

# War and Peace in the Middle East according to York University (Toronto)

I am an undergraduate student in political sciences and International Relations at York University in Toronto. This term I am taking a course titled “War and Peace In The Middle East” that is directed by Prof. Saeed Rehnema. Right from the first lecture Prof. Saeed tackled the Israeli Palestinian conflict head on. Through a series of cleverly constructed leading Yes/No questions he drew on the board a flowchart diagram (referring to the methodology as Game Theory) within minutes arriving at the “inevitable” conclusion as to the only logical solution to the conflict. It is quite simple according to Prof. Rehnema; there can only be one state in Palestine and demographics will dictate that it becomes a Muslim majority ruled “Democracy”. This outcome is guaranteed to occur in less than 100 years (a short historic period) due strictly to demographics. Therefore if there were to be an end to the conflict earlier than that it could only happen if Israel abandons its insistence on remaining a Jewish state. The student body was generally delighted with the speed and simplicity of the argument and its conclusion. Not only was the majority anti- Israeli in the first place but they were delighted to know that "learning" in this course is going to be so easy when the answers have already been pre-determined and endorsed by the Prof. Who needs to think for themselves in this day and age? After all the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth is already on Youtube. The “truth” is also documented in the course kit where each and every article is painting the Palestinians as innocent victims of American – Israeli (Zionist) imperialism. Including “truthiness” (according to the Colbert Report: What you would like to be the truth and have others believe is the truth) such as Israel is to blame for the failure of the Camp David summit, that the Zionist movement collaborated with the Nazis, challenging the term Shoa or Holocaust and comparing it to the Palestinian Nakba. These are just three mild examples.

Welcome to Al Jazeera University. I am not making it up. I am a regular student in this course and I was there. I will be there for every lecture, presentation and debate. Not to defend Israel, not to oppose Palestinians but to learn to think for myself and make up and speak my mind. Enough with the one sided pollution of empty young student’s brains. I at 67 am too old for this stuff.