

Red-Dead Conveyance: Balancing Peace and Sustainability Policy Advisor Questions

Questions to further stimulate reflection and discussion during the in-class presentation

How is climate change predicted to alter Jordan River flow in the coming decades due to changes in evaporation and precipitation? How did this impact your analysis? (As of writing, predictions are for up to a 30% decrease in net precipitation in the Jordan River valley catchment in the next few decades).

What are the legal issues with respect to potential environmental damage in the Red or Dead Seas? Could the firm be sued (either by state governments, or business interests)? Is it simply bad PR?

What are the potential PR benefits of this project if successful?

The Jordan River Valley is an active rift zone. How susceptible is the project to a small/med/large earthquake?

How concerned should we be about pipeline security in general (could be seismic, political, terrorism, etc.)?

Is there enough government support and expertise to maintain this project once it is turned over to the Jordanian government? (One of the readings mentioned that the major water utility in Jordan only has 6 engineers on staff).

If this project doesn't receive a successful bid, either from us or another firm, is there a viable alternative for water in the region?

What would you consider "enough research" on the potential negative environmental impacts (if students are skeptical about uncertainties in environmental impacts)? What questions would you want answered, and how might you go about studying them?

Should we be wary of all developments in politically unstable regions or countries (if political instability is a primary concern in recommending not to bid)? If so, where is left?