Settlements in West Bank Bill Committee of Foreign Affairs

Issue: Israeli Settlements in West Bank

Proposal:

- Major Israeli settlements can stay, however there should be no expansion on them
 - The areas that our settlements are in as well as the smaller areas around them, whether they are Arab or not, are under Israeli Control
 - We cannot expand on these settlements for fear that the Arabs revolt against our expansion and our control over the West Bank
- Minor Israeli settlements will be removed
 - The areas that the Israelis remove themselves from will be open to the Palestinians/Arabs
 - Back out of settlements that are in deep, hostile Palestinian territory
 - O What makes a small settlement?
 - Settlements that have less than 20 families
 - There should be no settlements in A territory, which is under Palestinians Authority
 - There should only be settlements in B territory that are approved by the government.
 - All private settlements not issued by the government must be withdrawn
 - An alternative for a settlement to be built for them must be within the green lines.
- Citizenship for Arabs in West Bank
 - Renounce their prior nationality or have proved that they will cease to be foreign nationals upon becoming Israeli citizens.

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Why Will This Work:

- Major Israeli settlements can stay, however there should be no expansion on them
 - If the major settlements still exist in the West Bank, then regardless of how many Palestinians settle, there will still be a Israeli Majority.
 - This will allow us to keep Israeli control on certain parts of the West Bank
- Minor Israeli settlements will be removed
 - Allow the Palestinians to settle in areas
 - Give them a place to live
 - Back out of areas that are not safe for us.
 - Better "publicity" to the rest of the world
- Citizenship for Arabs
 - Even if they do not privately recognize that Israel is a state, they have an obligation to renounce previous titles in order to live in their settlements
 - West Bank is still a part of Israel, it is just open to them for settlement