

AJC 2015 SURVEY OF AMERICAN JEWISH OPINION

QUESTIONS and WEIGHTED PERCENTAGES

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AJC's survey of 1,030 American Jews was conducted on KnowledgePanel®, GfK's probability-based online panel, from August 7-22, 2015. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.7 percent. AJC is a 501(c)(3) organization that neither supports nor opposes candidate for elective office.

1. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Liberal	26.8
Lean Liberal	18.3
Moderate, Middle of the Road	33.8
Lean Conservative	13.0
Conservative	7.9

2. In politics today, do you consider yourself...

Republican	19
Democrat	48.6
Independent	32.1

3. If there is a presidential primary in your state next year, how likely is it that you will vote in that primary election?

Very likely	64.8
Fairly likely	16.2
Fairly unlikely	9.8
Very unlikely	9.1

4. Here is the list of Democratic candidates, and the ten leading, based on criteria used to determine participation in the FOX News debate, Republican candidates for President. Who is currently your first choice for president? Second choice? Third choice?

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Jeb Bush	8.7	8.2	7.8
Ben Carson	1.7	6.0	6.7
Chris Christie	2.6	5.9	8.6
Hillary Clinton	39.7	19.5	5.1
Ted Cruz	1.8	3.1	1.6
Mike Huckabee	1.6	2.7	2.7
John Kasich	1.5	3.8	5.2
Martin O'Malley	.6	4.0	9.5
Rand Paul	3.8	3.7	1.8
Marco Rubio	2.7	5.5	6.7
Bernie Sanders	17.8	20.5	6.2
Donald Trump	10.2	5.6	7.1
Scott Walker	2.8	2.1	5.2
Jim Webb	.4	2.0	7.8

5. Among the following list of choices, what are the three most important issues, in order of priority, in deciding how you will vote in the 2016 presidential election (mark 1, 2, 3)?

	First	Second	Third
Church-State Relations	.8	1.0	3.1
Economy	41.7	19.9	12.4
Health Care	12.0	22.2	12.8
Immigration	3.7	9.7	11.5
Income Inequality	11.6	9.3	8.4
Iran's Nuclear Program	3.8	6.3	6.2
National Security	12.3	14.5	15.3
Race Relations	.3	2.8	7.8
Supreme Court Appointments	5.6	5.4	9.1
U.S.-Israel Relations	7.2	7.6	11.1

6. Do you think race relations in the United States are getting better, getting worse, or stay the same?

Getting Better	13.3
Getting Worse	46.3
Stay the Same	39.8

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling U.S.-Israel Relations?

Approve strongly	8.9
Approve somewhat	40.0
Disapprove somewhat	21.4
Disapprove strongly	27.5

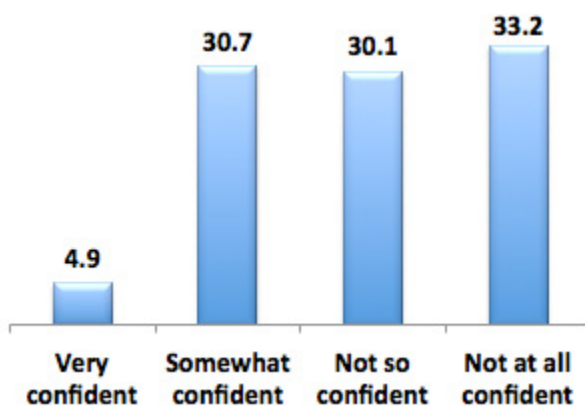
8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the threat posed by global terrorism?

Approve strongly	13.1
Approve somewhat	40.7
Disapprove somewhat	21.2
Disapprove strongly	23.9

9. Recently, the U.S., along with five other countries, reached a deal on Iran's nuclear program. Do you approve or disapprove of this agreement?

Approve strongly	16.4
Approve somewhat	34.2
Disapprove somewhat	19.8
Disapprove strongly	27.4

10. How confident are you that this agreement will prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons?



11. Will Israel's security be more threatened or less threatened by the Iran nuclear deal?

More Threatened	42.8
Less Threatened	17.9
Stay the same	37.8

12. How confident are you about the ability of the U.S. and the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) to monitor Iran's compliance?

Very confident	6.1
Somewhat confident	37.8
Not so confident	28.2
Not at all confident	26.1

13. What role do you think the U.S. should play in solving international problems?

The leading role	18.7
A major role, but not the leading role	60.8
A minor role	15.1
No role at all	4.6

14. I would like you to rate your feelings towards some countries and international bodies, with 100 meaning a very warm, favorable feeling, 0 meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling, and 50 meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from 0 to 100. How would you rate your feelings toward...

	Mean Score
Argentina	51.35
Brazil	54.95
Canada	84.73
China	37.42
Egypt	38.07
European Union	59.90
France	55.39
Germany	58.15
India	50.66
Japan	62.62
Jordan	42.07
Mexico	47.81
Russia	30.99
Saudi Arabia	29.27
Turkey	38.60
United States	84.64
UN	53.81
The Vatican	50.10

15. Which of these do you consider to be the biggest threat to the United States today?

China	12.8
Iran	9.5
ISIS (Islamic State)	51.0
North Korea	6.0
Russia	10.1
None of the above	8.2

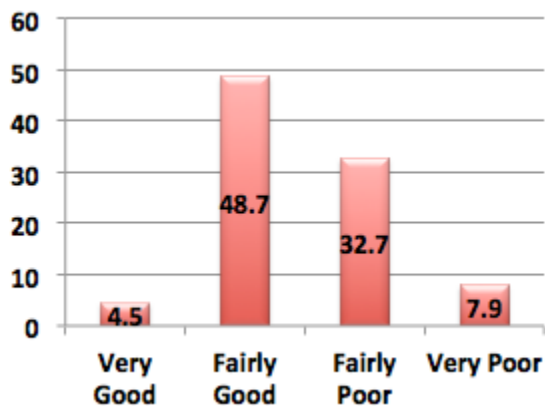
16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is handling the U.S.-Israel relationship?

Approve strongly	16.2
Approve somewhat	39.2
Disapprove somewhat	26.2
Disapprove strongly	16.0

17. Compared to one year ago, do you think prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace have...

Increased	4.1
Decreased	35.7
Stayed the same	58.5

18. How would you characterize the U.S.-Israel relationship today?



19. Is the U.S.-Israel relationship getting better or getting worse?

Better	4.7
Worse	51.9
Stay the same	42.2

20. If getting worse, who is primarily at fault?

United States	27.7
Israel	9.4
Both equally	14.5

21. As part of a permanent settlement with the Palestinians, should Israel be willing to dismantle all, some, or none of the Jewish settlements in the West Bank?

All	14.0
Some	44.9
None	39.2

22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “The goal of the Arabs is not a peaceful two-state agreement with Israel, but rather the destruction of Israel.”

Agree	73.1
Disagree	25.1

23. Do you favor or oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state?

Favor	51.9
Oppose	46.1

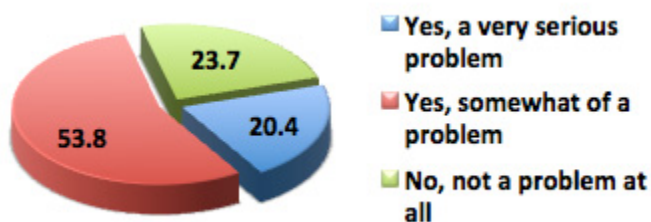
24. Is anti-Semitism currently a problem in the United States?

Yes, a very serious problem	20.8
Yes, somewhat of a problem	64.2
No, not a problem at all	13.8

25. In your opinion, what proportion of each of the following groups in the U.S. is anti-Semitic?

Asians	
Most	1.9
Many	7.4
Very Few	71.5
None	14.7
Muslims	
Most	35.7
Many	39.1
Very Few	17.7
None	3.8
Hispanics	
Most	1.1
Many	16.8
Very Few	67.2
None	10.3
Blacks	
Most	5.7
Many	29.6
Very Few	53.0
None	7.3
Evangelical Protestants	
Most	8.3
Many	27.0
Very Few	49.2
None	10.4
Catholics	
Most	4.0
Many	20.7
Very Few	62.4
None	7.8

26. Is anti-Semitism currently a problem on the American college campus?



27. Is anti-Semitism currently a problem in Europe?

Yes, a very serious problem	45.5
Yes, somewhat of a problem	44.4
No, not a problem at all	7.9

28. In your opinion, what proportion of each of the following groups in Europe is anti-Semitic?

The political far right

Most	20.1
Many	37.8
Very Few	33.6
None	3.6

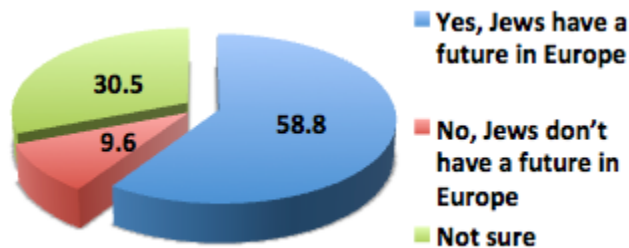
The political far left

Most	9.6
Many	31.9
Very Few	47.3
None	6.2

Muslims

Most	39.8
Many	33.4
Very Few	17.9
None	4.3

29. Do you believe that Jews have a future in Europe?



30. Is anti-Semitism currently a problem in the Arab world?

Yes, a very serious problem	75.5
Yes, somewhat of a problem	19.2
No, not a problem at all	3.8

31. Do you think of yourself as....

Orthodox	8.1
Conservative	17.6
Reconstructionist	1.3
Reform	34.9
Just Jewish	37.0

32. How important is being Jewish in your life?

Very important	32.4
Somewhat important	30.8
Not too important	19.6
Not at all important	16.6

33. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Caring about Israel is a very important part of my being a Jew.”

Agree strongly	32.8
Agree somewhat	39.0
Disagree somewhat	16.7
Disagree strongly	10.4

34. Which of these statements best represents your opinion of the role of religion in the State of Israel?

Religion should play more of a role	9.3
Religion should play less of a role	25.2
The current relationship is best	26.4
There should be separation of religion and state	37.0

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