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Trump's Gaza plan means ethnic cleansing + profits for US/Israeli contractors -- at US taxpayer expense

It's the latest brainstorm to fly out of Donald Trump's mouth: The only good thing about the US occupying Gaza might be cessation of Israel's systematic killing and starvation of its population, now being achieved with US-supplied weapons and political support. **(See: [“Trump's suggestion the US 'take over' the Gaza Strip is rejected by allies and adversaries alike.”](#), **Washington Post, Feb. 5, 2025.**)**

Note that a massive Gaza rebuilding project would very likely result in billions of dollars of profits by US and Israeli contractors with US taxpayers footing the bill. A project of this size would also mean expanding the federal workforce and government spending - outcomes that might cause panic at DOGE.

Trump also suggests that the two million inhabitants of Gaza be shipped to Egypt and Jordan - ethnic cleansing on a Biblical scale. In this vision of Gaza's future, when the new resorts are finished, displaced Palestinians could be transferred back as landless low-wage labor to serve members of the Western master class relaxing on the beach.

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