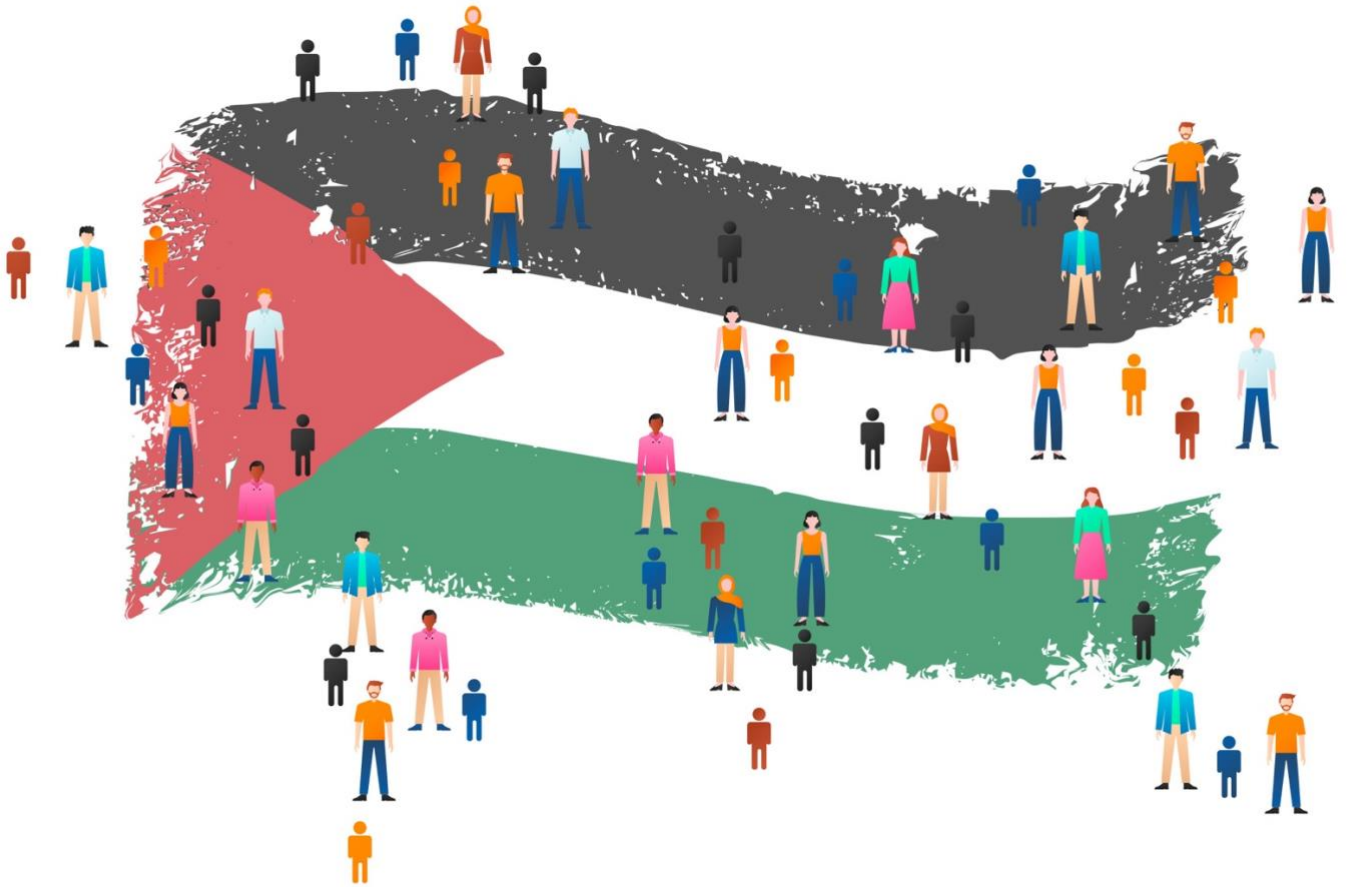




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This paper sought to examine social pluralism in the Palestinian society and its effects on the political division, by discussing several assumptions regarding the causes that contribute to its continuation and institutionalization. This paper assumes that there are three reasons that mainly contribute to the continuation of the division.

**First: Assuming that the cause of division is the programmatic differences between political factions.** Factions have social bases that support their programs. This means that the division is a social division as well. And when we talk about social bases, we must not forget that the parties of the division represent more than 65% of the popular bases in Palestine, according to opinion polls conducted after the postponement of the elections in 2021.

**Second: Assuming that the past fifteen years did not bring any social change to the Palestinians and that a decision to end the division will reset the social situation to what it was before.** The division resulted in a major imbalance in the citizen's confidence in the rule of law, as it created a circle of disparity in the ability to access justice and the prevalence of an atmosphere of maliciousness in dealing with citizens based on their political affiliations.

**Third: Assuming that ending the division must be achieved through a decision by the divided.** This has affected the ability of mass activities and the media to influence organizational and political leaders and various decision-making centres. It also led to a state of inability to influence the political system, spreading a wide atmosphere of frustration.

**The paper was concluded with a set of recommendations.** There should be a shift in the way the division is seen and view it as an emergency event and deal with it as an institutionalized issue. And an assessment of the damage caused by the division on the social and economic levels should be conducted.

Additionally, a clear plan should be developed to restore the Palestinian democratic system, not to treat it, and avoid using elections as a political card used according to the whims of the parties of the division.