



Now isn't the time to push for Palestinian statehood and a two-state solution: Casey Babb for Inside Policy

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Over the last four months, as Israel has waged a devastating war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip, politicians, scholars, and observers from around the world have debated the future of a post-war Middle East.

As is often the case – and understandably so – the majority of these discussions, proposals, and pleas revolve around the idea of a “two-state solution”: Jewish and Palestinian states living side by side, in peace. In fact, when it comes to solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, this has been the favoured solution of most for many decades.

However, over the last number of years, the idea of a two-state solution has been gradually losing support in Israel and the Palestinian territories; after the heinous terrorist attacks Hamas carried out on October 7 – which included the rape, murder, torture, and kidnapping of civilians – the prospects of achieving this goal seem more like a pipe dream than a viable political solution.

Yet, for U.S. President Joe Biden and a handful of Arab partners, now appears as good a time as any to forcefully push, without Israel's backing, for Palestinian statehood and a two-state solution. For a variety of reasons, this is both reckless and naïve.

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