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Sample size: 500
Margin of Error: +/- 4.5

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Attitudes toward the U.S.

Generally speaking, is your attitude toward the United States:

**Very favorable / Somewhat favorable**

- 22
- 56

**Very unfavorable / Somewhat unfavorable**

- 2
- 10

**Not familiar**

- 8
Self-identity

When you think about yourself, which of the following is your most important identity:

As a Jew

49

As an Israeli

39

In relation to my family’s country of origin

4

As a citizen of the world

5
Prospects of Lasting Peace

Which of the following statements are closest to your view about the prospects of lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians:

- It will happen in the next five years
  - 8

- It is inevitable, but it will take more time
  - 43

- I don’t believe it will ever happen
  - 47
Assessing the Obama Administration

Which issue is most central to you as you are looking to assess the Obama administration policy in the region:

- The Arab/Palestinian-Israeli conflict: 42
- Iran: 18
- Economic assistance to Israel: 10
- Human rights: 10
- Spreading democracy: 4
- War in Afghanistan / Pakistan: 3
- Iraq: 3
Views of Obama

How would you describe your views of President Barack Obama of the United States?

Very positive / Somewhat positive

| 5 | 36 |

Very negative / Somewhat negative

| 15 | 36 |

Not familiar

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Israel as a “Jewish State”

Which is closer to your position on the demand that the Palestinians accept Israel as a “Jewish state”:

- Support it and demand acceptance as a precondition for negotiations or any settlement freeze: 36
- Support it but would accept Palestinian acceptance as part of a final peace agreement: 39
- I do not support this demand: 23
Defining Israel

Given that 25% of Israelis are non-Jews, which is closer to your position on defining Israel as “the homeland of the Jewish people and of all its citizens”:

- **Support**: 71
- **Reject**: 27
Peace Agreement

Which of the following is closer to your view:

I am prepared for a just and comprehensive peace with Arabs based on the 1967 borders, with agreed modifications, and the establishment of a peaceful Palestinian state next to Israel

40

Even if all the Arab states accept and recognize Israel, I still oppose withdrawing from territories occupied in 1967 and the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza

27

Neither

30
Peace Agreement

Should or shouldn’t Israel do more than it does today to promote comprehensive peace with the Arabs based on the 1967 borders, with agreed modifications, and the establishment of a peaceful Palestinian state next to Israel:

**Should**

62

**Shouldn’t**

35
Outcome of Two-State Solution Collapse

What do you believe is the likely outcome if the prospects of a two-state solution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict collapse:

It will lead to a one-state solution in which Israelis and Palestinians are equal

4

It will lead to a state of intense conflict for years to come

42

The status quo will continue with little change

42

Palestinians will eventually surrender to Israeli power, give up and integrate into other societies

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Views of World Leaders

Which world leader (outside your own country) do you admire most: [open response]

- Angela Merkel: 9
- Bill Clinton: 8
- Barack Obama: 5
Views of World Leaders

Which world leader (outside your own country) do you dislike most: [open response]

- Ahmadinejad: 41
- Barack Obama: 10
- Others: 4
Empathy with Israeli Victims

Expressed Israeli feelings about Israeli Civilian Casualties resulting from violence with Palestinians: How Israelis rank their feelings when they observe Israeli civilian casualties

1. Empathy with victims
2. The same as "I do when I see other humans suffer"
3. Anger with Palestinian/Arab leaders
4. Helplessness
5. Anger with Israeli leadership
6. A need for revenge against Palestinians
7. Anger with the United States
8. I feel Israelis brought it upon themselves
Empathy with Palestinian Victims

Expressed Israeli feelings about Palestinian Civilian Casualties resulting from violence with Israel: How Israelis rank their feelings when they observe Palestinian civilian casualties

1. Palestinians brought it upon themselves
2. Angry with Palestinian leaders
3. Feel like I do when I see other civilians killed
4. Empathy with Palestinian victims
5. Angry with Israeli leaders
6. I feel a sense of revenge
7. Angry with the United States