

**PROBLEM 1****PARTISAN PERCEPTIONS / TARGET PERCEPTIONS**

## The West Bank

Worksheet on Partisan Perceptions

Based on the readings, class discussion, and anything else you know, prepare a one- or two-page worksheet of the partisan perceptions of Israelis and Palestinians with respect to the West Bank. For guidance read Chapter 5, "How Do They See It?" in *Coping With International Conflict* (draft edition). You may use either Chart 5A or 5B as your model for this worksheet. Try to think of the key perceptions that parties on each side of the conflict might have. In the appropriate column, try to formulate phrases that capture these perceptions as the parties themselves would explain them. In each case, as appropriate, write in first person (e.g., "We Palestinians" and "We Israelis"). Being able to empathetically understand partisan perceptions is a crucial skill.

Worksheet on Target Perceptions

Assume you are giving advice to the Israelis. List some current Palestinian perceptions you would like to change. For each unwanted current perception, list a target perception that you think would be more constructive. Then suggest one or two specific actions that someone or some group (specify) might conceivably take that would tend to modify the current perception in the direction of the target perception.

Your suggestions need not be certain of implementation or effect. Even slight changes in perceptions may be desirable. Try to make your suggestions practical and operational. You may use the chart on the following page as a form for your efforts.

**BRING BOTH WORKSHEETS TO YOUR FIRST SECTION MEETING.** (You may mark them up and improve them during the section. They are due at the end of section.)

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Case: \_\_\_\_\_

Date prepared: \_\_\_\_\_

"Our" side: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

"Their" side: \_\_\_\_\_

As of: \_\_\_\_\_

### **TARGET PERCEPTIONS TOOL**

Current Perception

Proposed Action

Target Perception

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