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Opinion

Why are Arabs so powerless? Unlike Israel, they never valued brain over brawn

Israel, with almost no natural resources and a population of nine million, is a Goliath of biblical proportions. And its secret strength is not its weaponry.



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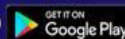
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ISRAEL



Independence from the British Empire

- **Declaration** 14 May 1948
- **Admission to the United Nations** 11 May 1949
- **Basic Laws** 1958–2018

Area

- **Total** 20,770–22,072 km² (8,019–8,522 sq mi)^[a] (150th)
- **Water (%)** 2.71 (as of 2015)^[15]

Population

- **2021 estimate** 9,351,880^{[16][fn 3]} (99th)
- **2008 census** 7,412,200^{[17][fn 3]}
- **Density** 424/km² (1,098.2/sq mi) (35th)

GDP (PPP)

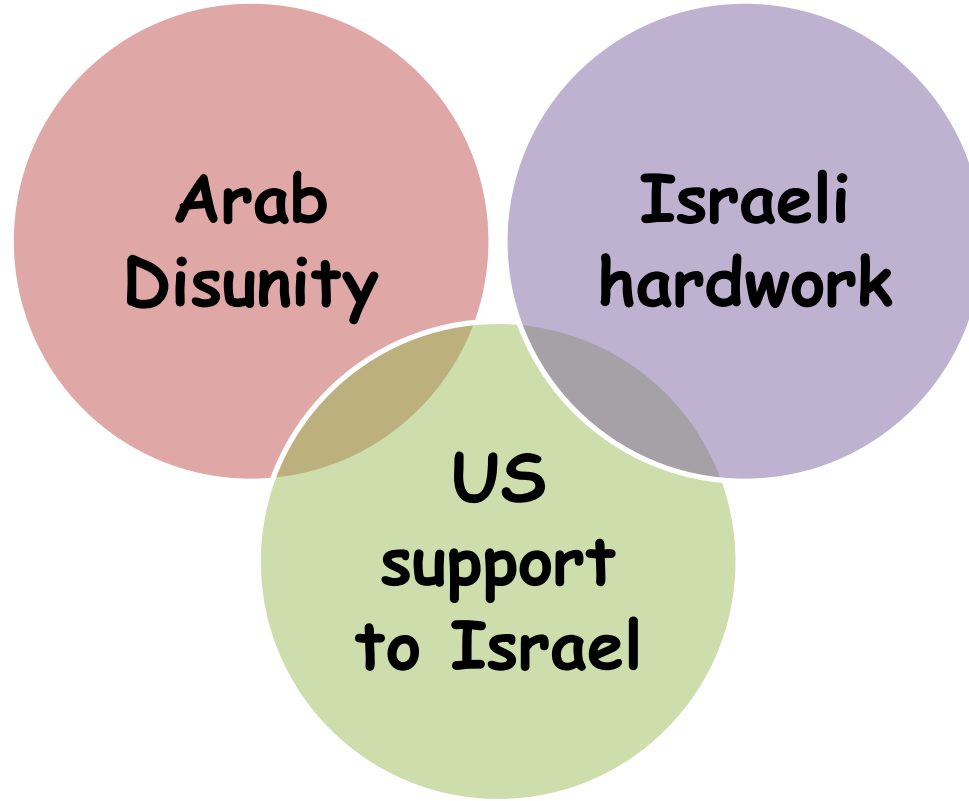
- **Total** ▲ \$372.314 billion^[fn 3] (51st)
- **Per capita** ▲ \$40,336^[fn 3] (34th)

Arab world



Area	13,132,327 km ² (5,070,420 sq mi) ^[1]
Population	423,000,000 ^[2]
Population density	29.839/km ² (70.37/sq mi) ^[3]
GDP (nominal)	\$2.782 trillion ^[4]
GDP per capita	\$6,647 ^[5]
Demonym	Arab
Countries	22 states [show]
Dependencies	Arab League ^[6]
Time zones	UTC+0 to UTC+4
Internet TLD	.africa, .asia

Why Arab world is weak compared to Israel?



US Support

- Between, 2000 to 2019 armaments supplied to Israel by the Western powers (US, UK, France, Spain, Germany) are documented at a hefty \$9.6 b.
- In the same period, document show arms sold by the same suppliers to Saudi Arabia (\$29.3bn), UAE (\$20.1bn), Egypt (\$17.5bn), Iraq (\$9.1bn), and Qatar (\$6bn).
 - Yet these expensive weapons will provide little protection if Israel ever chooses to attack Arab lands.



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A history of the US blocking UN resolutions against Israel

Over the past five decades, the United States has vetoed at least 53 UN Security Council resolutions critical of Israel.

Israeli hardwork

- Since 1966, **12 Israelis have been awarded the Nobel Prize**, the most honorable award in various fields including science, literature and peace. (3 Peace, 1 Literature, 8 Science)
- Israel has more Nobel Prizes per capita than the United States, France and Germany. It has more laureates, in real numbers, than India, Spain and China.
- Since 1966, **8 Arabs have been awarded the Nobel Prize**, the most honorable award in various fields including science, literature and peace. (6 Peace, 1 literature, 1 Science)

Israeli hardwork

- There are over 6,000 startups currently in Israel.
- There are currently more than 30 technology companies valued over US\$1 billion (unicorn startups) in Israel

Israel has been one of the leading countries in the past eighteen years in terms of number of international patents filed via the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) in relation to population size. The peak came in 2000, when Israel was ranked third in the world for patents filed per capita according to the country of the inventor, after Finland and Sweden. Today, Israel is fifth, after Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and South Korea. Finland has dropped to sixth. The data are from a new report by the National Council for Research and Development in the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Can you see the problem?

- The problem between Arab and Jew is not genetics..!!
 - Arabs have a brilliant past and are probably just as smart as Israelis.
 - But the two groups have different attitudes towards success and different role models.
- Israeli child wants to be Albert Einstein, Niels Bohr, John von Neumann or a thousand other such names that fill textbooks on physics, philosophy, technology, medicine, and business.
- Arab boy who wants to be Salahuddin Ayubi, they are inspired more by Ertugrul Ghazi rather than Abdus Salam the Pakistani Nobelist.