

The Israel Project

Frequency Questionnaire

October 30-November 2, 2011
800 Registered Voters
127 Opinion Elites

Q.1 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes.....	100
No	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.2 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for president between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted.....	91
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	3
Did not vote	6
(Can't remember/Don't know)	0
(Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 How interested would you say you are in international affairs -- extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested, or not very interested?

	Total
Extremely interested.....	21
Very interested	39
Somewhat interested.....	32
Not very interested	8
(Don't know/Refused)	0
Extremely/Very interested	59
Somewhat/Not very interested	41
(ref:INTEREST)	

Q.6 Now, I'd like you to rate your feelings toward some things and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that thing or organization. If you have no opinion or have never heard of that thing or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
6 The Palestinians	43.6	26	39	10	28	94	-13
7 Israel.....	66.8	60	15	38	8	96	46
[400 Respondents]							
8 (SPLIT A) Benjamin Netanyahu	52.3	29	22	14	16	67	7
[400 Respondents]							
11 (SPLIT A) Muslims	51.7	36	28	20	21	94	8
[400 Respondents]							
12 (SPLIT B) Hamas.....	19.5	6	61	2	54	77	-55
[400 Respondents]							
14 (SPLIT A) Egypt.....	51.5	33	24	12	14	94	9
15 Iran	28.4	14	65	5	53	96	-51
[400 Respondents]							
16 (SPLIT A) Hezbollah	20.1	4	52	2	44	64	-48
[400 Respondents]							
17 (SPLIT B) Libya.....	41.2	21	40	8	30	90	-18
[400 Respondents]							
18 (SPLIT B) The 'Arab Spring'	45.5	21	22	13	20	59	-1
[400 Respondents]							
19 (SPLIT B) Barack Obama.....	51.5	49	40	31	32	99	8
[400 Respondents]							
20 (SPLIT B) Arabs.....	51.7	33	25	16	18	92	8
(ref:THERMS)							

Q.22 Now, thinking about the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians in the Middle East, please tell me whether, in general, you think the United States should be a strong supporter of Israel, a supporter of Israel, a supporter of the Palestinians or a strong supporter of the Palestinians?

	Total
A strong supporter of Israel	34
A supporter of Israel	26
(Lean toward Israel)	1
(Lean toward Palestinians)	1
A supporter of the Palestinians.....	5
A strong supporter of the Palestinians	3
(Neither)	16
(Both)	6
(Don't know/refused)	8
Israel Supporter.....	60
Palestinians Supporter	8
Israel - Palestinians.....	52
(ref:ISRUSSUP)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.23 (SPLIT A) And, regardless of which side you may support in this conflict, has what you have seen, read or heard about this conflict recently given you a more favorable or less favorable impression of Israel?

	Total
Much more favorable.....	12
Somewhat more favorable.....	24
Somewhat less favorable	30
Much less favorable	6
(No difference)	21
(Don't know)	7
(Refused)	1
Total More.....	36
Total Less	36
More - Less	0
(ref:FAVISRL)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.25 (SPLIT B) And, regardless of which side you may support in this conflict, has what you have seen, read or heard about this conflict recently given you a more favorable or less favorable impression of the Palestinians?

	Total
Much more favorable.....	4
Somewhat more favorable.....	17
Somewhat less favorable	30
Much less favorable	18
(No difference)	21
(Don't know)	9
(Refused)	1
Total More	20
Total Less	49
More - Less	-28
(ref:FAVPAL)	

Q.27 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases and I want you to tell me, for each one, whether it describes Israel very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[400 Respondents]								
27 (SPLIT A) One of our strongest allies	38	30	17	10	5	68	27	42
[400 Respondents]								
28 (SPLIT B) Is an obstacle to peace in the Middle East	19	22	29	21	8	42	50	-9
[400 Respondents]								
29 (SPLIT A) Willing to compromise for peace.....	17	27	36	15	5	44	51	-7
[400 Respondents]								
30 (SPLIT B) Extremist	11	21	35	25	8	32	61	-29
[400 Respondents]								
31 (SPLIT A) Responsible for the violence.....	9	20	30	35	6	29	65	-35
[400 Respondents]								
32 (SPLIT A) Is a democracy	30	35	15	11	8	66	26	40

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[400 Respondents] 33 (SPLIT B) Shares our moral and religious values	26	37	18	10	8	63	28	35
[400 Respondents] 34 (SPLIT A) Is the only country in the Middle East that shares our values	29	25	28	13	6	54	40	13
[400 Respondents] 35 (SPLIT B) Protects the rights of Israeli Arab citizens of Israel	23	28	21	11	17	52	31	20
[400 Respondents] 38 (SPLIT A) Wants the creation of a Palestinian state.....	8	16	34	31	11	24	65	-42
[400 Respondents] 39 (SPLIT B) Wants both Israeli and Palestinian children to have a better future	27	37	20	9	8	64	29	35
[400 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT B) Their leaders have a good working relationship with American leaders	22	35	26	10	7	57	36	21
(ref:ASSOISR)								

Q.41 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases and I want you to tell me, for each one, whether it describes the Palestinians very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[400 Respondents]								
41 (SPLIT A) Share our religious and moral values	4	14	35	39	8	17	74	-57
[400 Respondents]								
42 (SPLIT B) Can be trusted	6	18	38	30	8	24	68	-43
[400 Respondents]								
43 (SPLIT B) Extremist	28	28	25	10	9	56	35	20
[400 Respondents]								
44 (SPLIT B) Victims.....	14	22	32	23	8	37	55	-18
[400 Respondents]								
45 (SPLIT A) An obstacle to peace	26	30	22	16	5	56	39	17
[400 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT B) Willing to compromise for peace.....	8	13	41	32	6	21	73	-52
[400 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT A) Their leaders have a good working relationship with American leaders	4	13	47	28	8	17	75	-58
[400 Respondents]								
48 (SPLIT A) Get too much U.S. foreign aid	28	19	25	15	13	47	41	6
[400 Respondents]								
49 (SPLIT A) Want a two-state solution that will allow Israel to survive	8	18	31	33	10	26	64	-38
[400 Respondents]								
50 (SPLIT B) Want both Palestinian and Israeli children to have a better future	21	25	26	19	9	46	45	2
(ref:ASSOPAL)								

Q.51 Which TWO of the following are the best reasons for the United States to support Israel?

	Total
Israel is our most important ally in the Middle East	27
Israel shares our values including the freedom of speech, religion, press and the right to vote	26
Israel is a partner with the U.S. in our fight against terrorism	23
Israel is under threat from Iran, a country that wants to wipe Israel off the map	23
God gave the land to the Jews who had lived there for thousands of years	16
Israeli citizens are vulnerable to terrorist attacks	16
Israel is working for peace for both sides.....	8
Israel leads on alternative energy that can reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil	8
Israel is an economic partner of the U.S., helping to create American jobs.....	7
Israel uses innovation and technology invent things that help us in the United States.....	7
During the Arab Spring it is a country in the Middle East that we can rely on	6
(All of the above)	3
(None of the above).....	5
(Don't know/refuse)	4

(ref:SUPIISRL)

[400 Respondents]

Q.53 (SPLIT A) What do you think the United States should do in terms of its relationship with Israel? Should the U.S. government...

	Total
Continue to develop and strengthen its relationship with Israel	42
Maintain its relationship with Israel just as it is.....	31
Slightly distance itself from Israel	19
Significantly distance itself from Israel	4
End its relationship with Israel altogether	2
(Don't know/refused)	2
Strengthen/Maintain	73
Slightly/Significantly distance.....	23
Total Distance/End	25

(ref:RLTND0)

[400 Respondents]

Q.54 (SPLIT B) Which TWO of the following aspects of Israel make you most proud of America's strong relationship with Israel?

	Total
Unlike other countries in the region, Israel has full rights for women	28
Israel has freedom of speech and right to vote for all their citizens	28
Israel has freedom of religion for Christians, Muslims, Jews and others	24
Israel is under constant threat from terrorists and needs our support.....	24
Israel cares about its citizen's security and goes to great lengths to keep them safe	21
Israel is a country of innovation, with solutions in healthcare, technology, energy, and the environment	17
Despite years of stalemate and many wars, Israel is still trying for peace and a Palestinian state.....	14
Israel is one of the first on the spot to help people in need during a natural disaster	8
(All of the above)	3
(None of the above).....	4
(Don't know/refused)	5
(ref:AMERSUP)	

Q.55 Based on what you've seen or heard recently, how much of an effort is the Israeli government under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu making to achieve peace - a big effort, somewhat of an effort, not much of an effort, or no effort at all?

	Total
A big effort.....	11
Somewhat of an effort	49
Not much of an effort.....	25
No effort at all.....	6
(Don't know/refused)	10
Big/Somewhat	60
Not much/No.....	31
(ref:ISRLPCE1)	

Q.56 Based on what you've seen or heard recently, how much of an effort are the Palestinians under President Mahmoud Abbas making to achieve peace - a big effort, somewhat of an effort, not much of an effort, or no effort at all?

	Total
A big effort.....	4
Somewhat of an effort	35
Not much of an effort.....	37
No effort at all.....	15
(Don't know/refused)	9
Big/Somewhat	39
Not much/No.....	52
(ref:PALPCE1)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.57 (SPLIT A) In the current situation between Israel and the Palestinians, would you support or oppose a two-state solution where there would be two states existing side-by-side, with Israel as a homeland of the Jewish people and Palestine as the homeland of the Palestinian people?

	Total
Strongly support.....	37
Somewhat support	36
Somewhat oppose.....	9
Strongly oppose	10
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
Total support	73
Total oppose.....	20
Support - Oppose	53
(ref:TWOSTATE)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.58 (SPLIT B) In the current situation, do you favor or oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state?

	Total
Strongly favor.....	20
Somewhat favor	30
Somewhat oppose.....	20
Strongly oppose	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	14
Total favor.....	50
Total oppose.....	36
Favor - Oppose.....	13
(ref:PALSTATE)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.59 (SPLIT A) Do you think that Palestinians should negotiate with Israel now, or continue to boycott talks until Israel halts all settlement expansion in the West Bank and East Jerusalem?

	Total
Negotiate with Israel now	72
Boycott talks until Israel halts settlement expansion	19
(Don't know/refused)	8
Negotiate - Boycott talks	53
(ref:PALNEG2)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.60 (SPLIT B) Do you think that Israel should do all they can to negotiate with the Palestinians to create a Palestinian state now, or to you think that, with the regional changes and security instability in the Middle East, they should not risk negotiating now?

	Total
Negotiate with Palestinians now	64
Not risk negotiating now	28
(Don't know/refused)	8
Negotiate - Not risk negotiating	36
(ref:PALNEG3)	

Q.61 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
61 I feel hopeful that the recent events in the Arab world and North Africa will bring about more stable and democratic countries. OR I worry that the recent events in the Arab world and North Africa will only make these countries more extremist and anti-American.....	33	14	12	34	1	1	5	47	46	1

[400 Respondents]

Q.70 (SPLIT A) Do you support or oppose the recent deal by the Israeli government to release 1000 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier that had been held captive by Hamas for over 6 years?

	Total
Strongly support	21
Somewhat support	33
Somewhat oppose.....	15
Strongly oppose	19
(Don't know/Refused)	12
Total support	54
Total oppose.....	34
Support - Oppose	20
(ref:SHALIT1)	

[400 Respondents]

Q.71 (SPLIT B) Thinking about Israel's recent deal by the Israeli government to release 1000 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier that had been held captive by Hamas for over 6 years, which of the following statements do you agree with more:

Even though the demands were tough, Israel's government was right to make a deal to release Shalit because it shows they are serious about protecting their soldiers and care about their citizens.

Israel's government made the wrong decision because they should not negotiate with terrorist groups or release convicted terrorists.

	Total
Government was right, strongly	32
Government was right, not so strongly	18
Government was wrong, not so strongly.....	14
Government was wrong, strongly	27
(Both)	1
(Neither)	3
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total Government was right	50
Total Government was wrong	40
Right - Wrong	10
(ref:SHALIT)	

Q.72 Now, thinking for a moment now about Iran... I am now going to read you some reasons why some say the United States should be concerned about an Iranian nuclear program. Which TWO of these reasons concern you the most?

	Total
The Iranian government arms and funds terrorist groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah	30
Iran's government has stated that it wants to wipe Israel off the map.....	28
Iran's nuclear program is accelerating a nuclear arms race in the Middle East.....	22
Iranian nuclear missiles may be able to reach the United States and Europe	21
Iran's track record on human rights and suppression of opposition.....	18
Iran recently backed a plan to bomb foreign embassies in Washington, DC	16
Iran's president has said he would share nuclear technology.....	11
Iran is now working with Mexican drug lords and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez	11
(All of the above)	9
(None of the above).....	3
(Don't know/refused)	4

(ref:IRANTHRT)

Q.73 Now, I am going to read you a series of actions that can be taken with regard to Iran if they do not stop their nuclear program. After I read each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that specific action.

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK	Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Favor - Opp
[400 Respondents] 73 (SPLIT A) Expanding international economic and diplomatic sanctions.....	44	31	8	12	4	1	75	20	55
[400 Respondents] 74 (SPLIT A) Supporting opposition groups in Iran that are working for democracy and human rights	47	34	8	7	3	0	82	15	66
[400 Respondents] 77 (SPLIT B) Prevent any company from doing business in the United States if that company provides Iran with refined petroleum	51	18	12	16	4	0	69	27	42

(ref:ACTIONS)

Q.80 Let me ask you a few questions to make sure we have a balance of people. What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade.....	5
High School graduate.....	21
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college	27
College graduate.....	30
Post-graduate school	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.81 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married.....	55
Single.....	22
Separated/divorced	13
Widowed	10
(Don't know/refused)	0
Sep/Div/Wid	23
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.82 Which TWO of the following information sources are the most significant in shaping your views on the Middle East?

	Total
TV news.....	62
The Internet.....	37
Newspapers	33
Radio news	19
Family and friends.....	11
Religious leaders.....	6
School or university.....	4
Community or political leaders.....	4
Lectures or events.....	3
(Other).....	2
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:INFO1)	

[298 Respondents]

Q.83 (IF INTERNET IN INFO1) And, which type of internet site do you typically use for information about the Middle East?

	Total
Social networking sites like YouTube, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.....	7
Mainstream media websites like CNN, MSNBC or FOX News	80
(Other).....	13
(Refused)	-
(ref:INTNEWS)	

[493 Respondents]

Q.84 (IF TV NEWS IN INFO1) And, which one of the following would you say is the primary source of your national news...

	Total
Fox News	33
NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams	23
CNN News	23
ABC Nightly News with Diane Sawyer	15
Your local television news	15
CBS Nightly News with Scott Pelley	8
NPR - National Public Radio.....	5
PBS's Newshour with Jim Lehrer.....	4
BBC News.....	2
(All of the above)	1
(None of the above).....	2
(Other: specify).....	3
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:POSNEWS)	

Q.85 Do you have a personal Facebook account?

	Total
Yes.....	49
No	51
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:FACEBOOK)	

Q.86 Do you have a personal Twitter account?

	Total
Yes.....	13
No	87
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:TWITTER)	

Q.87 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or something else?

	Total
Strong Democrat	21
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat	11
Independent	9
Independent-lean Republican.....	13
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	19
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.90 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal	19
Moderate	37
Conservative	41
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.91 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	44
Catholic	19
Jewish	2
Muslim.....	1
(Other/none/refused)	34
(ref:RELIG1)	

[351 Respondents]

Q.92 (IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Would you consider yourself to be an evangelical Christian?

	Total
Yes.....	34
No	59
(Don't know/Refused)	7
(ref:EVAN)	

Q.93 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	38
Once or twice a month.....	14
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever.....	31
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.94 Now let me ask you about the election for Congress last November. Did you vote for the Democratic House candidate or the Republican House candidate?

	Total
Democratic House candidate.....	38
Republican House candidate.....	42
(Other candidate)	2
(Did not vote for congress)	10
(Don't know/refused)	7
(ref:VTCG2010)	

[725 Respondents]

Q.95 (IF VOTED IN 2008) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	48
Republican John McCain.....	44
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	1
(Other).....	3
(Don't Know/Refused)	4
Obama - McCain	4
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.96 Last year, that is in 2010, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total
Less than \$10K	5
\$10K to under \$20K	10
\$20K to under \$30K	10
\$30K to under \$50K	16
\$50K to under \$75K	17
\$75K to under \$100K	14
\$100K or more	18
(Refused)	7
(Don't know)	3
(ref:INCOME01)	

Q.97 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	74
African-American or Black	12
Hispanic or Latino	8
Native American	2
Asian	2
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.3 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.4 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	6
25 - 29	9
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	12
50 - 54	7
55 - 59	8
60 - 64	11
65 and over	20
(No answer)	2
(ref:AGE)	