

# Operation "Al-Aqsa Flood" and its Impact on the Abraham Accords

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The phrase "Israel's exceptional actions in Gaza indicated that the progress of the Accords could be disrupted or sidelined" lacks specificity. Could you provide concrete examples of these actions?

The Literature Review mentions several studies, but their integration into the article's research context is minimal. Consider synthesizing these studies to highlight gaps your research fills.

While the claim about increased global attention (Findings) is significant, including specific examples of policy shifts or international interventions would strengthen the argument.

The section on Israel's economic collapse includes extensive data, but the transition to discussing the Arab-Med Corridor is abrupt. A connecting sentence would improve flow.

The mention of protests and cabinet divisions (Findings) is crucial, but this could be expanded by analyzing how these divisions impact Israel's policy-making processes.

In "Israeli agencies could not grasp the objectives of Palestinian resistance groups" (Findings), explain whether this failure reflects broader systemic issues or specific operational gaps.

The reference to surveys showing shifts in U.S. and U.K. opinion (Findings) is compelling but needs clarification on sampling methodology to validate the findings.

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## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The central question, "What impact does the Operation Al-Aqsa Flood have on the peace negotiations...?" could be more nuanced by specifying whether the focus is on immediate or long-term impacts.

The explanation of the Copenhagen School (Theoretical Framework) is detailed, but its application to your hypothesis could be more explicit. How does the theory connect to the Abraham Accords' dynamics?

The subheading "Disproving the Myth of Israel's Invincibility" is compelling, but consider rephrasing to avoid subjective language ("disproving").

The discussion of the Iron Dome's limitations (Findings) would benefit from a comparative analysis of similar systems in other conflicts to enhance validity.

The statement " Hamas has become more popular..." (Findings) requires a clearer explanation of how this popularity was measured and its implications for the region.

The claim that "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood united [Islamic countries]" (Findings) should be supported with more examples of coordinated actions or statements.

The discussion of Iran's strategic initiatives (Findings) could benefit from a counterpoint addressing challenges or criticisms faced by these initiatives.

The phrase "raised the costs of normalization for Arab countries" (Findings) is insightful but could include specific examples of these "costs," such as public opinion data or political risks.

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## 2. Revised

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