Survey Overview

• National survey of 800 American Jews, ages 18 and over

• Conducted July 7-12, 2011

• Survey conducted with a web-based panel of 900,000 Americans, and administered by email invitation; respondents re-screened as Jewish in order to be eligible for the survey

• Demographic and political measures consistent the most recent Gallup and American Jewish Committee surveys conducted with American Jews over the past year
Key Findings

• President Obama retains very strong standing with American Jews
  – High job approval, large leads over Romney and Bachmann in 2012 vote
  – Most ‘08 Obama (and McCain) contributors plan to contribute again
  – Intense opposition to Glenn Beck, Tea Party Movement, and Republican Party

• Jewish support for US leadership in Middle East continues
  – Large majority seeks active US role to resolve Arab-Israeli conflict
  – Broad support for detailed comprehensive peace agreement

• Mixed views toward the UN
  – Jews think UN is important, but not doing a good job
  – Younger Jews believe UN treats Israel fairly; older Jews believe UN treats unfairly
  – Nearly half oppose US voting to recognize Palestinian statehood, while one-third support it; large bloc remains undecided

• Overwhelming support for allowing Jewish organizations that criticize Israeli policy to participate in Jewish community events
  – Support spans synagogue membership and denomination
Election 2012
2012 Vote – Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney

Vote

- Obama: 63
- Romney: 24
- Undecided: 13

Simulated Vote

- Obama: 70
- Romney: 27
- Undecided: 4

(Allocating undecided voters by party identification)
2012 Vote – Barack Obama vs. Michele Bachmann

**Vote**

- Obama: 67
- Bachmann: 19
- Undecided: 13

**Simulated Vote**

(Allocating undecided voters by party identification)

- Obama: 73
- Bachmann: 23
- Undecided: 4

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GBA Strategies – National Survey of American Jews
Current Presidential Vote and Pre-2008 Vote

Obama vs. McCain Vote (July 2008)
- Democratic Vote: 62%
- Republican Vote: 32%

Obama vs. Romney Vote (July 2011)
- Democratic Vote: 63%
- Republican Vote: 24%

Obama vs. Bachmann Vote (July 2011)
- Democratic Vote: 67%
- Republican Vote: 19%
In the 2008 Presidential election, did you make a financial contribution to the campaign of Barack Obama or the campaign of John McCain?
High and Comparable Level of Return Donors for Obama and Republicans

Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election, will you make a financial contribution to…

Barack Obama's campaign? (Among those who contributed to Obama’s campaign)

a Republican candidate's campaign? (Among those who contributed to McCain’s campaign)

- Definitely/Probably/Already Have Contributed to Obama's Campaign: 82%
- Definitely/Probably/Already Have Contributed to a Republican's Campaign: 80%
President Obama’s Standing
Obama’s Job Approval Rating Remarkably Steady

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

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Gallup Monthly Average
Obama’s Job Approval Far Exceeds Congress

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

**Congress Approval**

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Obama’s Job Approval on Key Issues

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

His Job As President

The Economy

The Arab-Israeli Conflict

Approve

Dissapprove

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Dissapprove

Approve

Dissapprove

60

40

51

49

44

56

+20

+3

-12
Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?
Democrats, Netanyahu Viewed Favorably; Republicans, Conservatives Viewed Poorly

The Republican Party
George W. Bush
Mitt Romney
Michele Bachmann
The Tea Party Movement
Glenn Beck

Favorable
Unfavorable
U.S. Role in the Middle East
Wide Support for U.S. Involvement in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Do you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict?

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Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States publicly stating its disagreements?

**With Both the Israelis and the Arabs**

- Support: Strongly: 67, Somewhat: 33
- Oppose: Strongly: 25, Somewhat: 33

**With Israel**

- Support: Strongly: 44, Somewhat: 15
- Oppose: Strongly: 15, Somewhat: 56

Singling Out Israel Causes Major Decline in Support for US Playing Active Role
Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States putting forth a peace plan that proposes borders and security arrangements between Israelis and Palestinians?
As you may know, on a few occasions during the past 10 years, Israeli, Palestinian, and American negotiators came close to reaching a final status peace agreement but ultimately fell short. The details of that agreement include:

- A demilitarized Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza
- Internationally recognized borders based on the borders that existed in 1967, with mutually agreed land swaps that allow for most Jewish settlers in the West Bank to be inside Israel while the Palestinians get comparable land areas in return
- Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem become part of the new Palestinian state while Israel retains control of Jewish neighborhoods and the Western Wall in Jerusalem
- International forces to monitor the new Palestinian state and border crossings
- Financial compensation for Palestinian refugees while allowing some refugees to return to Israel if they meet specific family reunification criteria and the Israeli government approves
United Nations
Thinking about the United Nations, **how important of a role do you think it plays** in promoting international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations, and promoting social progress, better living standards, and human rights?

Thinking about the United Nations, **how good of a job do you think it does** in promoting international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations, and promoting social progress, better living standards, and human rights?
Mixed Views on the United Nations Overall; Majority See UN Treating Israel Unfairly

Thinking about Israel and the United Nations, overall do you think the United Nations treats Israel fairly or unfairly?

- Fairly:
  - Very: 6
  - Somewhat: 43

- Unfairly:
  - Very: 57
  - Somewhat: 25

United Nations Favorability

- Favorable: 37
- Unfavorable: 40

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- Unfavorable: -43
As you may know, Palestinian leaders have said that they will ask the United Nations this September to recognize an independent Palestinian state. If such a vote takes place, do you think the United States should vote for or against recognizing an independent Palestinian state?

![Bar Chart]

- **Vote For**: 34
- **Vote Against**: 47
- **Undecided**: 18
UN and Palestinian Statehood: Major Differences by Age

Thinking about Israel and the United Nations, overall do you think the United Nations treats Israel fairly or unfairly?

- For: Under 40 (55) vs. 40 and Over (62) - Difference: +7
- Against: Under 40 (45) vs. 40 and Over (38) - Difference: -7

Do you think the United States should vote for or against recognizing an independent Palestinian state?

- For: Under 40 (41) vs. 40 and Over (31) - Difference: +10
- Against: Under 40 (39) vs. 40 and Over (51) - Difference: +20
J Street and the Jewish Community
Do you think Jewish community organizations such as local Jewish Federations and JCCs should allow or not allow Jewish organizations that publicly criticize some Israeli government policies to participate in events sponsored by Jewish community organizations?

- Should Allow: 79
- Should Not Allow: 21

Net: +58
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Flotilla Debate
As you may know, there have been flotillas organized to disrupt Israel's blockade of the Gaza port and bring different materials to Palestinians living in Gaza.

The flotilla supporters say their work is the modern-day equivalent of the Freedom Rides in the South in the 1960s, exposing the injustice and suffering imposed by Israel on Palestinians living in Gaza. They say that Israel's blockade is illegal and that only international pressure like these flotillas will force Israel to improve life for ordinary Palestinians in Gaza.

The Israeli government says its blockade of Gaza is legal and justified by security concerns, primarily stopping Hamas from smuggling rockets and weapons into Gaza from Iran. It says the flotilla must be stopped, and that the boats' food, medicine and other aid will be delivered to Gaza if it is first brought to an Israeli port for security inspection.

Do you think Israel should allow the flotilla to reach Gaza or do you think Israel should prevent the flotilla from reaching Gaza?

- Allow the flotilla to reach Gaza
- Prevent the flotilla from reaching Gaza

![Survey Results](image)