



What Keeps the Conflict Cycle Going?



Historical

- UN Declaration 181 Nov 1947 West's Guilt re Holocaust & closed borders.
- Connection to the land.
- Antisemitism feeds Israel's resolve 'never again'.

Religious

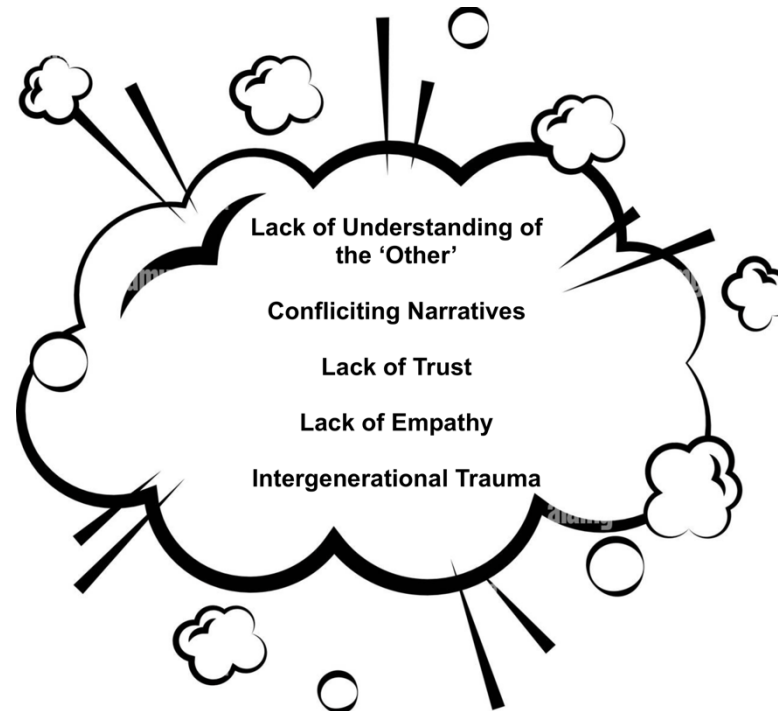
- Jewish Zionism – 'Divine Right' to land.
- Christian Zionism – USA, UK, Aust.

Political

- Right Wing expansionism.
- Right Wing unwilling for Two State solution.
- Right Wing ongoing intimidation and suppression of Palestinians.
- Only solution is military.
- United States, UK, Australia, and other Western nations (general) support for Israel – Green Line .
- Politics of oil and sale of military hardware.
- Small nation surrounded by hostile Muslim countries.

Psychological

- Lack of security



Systems Theory

Any party or parties who join one side against the other help to perpetuate the conflict.

Historical

- "We were not consulted".
- Connection to the land.

Religious

- Palestinian Christian theology – Israel does not have 'exclusive right' to the land.

Political

- Radical Muslim Extremists – Shiite (Hamas, PIJ, Hezbollah) backed by Iran – "eradicate Israel."
- Palestinian Authority - "pay to slay" policy.
- Palestinian non-violent resistance and commitment to remain.
- Moslem nations (general) support of Palestinians.

Psychological

- lack of freedom

'WHO' GAINS AND 'HOW' FROM MAINTAINING THE CONFLICT?