



The Importance of Peace Education

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Introduction:

Palestine is one of the oldest inhabited countries in the world. In the last one hundred years, they have undergone a dramatic shift in power and loss of freedom. Palestine has been subject to persecution and harassment, forced to give up their land for the settlement of Israel. Today, there are few attempts towards the construction of peaceful interactions (Daveid 2012).

Hypothesis Tested:

Development of activities engaging Israeli and Palestinian children together will promote mutual acceptance and appreciation of cultural diversity.

Materials and Methods:

We wanted to get in touch with one Refugee Camp in Palestine, however, due to the strict security and power of the Israelis, we were unable to communicate with them. Our next plan was to email Palestinians who have moved to surrounding Arab countries. We had three in-depth interviews with people who have lived in Palestine. Out of 23,335 journal articles (in Table 1), we have used 6 thus far in our research.

Table 1. Matrix of Data bases used to locate peer-refereed articles

Source	Words	Results
EBSCO	Palestine	313
	Israel	163
	Peace	40
	Education	34
	Adult	6
MSU Library Cat Search	Children	4
	Palestine	73,669
	Education	5,646
	Children	1,1125
	Peace	202
Google Scholar	Israel	125
	Palestine	556,600
	Israel	242,000
	Peace	160,000
	Education	83,500
	Children	56,600
	Adult	23,200

Interview Questions:

1. What was it like living in Palestine with the oppression of the Israelis?
2. How do you view Israelis?
3. Do you wish for peace with Israel?
4. Is peace even possible?
5. What do you value in life.?

Results:

1. Many had experiences including violence and inequality.
2. They viewed Israelis as the occupying state. Israeli police were not nice and were strict
3. Yes, very much so.
4. Highly probable .
5. Faith and family.

Discussion:

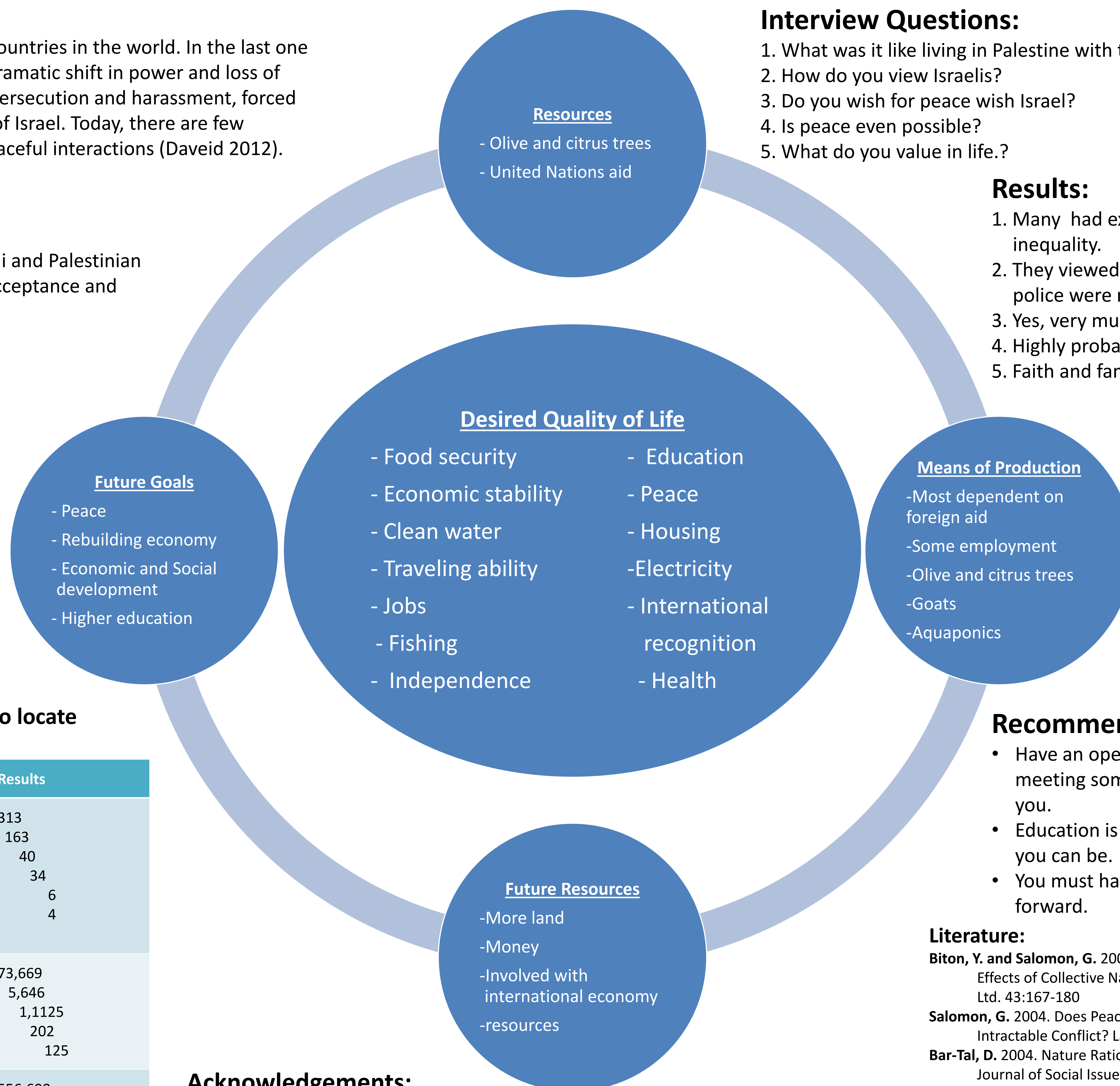
The quality of life for the interviewees were usually the same, faith and family. Many have experienced the harsh power of the Israelis and have chosen to leave Palestine because of it. All of them long for peace, however, they think that there is too much hate that has built up over the years. They say that people must learn how to love each other, accept other people, and live together peacefully.

Recommendations:

- Have an open mind and an open heart when meeting someone of a different race/culture than you.
- Education is the best thing for being the best person you can be.
- You must have forgiveness if you want to move forward.

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