The economic and political models favored by donors and the PNA gave preferential treatment to diaspora Palestinian mega capitalists, whose investments were supposed to lead to a version of trickle-down prosperity and peace. Instead, these investors monopolized profitable sectors of the Palestinian economy, while a previously emerging “de-development” of the Palestinian economy, caused mainly by the Israeli occupation, became further entrenched. The new arrangements now required an artificial atmosphere of cooperation with Israel as a prerequisite to aid and the “promise” of economic growth. The PNA became increasingly dependent on the donor community, while pre-Oslo medium-sized and cottage industries in cities such as Hebron, Nablus, and Gaza, together with the agriculture sector, were marginalized and/or made largely unproductive.

When the Palestinians did not play the statehood game according to Western donor and Israeli plans, the carrot eventually became a stick. Frozen aid became a means to leverage additional “changes” from the Palestinian leadership through “good governance reforms.” In the meantime Israel imposed additional wide-reaching geopolitical transformations across the occupied territories in the form of land confiscation, settlements, and the building of walls. Between the two, a regime of heightened control was established over Palestinian life, leadership, and cause, taking the emancipatory dream of Palestine and transforming it into a nightmare.

*Palestine Ltd.*'s exploration of the neoliberal aspects of the Oslo peace process highlights how donor aid added new colonial dimensions to the existing Israeli settler colonial project. The policies further entrenched disenfranchisement rather than liberate Palestinians.

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