Constructive Resistance Through Food Sovereignty in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

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Research Question:

In what ways do Palestinians resist the Israeli occupation, apartheid, and annexation of Palestinian land?
Theoretical Frameworks:

- Biopower – Foucault (1978, 2008)
- Necropolitics – Mbembe (2019)
Methodology:

- Examined oral histories and interviews with Palestinian farmers
- Surveyed the impacts of local NGOs vs. international aid
- Reviewed projects between the Palestinian government and universities
- Evaluated the efforts toward food sovereignty with economic models
Findings

• Combination of indigenous practices and innovative techniques
• Farms function as educational centers of resistance
• Agriculture and food sovereignty can inhibit land dispossession
• Constructive resistance directly combats necrotization
Recommendations and Intervention

• Comprehensive mobilization of Palestinian capacities to control resources
• Donor aid from the IC should align with Palestinian needs
• International pressure on Israel to end regime of apartheid
• Innovative agricultural practices are replicable in the developing world