



## Handout 10: Causes of Civil War in Lebanon

Session: *Contested History of Civil War in Lebanon*

Tell us about your perspective regarding the causes of the Civil War in Lebanon by checking the boxes below:

- The conflict between religious sects that sporadically erupted throughout Lebanon's history.
- Israeli aggression and violence in Lebanon.
- The presence of armed Palestinian factions in Lebanon and their attempt to take over the Lebanese state.
- The Cairo Agreement which legalized the armed Palestinian struggle in Lebanon at the expense of the Lebanese state.
- The repercussions of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union on Lebanese soil.
- The ideological and political conflict between the right-wing and left-wing parties of Lebanon.
- Social and class discrimination in Lebanese society and between different Lebanese regions (Social disparities of Lebanese society in terms of class divisions and regional differences).
- The monopoly of one sect on positions of political and military authority in Lebanon and the sense of injustice felt by other sects.
- The Arab-Israeli conflict played out on Lebanese soil.
- Syrian interests and violence in Lebanon.
- The conflict between several Arab countries in Lebanon.
- The plan for resettling Palestinians in Lebanon.
- The structural weakness of Lebanese state institutions.
- The absence of a culture of nonviolence/peaceful co-existence and the lack of skills to respond constructively to conflicts in Lebanese society.
- The flourishing arms trade and the vested interests of arms producers.

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