

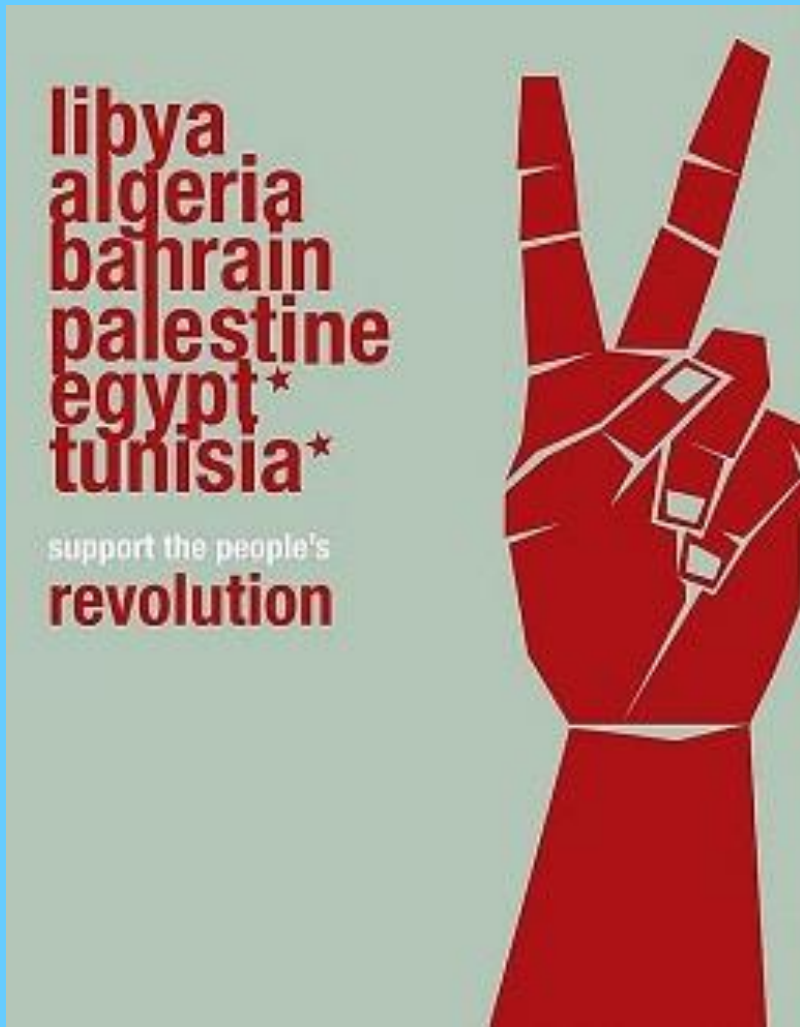
Barack Obama and the Middle East



Cairo Speech –June 4, 2009

“I have come here to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world; one based upon mutual interest and mutual respect; and one based upon the truth that America and Islam are not exclusive, and need not be in competition. Instead, they overlap, and share common principles - principles of justice and progress; tolerance and the dignity of all human beings.”

The Arab Spring (2010 - ????)



Tunisia



Mohamed Bouazizi
December 17, 2010
Self-Immolation

January 14, 2011
Tunisian President Zine El Abidine
Ben Ali fled the country



Up Next: Egypt



Egypt: Day of Anger

January 25, 2011



Egyptian Transition of Power



Obama urged Hosni Mubarak to step down
January 31, 2011



Mubarak Stepped
Down
February 11, 2011

Egyptian Elections

November 28, 2011



Syria: February 2, 2011 Day of Protest



Syrian Civil War (3/15/2011)



President

Bashar al-Assad



Estimated Deaths:

115,000

Reuter's
10/1/13

Obama's Red Line for Assad

August 21, 2012



“We have been very clear to the Assad regime, but also to other players on the ground, that a red line for us is we start seeing a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilized. That would change my calculus. That would change my equation.”

US Aid to Syria



- US has sent over \$1.3 billion to Syrians since the civil war began
- US is the single-largest contributor of humanitarian aid for the Syrian people

The Arab Spring Continued to Spring 2011

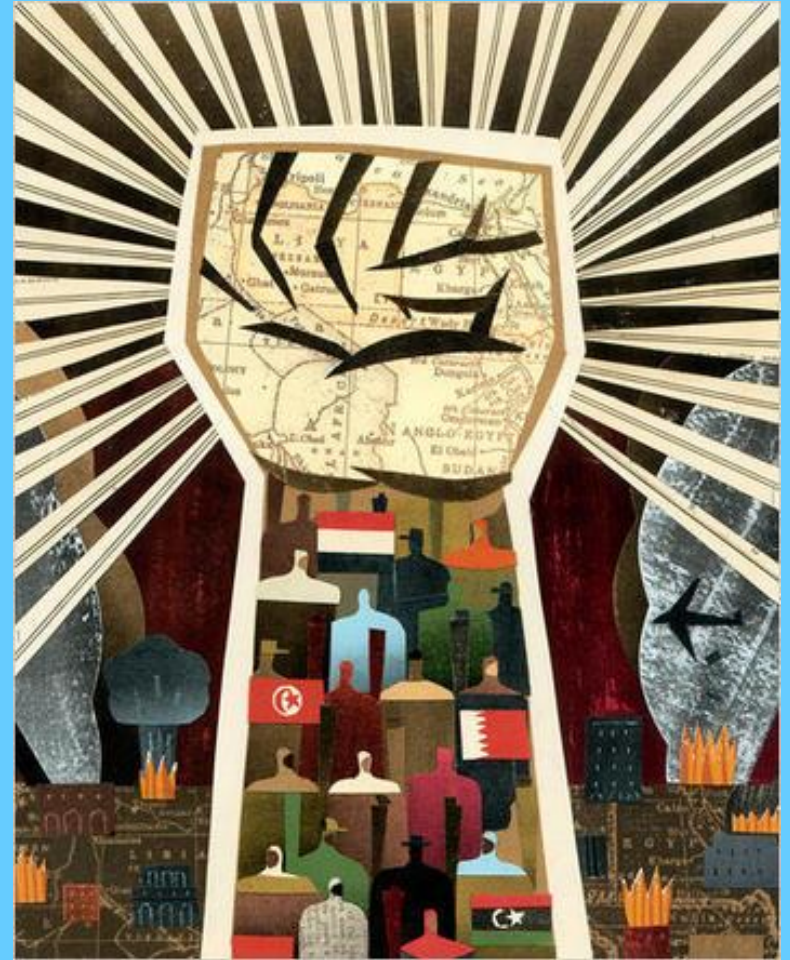
Yemen: February 3

Jordan: February 4

Algeria: February 12

Bahrain: February 16

Saudi Arabia: March 10



Libya: Feb 15-16, 2011

Protests in Benghazi



Qaddafi Bombed Libyan Rebels



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Libya: United Nations Reaction



- UN sanctions -Feb 26, 2011
- UN No Fly Zones -March 17, 2011

Operation Unified Protector

March 24 – October 31, 2011



NATO military enforced UN resolution

Muammar Gaddafi Killed near Sirte October 20, 2011



Muammar Gaddafi Killed October 20, 2011



NATO Forces Left October 31, 2011

Attack on Embassy in Benghazi September 11, 2012



4 Americans killed and 3 wounded

Anti-Militia Protests in Libya September 21, 2012



More than 30,000 Libyans participated

Libyan Elections 2013?



Causes of Arab Spring

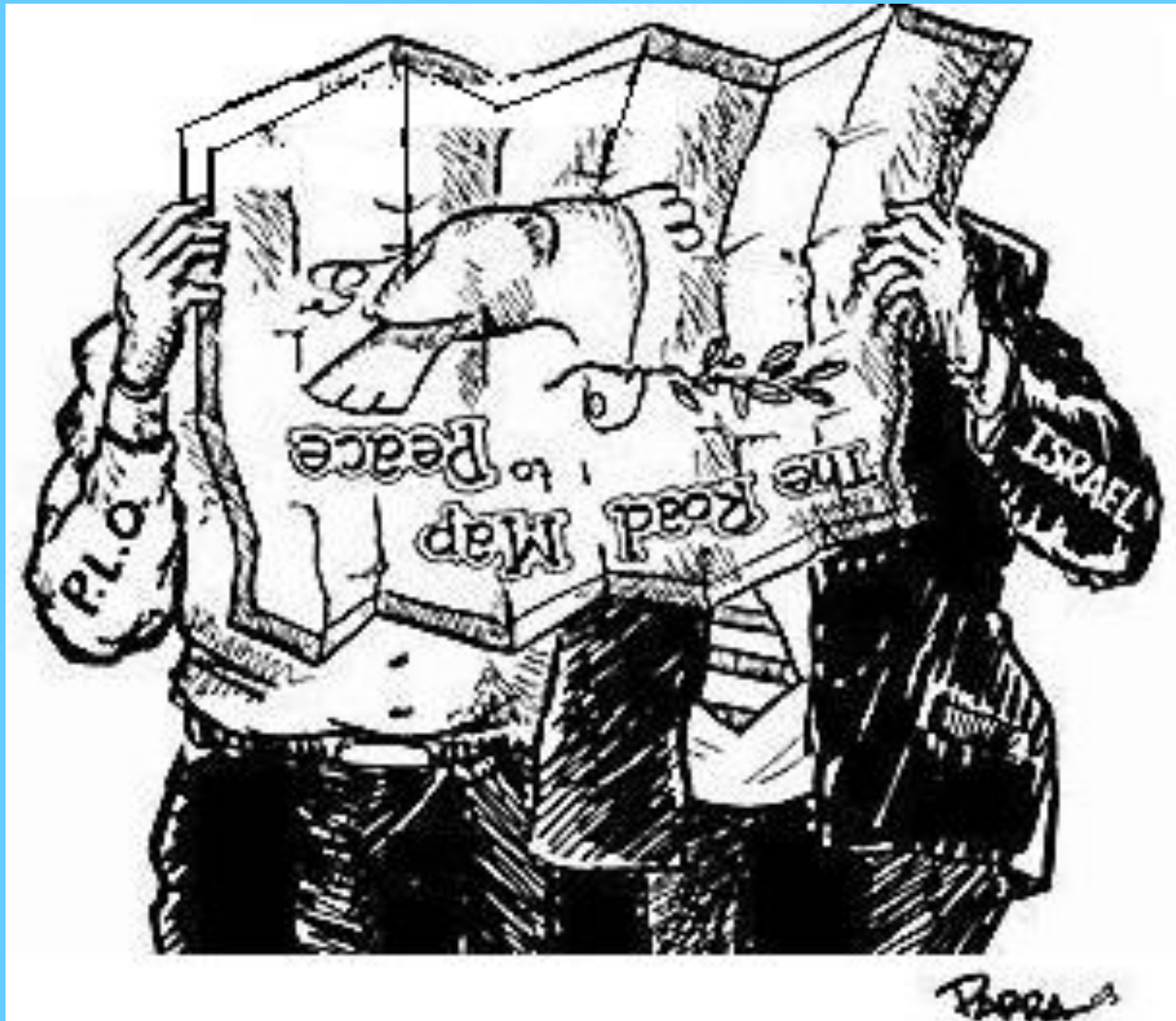


1. Young Population –about 100 million people between 15-24 years old
2. Youth unemployment -20%
3. Technology: Twitter and Facebook
4. International support
5. Bouazizi's act of self-immolation

What role should the US have in the Arab Spring?



Obama and the Roadmap to Peace



Obama Has Publicly Challenged Israeli Settlement Policy



Hamas vs. Israel (Gaza)

November 14 – 22, 2012



- Israel had over 1,500 air strikes
- Hamas fired over 1,000 rockets

Palestine and the United Nations “non-member observer status



November 29, 2012

The UN General Assembly Vote

YES

138

NO

9

Abstentions

41

The No Votes:

Canada, the Czech Republic, Israel, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Panama and the U.S.

2012 Poll of Israeli Citizens

70%

Percentage that support a 2 state solution

Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace in Jerusalem

Iran Nuclear Disarmament Deal (Geneva) November 15, 2013



- 6 month interim agreement

Iran Nuclear Disarmament Deal

Iran

- Allow greater access to weapons inspectors
- Cap the level of uranium enrichment

6 World Powers

- Halt new sanctions
- Easing of existing sanctions

What does this mean?

“Nuclear technology and uranium enrichment is our definite right. But progress, better living conditions and welfare for the people is also our definite right. Breaking and dismantling the architecture of the ominous and oppressive sanctions is also our definite right.

-President Rouhani (12/6/2013)

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