



AJC 2017 Annual Survey of American Jewish Opinion Topline Report

This study was conducted for The American Jewish Committee via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from August 10 – August 28, 2017 among a nationally representative sample of 1,000 respondents age 18 or older of Jewish religion or background. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.71% at the 95% confidence level.

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Q1. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

	Liberal	Lean Liberal	Moderate, middle of the road	Lean Conservative	Conservative	Don't know	Refused
08/28/16	39	12	23	8	16	2	1
08/28/17	39	15	22	7	15	1	1

Q2. In politics today, do you consider yourself...

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Other	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	15	57	20	8	*	*

Q3. In last November's presidential election, whom did you vote for?

	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump	Another candidate	Didn't vote	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	64	18	8	8	*	1

Q4. Is your opinion of the job President Trump is doing favorable or unfavorable?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	21	77	1	*

Q5. Is your opinion of the job Vice President Pence is doing favorable or unfavorable?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	30	62	7	1

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling National Security?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	27	13	14	73	11	62	1	--

Q7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling Terrorism?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	30	18	12	69	15	54	1	*

Q8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling U.S.-Russia relations?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	23	10	13	75	13	62	2	*

Q9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling NATO and the Transatlantic Alliance?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	25	13	12	72	15	56	3	*

Q10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling Race Relations?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	21	11	9	78	8	69	1	*

Q11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling Immigration?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	23	17	6	76	11	65	1	--

Q12. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump Administration's handling of the Iran nuclear issue?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	26	11	15	67	26	42	6	*

Q13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling U.S.-Israel relations?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	41	18	22	54	23	31	5	*

Q14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Netanyahu is handling U.S.-Israel relations?

	Approve			Disapprove			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Strongly	Somewhat		
08/28/17	44	22	23	47	24	23	8	1

Q15. Regarding a possible move of the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, which of the following courses of action do you most support?

	Move the Embassy to Jerusalem immediately	Move the Embassy to Jerusalem at a later date in conjunction with progress in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks	Not move the embassy	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	16	36	44	4	1

Q16. In the current situation, do you favor or oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	55	40	4	1

Q17. Compared to one year ago, do you think prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace have increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	5	29	65	1	*

Q18. What role do you think the U.S. should play in solving international problems?

	The leading role	A major role, but not the leading role	A minor role	No role at all	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	24	56	13	5	1	1

Q19. In your opinion, which foreign nation poses the single greatest danger to the United States?

	China	Iran	North Korea	Russia	Another country	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	10	16	57	22	5	1	*

(In 2017 "In your opinion" was added to the question)

Q20. In your opinion, is anti-Semitism currently a problem in the United States?

	Yes, a problem			No, not a problem			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very serious	Somewhat	NET	Not much	Not at all		
08/28/16	73	21	52	26	22	4	1	*
08/28/17	84	41	43	16	12	4	--	*

(In 2017 “In your opinion” was added to the question)

Q21. In your opinion, is anti-Semitism a problem on the American college campus?

	Yes, a problem			No, not a problem			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very serious	Somewhat	NET	Not much	Not at all		
08/28/16	56	23	34	27	21	6	16	*
08/28/17	69	29	40	22	16	6	8	1

Q22. In your opinion, is anti-Semitism currently a problem in Europe?

	Yes, a problem			No, not a problem			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very serious	Somewhat	NET	Not much	Not at all		
08/28/17	86	54	32	7	6	2	6	1

Q23. In your opinion, is anti-Semitism currently a problem in the Arab World?

	Yes, a problem			No, not a problem			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very serious	Somewhat	NET	Not much	Not at all		
08/28/17	95	78	17	2	1	1	3	*

Q24. Do you think of yourself as....

	Orthodox	Conservative	Reconstructionist	Reform	Just Jewish	Don't know	Refused
08/28/16	9	18	2	34	34	2	1
08/28/17	9	16	2	31	39	1	1

Q25. What is your current marital status?

	Unmarried	Married to a born Jew	Married to a convert to Judaism	Married to a non-Jew	Don't know	Refused
08/28/16	49	32	3	15	1	1
08/28/17	47	32	3	17	*	*

Q26. How important is being Jewish in your life?

	Very/Somewhat important			Not too/Not at all important			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
08/28/16	79	44	35	21	11	10	*	--
08/28/17	80	47	33	19	12	7	*	*

Q27. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Caring about Israel is a very important part of my being a Jew.”?

	Agree strongly/somewhat			Disagree strongly/somewhat			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
08/28/16	73	47	26	25	16	10	1	*
08/28/17	72	48	24	27	18	9	*	1

Q28. Looking ahead five years, do you think that the ties between American Jews and Israel will be...

	Stronger than today	Weaker than today	About the same as today	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	25	14	59	2	*

Q29. Have you ever been to Israel?

	Yes			No	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Once	More than once			
08/28/16	48	21	27	52	--	--
08/28/17	50	24	26	50	--	--

Q30. Do you think that the fact that Orthodox Judaism is the only denomination recognized by Israel as an official form of Judaism...

	Strengthens Israel's ties with American Jews	Weakens Israel's ties with American Jews	Has no effect on Israel's ties with American Jews	Don't know	Refused
08/28/16	6	48	39	6	1
08/28/17	7	56	36	1	1

Q31. Currently, Jewish weddings and divorces in Israel are legally recognized only if carried out under the authority of the Chief Rabbinate, which is Orthodox. Are you satisfied with this system or should legal recognition also be extended to non-Orthodox weddings and divorces?

	Yes, satisfied with this system	No, legal recognition should also be extended to non-Orthodox weddings and divorces	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	20	76	3	1

Q32. There is a current proposal to require that conversion to Judaism in Israel shall be recognized only if carried out under the authority of the Chief Rabbinate. Do you approve or disapprove of the idea?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	26	68	5	1

Q33. Currently, prayer services at the Western Wall in Jerusalem—a site holy to Jews—are conducted according to Orthodox tradition, with men and women separated by a barrier. Do you support or oppose a mixed-gender prayer area at Robinson's Arch, adjacent to the Western Wall?

	Support	Oppose	Don't know	Refused
08/28/17	73	24	3	1

DEMOGRAPHICS

(READ TO ALL)

We just have a few final questions for classification purposes.

(ASK ALL)

S8. RECORD RESPONDENT GENDER (IF NEEDED ASK: What is your gender?)

	Male	Female
08/28/16	51	49
08/28/17	51	49

Z-7. What is your age?

(RECORD 2-DIGIT NUMBER)

(IF Z-7=99)

Z-7a. Could you please tell me if you are...?

Z-7/Z-7a COMBO TABLE

	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	Refused
08/28/16	15	20	29	36	1
08/28/17	19	28	23	30	--

Z-8. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

	8/28/16	08/28/17
High school or less NET	15	18
Less than high school	1	1
High school incomplete	1	1
High school graduate	13	16
Some college NET	20	20
Some college, no degree	13	13
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	7	8
College or more NET	64	62
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	28	27
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	34	32
Don't know	*	--
Refused	*	*

Z-9. Is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes...?

	8/28/16	08/28/17
Less than \$50,000 NET	31	29
Less than \$15,000	7	7
\$15,000 but less than \$25,000	7	7
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	5	4
\$30,000 but less than \$40,000	6	6
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	6	6
\$50,000 but less than \$100,000 NET	24	26
\$50,000 but less than \$75,000	11	13
\$75,000 but less than \$100,000	12	13
\$100,000 and over	35	38
Don't know	2	1
Refused	9	6

Z 10. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
08/28/16	7	92	1	--
08/28/17	6	94	--	*

(ASK ALL)

Z-11. Do you consider yourself white, black or African American, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander, mixed race or some other race? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

	White	Black or African American	Asian/ Chinese/ Japanese	Native American/ American Indian/ Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Mixed	Other	Refused
08/28/16	92	3	*	*	*	2	1	1
08/28/17	93	3	*	*	--	3	*	1

Z-10/Z-11 Combo Table

	White	Black or African American	Hispanic	Asian/ Chinese/ Japanese	Other Race	Refused
08/28/16	87	2	7	*	2	1
08/28/17	89	3	6	--	2	1