Peace

Peace is absolutely possible

In a <u>thought-provoking YouTube discussion</u>, Rudy Rochman, a known activist and speaker on Israeli-Palestinian relations, engages with a Palestinian individual to explore potential solutions to their longstanding conflict:

<u>https://www.youtube.com/embed/QziM751Jfy0</u>

Here is a paraphrased excerpt from his speech, adjusted for textual clarity:

> *"The way I see it is that there are 4 options on the table:*
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> 1. *All Israelis kill all Palestinians / All Palestinians kill all Israelis*
> 2. *All Israelis expel all Palestinians / All Palestinians expel all Israelis*
> 3. *We continue the status quo, and both people keep suffering as they do today*
> 4. *We build a solution based on the reality of what both peoples need, what their aspirations are, and correcting the injustices that were made*
>
> *Option 4 has never been tried."*

Rochman dismissively outlines the first three options, each reflecting extreme and unsustainable solutions, ultimately advocating for the fourth option as the only viable path forward. This option involves crafting a solution grounded in the realistic needs and aspirations of both peoples, while also addressing past injustices.

Rudy Rochman's argument presents a compelling case for a collaborative future between Jews and Arabs in the region. For justice to prevail in the Middle East, it is essential for both communities to coexist peacefully. Watching the full video can provide deeper insights into his proposals and encourage further dialogue on this critical issue.

I highly recommend watching the full video to grasp the nuance of Rochman's arguments. Pay special attention to how he addresses the historical context and consider how his proposed solutions could be implemented practically.

Justice is possible, too!

Basically, Rudy quickly gets to the conclusion, which is the inevitable truth and something we should all stand behind:

If we want Justice to prevail in the Middle East, there is no future in which Jews and Arabs do not live TOGETHER on the lands of Israel / Palestine.

Blaming the British Empire

Rudy Rochman attributes the origins of this conflict to British colonial policies. During the British Mandate (1920-1948), the seeds of discord were sown through political strategies that pitted the local Arab and Jewish populations against one another, complicating any future attempts at peaceful coexistence.