

J Street
National Survey of American Jews

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800 Respondents

Q.7 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	34
Wrong track	66
Right direction - Wrong track	-32
<small>(ref:DIRECT)</small>	

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	12
Somewhat approve.....	48
Somewhat disapprove.....	21
Strongly disapprove	18
Total Approve	60
Total Disapprove.....	40
Approve - Disapprove.....	21
<small>(ref:OBAMAJOB)</small>	

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	8
Somewhat approve.....	42
Somewhat disapprove.....	27
Strongly disapprove	22
Total Approve	51
Total Disapprove.....	49
Approve - Disapprove.....	2
<small>(ref:OBAMEACON)</small>	

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the Arab-Israeli conflict?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	9
Somewhat approve.....	35
Somewhat disapprove.....	31
Strongly disapprove.....	26
Total Approve	44
Total Disapprove.....	56
Approve - Disapprove.....	-13
(ref:OBAMACONF)	

Q.11 And what about Congress - do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	3
Somewhat approve.....	24
Somewhat disapprove.....	38
Strongly disapprove.....	35
Total Approve	27
Total Disapprove.....	73
Approve - Disapprove.....	-46
(ref:CONGJOB)	

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
12 Barack Obama.....	54	56	34	98
13 Mitt Romney	31	16	60	91
14 Democratic Party	52	49	33	98
15 Republican Party.....	30	18	67	98
16 Bill Clinton.....	65	66	22	98
17 Michele Bachmann	24	12	57	79
18 Glenn Beck.....	20	10	66	83
19 George W. Bush.....	25	16	73	98
20 The Tea Party Movement.....	21	12	74	95
21 The UN (United Nations).....	46	37	40	97
22 Jonathan Pollard.....	39	10	20	39
23 Benjamin Netanyahu.....	61	50	20	86
24 Tzippi Livni	51	16	11	34

(ref:THERM)

Q.25 It is a long way off, but thinking about the election for president in 2012, if the election were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, for whom would you vote – Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total
Barack Obama	59
Lean Barack Obama	4
Mitt Romney	21
Lean Mitt Romney	3
(Undecided)	13
Total Barack Obama	63
Total Mitt Romney	24
Barack Obama - Mitt Romney	39
(ref:BOMRVOTE)	

Q.25 Simulated vote (allocating undecided voters by party identification)

	Total
Barack Obama	70
Mitt Romney	27
(Undecided)	4
Barack Obama - Mitt Romney	43
(ref:BOMRVOTE)	

Q.27 Still thinking about the 2012 presidential election – if the election were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Michele Bachman, for whom would you vote – Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Michele Bachmann?

	Total
Barack Obama	65
Lean Barack Obama	2
Michele Bachmann	17
Lean Michele Bachmann	2
(Undecided)	13
Total Barack Obama	67
Total Michele Bachmann	19
Barack Obama - Michele Bachmann	48
(ref:BOMBVOTE)	

Q.27 Simulated vote (allocating undecided voters by party identification)

	Total
Barack Obama	73
Michele Bachmann	23
(Undecided)	4
Barack Obama - Michele Bachmann	50
(ref:BOMBVOTE)	

Q.29 Thinking about the election for Congress in 2012, if the election were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in the district where you live?

	Total
Democratic candidate	58
Lean Democratic candidate	4
Republican candidate.....	19
Lean Republican candidate.....	1
Other candidate.....	2
(Undecided)	15
Total Democratic candidate.....	62
Total Republican candidate.....	20
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	41
(ref:CONG2012)	

Q.29 Simulated vote (allocating undecided voters by party identification)

	Total
Democratic candidate	69
Republican candidate.....	23
Other candidate.....	2
(Undecided)	6
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	47
(ref:CONG2012)	

Q.31 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.....	31
Somewhat support	52
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	4
Total Support	83
Total Oppose	17
Support - Oppose	65
(ref:USROLE)	

[331 Respondents]

Q.32 (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.....	30
Somewhat support	51
Somewhat oppose	15
Strongly oppose	3
Total Support	81
Total Oppose	19
Support - Oppose	62
(ref:USROLEB)	

<i>TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE</i>	
<i>[INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q31]</i>	
Total support.....	67
Total oppose	33
Support - Oppose	34

[330 Respondents]

Q.33 (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.....	18
Somewhat support	35
Somewhat oppose	31
Strongly oppose	15
Total Support	54
Total Oppose	46
Support - Oppose	7
(ref:USROLEB1)	

<i>TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE</i>	
<i>[INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q31]</i>	
Total support.....	44
Total oppose	56
Support - Oppose	-12

Q.34 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?

	Total
Strongly support.....	21
Somewhat support	50
Somewhat oppose	20
Strongly oppose	9
Total Support	70
Total Oppose	30
Support - Oppose	41
(ref:USROLED)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.35 (SPLIT A) 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?

	Total
Very important role.....	25
Somewhat important role.....	42
Somewhat not important role.....	19
Not at all important role.....	14
Total Important	67
Total Not important.....	33
Important - Not important.....	34
(ref:UNROLE)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.36 (SPLIT B) 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?

	Total
Excellent job	4
Good job	24
Only fair job.....	49
Poor job.....	22
(Don't know/refused)	-
Excellent/Good job.....	28
Only Fair/Poor job.....	72
Excellent/Good - Fair/Poor	-43
(ref:UNJOB)	

Q.37 Thinking about Israel and the United Nations, overall do you think the United Nations treats Israel fairly or unfairly?

	Total
Very fairly.....	6
Somewhat fairly.....	37
Somewhat unfairly.....	32
Not at all fairly.....	25
Total Fairly.....	43
Total Unfairly.....	57
Fairly - Unfairly	-13
(ref:UNISRAEL)	

Q.38 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?

	Total
Vote for recognizing an independent Palestinian state.....	25
Lean Vote for recognizing an independent Palestinian state	10
Vote against recognizing an independent Palestinian state	41
Lean Vote against recognizing an independent Palestinian state ...	6
(Undecided)	18
Total Vote for	34
Total Vote against.....	47
Vote for - Vote against.....	-13
(ref:UNVOTE)	

Q.40 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

Overall, do you support or oppose such an agreement?

	Total
Strongly support.....	13
Somewhat support	44
Somewhat oppose	27
Strongly oppose	16
Total Support	57
Total Oppose	43
Support - Oppose	13
(ref:FINALSTAT)	

Q.41 Now, something different. 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 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.

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.

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

Total	
Allow the flotilla to reach Gaza.....	22
Prevent the flotilla from reaching Gaza.....	78
Allow to reach Gaza - Prevent from reaching Gaza.....	-56
(ref:FLOTILLA)	

Q.42 In the 2008 Presidential election, did you make a financial contribution to the campaign of Barack Obama or the campaign of John McCain?

Total	
I made a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign	15
I made a financial contribution to John McCain's campaign	3
I made a financial contribution to BOTH Barack Obama's and John McCain's campaign	1
I did not make a financial contribution to Barack Obama's or John McCain's campaign	81
Total contributed to Obama	16
Total contributed to McCain	4
(ref:DONOR)	

[130 Respondents]

Q.43 (IF CONTRIBUTED TO OBAMA IN Q.42) Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election, will you make a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign?

	Total
I will definitely make a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign	34
I will probably make a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign	45
I will probably NOT make a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign	16
I will definitely NOT make a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign	2
I already made a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign.....	2
Total Will/already did	82
Total Will not	18
Will - Will not.....	63
(ref:BODONOR)	

[34 Respondents]

Q.44 (IF CONTRIBUTED TO MCCAIN IN Q.42) Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election, will you make a financial contribution to a Republican candidate's campaign?

	Total
I will definitely make a financial contribution a Republican candidate's campaign	22
I will probably make a financial contribution to a Republican candidate's campaign	50
I will probably NOT make a financial contribution to a Republican candidate's campaign	17
I will definitely NOT make a financial contribution to a Republican candidate's campaign	3
I already made a financial contribution to a Republican candidate's campaign	8
Total Will/already did	80
Total Will not	20
Will - Will not.....	60
(ref:GOPDONOR)	

Q.45 Now, something different. 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?

	Total
Should allow	79
Should not allow	21
Should allow - Should not allow	57
(ref:ALLOW)	

Q.46 As you may know, there is a Jewish organization called J Street which calls itself the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans.

J Street supports Israel and its right to defend itself, and believes that it is acceptable to criticize some Israeli government policies, such as expansion of Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

Opponents of J Street say that an organization which criticizes Israeli policy undermines Israeli security, and that just calling itself pro-Israel does not make J Street pro-Israel.

Do you think Jewish community organizations such as local Jewish Federations and JCCs should allow or not allow J Street to participate in events sponsored by Jewish community organizations?

	Total
Should allow	77
Should not allow	23
Should allow - Should not allow	54
(ref:ALLOWJST)	

Q.47 Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes. Do you belong to a synagogue or temple?

	Total
Yes	39
No	61
(ref:SYNOG)	

Q.48 How often, do you attend formal religious services?

	Total
Every week	11
Once or twice a month	11
A few times a year	30
Hardly ever	31
Never	17
(ref:ATTEND)	

Q.49 Do you participate in events or activities sponsored by any other Jewish community or advocacy organizations?

	Total
Yes	34
No	66
(Don't know/Refused).....	-
(ref:PARTIC)	

Q.50 How would you characterize the organizations and causes to which you contribute money? Please mark as many as apply.

	Total
Jewish organizations and charities.....	42
Non-Jewish charities.....	42
Synagogue or temple	31
Israel-related organizations and charities	18
Non-Jewish advocacy organizations.....	14
Political campaigns.....	14
Other, specify.....	12
I don't contribute money to organizations or causes	28
(ref:CONTRIB2)	

Q.51 Have you ever traveled to Israel?

	Total
Yes	35
No	65
(ref:TRAVEL)	

Q.52 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	34
Weak Democrat	25
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent.....	10
Independent-lean Republican	6
Weak Republican.....	8
Strong Republican	6
(ref:PTYID1B)	

Q.55 Thinking in political terms, would you say you that you are conservative, moderate, progressive, or liberal?

	Total
Conservative	23
Moderate	32
Liberal.....	32
Progressive.....	13
(ref:IDEOL)	

Q.56 In the 2008 Presidential election, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Barack Obama	71
John McCain.....	21
Other/Did not vote	8
Barack Obama - John McCain.....	51
(ref:PRES2008)	

Q.57 One last question. Remember this is confidential and anonymous survey, and we are not selling anything. Last year, that is in 2010, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total
Less than \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to \$49,999	24
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21
\$75,000 to \$99,999	19
\$100,000 to \$199,999	23
\$200,000 or more.....	6
(Don't know/refused)	-
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 First, how would you describe your Jewish denomination?

	Total
Orthodox	9
Conservative	27
Reform.....	34
Reconstructionist	1
Unaffiliated.....	27
Other, specify.....	2
I'm not Jewish	1
(ref:JEWISHID)	

[5 Respondents]

Q.3 (IF NOT JEWISH IN Q.2), Even though you do not consider your RELIGION to be Jewish, do you consider yourself Jewish?

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
(ref:JEWISHID2)	

Q.4 What is your gender?

	Total
Male	49
Female	51
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.5 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	0
High School graduate	6
Non-college post H.S.....	1
Some college.....	23
College graduate	38
Post-graduate school.....	32
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	9
25 - 29	7
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	6
45 - 49	7
50 - 54	9
55 - 59	12
60 - 64	15
Over 64	20
(ref:AGE)	