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What Is Students for Justice in Palestine?

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A lot of students have heard of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) attending their events and seen their activities on the Quad. SJP is a human rights club that was founded in the fall of 2012. Since then, it has grown to be one of the most active student clubs on campus and its membership has increased considerably to more than 30 active members. Students for Justice in Palestine at Brooklyn College is part of a growing student movement around the country that seeks to raise awareness about Israel's illegal occupation and system of apartheid in Palestine, as well as build support for the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement to make Israel comply with international law and give Palestinians their rights as stipulated in International Law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. There are over 160 active SJP chapters across the nation with more forming each semester.

SJP believes that while the Palestinian people must ultimately be able to decide their future in Palestine, certain key principles, grounded in international law, human rights, and basic standards of justice, will be fundamental to a just resolution of the plight of the Palestinians. These include the full decolonization of all illegally held Palestinian lands, the end of the Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank—including East Jerusalem—the implementation of the right of return and repatriation for all Palestinian refugees to their original homes and properties, and an end to the Israeli system of Apartheid and discrimination against the indigenous Palestinian population.

Just as SJP condemns the racism and discrimination underlying the policies and laws of the state of Israel, SJP rejects any form of hatred and discrimination against anyone. SJP is committed to confronting oppression in all its forms: racism, sexism, patriarchy, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, homophobia, classism, albinism, to name a few. SJP's strength is in the great diversity of its membership. SJP welcomes individuals of all backgrounds to join in solidarity with the struggle for justice in Palestine.

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