

# Why the Two-State Solution Is Here to Stay

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## A lack of policy alternatives and the political risks associated with choosing one side over the other help explain the resilience of the beleaguered model.

In February, U.S. President Donald Trump famously announced he could "live with" either a one- or two-state solution, which many analysts declared meant the demise of the two-state outcome. Yet after six months of talks, and Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner's recent diplomatic trip to the region, U.S. officials have not even publicly hinted at an alternative to a two-state end state. In the face of a U.S. president's rejection, the idea of two states has again proven its resilience. This should not come as a surprise. Ever since it was embraced by the parties, the two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been said to be "stillborn," "terminally ill," and plain old "dead." The policy was supposed to meet its demise in 1995, 2001, 2007, and 2016. And yet the policy lives...

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