

The logo for the CNN | ORC POLL. It features the text "CNN | ORC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font on a light gray background. Below this, the word "POLL" is written in a larger, bold, white, sans-serif font on a solid black background.

Interviews with 1,023 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on November 16-18, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 758 interviews among landline respondents and 265 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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25. In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

	Nov. 16-18 <u>2012</u>	May 24-26 <u>2011*</u>	Jan 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Israelis	59%	67%	60%
Palestinians	13%	16%	17%
Both (vol.)	3%	5%	5%
Neither (vol.)	11%	9%	15%
No opinion	13%	3%	4%

*Asked of a half sample.

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Israelis</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	<u>Both (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 6-9	59	15	5	13	8
2005 Feb 7-10	52	18	7	12	11
2004 Feb 9-12	55	18	7	12	8
2003 May 19-21	46	16	12	14	12
2003 Feb 3-6	58	13	6	11	12
2002 Sep 2-4	47	14	6	19	14
2002 Jun 21-23	49	14	8	19	10
2002 May 20-22	49	15	7	19	10
2002 Apr 22-24	47	13	9	18	13
2002 Apr 5-7	50	15	9	17	9
2002 Mar 8-9	43	14	6	20	17
2002 Feb 4-6	55	14	6	14	11
2001 Dec 14-16	51	14	5	17	13
2001 Sep 14-15	55	7	4	20	14
2001 Aug 10-12	41	13	7	18	21
2001 Feb 1-4	51	16	7	14	12
2000 Oct 13-14	41	11	9	18	21
2000 Jul 6-9	41	14	5	18	22
2000 Jan 25-26	43	13	5	21	18
1999 Jul 22-25	43	12	11	19	15
1998 Dec 4-6	46	13	5	22	14
1997 Aug 12-13	38	8	5	19	30
1996 Nov 21-24	38	15	6	14	27
1993 Sep 10-12	42	15	6	17	20
1991 Feb	64	7	19	--	10
1989 Aug	50	14	15	--	21
1988 May 13-15	37	15	22	--	27

May 1988-April 2002 and February 3-6, 2003 WORDING: In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinian Arabs?

26. Do you think Israel was justified or unjustified in taking military action against Hamas and the Palestinians in the area known as Gaza?

	Nov. 16-18 <u>2012</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Yes, justified	57%	63%
No, not justified	25%	31%
No opinion	19%	6%

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,023 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, telephone usage and whether respondents own or rent their homes. Among the entire sample, 32% described themselves as Democrats, 44% described themselves as Independents, and 24% described themselves as Republicans.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

Question 25

In the Middle East, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
Israelis	59%	60%	59%	65%	47%	60%	
Palestinians	13%	13%	13%	12%	17%	14%	
Both	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	
Neither	11%	11%	11%	10%	15%	11%	
No opinion	13%	13%	14%	12%	16%	12%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-3.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Israelis	59%	53%	51%	69%	66%	52%	68%
Palestinians	13%	19%	18%	7%	6%	19%	6%
Both	3%	4%	2%	2%	5%	3%	3%
Neither	11%	9%	16%	11%	8%	12%	10%
No opinion	13%	14%	13%	11%	15%	13%	13%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Israelis	59%	60%	59%	61%	58%
Palestinians	13%	13%	15%	9%	16%
Both	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Neither	11%	10%	11%	11%	12%
No opinion	13%	14%	12%	16%	11%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Israelis	59%	51%	54%	80%	37%	56%	77%
Palestinians	13%	16%	15%	5%	27%	12%	6%
Both	3%	6%	3%	1%	5%	4%	1%
Neither	11%	14%	12%	5%	12%	16%	6%
No opinion	13%	13%	15%	9%	19%	13%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Israelis	59%	55%	60%	63%	58%	55%	63%	65%
Palestinians	13%	17%	12%	11%	14%	17%	11%	8%
Both	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%
Neither	11%	12%	12%	11%	9%	13%	10%	11%
No opinion	13%	11%	13%	12%	16%	11%	13%	15%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 26

Do you think Israel was justified or unjustified in taking military action against Hamas and the Palestinians in the area known as Gaza?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Yes, justified	57%	64%	51%	64%	40%	59%		
No, not justified	25%	21%	28%	20%	35%	23%		
No opinion	19%	15%	22%	16%	24%	18%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-3.0		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Yes, justified	57%	45%	56%	63%	67%	50%	65%
No, not justified	25%	36%	20%	20%	19%	29%	20%
No opinion	19%	19%	24%	17%	14%	21%	16%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes, justified	57%	56%	59%	56%	58%
No, not justified	25%	29%	21%	27%	23%
No opinion	19%	15%	20%	17%	19%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Yes, justified	57%	41%	59%	74%	39%	53%	72%
No, not justified	25%	36%	23%	12%	33%	29%	15%
No opinion	19%	23%	18%	13%	28%	18%	12%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Yes, justified	57%	58%	53%	62%	52%	49%	61%	66%
No, not justified	25%	24%	31%	21%	24%	29%	23%	21%
No opinion	19%	18%	16%	17%	24%	23%	15%	13%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%