

Part Two - Taking Ethnicity off of the Table

eth·nic·i·ty

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noun

the quality or fact of belonging to a population group or subgroup made up of people who share a common cultural background or descent.

The laws governing the modern State of Israel differentiate between citizens on the basis of purported ethnic origin. Discussion and debate surrounding the topic of the Israel-Palestine dilemma often includes ethnic origin as being a relevant factor in understanding the scenario, as well as any potential solutions. We demonstrate in these chapters that not only is ethnic origin not a legitimate basis for distinction under a fair and just legal system, but that the presumed ethnic origin of the directly affected populations are, in fact, inaccurate. We thoroughly establish that even if ethnic origin should be considered in the evaluation of the problem or the formulation of a solution, the ethnic origin of the involved parties is not what is commonly asserted and claimed in Israeli law. We once and for all remove ethnic origin as a relevant factor in the discussion.