

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What are the origins of legitimacy within the Palestinian political field? And in what ways can be gained? These are the main two questions that this study will try to answer, in an attempt to find ways from which the Palestinians give the right to a party to lead them, and exercise the power on them, including the use of force.

The study assumes that the resistance to an external threat is the origin in gaining the legitimacy within the Palestinian political field, based on the reading of "Randall Collins" to "Max Weber" works.

The study takes the Islamic Resistance Movement "Hamas" as a model, in order to examine how this movement has been able to build its legitimacy within the Palestinian political field, including the Palestinian legislative election in 2006, where "Hamas" achieves a landslide victory, transferring "Fateh" from the dominator role in the Palestinian political field to the opposition seats in the Palestinian Legislative Counsel, and further marginalization to other groups, despite the long history of some, and the promises of democracy and economic recovery of others.

The study comprises the theoretical argument which adopts the reading of "Randall Collins" to "Max Weber", that is the source of internal legitimacy is the resistance of foreign danger as a framework to backstopping the analysis and vision. In addition, the study adopts the historical descriptive analytical approach, and it is also based on the previous literature and field interviews with a view to enrich the subject and match it with the reality in a bid to trace the emergence and developments of the topic in question.