

Abstract

The 1948 war was an important stage of the Arab-Israeli conflict, whereby, the Israeli academic institution created historical myths and unfounded stories that resulted in eliminating the defeated party from the story to finalize his extraction from his land and his world. In that aspect, Saleh Abdul Jawad pointed to the fact that the Israeli historian has succeeded in creating a virtual history and in silencing the other party.

Those lies persisted until the emergence of a group of historians and sociologists in the mid 1980s in Israel, where they started to present new now thoughts and analysis of history writings that transferred the Israel society into the after-Zionism stage in the way it looks at the other party and it removed the innocence of Israel, thereby creating a shakeup in the overall Jewish.

This study focused on the new historians who were in the stage after-Zionism, what were the conditions that helped to create them, and it also focused on their writings, which created a major criticism of the history the Zionist organization. This study chapter of this study concentrated on the general ideas of those historians about important issues in the history of the Palestinian catastrophe. Those historians proved that Israel was to blame for the forceful immigration of hundreds of thousand of Palestinians.

This study also pointed to the fair position of those historians in regards to the right of return of the mentioned refugees despite the fact that this right has been denied by the Israel leadership it would result in destroying Israel.

Their works exposed the role played by the Zionist organization in that war and it also challenged the myth about the cleanliness of the Jewish weapon when it uncovered the series of the massacres committed against the Palestinian's. The value of these historians works is materialized in their documentation of Israel's refusal off all peace proposals since 1948 and until today, by doing that, they remove the Zionist legends from the circles of the taboo and proved that Israel and its iron policy is the reason behind the continuation of the struggle and not the Palestinian uprising (Intifada).

The study also included the reaction of Arab and Palestinian intellectuals toward those new historians in light of what they presented in terms of critical historical works. The study showed different positions that those intellectuals took in regard to the phenomena of the new historians, the study stressed the negative position of the majority of the Arab intellectuals and it also clarified the lack of interest shown by Arab and Palestinian research towards studying the Israeli historical story and the study also presented the intellectuals shortcomings in researching the historical stories which helped the Zionist claims have the upper hand not only in Israel, but also in the western world.

Finally, there appeared a need to reconstruct the history of the catastrophe and all its events depending on the general memory of the population, in addition to the written versions. This could be achieved without having new Arab historians or new academic directions, rather what is remind is an analytical review of the Arab history and to take advantage of what the new historians have contributed without falling in the endless steps of naturalization of relations of refusing the other side.