The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

- the “Land of Palestine.”
Public Opinion

- support for violence is related to threat perception
  - 1996 Palestinian elections
  - 2000 Intifada
  - 2004 cease fire
Public Opinion

• Palestinians are receptive to peace and negotiations.
• Not as willing to compromise on key issues.
Political Opinions

- The Palestinian political scene.
- Increasingly Competitive

A comparison of the 1996 and 2006 election results

- Fatah
- Independent Fatah
- Independent Islamists
- Independent Christians
- Independents
- PFLP
- Badeel
- Independent palestine
- Third Way
Hamas

- Violently committed to destroying the so called, “Zionist entity.”
- Not interested in negotiations with Israel
- Wants an Islamic state in all of Palestine.
Fatah

• Ultimate goals are what set it apart from Hamas.
• Wants an independent democratic state, as opposed to an Islamic state.
Election Results

• 74.6 percent of the 1.3 million Palestinian voters participated.
• Clear demand for change.

![2006 election results chart]

- Fatah: 74
- Hamas: 45
- PFLP: 3
- Badeel: 2
- Independent Palestine: 2
- Third Way: 2
An Uncertain Future

• Israeli-Palestinian conflict has taken a new turn.
• Palestinian masses are not an impediment to peace.