

Israeli Public's Commitment to Democracy Shines as the Country Turns 75

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Their willingness to stand against perceived threats to their democratic institutions is laudable, but allowing Israel to drift toward a de facto “one-state” peace solution poses serious threats of its own.

Israel turns seventy-five this week. Most Israelis certainly didn't anticipate this kind of commemoration as the country is engulfed in its biggest domestic crisis since its inception. Yet this crisis is turning into the very gift that Israelis are giving to themselves and others for their birthday. With now sixteen straight weeks of demonstrations, one sees the depth of the Israeli public's commitment to democracy. However, there is no way to preserve Israel as a Jewish democracy without addressing the Palestinian issue. Those Israelis who favor yielding land in the West Bank do so not just to maintain dignity for Palestinians, but to ensure that Israel can remain both Jewish and democratic. For those Israeli leaders who take two states for two peoples off the table, they leave only one state as the answer...

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