

**J Street
National Survey**

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1,000 Jewish Adults**

Q.9 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.....	39
Wrong track.....	61
Right direction - Wrong track.....	-21
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.10/11 Below is a list of concerns that people have. Which one of these do you think President Obama and Congress should make their MOST IMPORTANT priority? And which one of these concerns do you think President and Obama and Congress should make their SECOND MOST IMPORTANT priority?

	Most	2nd	Comb	Impt	Most
The economy	45	27	18		
ISIS.....	29	18	11		
The deficit and government spending	25	12	13		
Health care	22	9	13		
Social Security and Medicare.....	21	9	12		
Education	17	8	9		
The environment.....	14	7	7		
Taxes	8	3	5		
Israel.....	7	3	3		
Immigration.....	7	3	5		
Iran	6	2	4		
(ref:CONC1/CONC2)					

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	13
Somewhat approve.....	43
Somewhat disapprove.....	19
Strongly disapprove	25
Total Approve	56
Total Disapprove.....	44
Approve - Disapprove	12
(ref:OBAMAJOB)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve.....	2
Somewhat approve.....	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	37
Strongly disapprove	42
Total Approve	21
Total Disapprove.....	79
Approve - Disapprove	-58
(ref:CONGJOB)	

Now, please rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with 100 meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; 0 meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and 50 meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from 0 to 100, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization.

	Mean	Fav	Unfav	ID
14 Barack Obama	49	48	41	99
15 Democratic Party	49	46	39	99
16 Republican Party.....	29	20	68	99
17 Hillary Clinton.....	49	48	40	99
18 Jeb Bush.....	28	13	64	94
19 John Boehner.....	24	9	62	83
20 Benjamin Netanyahu.....	56	47	27	90
21 Mitch McConnell..... (ref:THERM)	24	7	53	73

Q.22 It is a very long way off, but thinking about the election for president in 2016, if the election were held today and the candidates were Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Jeb Bush, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Hillary Clinton.....	60
Lean Hillary Clinton	4
Jeb Bush.....	23
Lean Jeb Bush	4
(Undecided).....	10
Total Hillary Clinton.....	64
Total Jeb Bush	26
Hillary Clinton - Jeb Bush.....	38

Allocated vote¹

	Total
Hillary Clinton.....	68
Jeb Bush.....	30
(Undecided).....	2
Hillary Clinton - Jeb Bush.....	37
(ref:HRCJB)	

¹ Undecided respondents were allocated to a candidate based on which candidate they rated higher in Q17 and Q18. If they rated the candidates equally, they were allocated based on their party identification in Q65, with Independents remaining undecided.

Q.24 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	37
Somewhat support.....	46
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	4
Total Support.....	84
Total Oppose.....	16
Support - Oppose	67
(ref:USROLE)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.25 (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	24
Somewhat support.....	46
Somewhat oppose	23
Strongly oppose	7
Total Support.....	70
Total Oppose.....	30
Support - Oppose	40
(ref:USROLEB)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.26 (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	16
Somewhat support.....	29
Somewhat oppose	32
Strongly oppose	22
Total Support.....	46
Total Oppose.....	54
Support - Oppose	-9
(ref:USROLEB1)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.27 (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	24
Somewhat support.....	44
Somewhat oppose	24
Strongly oppose	8
Total Support.....	69
Total Oppose.....	31
Support - Oppose	37
(ref:USROLEC)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.28 (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	12
Somewhat support.....	32
Somewhat oppose	32
Strongly oppose	24
Total Support.....	44
Total Oppose.....	56
Support - Oppose	-12
(ref:USROLEC1)	

Now, something different. 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	Dis-	Dis-	Total	Total Agree	-
	Strng	Smwt	agree	agree	Agree	agree	Dis
[500 Respondents]							
29 (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.	33	39	17	11	72	28	45
[500 Respondents]							
30 (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, with its capital in East Jerusalem.	23	42	18	17	65	35	30
31 A two-state solution is necessary to strengthen Israeli security and ensure Israel's Jewish democratic character.	27	41	19	14	67	33	35
32 A two-state solution is an important national security interest for the United States. (ref:TWOSTATE)	22	45	19	14	67	33	33

Q.33 Now, a different topic. As you may know, the United States, Britain, Germany, France, China, and Russia last year reached a first step agreement with Iran to limit Iran's nuclear program in exchange for modest relief from sanctions. How much have you heard about this agreement?

	Total
A great deal of information.	22
Some information.	45
Not much information.	25
No information at all.	9
Great deal/some.	66
Not much/no info.	34
(ref:IRANAWARE)	

Q.34 As you may know, the U.S. and other countries have imposed strict economic sanctions against Iran while that country has nuclear facilities which could eventually allow it to produce its own nuclear weapons.

Do you favor or oppose an agreement that would ease some of those economic sanctions and, in exchange, require Iran to accept major restrictions on its nuclear program, but not end it completely, and submit to greater international inspection of its nuclear facilities?

	Total
Favor	59
Oppose.....	41
Favor - Oppose.....	19
(ref:AGRMAPP)	

Q.35 Now, imagine that the U.S., Britain, Germany, France, China, Russia, and Iran reach a final agreement that places significant limits on Iran's nuclear program to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

The agreement imposes intrusive inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities by international nuclear experts, and it caps the level at which Iran can enrich uranium to far below what is necessary to make a nuclear weapon. In exchange for limiting its nuclear program and agreeing to intrusive inspections, Iran would receive phased relief from U.S. and international economic sanctions, as Iran complies with the terms of the agreement.

Would you support or oppose this agreement?

	Total
Strongly support	26
Somewhat support.....	51
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	8
Total Support.....	78
Total Oppose.....	22
Support - Oppose	56
(ref:FINALAGRMT)	

Q.36 As you may know, President Obama has said that Prime Minister Netanyahu's policies to expand Jewish settlements in the West Bank are harmful for reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians, and Obama was critical of Netanyahu's recent campaign video that called on Netanyahu's voters to turn out because "the Arabs were going to the polls in droves."

Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for President Obama to make statements that are critical of Prime Minister Netanyahu's policies?

	Total
Very acceptable	18
Somewhat acceptable	38
Somewhat unacceptable	25
Very unacceptable.....	19
Total Acceptable	56
Total Unacceptable.....	44
Acceptable - Unacceptable	12
(ref:BOSTMT)	

Q.37 Below are two statements by supporters and opponents of President Obama's approach to Israel. Please indicate which of these two statements comes closer to your own point of view, even if you do not fully agree with it:

Supporters of President Obama say that the President has repeatedly demonstrated his support for the state and the people of Israel. His administration has led unprecedented military and security cooperation between the United States and Israel. It is completely appropriate for President Obama to express disagreements over policy with Prime Minister Netanyahu, and it is inaccurate for critics to claim that Obama doesn't support Israel when he questions policies such as expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Opponents say that President Obama repeatedly and unfairly undermines Israel's interests and does not sufficiently support the Jewish state. He has gone too far in his criticism of Prime Minister Netanyahu and his criticism sends the wrong message to Israel's enemies. With all the other bad actors in the region, it is not appropriate for the President to focus such attention on the Prime Minister who is the legitimately elected leader of his country.

	Total
First statement strongly	20
First statement somewhat.....	38
Second statement somewhat	23
Second statement strongly	19
Total First statement	57
Total Second statement	43
First statement - Second statement.....	15
(ref:BODEBATE)	

Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes.

Q.38 Are you currently a member of a synagogue or temple?

	Total
Yes	35
No.....	65
(ref:SYNOG)	

Q.39 Aside from special occasions like wedding, funerals, and bar mitzvahs, how often do you attend Jewish religious services at a synagogue, temple, minyan, or Havurah?

	Total
More than once a week.....	5
Once a week.....	6
Once or twice a month.....	13
A few times a year, such as for high holidays.....	35
Seldom.....	19
Never	22
(ref:ATTEND2)	

Q.40 Do you participate in events or activities sponsored by any other Jewish community or advocacy organizations?

	Total
Yes	41
No.....	59
(ref:JORG)	

Q.41 Have you ever been to Israel?

	Total
Yes	43
No.....	57
(ref:TRAVEL)	

Q.42 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	34
Weak Democrat	21
Independent-lean Democrat	11
Independent.....	10
Independent-lean Republican.....	6
Weak Republican.....	10
Strong Republican.....	8
(Don't know/Refused)	-
(ref:PTYID1B)	

Q.43 Thinking in political terms, would you say you that you are conservative, moderate, progressive, or liberal?

	Total
Conservative.....	19
Moderate.....	35
Liberal.....	38
Progressive.....	8
(ref:IDEOL)	

Q.44 In the 2012 Presidential election, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total
Barack Obama.....	62
Mitt Romney.....	25
Other.....	3
Did not vote/too young to vote.....	10
Barack Obama - Mitt Romney.....	36
(ref:PRES2012)	

Q.45 One last question. Remember this is a confidential and anonymous survey, and we are not selling anything. Last year, that is in 2014, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total
Less than \$20,000.....	6
\$20,000 to \$49,999.....	19
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	19
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	19
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	25
\$200,000 or more.....	11
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.4 How would you describe your Jewish denomination?

	Total
Orthodox	10
Conservative.....	20
Reform.....	37
Reconstructionist	1
No particular denomination	29
Other.....	3
I'm not Jewish.....	-
(ref:JEWISHID)	

Q.6 What is your gender?

	Total
Male	49
Female	51
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.7 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade.....	1
High School graduate	9
Non-college post H.S.	0
Some college	22
College graduate	36
Post-graduate school	32
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24.....	11
25 - 29.....	9
30 - 34.....	9
35 - 39.....	6
40 - 44.....	6
45 - 49.....	7
50 - 54.....	8
55 - 59.....	7
60 - 64.....	12
Over 64	25
(No answer).....	-
(ref:AGE)	