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National Survey of American Jews

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1000 Respondents

Q.2 First of all, are you currently registered to vote?

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
(ref:VOTEREG)	

Q.3 As you may know, there was an election today for the United States Congress and other offices. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	100
Did not vote	-
(ref:VOTE2010)	

Q.8 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?

	Total
Right direction	44
Wrong track	56
Right direction - Wrong track.....	-13
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.9 Below is a list of issues facing our country today. Please mark which TWO of these issues are the most important for you in deciding your vote for Congress in November.

	Total
The economy	62
Health care	31
The deficit and government spending	18
Social Security and Medicare	16
Taxes.....	14
Terrorism and national security	13
Education	12
Israel	7
The environment.....	7
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.....	6
Illegal immigration	6
Energy.....	4
Iran	0
Separation between religion and state	-
(Other)	2
(None of these)	1
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:ISSUES2010)	

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	15
Somewhat approve	45
Somewhat disapprove.....	19
Strongly disapprove.....	21
Total Approve	60
Total Disapprove.....	40
Approve - Disapprove	20
(ref:OBAMAJOB)	

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	13
Somewhat approve	43
Somewhat disapprove.....	21
Strongly disapprove.....	24
Total Approve	55
Total Disapprove.....	45
Approve - Disapprove	11
(ref:OBAMEACON)	

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the Arab-Israeli conflict?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	9
Somewhat approve	44
Somewhat disapprove.....	27
Strongly disapprove.....	21
Total Approve	53
Total Disapprove.....	47
Approve - Disapprove	5
(ref:OBAMACONF)	

Q.13 And what about Congress - do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	4
Somewhat approve	23
Somewhat disapprove.....	37
Strongly disapprove.....	36
Total Approve	28
Total Disapprove.....	72
Approve - Disapprove	-45
(ref:CONGJOB)	

Q.14 Now, we would like you to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization.

	Mean	Fav	Unfav	ID
14 Barack Obama.....	51	52	40	100
15 Sarah Palin	20	16	78	99
16 Democratic Party	50	47	41	100
17 Republican Party.....	29	21	70	100
18 The Tea Party Movement.....	25	19	71	97
19 Glenn Beck.....	22	14	67	89
20 Benjamin Netanyahu.....	49	40	33	89
(ref:THERM)				

Q.21 Thinking about today's election for the United States Congress, did you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate for Congress in your district?

	Total
Democratic candidate	66
Republican candidate.....	31
Other candidate.....	4

Democratic candidate - Republican candidate 35
(ref:CONG2010)

Q.23 Think back in time for a minute. Did you, at any point in this campaign consider voting for the Democratic candidate for Congress in your district?

	Total
Very seriously.....	4
Somewhat seriously.....	6
Only a little seriously.....	1
No	23
Voted for Democratic candidate.....	66

Total considered Democratic candidate 12
(ref:CONSIDERDEM)

Q.25 Think back in time for a minute. Did you, at any point in this campaign, consider voting for the Republican candidate for Congress in your district?

	Total
Very seriously.....	5
Somewhat seriously.....	8
Only a little seriously.....	4
No	53
Voted for Republican candidate	31

Total considered Republican candidate 16
(ref:CONSIDERREP)

Q.27 When did you decide to vote for the (DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN) candidate: today, in the last three days before the election, in the week before the election, sometime in October, sometime in September, or before September?

	Total
Today.....	8
Last three days.....	7
Last week.....	10
Sometime in October.....	15
Sometime in September.....	10
Before September	44
(Don't know/ refused).....	6

(ref:WHENDECIDE)

Q.28 Now, something different. Do you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict?

	Total
Strongly support	36
Somewhat support	47
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	5
Total Support	83
Total Oppose	17
Support - Oppose	67
(ref:USROLE)	

[415 Respondents]

Q.29 (IF SUPPORT IN Q.31) (SPLIT A) 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?

	Total
Strongly support	32
Somewhat support	54
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	1
Total Support	86
Total Oppose	14
Support - Oppose	72
(ref:USROLEB)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.29 (ALL SPLIT A RESPONDENTS) 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?

	Total
Strongly support	27
Somewhat support	45
Somewhat oppose	22
Strongly oppose	7
Total Support	71
Total Oppose	29
Support - Oppose	43
(ref:USROLEB)	

[418 Respondents]

Q.30 (IF SUPPORT IN Q.31) (SPLIT B) 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 Israel?

	Total
Strongly support	17
Somewhat support	47
Somewhat oppose	23
Strongly oppose	13
Total Support	65
Total Oppose	35
Support - Oppose	29
(ref:USROLEB1)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.30 (ALL SPLIT B RESPONDENTS) 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 Israel?

	Total
Strongly support	15
Somewhat support	39
Somewhat oppose	31
Strongly oppose	15
Total Support	54
Total Oppose	46
Support - Oppose	8
(ref:USROLEB1)	

[415 Respondents]

Q.31 (IF SUPPORT IN Q.31) (SPLIT A) 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 exerting pressure on both the Israelis and Arabs to make the compromises necessary to achieve peace?

	Total
Strongly support	31
Somewhat support	48
Somewhat oppose	18
Strongly oppose	3
Total Support	79
Total Oppose	21
Support - Oppose	58
(ref:USROLEC)	

[500 Respondents]

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	Total
Strongly support	26
Somewhat support	40
Somewhat oppose	27
Strongly oppose	8
Total Support	65
Total Oppose	35
Support - Oppose	31
(ref:USROLEC)	

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Q.32 (IF SUPPORT IN Q.31) (SPLIT B) 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 exerting pressure on Israel to make the compromises necessary to achieve peace?

	Total
Strongly support	20
Somewhat support	43
Somewhat oppose	24
Strongly oppose	13
Total Support	63
Total Oppose	37
Support - Oppose	26
(ref:USROLEC1)	

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Q.32 (ALL SPLIT B RESPONDENTS) 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 exerting pressure on Israel to make the compromises necessary to achieve peace?

	Total
Strongly support	17
Somewhat support	36
Somewhat oppose	32
Strongly oppose	15
Total Support	53
Total Oppose	47
Support - Oppose	6
(ref:USROLEC1)	

Q.33 Below are some pairs of statements. After reading each pair, please mark whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1 st	1 st Not	2 nd Not	2 nd	Both	Nei- ther	Total 1 st	Total 2 nd	1 st - 2 nd
33 Middle East peace is a core American interest, and the United States should use assertive diplomacy to end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. OR Only the parties themselves can make peace, and the United States should let the Palestinians and Israelis work out the conflict on their own.	23	22	17	19	10	8	45	37	9

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nei- ther	Total 1 st	Total 2 nd	1 st - 2 nd
34 The United States should act as a fair and impartial broker in order to achieve a peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians. OR The United States should side with Israel during peace negotiations in order to protect America's democratic ally Israel.....	32	19	15	20	8	6	50	35	15

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35 (SPLIT A) I support Israel, but it must stop taking actions that violate United States policy such as building in East Jerusalem. OR Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the Jewish people, and the United States must not interfere with Israel's policies in Jerusalem.....	24	21	13	22	8	12	45	36	10
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36 (SPLIT B) I support Israel, but it must stop taking actions that violate United States policy such as expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank. OR Expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank is necessary to accommodate natural growth, and the United States must not interfere with Israel's policies in the West Bank. (ref:PAIRS)	26	20	18	18	7	12	46	35	10
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Q.37 Now something different. Which of the following statements best describes how you view President Obama's handling of the Arab-Israeli conflict?

	Total
I agree with the President's policies and I like the way he is executing these policies	33
I agree with the President's policies, but I don't like the way he is executing these policies	38
I disagree with the President's policies	30
(ref:HANDLE)	

Q.38 As you may know, last year, the United States asked Israel to suspend all new construction of Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Israel decided it would agree to a partial and temporary suspension that would result in no new construction starts for 10 months. When the 10 months expired in September of this year, the U.S. asked Israel to extend its partial and temporary suspension.

	Total
Israel should suspend all construction of Jewish settlements in the West Bank.....	24
Israel should extend the partial and temporary suspension of new Jewish settlement construction in the West Bank.....	45
Israel should build Jewish settlements in the West Bank without restrictions or suspensions in construction.....	31
(ref:SUSPENSION)	

Q.39 As you may know, people often refer to a "two-state solution" when discussing the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. A two-state solution means a peace agreement that establishes a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza alongside the State of Israel. Below are some statements about a two-state solution, and for each statement, please mark whether you agree or disagree with that statement.

		Smwt Strng		Total Agree			
	Strng	Smwt	Dis-	Dis-	Total	Dis-	-
	Agree	Agree	agree	agree	Agree	agree	Dis
[500 Respondents]							
39 (SPLIT A) I support a two-state solution that declares an end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, resulting in all Arab countries establishing full diplomatic ties with Israel and creating an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.....	38	41	13	8	79	21	59
[500 Respondents]							
40 (SPLIT B) I support a two-state solution that declares an end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, resulting in all Arab countries establishing full diplomatic ties with Israel and creating an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem.....	33	45	13	9	78	22	56
41 A two-state solution is necessary to strengthen Israeli security and ensure Israel's Jewish democratic character.....	33	49	12	6	82	18	64
42 A two-state solution is an important national security interest for the United States.	30	51	12	7	81	19	63
(ref:TWOSTATE)							

Q.43 Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes. Do you belong to a synagogue or temple?

	Total
Yes	42
No	58
(ref:SYNOG)	

Q.44 How often, do you attend formal religious services?

	Total
Every week	17
Once or twice a month.....	17
A few times a year	27
Hardly ever	25
Never	13
(ref:ATTEND)	

Q.45 Do you participate in events or activities sponsored by any other Jewish community or advocacy organizations?

	Total
Yes	42
No	58
(Don't know/Refused).....	-
(ref:PARTIC)	

Q.46 How would you characterize the organizations and causes to which you contribute money? Please mark as many as apply.

	Total
Non-Jewish charities.....	46
Jewish organizations and charities	45
Synagogue or temple	35
Israel-related organizations and charities	23
Political campaigns.....	14
Non-Jewish advocacy organizations	12
Other, specify.....	10
I don't contribute money to organizations or causes	21
(ref:CONTRIB2)	

Q.47 Have you ever traveled to Israel?

	Total
Yes	33
No	67
(ref:TRAVEL)	

Q.48 How often do you discuss Israel with friends or members of your family?

	Total
Every week	14
Once or twice a month.....	23
A few times a year	34
Hardly ever	21
Never	8
(ref:DISCUSS)	

Q.49 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	35
Weak Democrat	21
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent	9
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican.....	7
Strong Republican	10
(Don't know/Refused).....	-
(ref:PTYID1B)	

Q.52 Thinking in political terms, would you say you that you are conservative, moderate, progressive, or liberal?

	Total
Conservative	24
Moderate.....	32
Liberal.....	31
Progressive.....	13
(ref:IDEOL)	

Q.53 In the 2008 Presidential election, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Barack Obama	72
John McCain.....	21
Other	6
Did not vote	-
Barack Obama - John McCain.....	51
(ref:PRES2008)	

Q.55 One last question. Remember this is confidential and anonymous survey, and we are not selling anything. Last year, that is in 2009, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total
Less than \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to \$49,999	22
\$50,000 to \$74,999	24
\$75,000 to \$99,999	21
\$100,000 to \$199,999	22
\$200,000 or more.....	5
(Don't know/refused)	-
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.4 How would you describe your Jewish denomination?

	Total
Orthodox	9
Conservative	25
Reform	34
Reconstructionist	3
Unaffiliated.....	28
Other, specify.....	2
I'm not Jewish.....	-
(ref:JEWISHID)	

Q.5 What is your gender?

	Total
Male	49
Female	51
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade.....	-
High School graduate	7
Non-college post H.S.....	1
Some college.....	26
College graduate.....	37
Post-graduate school.....	28
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.7 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	8
25 - 29	9
30 - 34	9
35 - 39	6
40 - 44	6
45 - 49	6
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	13
60 - 64	13
Over 64	18
(No answer)	1
(ref:AGE)	