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# American Attitudes Toward the Middle East and Israel

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### **Survey Methodology**

The survey was conducted November 4 - 10 with a panel consisting of a probability-based representative sample. The panel was recruited by Nielsen Scarborough from its larger probability-based national panel, which was recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of households provided by Survey Sampling International.

A total of 1738 panelists completed the survey including a national sample of 875 adults, plus an oversample of 863 self-identified Evangelical or Born-again Christians, making for a total sample of Evangelicals/born again Christians of 1074. Responses were weighted by age, gender, income, education, race, and geographic region using benchmarks from the US Census. The survey was also weighted by partisan identification and Evangelical and Born-again Christians were down-weighted consistent with these groups' incidence rate in Nielsen Scarborough sample, so that they represented 24% of the national sample for this study (211 of 875).

The margins of error for the national sample and for each subgroup

is: National - 875 respondents, MoE: 3.3%

Evangelical - 586, MoE: 4%

Born-Again - 1003, MoE: 3.1% (88% of Evangelicals also identified as Born-again)

Born-again, but not Evangelical - 488, MoE: 4.4%

Born Again or Evangelical- 1074, MoE: 3%

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1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

	<b>Total</b>
1. Republican	27%
2. Independent	22
3. Democrat	32
4. Other	3
5. No preference	15
6. Refused	1

**Respondents who answered Independent, Other, No preference, or Refused were asked:**

1a. Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

	<b>Total</b>
Republican Party	15%
Democratic Party	12
Neither	13
Refused	1

2. What best characterizes your voter participation during elections?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
I usually vote in both the primary and the general election	68%	34%	65%	62%
I usually vote in the general election	20	20	15	18
I only vote in elections that seem really important	7	11	9	8
I usually don't vote in elections	5	28	11	11
Refused	<1	8	0	1

2a. When you are deciding which candidate to vote for in Congress or for President, how much do you consider the candidate's position on US policy toward Israel?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A lot	40%	22%	14%	26%
2. Some	36	18	35	33
3. Just a little	10	21	27	19
4. Not at all	14	30	25	21
5. Refused	<1	8	<1	1

3. How sympathetic are you to the Tea Party movement?

<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
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1. Very sympathetic	16%	3%	1%	7%
2. Somewhat sympathetic	55	33	17	35
3. Somewhat unsympathetic	20	26	25	23
4. Very unsympathetic	9	29	57	33
5. Refused	1	9	1	2

4. Please select how often you get news and opinion from each of the following sources:

4a. Newspapers and news magazines (in print or online)

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Almost every day	36%	22%	47%	39%
2. About 2-3 times a week	21	9	13	16
3. About once a week	13	17	13	14
4. Rarely	18	21	17	18
5. Never	11	24	8	12
6. Refused	1	7	2	2

4b. Public broadcasting (NPR or PBS)

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
Almost every day	8%	9%	21%	14%
About 2-3 times a week	7	11	15	11
About once a week	17	16	12	15
Rarely	35	32	27	31
Never	30	25	23	26
Refused	3	7	3	4

4c. Christian News Radio

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
Almost every day	6%	3%	3%	4%
About 2-3 times a week	5	3	3	3
About once a week	10	7	2	6
Rarely	23	11	14	17
Never	53	71	75	65
Refused	3	7	4	4

4d. Network TV news broadcasts (For example: ABC, NBC, or CBS)

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
Almost every day	39%	39%	49%	44%
About 2-3 times a week	16	12	19	17
About once a week	19	22	12	16
Rarely	12	11	15	13
Never	10	10	3	7
Refused	4	6	2	4

4e. CNN

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
Almost every day	12%	13%	16%	14%
About 2-3 times a week	13	10	21	16
About once a week	19	22	17	19
Rarely	28	28	29	28
Never	23	25	16	20
Refused	5	2	2	4

4f. Fox News

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
Almost every day	36%	22%	8%	22%
About 2-3 times a week	15	17	11	14
About once a week	16	21	10	14
Rarely	17	20	21	19
Never	13	19	45	28
Refused	3	2	4	3

4g. MSNBC

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
Almost every day	6%	6%	16%	10%
About 2-3 times a week	6	5	14	9
About once a week	11	27	16	15
Rarely	31	24	26	28
Never	40	30	25	32
Refused	6	8	3	5

4h. Christian news network (For example: TBN or CBN)

<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
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Almost every day	4%	4%	2%	3
About 2-3 times a week	4	3	2	3
About once a week	5	4	5	5
Rarely	25	12	12	17
Never	60	70	75	68
Refused	2	7	5	4

5. If elections were held today, for whom would you vote among current Presidential candidates? [**Open-ended**]

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Jeb Bush	4%	3%	<1%	2%
2. Ben Carson	26	10	1	13
3. Chris Christie	1	0	0	<3
4. Hillary Clinton	3	8	50	24
5. Ted Cruz	4	0	0	2
6. Carly Fiorina	1	0	<1	1
7. John Kasich	1	0	1	1
8. Rand Paul	1	1	0	1
9. Marco Rubio	14	2	0	6
10. Bernie Sanders	2	12	22	12
11. Donald Trump	28	12	4	15
12. Would not vote/I'm not voting	<1	3	0	1
13. Other (includes Jindal, Jill Stein, Huckabee)	3	11	4	5
14. None	1	9	3	3
15. Refused	13	31	15	16

6. If it were completely up to you, who among the current Presidential candidates would you prefer to see as President? [**Open-ended**]

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Jeb Bush	6%	6%	1%	4%
2. Ben Carson	20	13	2	11
3. Chris Christie	3	0	0	1
4. Hillary Clinton	1	18	51	26
5. Ted Cruz	5	0	0	2
6. Carly Fiorina	2	0	<1	1
7. John Kasich	1	0	1	1
8. Rand Paul	1	1	0	1
9. Marco Rubio	14	2	<1	6
10. Bernie Sanders	1	11	24	13
11. Donald Trump	29	13	4	16
12. Would not vote/I'm not voting	0	3	0	<1

13. Other (includes Jindal, Jill Stein, Huckabee)	5	7	3	5
14. None	3	8	3	4
15. Refused	9	21	11	12

7. Which of the following describes your ethnic background best:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Jewish-American	3%	0	9%	5%
2. Arab American	0	0	0	0
3. American with ancestry from a Muslim-majority country	0	0	0	0
4. African American	1	19	18	11
5. Hispanic American	13	13	14	14
6. Asian American	2	2	8	5
7. Israeli American	0	0	1	<1
8. Anglo-American	57	38	33	44
9. Other	24	28	17	21
10. Refused	0	0	0	<1

8. In terms of what's important about you, how much do you identify with each of the following on the scale presented?

8a. A citizen of the United States

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not at all	1%	3%	2%	2%
1	0	1	0	<1
2	<1	3	<1	1
3	0	2	3	2
4	0	1	1	1
5	1	1	2	1
6	<1	0	3	2
7	2	9	6	5
8	3	1	7	5
9	4	9	4	5
10 Very strongly	89	70	72	79
Refused	0	1	<1	<1

8b. A citizen of the world

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not at all	16%	12%	7%	12%
1	3	1	1	2
2	5	3	4	4
3	4	3	2	3
4	6	3	3	4

5	11	11	11	11
6	6	5	4	5
7	7	16	9	9
8	8	8	10	9
9	7	4	10	8
10 Very strongly	26	35	39	33
Refused	2	2	2	2

8c. A follower of your religious faith

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not at all	14%	23%	28%	21%
1	2	5	5	4
2	2	13	5	5
3	2	8	5	4
4	3	7	3	4
5	11	8	11	11
6	4	1	5	4
7	5	2	9	6
8	10	4	5	7
9	5	3	4	5
10 Very strongly	41	26	17	29
Refused	2	2	1	2

8d. A member of your race

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not at all	17%	23%	21%	20%
1	2	1	4	3
2	5	5	5	5
3	5	4	4	5
4	4	2	3	3
5	13	9	12	12
6	5	3	5	4
7	5	3	10	7
8	3	5	6	5
9	8	5	5	5
10 Very strongly	29	41	23	28
Refused	3	1	1	2

8e. Part of your ethnic group

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not at all	21%	27%	20%	21%
1	3	4	4	3



2	7	5	6	6
3	4	11	7	6
4	6	1	4	4
5	12	16	12	13
6	3	2	7	5
7	7	3	10	7
8	4	4	4	4
9	7	3	7	6
10 Very strongly	25	24	19	22
Refused	3	1	1	2

8f. Your gender

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not at all	15%	16%	12%	14%
1	2	2	1	1
2	3	3	3	3
3	3	2	4	3
4	5	1	4	4
5	13	19	11	13
6	3	5	5	4
7	6	3	7	6
8	6	10	5	6
9	4	3	7	5
10 Very strongly	37	36	41	38
Refused	3	2	1	2

9. Which one of these identities is **most** important to you today?

Please pick one:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A citizen of the United States	62%	52%	45%	53%
2. A citizen of the world	7	13	27	16
3. A follower of your religious faith	24	21	13	18
4. A member of your race	2	9	3	3
5. Part of your ethnic group	1	1	4	2
6. Your gender	4	5	9	7
7. Refused	0	0	<1	<1

10. Please name a national or world leader you admire most? [**Open-ended**]

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Angela Merkel	2%	1%	2%	2%

2. Pope Francis	6	1	4	5
3. Nelson Mandela	0	1	2	1
4. Barack Obama	3	8	32	16
5. Benjamin Netanyahu	12	5	1	6
6. Dalai Lama	2	3	3	2
7. Ronald Reagan	12	3	3	7
8. Jimmy Carter	<1	1	1	1
9. Paul Ryan	1	0	0	<1
10. George Bush	3	0	0	1
11. Winston Churchill	2	0	0	1
12. MLK Jr.	0	0	1	1
13. Other religious leader	1	0	1	1
14. Other political leader	11	6	9	9
15. Other random leader	4	9	2	4
16. Gandhi	4	1	1	2
17. Vladimir Putin	5	7	<1	3
18. Bill Clinton	0	2	6	3
19. Queen Elizabeth	1	1	1	1
20. Hillary Clinton	0	0	1	<1
21. Mother Teresa	<1	0	1	1
22. JFK	0	1	<1	<1
23. Abraham Lincoln	1	4	1	1
24. Bernie Sanders	<1	7	1	2
25. George Washington	<1	0	0	<1
26. Billy Graham	1	0	1	1
27. God/Jesus	1	0	0	1
28. Pope John Paul II	<1	0	0	<1
29. Franklin Graham	<1	0	0	<1
30. Donald Trump	2	0	0	1
31. Justin Trudeau	0	0	3	1
32. None	13	19	13	14
33. Refused	12	21	12	13

11. I would like you to give your opinion of the following three leaders on a scale of 0-10, where 0 is very unfavorable, 5 is neither favorable nor unfavorable and 10 is very favorable:

**11a. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu**

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	8%	9%	16%	12%
1	1	1	3	2

2	2	0	7	4
3	2	3	5	3
4	1	3	4	3
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	26	43	35	32
6	3	1	5	4
7	6	1	4	5
8	9	1	4	6
9	8	0	2	4
10 Very favorable	25	10	3	13
No opinion	8	29	13	13
Refused	1	1	<1	1

**11b. King Abdullah of Jordan**

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	10	7	6	8
1	2	3	2	2
2	2	1	3	3
3	2	2	4	3
4	5	1	7	5
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	42	48	46	44
6	4	2	3	3
7	3	5	3	4
8	5	1	5	4
9	6	0	3	4
10 Very favorable	3	2	2	2
No opinion	14	30	16	17
Refused	2	1	0	1

**11c. Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom**

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	4%	7%	6%	5%
1	1	1	2	1
2	1	2	1	1
3	3	1	3	3
4	1	0	2	2
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	31	50	40	38
6	8	4	11	9
7	9	8	7	8
8	14	1	5	9
9	6	2	4	5
10 Very favorable	13	5	4	8
No opinion	10	19	14	13
Refused	0	1	1	<1

12. What is your religion?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Baptist-any denomination	13%	9%	10%	11%
2. Pentecostal	4	3	4	4
3. Other protestant (e.g., Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal)	21	10	11	15
4. Catholic	33	25	23	28
5. Mormon	1	8	1	2
6. Eastern Orthodox	0	0	1	<1
7. Other Christian	13	11	8	10
8. Jewish	2	0	9	5
9. Muslim	0	0	0	0
10. Hindu	0	0	2	1
11. Buddhist	1	0	3	2
12. None	13	34	28	22
13. Refused	0	0	1	<1

Questions 13 and 14 were asked only of respondents who identified as Christian [i.e. “Baptist”, “Protestant”, “Catholic”, “Mormon”, “Pentecostal”, “Eastern Orthodox”, or “Other Christian”]. Percentages reflect percent of total.

13. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Yes	32%	16%	16%	23%
2. No	51	49	43	47
3. Non-Christian (not asked)	16	34	42	30
4. Refused/Don’t know	1	0	0	<1

14. Would you describe yourself as an Evangelical Christian?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Yes	23%	7%	5%	13%
2. No	60	58	52	56
3. Non-Christian (not asked)	16	35	42	30
4. Refused/Don’t know	1	0	1	1

15. Did either of your parents consider themselves Evangelical or born-again Christian?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Yes	24%	19%	20%	22%
2. No	76	81	80	78
3. Refused	1	0	1	1

16. Have you ever attended an Evangelical Christian college or university?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Yes	4%	1%	2%	3%
2. No	95	99	96	96
3. Refused	1	0	2	1

16a. Have you ever used a Scofield Reference Bible?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Yes	14%	6%	4%	8%
2. No	86	93	95	91
3. Refused	0	1	1	1

17. Please name a religious leader you admire most? [Open-ended]

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Pope Francis	23%	24%	33%	28%
2. Barack Obama	0	1	0	<1
3. Dalai Lama	2	3	6	4
4. MLK Jr.	4	5	2	3
5. Other religious leader	15	4	8	10
6. Other political leader	2	0	1	1
7. Other random leader	3	8	1	3
8. Gandhi	1	1	2	1
9. Mother Teresa	1	0	3	2
10. Billy Graham	15	5	5	9
11. God/Jesus	8	4	3	5
12. Pope John Paul II	5	0	3	3
13. Buddha	0	1	1	1
14. Charles Stanley	1	0	0	<1
15. Franklin Graham	1	1	0	<1
16. Joel Osteen	2	0	1	2
17. TD Jakes	<1	0	2	1
18. Joyce Meyer	<1	0	<1	<1
19. None	10	22	15	14
20. Refused	9	21	12	12

18. On a scale of 0-10, how would you rate the following past and present religious figures?

With 0 being very unfavorable, 10 being very favorable, and 5 being equally favorable and unfavorable

18a. Jerry Falwell Sr.

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	18%	28%	42%	30%
1	6	2	3	4
2	5	3	4	5
3	6	1	3	4
4	6	3	2	4
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	32	26	24	28
6	3	1	1	2
7	4	0	<1	2
8	2	0	<1	1
9	1	0	0	1
10 Very favorable	2	2	1	1
No opinion	14	33	19	19

Refused	<1	1	1	1
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18b. Pat Robertson

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	14%	26%	36%	26%
1	4	2	7	5
2	5	3	4	5
3	4	5	4	4
4	6	3	1	4
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	32	24	24	27
6	5	1	4	4
7	7	0	1	3
8	4	1	1	2
9	3	0	<1	1
10 Very favorable	3	2	2	2
No opinion	12	32	15	16
Refused	<1	2	2	1

18c. Billy Graham Sr.

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	11%	20%	21%	17%
1	2	3	6	4
2	2	2	5	3
3	2	2	3	3
4	1	3	3	3
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	19	20	23	21
6	5	3	7	6
7	5	2	2	3
8	9	2	4	6
9	4	2	2	3
10 Very favorable	29	11	11	19
No opinion	10	33	12	14
Refused	1	1	1	1

18d. Martin Luther King Jr.

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	6%	11%	2%	5%
1	2	0	1	1
2	1	1	<1	1
3	3	3	1	2
4	2	2	<1	1
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	18	18	7	13
6	9	2	2	5

7	10	6	7	8
8	17	8	13	14
9	7	8	15	11
10 Very favorable	20	28	45	32
No opinion	4	15	8	7
Refused	<1	1	<1	<1

18e. Pope Francis

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	5	3	3	4
1	3	0	1	2
2	4	0	0	2
3	4	0	1	2
4	4	13	1	4
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	18	18	20	19
6	3	3	3	3
7	12	4	9	10
8	9	3	8	8
9	4	5	11	7
10 Very favorable	25	28	34	30
No opinion	8	22	8	10
Refused	1	2	1	1

18f. The Dalai Lama

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	8%	6%	3%	5%
1	3	1	1	2
2	3	1	1	2
3	3	1	1	2
4	4	9	1	3
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	19	28	18	20
6	5	3	7	6
7	9	5	5	7
8	13	3	11	11
9	6	4	8	7
10 Very favorable	15	10	30	21
No opinion	12	30	13	15
Refused	<1	1	1	1

18g. John Charles Hagee

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	9%	12%	10%	10%
1	4	1	2	3
2	2	2	1	2
3	2	1	2	2



4	2	4	1	2
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	36	30	32	33
6	2	1	3	2
7	1	0	1	1
8	2	0	1	1
9	2	0	2	2
10 Very favorable	4	3	2	3
No opinion	35	47	43	41
Refused	1	1	1	1

18h. Charles Colson

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	8%	12%	11%	10%
1	3	1	3	3
2	2	3	1	2
3	2	1	2	2
4	2	2	1	1
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	37	31	33	34
6	2	0	2	1
7	2	2	<1	1
8	1	0	<1	1
9	2	0	<1	1
10 Very favorable	3	1	1	2
No opinion	36	48	46	42
Refused	1	1	1	1

18i. Bill Hybels

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Very unfavorable	8%	11%	8%	9%
1	3	1	2	2
2	2	3	1	2
3	2	1	1	1
4	1	3	1	1
5 Neither favorable nor unfavorable	37	31	34	35
6	1	0	2	1
7	1	0	0	<1
8	1	0	<1	<1
9	1	0	0	<1
10 Very favorable	1	1	1	1
No opinion	40	49	50	46
Refused	1	1	1	1

19. As you may know, a Kentucky county clerk named Kim Davis was jailed for five days for contempt of court after she, based on her religious beliefs, refused to issue marriage

licenses to a same-sex couple, or to allow her subordinates to do so. What do you think she should have done?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Follow the law and issue the licenses	28%	42%	58%	43%
2. Refuse to issue licenses or to allow subordinates to do so, as Davis did	14	14	4	10
3. Refuse to issue licenses, but allow subordinates to do so	33	19	10	21
4. Resign from her position as County Clerk	25	25	28	26
5. Refused	0	0	<1	<1

20. Do you believe that religious schools should or should not receive government funding?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Should	48%	51%	40%	45%
2. Should not	51	49	59	55
3. Refused	<1	0	<1	<1

21. Do you believe that religious schools should or should not be exempt from paying taxes?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Should	55%	28%	29%	40%
2. Should not	44	71	71	60
3. Refused	1	1	1	1

22. Do you think the US Constitution would or would not allow the US government to declare the United States a Christian nation?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Would allow	51%	41%	21%	36%
2. Would not allow	49	58	79	63
3. Refused	<1	1	1	<1

**Question 23 was presented to respondents who selected “would allow” in Question 22.**

23. Would you favor or oppose the United States officially declaring the United States to be a Christian nation?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Favor	96%	90%	84%	92%
2. Oppose	3	6	16	7
3. Refused	1	4	0	1

24. The Golden Rule says that you should treat others as you would like them to treat you.  
How central is this principle to how you think you should live your life?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not at all	1%	1%	0%	1%
1	0	0	<1	<1
2	<1	0	0	<1
3	1	1	0	<1
4	1	0	<1	<1
5	2	2	2	2
6	1	3	2	2
7	6	12	8	8
8	14	11	18	15
9	19	16	17	18
10 The most central principle	56	56	52	54
Refused	0	0	1	<1

**Question 24a through Question 28 were presented to those who identified as Christian only.**

24a. Which of the following statements more closely speaks to your core religious faith?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. God Almighty must be feared and obeyed and those who don't obey him risk punishment in this life and in the afterlife	10%	8%	8%	9%
2. God is compassionate and merciful and loves and forgives even the sinners	89	92	91	90
3. Refused	0	0	1	1

25. Which book of the Bible, in either the New or Old Testaments, inspires you the most?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Old Testament	4%	5%	6%	5%
2. New Testament	6	1	7	5
3. The Gospels	1	0	1	1
4. Matthew	4	4	2	3
5. Mark	1	1	1	1
6. Luke	3	0	0	2
7. John	9	5	8	8

8. Revelations	11	5	3	7
9. Acts	2	1	1	2
10. Psalms	7	10	20	12
11. Job	1	1	1	1
12. Genesis	6	3	5	5
13. Proverbs	3	1	5	4
14. Ephesians	1	1	0	1
15. Philippians	0	0	0	<1
16. Other	7	0	5	5
17. All of them/more than one	5	7	3	5
18. Don't read Bible	1	1	1	1
19. Romans	3	1	2	2
20. James	2	3	0	1
21. Hebrews	0	0	0	<1
22. Ruth	1	0	0	1
23. Corinthians	1	0	0	1
24. None	4	26	9	9
25. Refused	18	22	21	20

26. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your views about the Bible:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. The Bible is the inspired word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word	31%	30%	25%	29%
2. The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally	47%	27%	47%	45%
3. The Bible is an ancient book of legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by humans	21%	41%	27%	26%
4. Refused	1	3	<1	1

27. When you read Biblical prophecies, such as in the books of Daniel and Revelations, do you believe that:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Things will happen prophetically just the way they are described	27%	25%	22%	25%
2. Such prophecies are a symbolic explanation for things to come	70	72	75	72
3. Refused	3	3	3	3

28. Biblical prophecies tell of the end times and the return of Christ. Do you believe that this:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Will happen in my lifetime	5%	3%	6%	5%
2. Will happen before the end of this century	6	5	2	5
3. Will happen, but I don't know if it will be tomorrow or in a thousand years	74	76	67	71
4. Will probably not happen	11	14	15	13
5. Will surely not happen	3	3	10	5
6. Refused	1	0	<1	1

**Question 29 was presented to Christians that said the end times and return of Christ will probably happen.**

29. Some people say there are things that have to happen in Israel before Christ returns. Do you agree or disagree?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Agree	66%	32%	48%	55%
2. Disagree	32	62	49	42
3. Refused	2	6	3	3

#### **ALL RESPONDENTS**

30. Thinking about US interests, how important an issue is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. The single most important issue for the US	9%	3%	4%	6%
2. Among the top three issues	25	13	20	21
3. Among the top five issues	42	26	35	37
4. Not among the top five issues	24	54	39	35
5. Refused	0	4	2	1

31. How important is the Israeli-Palestinian issue for you personally?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. The single most important issue	5%	3%	4%	4%
2. Among the top three issues	18	7	11	14
3. Among the top five issues	27	13	16	20
4. Not among the top five issues	49	76	68	61
5. Refused	1	2	1	1

32. Do you believe the Israeli government has:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Too little influence in American politics and policies	22%	17%	14%	18%
2. Too much influence	25	35	49	37
3. About the right level of influence	52	42	36	44
4. Refused	1	6	2	2

33. What is your attitude about each of the following?

33a. The Jewish people

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Very favorable	53%	41%	49%	49%
2 Somewhat favorable	41	36	39	39
3 Somewhat unfavorable	5	5	6	6
4 Very unfavorable	1	17	4	5
5 Refused	<1	3	2	2

33b. The Jewish religion

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Very favorable	37%	34%	40%	38%
2 Somewhat favorable	48	28	43	43
3 Somewhat unfavorable	11	15	9	11
4 Very unfavorable	3	19	6	7
5 Refused	1	5	2	2

33c. The Muslim people

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Very favorable	11%	19%	27%	19%

2 Somewhat favorable	30	24	40	34
3 Somewhat unfavorable	34	19	20	26
4 Very unfavorable	24	34	11	20
5 Refused	<1	5	2	2

33d. The Muslim religion

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Very favorable	9%	18%	17%	14%
2 Somewhat favorable	18	10	34	24
3 Somewhat unfavorable	27	23	32	29
4 Very unfavorable	46	45	15	32
5 Refused	<1	5	2	2

34. In your life how familiar are you with people who are Jewish?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. I don't know any	11%	32%	22%	19%
2. I know some but not very well	47	45	33	40
3. I know some very well	42	22	45	40
4. Refused	0	1	1	1

35. In your life how familiar are you with people who are Muslim?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. I don't know any	35%	49%	33%	36%
2. I know some but not very well	45	36	41	42
3. I know some very well	18	15	25	20
4. Refused	2	1	2	2



35a. Which position is closer to yours?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Islamic and Western religious and social traditions are incompatible with each other	56%	32%	26%	39%
2. Most people in the West and the Islamic world have similar needs and wants, so it is possible to find common ground?	41	62	71	57
3. Refused	4	6	3	4

36. How concerned are you about events in Israel and the Palestinian Territory?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Very	41%	19%	21%	29%
2. Somewhat	36	23	44	38
3. A little	22	56	34	32
4. Refused	<1	3	1	1

36a. Are your concerns mostly related to:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Israel's interest	11%	1%	6%	8%
2. America's interests	38	25	28	32
3. Palestinians' interests	1	2	1	1
4. Human rights or international law	33	56	57	47
5. Your religious beliefs	17	14	8	13
6. Refused	1	3	<1	1

37. As you may know, the United States has been acting as a mediator between the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority, with the aim of reaching an agreement in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Whether or not these efforts succeed, there is a question about what kind of future for Israel and the Palestinians the US should be supporting over the long term, and many analysts feel that time is running out for some options. Here are four possible options that are frequently discussed. Please select the one you think the US should support.

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A two-state solution: Israel and a Palestinian state side by side. The Palestinian state would be established on the territories that Israel has occupied since 1967.	29%	25%	45%	35%

2. A one-state solution: A single democratic state in which both Jews and Arabs are full and equal citizens, covering all of what is now Israel and the Palestinian Territories.	29%	33%	33%	31%
3. Annexation without equal citizenship: Israel would annex the Palestinian territories, but keep a majority-Jewish state in the expanded territories by restricting citizenship rights of Palestinians.	11	14	7	10
4. Maintain the occupation of both the territories Israel has captured in 1967 and the Palestinians inhabiting them indefinitely.	22	20	11	17
5. Refused	10	8	4	7

**Question 38 was only asked of respondents who selected a two-state solution in Question 37.**

38. If the approach you selected turns out over time to be impossible, which of the remaining three would you prefer?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. A one-state solution: A single democratic state in which both Jews and Arabs are full and equal citizens, covering all of what is now Israel and the Palestinian Territories.	68%	65%	78%	73%
2. Annexation without equal citizenship: Israel would annex the Palestinian territories, but keep a majority-Jewish state in the expanded territories by restricting citizenship rights of Palestinians.	8	7	2	4
3. Maintain the occupation of both the territories Israel has captured in 1967 and the Palestinians inhabiting them indefinitely.	24	19	20	21
4. Refused	1	10	0	1

39. Which of the following statements is closer to your view if a two-state solution is not an option:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. I favor the Jewishness of Israel more than its democracy. I support the continuation of Israel's Jewish majority in the government even if it means that Palestinians will not have citizenship and full rights.	31%	17%	14%	22%
2. I favor Israel's democracy more than its Jewishness. I support a single democratic state in which Arabs and Jews are equal.	62	74	82	72
3. Refused	7	8	4	6

40. In general, what role do you want the United States to play in mediating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Should the United States:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Lean toward Israel	45%	13%	19%	29%
2. Lean toward the Palestinians	2	3	4	3

3. Lean toward neither side	51	80	75	66
4. Refused	1	4	2	2

**Question 41 was only presented to respondents who selected “lean toward Israel” in Question 40.**

41. When you say you want the US to lean toward Israel, which one of the following is the most important reason?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. I feel Israel and the US have shared values	36%	60.0%	53%	42%
2. I feel that supporting Israel serves the interests of the United States	40	27	27	35
3. I feel it’s my religious or ethnic duty to support Israel	21	13	19	20
4. Other	3	0	1	3

42. As you may know, there have been suggestions that the UN Security Council should endorse the establishment of a Palestinian state. This idea has received some support in Europe, but opposition in Israel. If the UN Security Council considers such a plan, what do you think the US should do as a member of the UN Security Council?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Vote in favor of endorsing the establishment of a Palestinian state	18%	15%	39%	27%
2. Vote against endorsing the establishment of a Palestinian state (including using America's veto power to prevent such an endorsement)	43	13	15	26
3. Abstain from voting	37	65	42	43
4. Refused	3	7	4	4

43. One of the issues of tension between the United States and Israel has been its construction of Israeli settlements in the territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 war. These settlements are considered illegal by most of the international community and have been opposed by every US administration, both Republican and Democratic. The Israeli government has continued to build settlements arguing that they have the right to do so, or that these are not obstacles to peace. How do you believe the US should react to new settlements?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Do nothing	30%	51%	16%	27%
2. Limit US opposition to words, but take no other action	38	13	30	31
3. Impose some economic sanctions, either through the United Nations or unilaterally	20	18	37	27
4. Take more serious action	6	13	12	10
5. Refused	5	6	5	5

44. Of the challenges facing the United States in the Middle East, which of the following do you believe threatens American interests the most? (Randomize)

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. The rise of ISIS in Syria and Iraq	70%	52%	74%	69%
2. The instability in Libya	1	12	4	4
3. Iranian behavior in general	21	18	6	14
4. The violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict	7	12	12	10
5. Refused	2	6	4	3

**Questions 45a through 45c were presented to Christians that said the end times and return of Christ will probably happen.**

Statement: Here are some views that some people have about Israel. Please select how much you agree or disagree with each one.

45a. For the rapture or Second Coming to occur it is essential for current –day Israel to include all the land that was promised to Biblical Israel in Old Testament.

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Agree strongly	21%	13%	12%	17%
2. Agree somewhat	39	30	38	37
3. Disagree somewhat	26	28	27	27
4. Disagree strongly	12	20	20	16
5. Refused	3	9	4	4

45b. World events will turn against Israel the closer we get to the rapture or end-times.

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Agree strongly	24%	9%	15%	19%
2. Agree somewhat	44	30	24	35
3. Disagree somewhat	21	32	35	27
4. Disagree strongly	9	17	21	14
5. Refused	2	12	6	5

45c. The unfolding violence across the Middle East region is a sign that the end of time is nearer.

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Agree strongly	19%	15%	12%	16%
2. Agree somewhat	42	24	30	35
3. Disagree somewhat	26	26	29	27
4. Disagree strongly	12	23	26	18
5. Refused	2	12	4	4

**ALL RESPONDENTS:**

46. Tell me how much you believe each of the following is responsible for the current escalation in violence between Israelis and Palestinians (Randomize statements) (Display a 0 to 10 scale where 0 is “not responsible” and 10 is “highly responsible.”

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Palestinian extremists				
0 Not Responsible	4%	6%	3%	4%
1	1	6	1	1
2	0	9	1	2
3	5	3	1	3

4	1	3	3	2
5	6	13	17	12
6	4	2	7	5
7	11	9	8	9
8	13	4	17	14
9	9	9	11	10
10 Highly Responsible	42	27	28	34
Refused	5	10	4	6

## 2. Israeli extremists

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not Responsible	10%	9%	3%	7%
1	4	2	1	2
2	4	8	4	4
3	6	10	3	5
4	5	4	3	4
5	15	18	13	14
6	8	3	8	7
7	5	9	11	8
8	9	6	14	11
9	6	8	8	7
10 Highly Responsible	23	16	28	24
Refused	6	9	4	6

## 3. Continued Israeli occupation and settlement expansion in Palestinian territories

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not Responsible	8%	15%	4%	7%
1	2	0	<1	1
2	3	8	1	3
3	8	2	2	4
4	9	4	3	6
5	17	27	16	18
6	7	4	9	8
7	10	4	12	10
8	8	6	11	9
9	4	3	7	5

10 Highly Responsible	18	18	31	24
Refused	6	9	4	6

#### 4. Palestinian Authority Ineffectiveness

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not Responsible	5%	7%	7%	6%
1	1	7	1	2
2	2	9	3	3
3	6	2	1	3
4	4	3	3	4
5	18	27	22	21
6	7	6	11	9
7	10	3	9	9
8	9	6	11	9
9	8	6	10	8
10 Highly Responsible	25	16	18	21
Refused	6	10	4	6

#### 5. Absence of serious peace diplomacy

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 Not Responsible	9%	7%	3%	6%
1	1	8	0	2
2	1	1	1	1
3	1	3	2	2
4	6	3	3	4
5	16	19	16	17
6	6	4	5	5
7	10	5	8	9
8	9	5	10	9
9	11	13	10	11
10 Highly Responsible	25	23	36	29
Refused	6	10	5	6

47. (Follow Up): Which one of these factors do you believe is most responsible for the current escalation in violence between Israelis and Palestinians? (Randomize)

<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
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1. Palestinian extremists	40%	22%	15%	26%
2. Israeli extremists	5	10	5	6
3. Continued Israeli occupation and settlement expansion in Palestinian territories	16	25	37	26
4. Palestinian Authority Ineffectiveness	6	6	5	6
5. Absence of serious peace diplomacy	27	29	35	31
6. Refused	6	9	4	5

**Questions 48 through 50c were only presented to respondents who identified as Christian.**

48. Do you think that the current day Jewish people are or are not God's chosen people as described in the Bible?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Are God's chosen people	55%	42%	33%	45%
2. Are not God's chosen people	38	51	63	49
3. Refused	7	8	5	6

49. Do you think the government of Israel does or does not speak for the Jewish people?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Does	65%	25%	37%	49%
2. Does not	32	62	59	45
3. Refused	4	13	5	5

50. When you think about what is best for the Jewish people how important are the following to you:

50a. My understanding of what the Bible says

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Very much	41%	28%	25%	34%
2. Some	29	22	27	27
3. A little	16	13	21	17
4. Not at all	12	30	23	18
5. Refused	3	8	4	4

50b. The opinions of religious leaders I respect

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Very much	24%	13%	21%	21%

2. Some	41	28	38	38
3. A little	22	27	23	23
4. Not at all	9	21	15	13
5. Refused	4	12	4	5

50c. The positions of the political leaders of Israel

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Very much	27%	13%	14%	20%
2. Some	42	20	34	36
3. A little	21	14	26	22
4. Not at all	7	44	22	17
5. Refused	3	9	5	4