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2010 U.S. Public Opinion Survey

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Margin of Error: +/- 2.5 percentage points

Sample Size: 1,486

Survey Method: Knowledge Networks probability-based online panel

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Importance of Arab-Israeli Conflict

Thinking about US interests, how important an issue is the Arab-Israeli conflict:

The single most important issue for the US
- 4

Among top three issues
- 21

Among top five issues
- 38

Not among top five issues
- 33

Sadat Chair
Obama Administration Efforts

Which of the following is closest to your view of the Obama Administration’s diplomatic efforts to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict?

- The Administration is not trying hard enough
  - 30

- The Administration is trying too hard
  - 21

- The Administration’s efforts are at the right level
  - 41

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Obama’s Attempt to Start Negotiations

President Obama recently initiated the start of direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians in an attempt to end the conflict between them. Do you:

Approve
72

Disapprove
23

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Sympathy in Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

In its efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what position do you believe the US should take?

- Lean toward neither side: 67
- Lean toward Israel: 25
- Lean toward the Palestinians: 2

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Sympathy vs. Importance of Issue

In its efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what position do you believe the US should take?

Importance of Arab-Israeli Conflict:
- Most Important
  - Lean toward neither side: 47
  - Lean toward Israel: 50
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 3
- Top 3
  - Lean toward neither side: 59
  - Lean toward Israel: 36
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 3
- Top 5
  - Lean toward neither side: 68
  - Lean toward Israel: 29
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 2
- Not Top 5
  - Lean toward neither side: 78
  - Lean toward Israel: 14
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 2

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Sympathy vs. Age

In its efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what position do you believe the US should take?

Age: 18-29 29-39 40-49 50-59 60+

Lean toward neither side 77 68 64 60
Lean toward Israel 19 21 29 33
Lean toward Palestinians 3 3 3 3

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Sympathy vs. Race/Ethnicity

In its efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what position do you believe the US should take?

Race/Ethnicity:

- **White**: 64 Lean toward neither side, 30 Lean toward Israel, 2 Lean toward Palestinians
- **Black**: 71 Lean toward neither side, 10 Lean toward Israel, 3 Lean toward Palestinians
- **Hispanic**: 77 Lean toward neither side, 15 Lean toward Israel, 3 Lean toward Palestinians
- **Other**: 71 Lean toward neither side, 19 Lean toward Israel, 8 Lean toward Palestinians

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Sympathy vs. Party Affiliation

In its efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what position do you believe the US should take?

Party Affiliation:

- **Republican**
  - Lean toward neither side: 50
  - Lean toward Israel: 46
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 1

- **Independent**
  - Lean toward neither side: 73
  - Lean toward Israel: 11
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 3

- **Democrat**
  - Lean toward neither side: 79
  - Lean toward Israel: 14
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 3

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Sympathy vs. Gender

In its efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what position do you believe the US should take?

Gender:

- Male:
  - Lean toward neither side: 60
  - Lean toward Israel: 32
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 3

- Female:
  - Lean toward neither side: 74
  - Lean toward Israel: 20
  - Lean toward Palestinians: 1

Sadat Chair