

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY COALITION FOR PEACE

OUR VALUES

As members of the Northwestern University community, we urge students, faculty, and communal representatives to take bold action for peace and a permanent resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We stand with the Israelis, Palestinians, and Americans who have called for a two-state solution to the conflict, based on the pre-1967 borders, which we believe is the only viable path to justice in the region. We stand for an end to violence and an end to incitement. We stand in opposition to settlement expansion as well as calls to boycott, sanction or divest from Israel.

We reject efforts that aim to assign absolute blame to either Israelis or Palestinians, such as the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction (BDS) movement and NU Divest. They are counterproductive and drive the parties further away from necessary compromise. We work instead for Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, alongside the future state of Palestine, with both nations living in peace and security.

We desire to be part of the solution towards peace, a responsibility that can only be achieved through mutual understanding, constructive dialogue and the recognition of the rights of both peoples. We urge our community to invest in peace.

THE FACTS

Divestment is deceiving and divisive
Commit to two states

The resolution proposed by NU Divest aligns itself with a global movement targeting Israel known as Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS). The passage of this resolution would lend Northwestern's name and credibility to this movement.

- NU Divest is part of the global BDS campaign. BDS is the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement whose goals necessitate the dissolution of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state. This would not result in peace or human rights for all.
- Both Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel are full participants in Israel's democracy, including serving in its government. Its future as a democracy, that continues to value full democratic rights for all regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity, depends on achieving a two-state solution.
- The only viable path to justice for Israelis and Palestinians is two states, which ensures human rights and self-determination for both peoples, living side by side in peace and security.
- Divestment (NU Divest) primarily blames Israel for perpetuating the conflict and rejects dialogue and direct negotiations as "normalization". A peaceful and just resolution will

only result when Israelis and Palestinians negotiate in good faith, acknowledging their own roles in perpetuating this conflict. We believe that our responsibility as students is to work toward such a resolution.