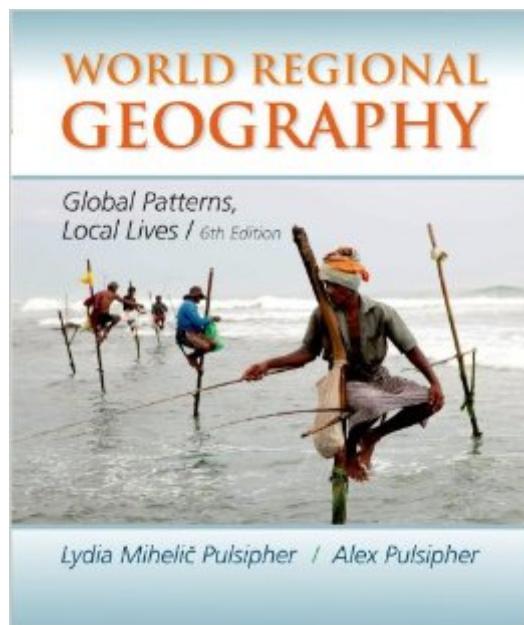


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This is a flagrantly biased text wracked with major errors. Just a few examples: Pg. 337: 1. The book pretends that Palestinians controlled their own land before 1948, and it is not true. But this passage is worse, because it pretends that Israel has continuously been taking more and more land away from them over the years, when the only other event of significance happened in 1967 when the land was controlled by Egypt and Jordan. 2. The author claims that the separation barrier encircles the territories. It does not. 3. The purpose of the barrier was to curtail Palestinian access? What is

the source for that? It was purely for security. Israel allows tens of thousands of Palestinians to work in Israel every day.⁴ The number of Arabs displaced by Zionist land purchases was quite small. A British report in 1931 found only 664 landless Arabs. The Peel Commission noted that most Jewish land purchases were in areas that had never been cultivated before, saying "The Arab claims that the Jews have obtained too large a proportion of good land cannot be maintained. Much of the land now carrying orange groves was sand dunes or swamps and uncultivated when it was bought."⁵ What is missing is far more important than the errors in the text. How can it not mention the Arab riots in 1920, 1921, 1929, and 1936-9, aiming at killing Jews? How can it not mention the British White Paper that blocked hundreds of thousands of Jews from migrating to Israel from Europe, instead dooming them to being gassed to death? Which, incidentally, really was a breach of the Balfour Declaration!⁶ It was not "warfare between the Jews and Palestinians" that began.

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