

FROM PALESTINE TO DETROIT & FLINT: WATER JUSTICE

What are the links?

| FACTOR | DETROIT-FLINT | PALESTINE (WEST BANK) | PALESTINE (GAZA) |
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| Water as a human right | UN, popular action, which would render water denial illegal | UN | UN |
| Ambient water | Much (Great Lakes) | Little, an arid region; frequent droughts, increasing desalination (Israel only) | Mediterranean, but virtually no desalination facilities |
| Scarcity | Imposed in a water-rich region | Imposed thru Israeli controls, river diversion, drought | Imposed thru Israeli controls, restricted electricity, 95% of available unsuitable for drinking |
| Contamination | Lead, coliform, etc | From water tankers, cisterns, aquifers, etc | From water tankers, cisterns, aquifer, minimal desalination, etc |
| Control | State and city, increasing corporatization | Israel dominates | Israel dominates |
| Cost | High and rising | Disproportionally high for Palestinians | Disproportionally high for Palestinians |
| Infrastructure | Deteriorating in Flint, unclear in Detroit | Limited and deteriorating | Limited and deteriorating because of siege |
| End game | Force low income and people of color out | Force Palestinians to leave | Unclear, perhaps force to Egypt which resists |