

The Future of the Left in Palestine



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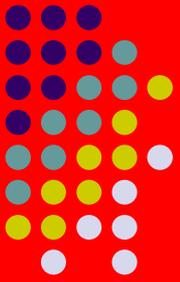


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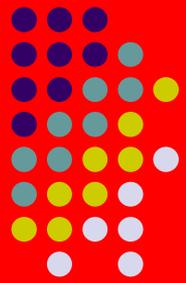
Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy (PCPD)

The Future of the Left in Palestine:



- The Status of the Left in the Occupied Territories (the Crisis).
- The factors behind the crisis.
- The consequences of the crisis.
- The proposed solutions
- Recommendations.

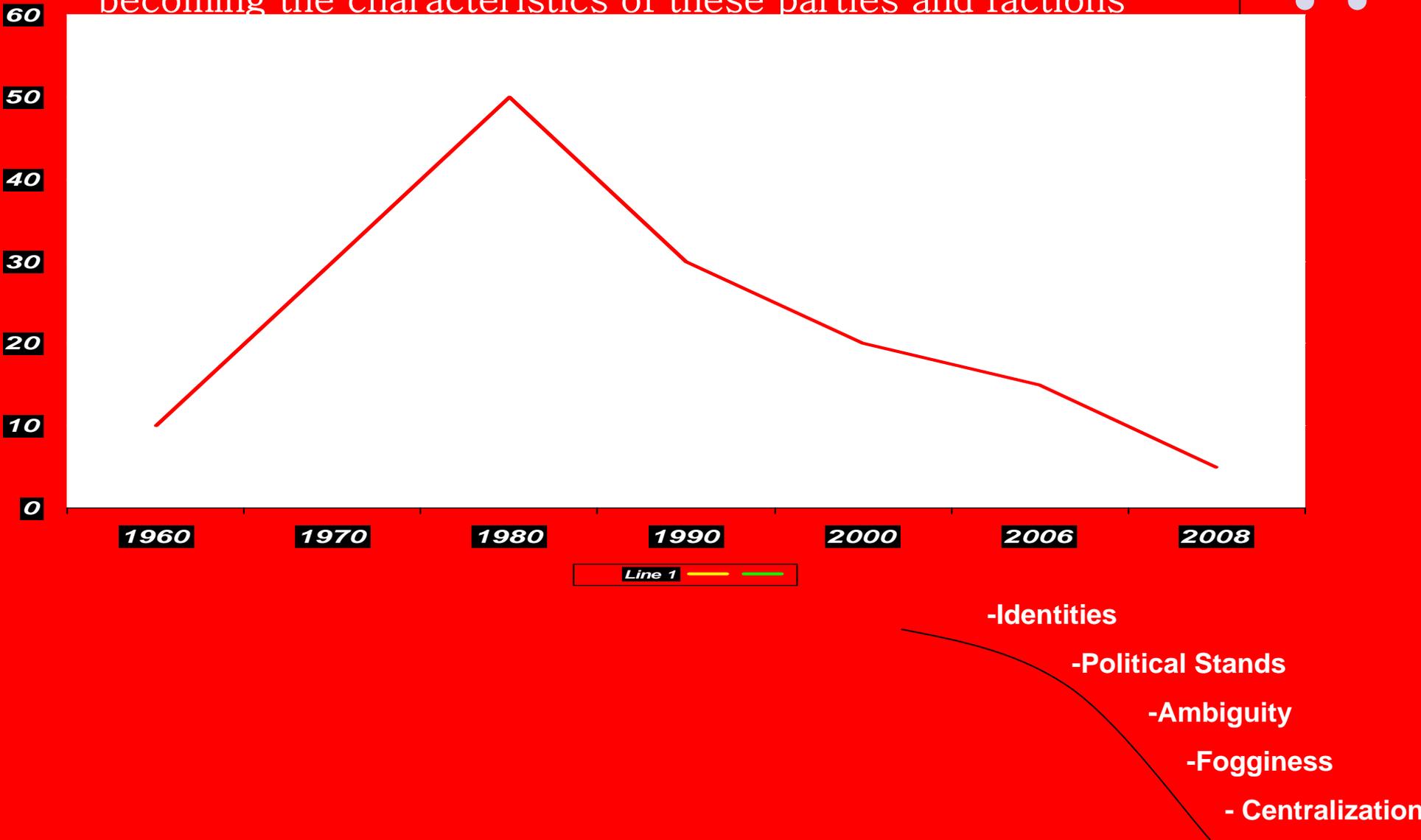
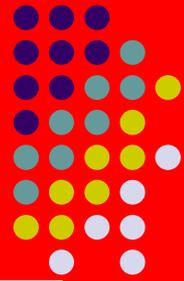
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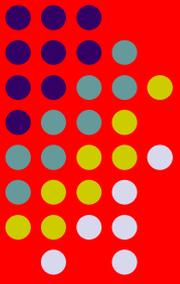


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PFLP	DFLP PPP FIDA PPSF PFLP				Fateh	Hamas

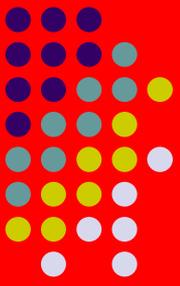
- 1.The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (**PFLP**)
- 2.The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (**DFLP**)
- 3.The Palestinian People's Party (**PPP**)
- 4.The Palestinian Democratic Union (**FIDA**)
- 5.The Palestinian Popular Struggle (**PPSF**)

- All the Leftist Parties are living a comprehensive structural crisis
- The fragmentation and deterioration of the Leftist Parties are becoming the characteristics of these parties and factions

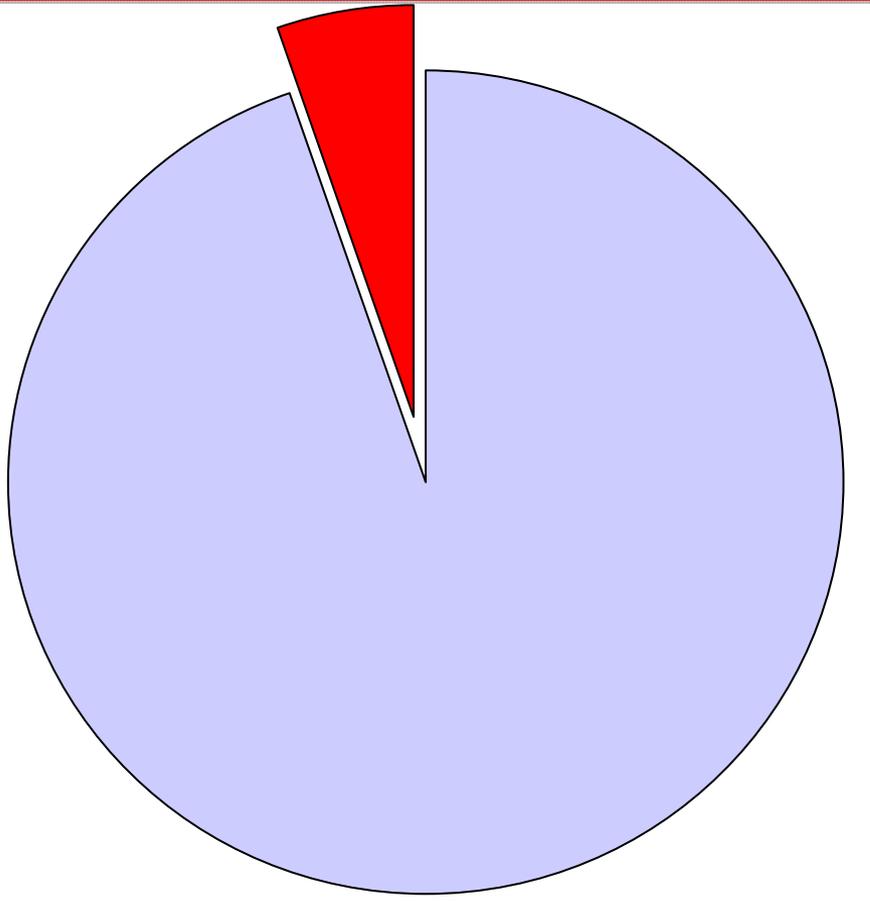




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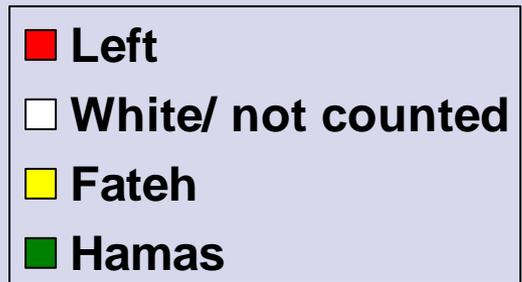
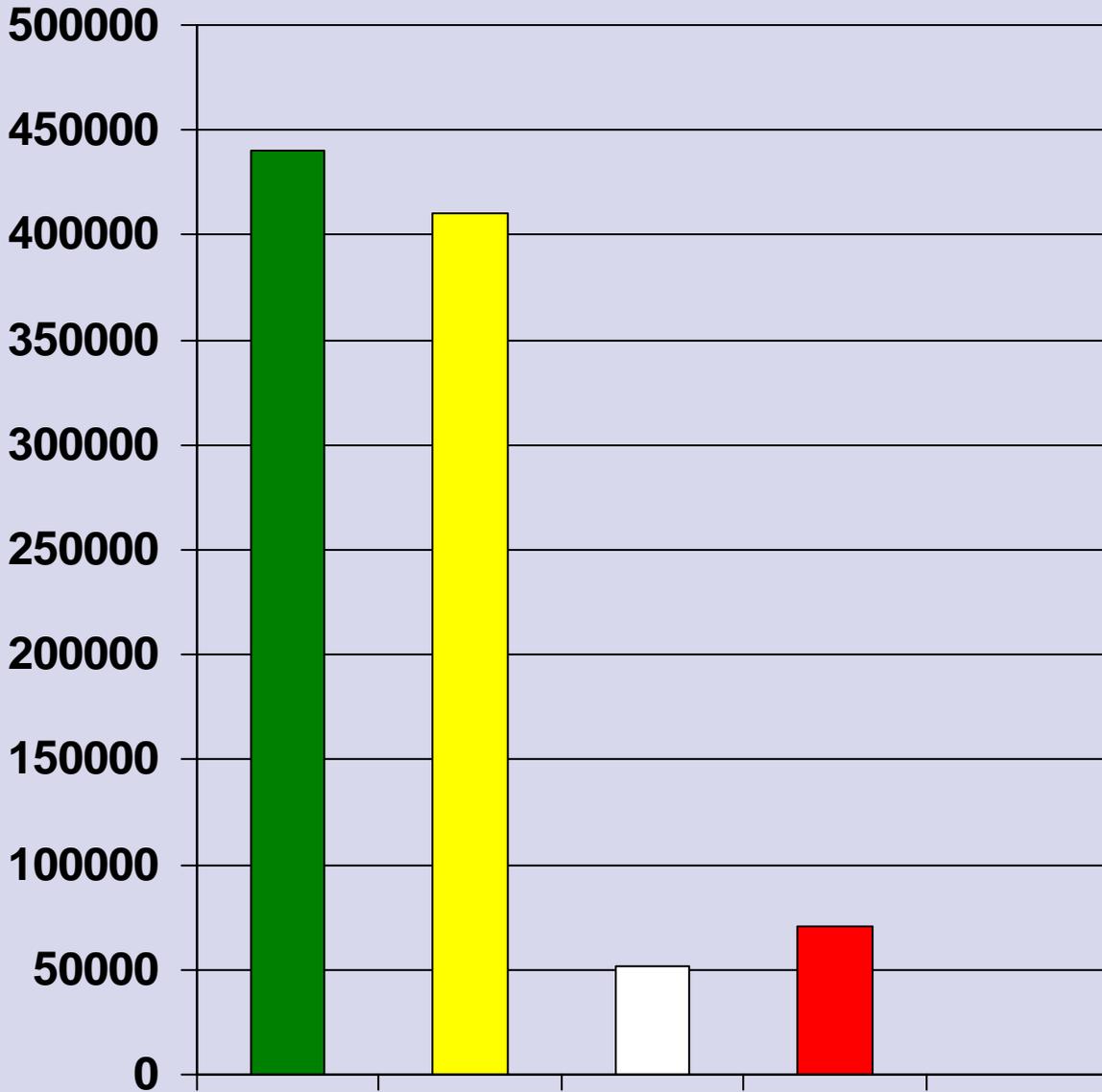
Deterioration after deterioration and defeat after defeat :



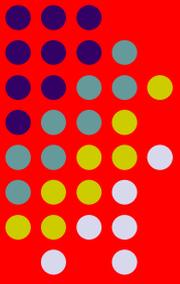
- The others
- The left parties

2006 Elections: (legislative Council):

- The left Parties: 5 seats
- The other Parties: 127 seats
- Total seats: 132

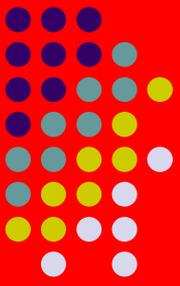


Second : The factors behind crisis:

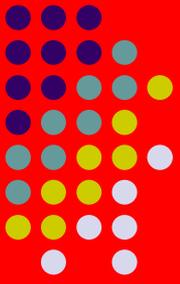


1. The International:

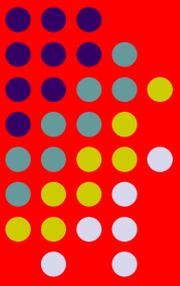
- The consequences of the collapse of the Soviet Union and the S.S
 - New World order
 - Western Media “Marxism has been defeated in the face of capitalism”
 - intellectual vacuum was created and filled by the western liberal ideology



2.The regional Factors

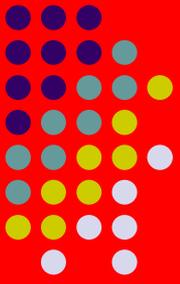


- The USA and its allies used religion as a pretext to combat the left (governments+ political-Islamic movements)
- The USA has mobilized armies of fighters to fight in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Albania
- Destroying the democratic changes – Indonesia in 1965

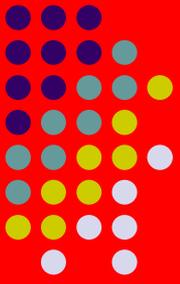


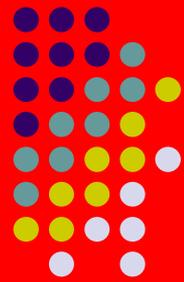
- **All this had led to politicizing religion and converting it to become a tool to oppression, creativity and scientific research.**
- **Hesitation to continue fearing the extremism powers.**
- **The leadership of the left parties used to adopt Marxism as a religion.**
- **Democracy amongst left parties was confiscated**
- **Young left adopted liberalism**
- **The Islamic revolution in Iran**

3: The Israeli factor



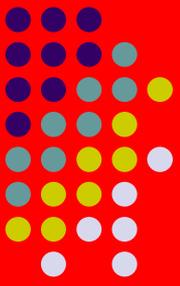
- Leftist have received many strikes 1973-1975-1979-1982-1988:
 - In the exile
 - In the Israeli jails
 - Under home arrests
 - Assassinated
- Destroying the peace camps in both Israeli+ Palestinian after Oslo 1993-1996



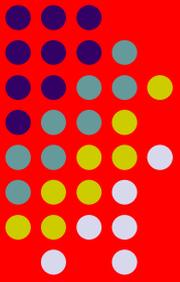


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الخليل - جندي اسرئيلي يفتش طفلا قرب حاجز عسكري في مركز المدينة امس.

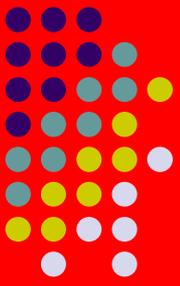


4: The Internal factor



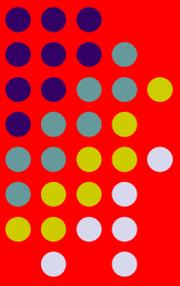
- **The deterioration of the left started in 1989**
 - The Identity**
 - Tunisia intervention**
 - Iraqi occupation**
- **Having three stands towards the Palestinian Authority**
- **The results of 1996 elections**
- **Open political work**
- **Relying on Fateh financially**
- **The absence of Democracy**

Third : the consequences of the crisis



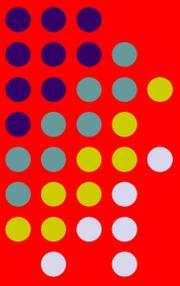
- Lack of influence on Fateh
- They left a vacuum that was filled by Hamas
- Division of the left politically (political views)
- Methodologies of the second Intifada
- The absence of the identity
- Marginalizing Youth

Fourth : The proposed solutions



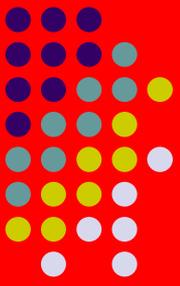
- **One** : On the international level
 - fill the vacuum that has been left by the USSR
 - looking for their interests amongst the near future multilateral world order

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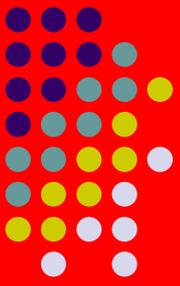
- ***Two***: on the regional level :
 - political support for the Arabs
 - strengthening Palestinians in the exile politically
 - strengthening independency

5. On the local level



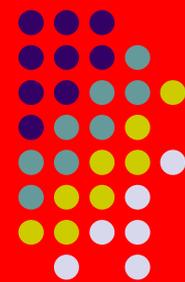
- Clear adaptation to the UNSCRs
- Defining the democratic modern Palestinian state
- PDI implementation
- Social justice
- Start work for the leftist democratic progressive party
- Struggling against both corrupted and fundamentalists.

Fifth : Recommendations

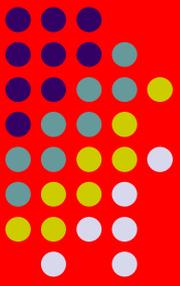


- Defining the ideological identity
- Defining the socio-political view
- Defining class representation
- Start a practical initiative urgently
- **Two States for Two People (UNSCRs)**

6. The urgent level

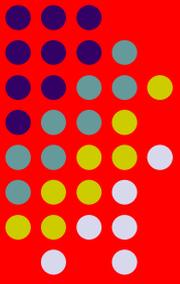


- Initiating a dialogue to form an electoral bloc
- Conducting their conferences
- Respecting primary elections
- Forming the committee that is responsible for the unification process

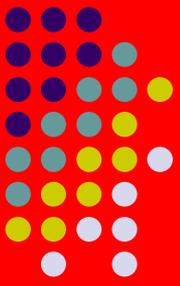


- Having a newspaper that represent the left
- Learning from the successful experiences

7. Strategic level



- A dialogue on the international level in order to: (**Leftist of all Countries Unite!**)
 - Forming the left front globally
 - Organizing and developing the European left support
 - Make PCPD + ROZA-LUX's joint experience an example, reality and a success



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