# Gaza Emerges As The First Controlled Experiment For Technocracy

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There is a principle at the core of Technocracy, articulated by its original architects at Columbia University in the 1930s and documented across decades of research, that cuts through all the humanitarian language being applied to Gaza's reconstruction: **the replacement of political governance by scientific and technical management, wielded by a self-selected expert elite**.

Technocracy does not announce itself as tyranny. It announces itself as efficiency. It arrives bearing clipboards, algorithms, and blueprints for a better future. Gaza is not being reconstructed. It is being designed — from scratch, on cleared land, by a management class that has already decided what kind of society it will produce, who will govern it, what currency it will use, and how its residents will be monitored.

The 32-slide **"Project Sunrise"** blueprint drafted by Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff — formally evaluated by the Trump administration in late 2025 — proposes the "voluntary"

relocation of Gaza's 2.3 million residents, the demolition of existing urban fabric, and the construction of six to eight **AI-enhanced smart cities** built on cleared land. The plan includes biometric checkpoints controlling population movement between city zones, a manufacturing hub, and a port economy. This is not aid. It is not development. It is **social engineering at territorial scale**, executed by a management class that has assigned itself the authority to decide what 2.3 million people's lives should look like, without their participation in the design.

The currency layer is where Technocracy's architecture becomes fully visible. The **Board of Peace** — Trump's privately-governed reconstruction body requiring $1 billion per permanent seat, chaired by Trump in perpetuity with veto power — is actively exploring a **dollar-backed stablecoin** for Gaza's postwar monetary system. The stablecoin under consideration is structurally and institutionally identical to **USD1**, issued by **World Liberty Financial**, co-founded by **Steve Witkoff** — the same man simultaneously serving as Trump's Middle East envoy and the Board's operational lead. The conflict of interest is not incidental. It is the architecture. The diplomat who shapes Gaza's political conditions co-owns the financial infrastructure proposed to replace Gaza's currency.

USD1 is programmable money: smart-contract-governed, digitally monitored at the transaction level by its private issuer, and operationally dependent on a digital wallet infrastructure that requires identity verification to function. In a territory where no alternative monetary system exists — no functioning bank, no cash economy, no correspondent banking relationships — a programmable private dollar is not a choice offered to Gazans. It is the only option available to them. This is the defining characteristic of Technocratic control: **alternatives are not forbidden; they are simply absent**. The managed environment makes the managed option the only rational one.

The surveillance infrastructure enforcing this management is already being named. **Palantir Technologies** and **Oracle** are integrated into the Civil-Military Coordination Center overseeing Gaza's reconstruction framework, with Palantir providing AI-powered biometric identification platforms and Oracle supplying military-grade cloud infrastructure. **Starlink** provides the connectivity layer across the territory. Residents of Gaza's proposed smart cities will pass through **biometric checkpoints** assessing security clearance before granting zone access. Al Jazeera's correspondent reviewing the plans called it precisely what it is: "A laboratory for government surveillance". The laboratory metaphor is not rhetorical. It is the accurate description of what a purpose-built, from-scratch, fully monitored city-state is designed to be.

**Jared Kushner's $70 billion reconstruction vision** — 180 skyscrapers, data centers, advanced manufacturing, tokenized real estate investment vehicles — is not a development plan for Gazans. It is an investment thesis that uses Gaza's geography and cleared land as the raw material and its population as the captive labor supply and consumer base for a system built over their destroyed homes. The global investors who purchase **WLF asset**

**tokens** representing Gaza construction loan revenue — settled in USD1, audited by BitGo Bank & Trust, compliant with the GENIUS Act and Clarity Act — are the true economic beneficiaries. Gaza's residents are not the clients of reconstruction. They are its managed subjects.

This is the power structure Technocracy has always required: a **small, technically competent, financially interconnected management class** making resource allocation decisions for a larger population that lacks the tools, the capital, and the institutional access to contest those decisions . The Board of Peace's membership roster confirms the class: Kushner, Witkoff, UAE sovereign wealth through Sheikh Tahnoon (49% owner of WLF), Tony Blair, and $1 billion-per-seat nation-state members. The managed population — 2.3 million displaced, impoverished, monetarily dependent Gazans — has no seat, no vote, and no veto.

The messianic framing documented in Leo Hohmann's recent post, Is Donald Trump a 'Prince of Peace' or a usurper?, insulates this architecture from conventional political critique. Trump was designated **"Prince of Peace"** by the Israel Heritage Foundation before the Board of Peace existed by name. The Board's charter invokes peace as its mandate while containing no accountability mechanism whatsoever. Critics of the Board oppose peace. Critics of USD1 in Gaza oppose economic recovery for a devastated people. The language of benevolence is the political armor of the Technocratic project — it has always been thus, from the New Deal's "scientific management" to the World Bank's "development frameworks" to the World Economic Forum's "stakeholder capitalism".

What is new in Gaza is the **experiment's completeness**. No prior Technocratic initiative has simultaneously controlled the monetary layer (USD1), the investment layer (WLF asset tokens), the governance layer (Board of Peace), the surveillance layer (Palantir/Oracle biometrics), the connectivity layer (Starlink), the diplomatic layer (Witkoff as envoy), and the physical design layer (Project Sunrise smart cities) within a single bounded territory, administered by an interlocking network of financially connected private actors, operating under the religious and political authority of one man.

Technocracy's founders dreamed of a North American energy grid managed by scientists and engineers, free of the inefficiencies of democratic politics. They never imagined their system's first full-scale deployment would be in the Middle East, on 365 square kilometers of rubble, dressed in the language of peace.

Gaza is not the future of reconstruction. It is the prototype for global Technocracy!