

Polling: American Jews Strongly Support the Iran Deal & Obama June 2015



US Jewish support for the Iran deal is strong, exceeding that among the general US population

- 59 percent of American Jews support an agreement that increases inspections in exchange for economic sanctions relief, compared to 53 percent of American adults overall in an April CNN poll that asked the same question.
- Further, 78 percent of American Jews back the agreement when additional details of the deal are provided about its imposition of intrusive inspections and capping of enrichment of uranium at a level far below what is necessary to make a nuclear weapon in exchange for phased relief from US and international sanctions.
- While 67 percent say they have heard some information about the deal, Iran does not rank as a high priority issue among American Jews, with just 6 percent prioritizing it as one of the top two issues on which they believe Congress and the President should focus, placing it at the very bottom of a list of 11 issues.



US Jews are far more supportive of the President and his party than they are of his critics on Iran

- President Barack Obama has a 56 percent job approval rating among American Jews—11 percent above his rating among the general population, and far above the 21 percent job approval rating Congress has among American Jews.
- Despite public policy disagreements with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over Iran and other issues, 57 percent of American Jews think it is not accurate to claim that President Obama does not support Israel.
- Amidst the highly partisan environment of the Iran debate, the Democratic Party is seen favorably by a plurality of American Jews (46 favorable/39 unfavorable), while the Republican Party is heavily disliked (20 favorable/68 unfavorable).



American Jews support active US engagement in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

- 84 percent of US Jews support the United States playing an active role in helping the parties resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- 70 percent of US Jews support the United States playing an active role even if it means publicly disagreeing with both Israel and the Palestinians.
- 69 percent of US Jews support the United States playing an active role even if it means exerting pressure on both Israel and the Palestinians to make compromises necessary to peace.