us to show and tell people and other countries how strong there opinions are. In addition to this they want to show the Israel people that they will sacrifice and even kill innocent people just to get their land back. This also brings to mind how powerful the PLO members are and what kind of effect they will have on the Israeli people when they attack. I will be analysing 4 sources the first one source A is written in 1968 he is writng a letter to his parents there would be no need to write to lie to his faimley. This source is useful because it shows which people motivated the PLO. Source*

*When gathering up all the information from the sources and using my own knowledge the reason why the PLO are described as both “freedom fighters and “terrorist and murderers” is because when looking at the sources I can say that sources A, B, E, G and H describe the PLO as freedom fighters. I can tell these sources say that the PLO are freedom fighters because they are written by the Palestinian people and are backing up the PLO. When looking at source A an Palestinian student says “I refuse to remain a refugee. I have decided to join the freedom fighters and ask for your blessing”. What this source is conveying is that it is telling people that the student is joining the freedom fighters because he no longer wants to be a refugee. Source B agrees with the PLO being freedom fighters I can distinguish this by firstly seeing the way the structure of language is used is very brave the way the Palestinian poem speaks out is in a very strong manner. It says words such as “Death does not frighten us Palestine is ours” this shows that the freedom fighters are brave and think that Palestine rightly belongs to them. There are other words in the poem such as “O god O glory we promise to shed our blood for you!” this put together a image that they are fighting for god and will shed their blood for god. Source E shows a picture of Yasser Arafat receiving the Nobel peace prize along with Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin of Israel in 1994 this shows that the PLO were freedom fighters and established an independent Palestinian state. Source G is written by Sami el-Karami he shows that the Palestinians have waited too long and have to fight for freedom “For 20 years we have waited for the united nation for liberty, for freedom and democracy. There was no result .So this is our last resort.” The impression this source is trying to bring to mind is that the Palestinian people are fighting because they have waited to long for the result and have no option but to fight. Source H is written by a 17 year old Palestinian named Hassan he informs us that the Palestinians are not terrorist we know this because he says things such as “we are not against the Jews. We want our land back.” The reason for this is that he is trying to convey an idea that the Palestinian people are not anti Semitism. He also says “If women and children are killed it is by mistake, and we regret it, but we have no alternative.” This shows that the Palestinians are killing innocent people because they have no other way of getting their land back. The sources that disagree with this and convey the idea that the PLO are “terrorist and murderers” are sources C, D and F the reason for this being is because they are against the PLO and do not like the actions that they have committed towards the Israeli people. Source C refers to the Palestinians as being murderous*

*terrorist by the Israeli commenter commenting, "The PLO is a group of murderous terrorist". This reflects the idea that the Israeli commentator thinks that the PLO is a murderous and terrorist organisation that is set up to wipe out Israeli people. He also mentions "Israel has no choice but to destroy the PLO's military capability" he is trying to say that Israel has to fight back and destroy the PLO armed forces. Source D is written by a British writer consider that the land should have been the Jews in the first place. When he phrases "in reality no such country existed" this shows that the Palestinians were fighting a war for no purpose. Source F is written from a history book and says that the PLO was not prepared and impatient. He also mentions that "These Palestinians achieved very little" showing that there was no reason for the people of Palestine to terrorised and murders the people of Israel. Overall from looking at all the sources and using my own knowledge I can now finally make a judgement of what interpretation I find more accurate. Out of the two sources I can say that the one I find more accurate is the PLO being described as "freedom fighters" this may sound enteric but the reason I have chosen this is because there was more sources giving a view on why the PLO are wanting to get their land back where on the other hand the evidence given for the PLO being "terrorist and murderers" is very little and the sources do not back up their opinions. When looking further on to the subject I can say that the way the PLO are being described by the Palestinians people and are that they are saying things such as they do not want tot kill the women, children and Jews for no reason they try not to kill the women and children but if it happens it's by mistake. This is another reason I have chose them as being described as "freedom fighters" because it gives us a impression that the Palestinians are attacking Israel to regain Independence and get freedom not to kill innocent people. I have not chosen them as being "terrorist and murderers" because although there is not enough information backing up that they are so called "terrorist and murdered" I can say that they are attacking Israel for a reason and in the sources A, B, E G and H the Palestinian people who have written them are backing up a reason for each violent attack the Palestinians carry out for example in source G the Palestinian says "our people do not carry machine and guns and bombs because we enjoy killing. It is our last resort." This shows that the Palestinians do not kill for enjoyment it is there last option this source shows the Palestinian backing up his violent behaviour .I have not chosen the PLO being described as "terrorist and murderers" as a accurate interpretation because firstly there was not enough information on the sources to back up this information and the sources such as source D explain in little detail on the conflict and gave basic*

*answer such as “In reality no place existed”. This shows that the source has no back up to say that the PLO are being described as murderers or terrorist it does give us a idea on the matter but does not back it up where on the other hand the sources written by the Palestinian do back up there opinion. This is why I chose the PLO as being “freedom fighters” because they want tot fight to achieve independence and accomplished freedom not because they want to kill the Jews or the Israeli people.*

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