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# February 2012 Israeli Public Opinion Survey

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Poll conducted February 22-26 among a nationally representative sample  
of 500 Israelis. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%

# Iran

**There has been increased talk of a military strike by Israel against Iran's nuclear facilities, even though the United States, the UK and Germany have advised against it. What do you think Israel should do?**

**All Israelis**

**Israeli Jews only**

**Strike Iran's nuclear facilities, even without the support of the US**



**19**



**22**

**Strike only if Israel gains at least American support**



**42**



**43**

**Do not strike**



**34**



**32**

# Iran

What do you believe the likely outcome would be if Israel strikes Iran:

All Israelis

Israeli Jews only

It would delay Iran's ability to develop nuclear weapons by 1-2 years



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It would delay Iran's capabilities by 3-5 years



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It would delay Iran's capabilities by more than 5 years



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It would accelerate Iran's nuclear program



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It would have no effect on Iran's nuclear program



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# Iran

Given America's recommendation that Israel not strike Iran, what do you believe the U.S. government's reaction would be if Israel strikes anyway?

All Israelis

Israeli Jews only

It would join the war on Israel's behalf



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It would support Israel diplomatically, but not provide military assistance



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It would stay neutral



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It would punish Israel by reducing its current support to Israel



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# Iran

In your estimation, how long would an armed conflict with Iran last if Israel strikes its nuclear facilities?

All Israelis

Israeli Jews only

Days



Weeks



Months



Years



# Iran

If Israel strikes Iran's nuclear facilities, in your view, how would this affect the Iranian government?

All Israelis

Israeli Jews only

It would be strengthened



44



38

It would have no effect



4



4

It would be weakened



45



49

# Iran

If Israel strikes, what do you think Hezbollah would do?

All Israelis

Israeli Jews only

Hezbollah would join Iran  
in retaliation

68

74

Hezbollah would only  
retaliate if Israel strikes  
them, too

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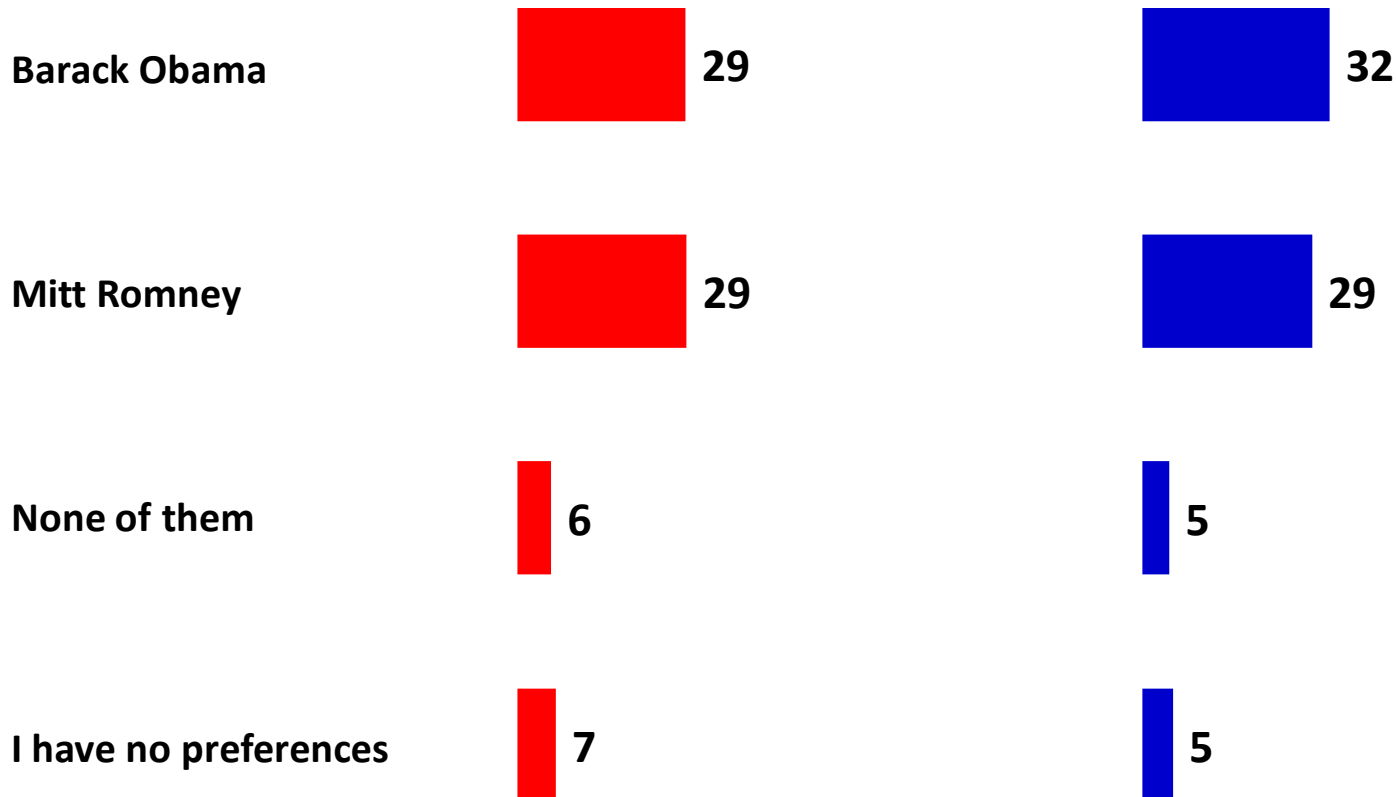


# US Politics

If the Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States is Mitt Romney, whom would you like to see elected as the next American president?

All Israelis

Israeli Jews only



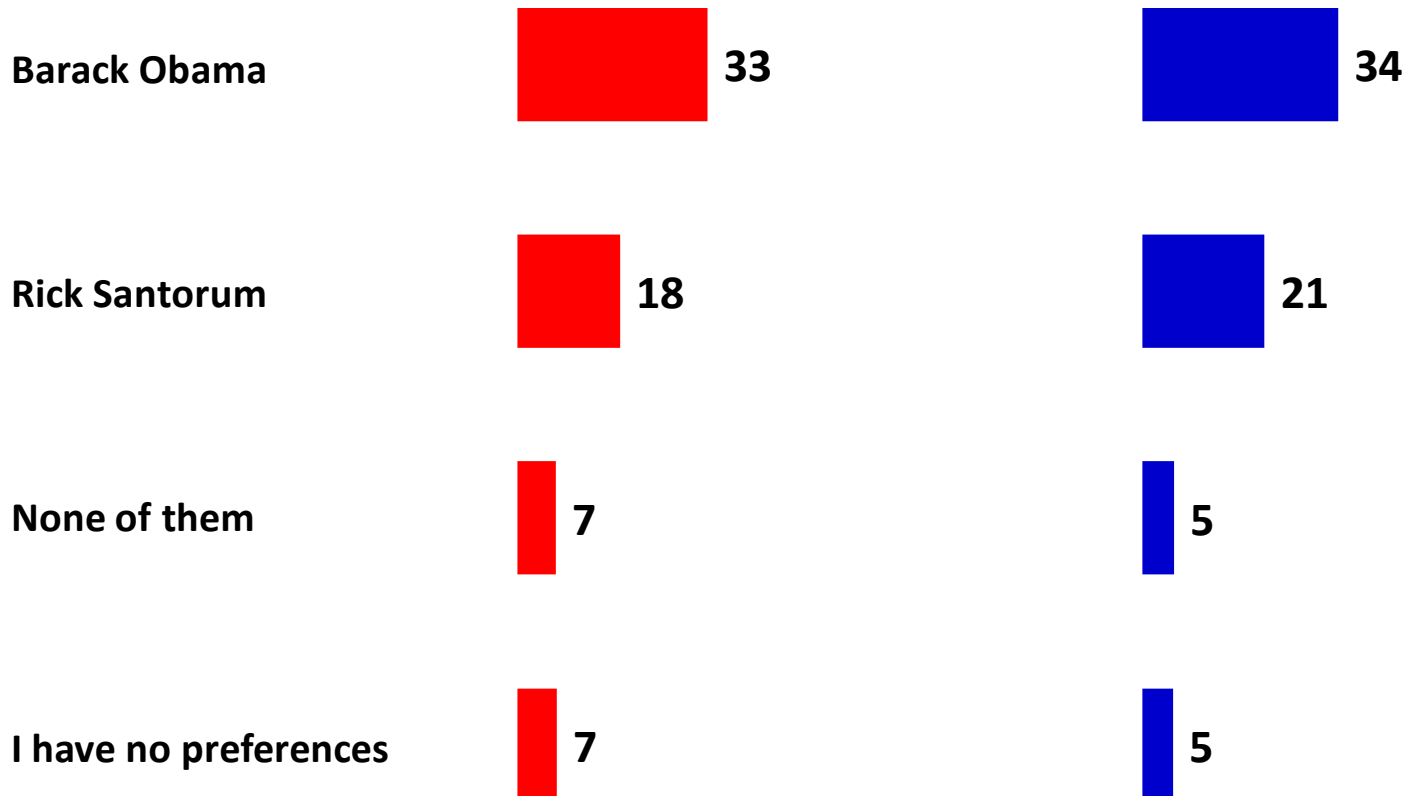


# US Politics

If the Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States is Rick Santorum, whom would you like to see elected as the next American president?

All Israelis

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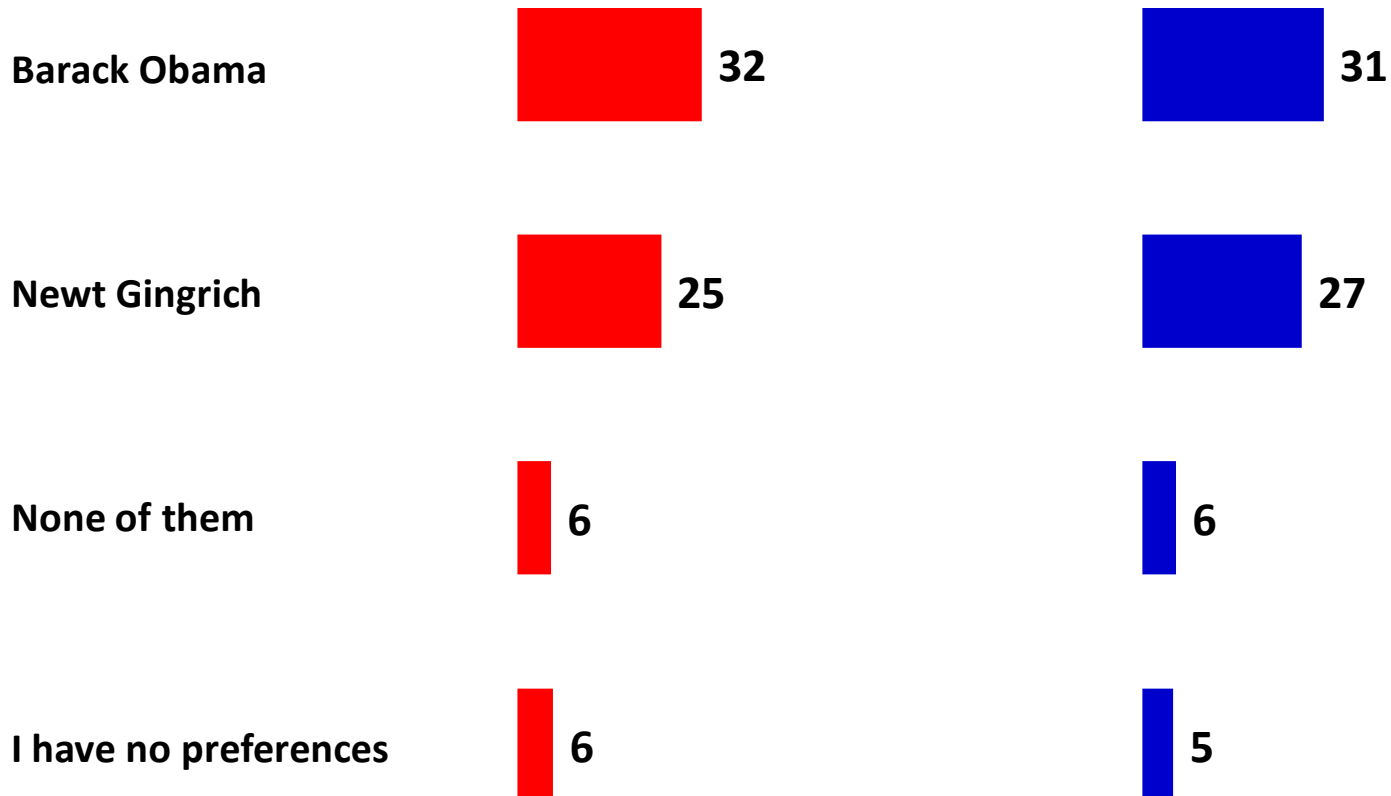


# US Politics

If the Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States is Newt Gingrich, whom would you like to see elected as the next American president?

All Israelis

Israeli Jews only



# US Politics

If the Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States is Ron Paul, whom would you like to see elected as the next American president?

All Israelis

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