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Role of Media in Palestine Israel conflict

Outline

1. Introduction

a. In May 2021, story of a Palestinian girl, Mariam Afifi, smiling while arrested by Israeli forces. A video went viral and became a global symbol of Palestinian resilience.

b. Role of media in shaping perception of war and occupation.

c. Thesis Statement

Media both traditional and social plays a decisive role in shaping perceptions of Palestine-Israel conflict, highlighting human sufferings, mobilizing international solidarity, but also biases, censorship and propaganda for hiding truth.

2- Traditional Media coverage

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a. Western Media biases

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Framing Palestinians: as "Terrorist"
and portray Israeli actions as
"self defense"

b. Arab and Muslim media

1. AT Jazeera, World TRT spreading
Palestinians voices.

2. Coverage of Sheikh Jarrah (2021).

c. Media Influence on diplomacy

Global coverage pressure UN, EU
and OIC.

3. Social Media as Battlefield

a. Hashtags Activism

#FreePalestine, #SafeSheikhJarrah,
#GazaUnderAttack.

1. Role of global celebrities
and influencers.

b. Role of Citizen Journalism

Palestinians using mobile phones
coverage raids and bombings.

c. Israel's Propaganda

Sponsored news, Bot accounts
spreading false narratives against
Palestinians.

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d. Censorship of Palestine voices

1. Removing content of Palestinians on social media
2. Human Right Watch report (2021)

4. Positive Role of Social Media

- a. Global solidarity campaigns.
- b. Fundraising drives for Gaza.
- c. Increased awareness in Western youth about Israeli occupation.

5. Negative Role of Social Media

- a. Biased framing by mainstream outlets, spreading misinformation
- b. Overemphasis on violence, ignoring root causes.
- c. Social media censorship weakening Palestinian narratives.

6. Conclusion

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In May 2021, story of a Palestinian girl, mariam Afife smiling while arrested by Israeli forces. A video went viral and became a global symbol of Palestinian resilience. The image shocked people and showed the struggles of ordinary Palestinians living under difficult conditions. At the same time, social media and news outlets were filled with false reports and biased stories, confusing many and creating wrong narratives on both sides. The Palestine - Israel conflict not only fought with weapons but also through media, which plays an important role in shaping world's perception. Many western media channels framing Palestinians as "terrorist" and portray Israel's action as "self defense", while Arab and Muslim media like Al Jazeera focused on highlighting the sufferings of Palestinians. Social media also allows Palestinians to share their video by using hashtags for instance #FreePalestine etc.. to get support globally. The Israeli silence the voices of Palestinians by removing their video from social media platforms. Although, this shows that media can influence people in many ways, both for positive and negative impacts and its role in the conflict cannot be ignored.