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2010 Israeli Jewish Public Opinion Survey

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Attitudes toward the U.S.

Generally speaking, is your attitude toward the United States:

Very favorable / Somewhat favorable



Very unfavorable / Somewhat unfavorable

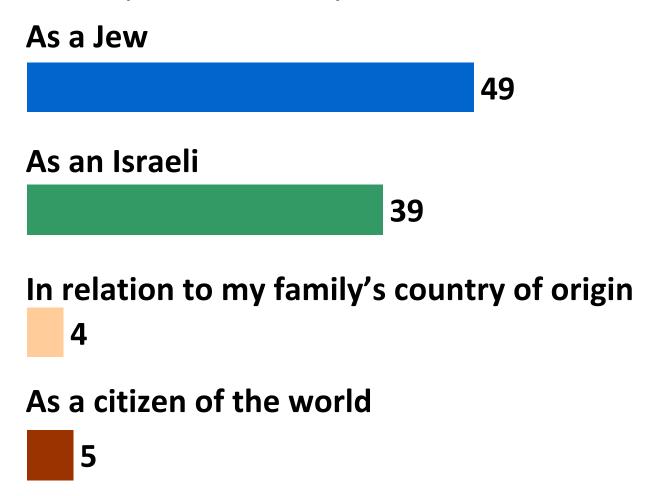
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Not familiar

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Self-identity

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



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



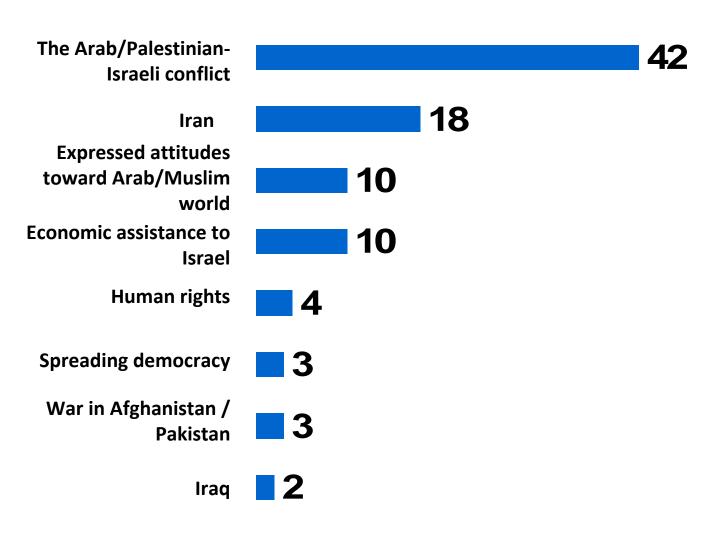
It is inevitable, but it will take more time



I don't believe it will ever happen

Assessing the Obama Administration

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



Views of Obama

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

Very positive / Somewhat positive



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

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Support it but would accept Palestinian acceptance as part of a final peace agreement

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I do not support this demand

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":





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

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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

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Neither

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 establishmet of a peaceful Palestinian state next to Israel:

Should 62



Outcome of Two-State Solution Collapse

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

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



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

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The status quo will continue with little change

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



Views of World Leaders

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

Angela Merkel



Bill Clinton

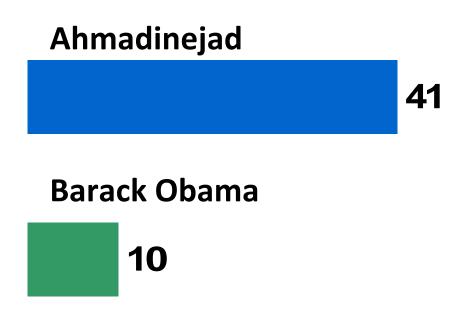


Barack Obama



Views of World Leaders

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





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