

**J Street  
National Post-Election Survey**

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800 Jewish Voters**

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Q.2 First of all, are you currently registered to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	100
No.....	-
(ref:VOTEREG)	

Q.3 As you may know, there was an election today for President of the United States, Congress, and other offices. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	100
Did not vote .....	-
(ref:VOTE2012)	

Q.4 How would you describe your Jewish denomination?

	<b>Total</b>
Orthodox .....	10
Conservative .....	27
Reform .....	32
Reconstructionist.....	2
Unaffiliated.....	27
Other .....	2
I'm not Jewish .....	-
(ref:JEWISHID)	

Q.8 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	55
Wrong track .....	45
<b>Right direction - Wrong track .....</b>	<b>10</b>
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.9 Below is a list of issues facing our country today. Please mark which TWO of these issues are the most important for you in deciding your vote in the Presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney.

	<b>Total</b>
The economy .....	53
Health care.....	32
Social Security and Medicare .....	23
The deficit and government spending.....	20
Taxes.....	12
Israel .....	10
Abortion .....	10
Terrorism and national security .....	10
Education .....	9
The environment .....	5
Energy.....	4
Illegal immigration .....	4
Iran .....	2
(Other).....	4
(ref:ISSUES2012)	

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	24
Somewhat approve .....	43
Somewhat disapprove .....	13
Strongly disapprove.....	20
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Approve - Disapprove.....</b>	<b>33</b>
(ref:OBAMAJOB)	

Q.11 And what about Congress - do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	4
Somewhat approve .....	22
Somewhat disapprove .....	40
Strongly disapprove.....	34
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Approve - Disapprove.....</b>	<b>-48</b>
(ref:CONGJOB)	

Now, we would like you to rate your feelings toward some people 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 person or organization.

	Mean	Fav	Unfav	ID
12 Barack Obama .....	60	61	31	99
13 Mitt Romney.....	34	29	62	98
14 Democratic Party.....	56	54	33	99
15 Republican Party.....	33	26	64	98
16 Joe Biden.....	54	52	35	97
17 Paul Ryan .....	30	23	64	95
18 The Tea Party Movement.....	24	16	69	96
19 Benjamin Netanyahu .....	59	47	20	82
20 George W. Bush.....	32	28	64	98
21 Bill Clinton.....	67	69	23	98
22 Sheldon Adelson .....	28	9	29	44
(ref:THERM)				

Q.23 Thinking about today's election for President, did you vote for -- Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total
Barack Obama .....	70
Mitt Romney.....	30
Other .....	-
<b>Barack Obama - Mitt Romney .....</b>	<b>40</b>
(ref:BOMRVOTE)	

Q.25 Thinking about today's election for the United States Congress, did you vote for -- the Democratic or Republican candidate for Congress in your district?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate .....	69
Republican candidate.....	30
Other .....	1
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>39</b>
(ref:CONG2010)	

Q.28 How seriously did you consider voting for Barack Obama-- very seriously, somewhat seriously, or only a little seriously?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes, Very seriously .....	2
Yes, Somewhat seriously .....	4
Yes, Only a little seriously .....	2
No .....	23
 Obama supporter .....	 70
<b>Total yes .....</b>	<b>7</b>
(ref:BOCHANCE2)	

Q.30 How seriously did you consider voting for Mitt Romney-- very seriously, somewhat seriously, or only a little seriously?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes, Very seriously .....	5
Yes, Somewhat seriously .....	8
Yes, Only a little seriously .....	6
No .....	53
 Romney supporter .....	 30
<b>Total yes .....</b>	<b>18</b>
(ref:MRCHANCE2)	

Now something different. Below is a list of issues facing our country. For each of the issues listed below, please mark whether you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would do a better job with this issue.

	<b>Oba- ma Much</b>	<b>Oba- ma Smwt</b>	<b>Rom- ney Smwt</b>	<b>Rom- ney Much</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Nei- ther</b>	<b>Total Oba- ma</b>	<b>Total Rom- ney</b>	<b>Obma - Rom</b>
31 Israel .....	29	24	12	19	8	8	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>
32 Advancing Middle East peace .....	29	24	10	15	6	15	<b>53</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>
33 The economy and jobs .....	29	27	10	22	5	7	<b>56</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>
34 Terrorism and national security .....	36	23	10	17	7	7	<b>60</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>
35 Social Security and Medicare .....	44	22	8	17	3	6	<b>65</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>
36 Fighting for the things that are most important to you .....	44	20	9	18	4	6	<b>63</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>
37 Health care .....	45	20	11	15	3	6	<b>65</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>
38 Dealing with Iran .....	33	25	10	17	7	9	<b>58</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>
39 The deficit and government spending..... (ref:BETJOB12)	25	24	14	22	4	10	<b>49</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>

Q.40 Now something different. Which of the following statements best describes how you view President Obama's handling of the Arab-Israeli conflict?

	<b>Total</b>
I agree with the President's policies and I like the way he is executing these policies .....	43
I agree with the President's policies, but I don't like the way he is executing these policies .....	30
I disagree with the President's policies .....	27
(ref:HANDLE)	

Q.41 During the presidential election, did you see any television advertisements or receive any mail that criticized President Obama for his positions or actions toward Israel?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	45
No.....	55
(ref:SAWISRAEL)	

**[357 Respondents]**

Q.42 (IF YES IN Q.41) Did any of these advertisements criticizing Obama for his positions or actions toward Israel make you more likely to support Barack Obama, more likely to support Mitt Romney, or make no difference?

	<b>Total</b>
Much more likely Obama.....	22
Somewhat more likely Obama.....	15
Somewhat more likely Romney.....	8
Much more likely Romney.....	15
No difference .....	40
<b>Total Obama .....</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Romney .....</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Obama - Romney.....</b>	<b>15</b>
(ref:ISRAELIMPACT)	

Q.43 Based on your own observation of the 2012 Presidential election, do you think Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took steps to try and help one of the candidates running for U.S. President?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes, Netanyahu tried to help Barack Obama.....	16
Yes, Netanyahu tried to help Mitt Romney .....	18
No, Netanyahu did not try to help Obama or Romney .....	67
(ref:BIBIHELP)	

**[268 Respondents]**

Q.44 (IF YES IN Q.43) Did Prime Minister Netanyahu's efforts to help (OBAMA/ROMNEY FROM Q.43) make you more likely to support Barack Obama, more likely to support Mitt Romney, or make no difference?

	<b>Total</b>
Much more likely Obama.....	25
Somewhat more likely Obama.....	18
Somewhat more likely Romney .....	10
Much more likely Romney.....	11
No difference .....	36
<b>Total Obama .....</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Romney .....</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Obama - Romney.....</b>	<b>23</b>
(ref:BIBIIMPACT)	

Q.45 Now, something different. Do you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support.....	34
Somewhat support .....	47
Somewhat oppose.....	14
Strongly oppose .....	5
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>62</b>
(ref:USROLE)	

**[326 Respondents]**

Q.46 (IF SUPPORT IN Q.45) (SPLIT A) Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States publicly stating its disagreements with both the Israelis and the Arabs?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support.....	34
Somewhat support.....	50
Somewhat oppose.....	13
Strongly oppose .....	2
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>70</b>
(ref:USROLEB)	

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.46 (ALL SPLIT A RESPONDENTS) Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States publicly stating its disagreements with both the Israelis and the Arabs?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support.....	28
Somewhat support.....	41
Somewhat oppose.....	24
Strongly oppose .....	7
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>38</b>
(ref:USROLEB)	



**[323 Respondents]**

Q.47 (IF SUPPORT IN Q.45) (SPLIT B) Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States publicly stating its disagreements with Israel?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support.....	22
Somewhat support.....	43
Somewhat oppose.....	23
Strongly oppose .....	13
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>30</b>
(ref:USROLEB1)	

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.47 (ALL SPLIT B RESPONDENTS) Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States publicly stating its disagreements with Israel?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support.....	18
Somewhat support.....	34
Somewhat oppose.....	33
Strongly oppose .....	15
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>5</b>
(ref:USROLEB1)	

Q.48 Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States putting forth a peace plan that proposes borders and security arrangements between Israelis and Palestinians?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support.....	27
Somewhat support.....	49
Somewhat oppose.....	17
Strongly oppose .....	7
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>51</b>
(ref:USROLED)	

Q.49 Imagine for a minute that the winning U.S. Presidential candidate appoints former President Bill Clinton to serve as a special Middle East Peace Envoy with the responsibility of bringing Israelis and Palestinians together to negotiate a final status agreement. Regardless of who you voted for in this year's Presidential election, would you support or oppose the appointment of Bill Clinton to serve as a special Middle East Peace Envoy?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support.....	49
Somewhat support.....	36
Somewhat oppose.....	9
Strongly oppose .....	7
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>69</b>
(ref:BCENVOY)	

Q.50 As you may know, on a few occasions during the past 10 years, Israeli, Palestinian, and American negotiators came close to reaching a final status peace agreement but ultimately fell short. The details of that agreement include:

- \* a demilitarized Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza
- \* internationally recognized borders based on the borders that existed in 1967, with mutually agreed land swaps that allow for most Jewish settlers in the West Bank to be inside Israel while the Palestinians get comparable land areas in return
- \* Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem become part of the new Palestinian state while Israel retains control of Jewish neighborhoods and the Western Wall in Jerusalem
- \* international forces to monitor the new Palestinian state and border crossings
- \* financial compensation for Palestinian refugees while allowing some refugees to return to Israel if they meet specific family reunification criteria and the Israeli government approves

Overall, do you support or oppose such an agreement?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support.....	23
Somewhat support.....	48
Somewhat oppose.....	20
Strongly oppose .....	9
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>44</b>
(ref:FINALSTAT)	

Below are some pairs of statements. After reading each pair, please mark whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Strng	1 <sup>st</sup> Not Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Not Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Strng	Both	Nei- ther	Total 1 <sup>st</sup>	Total 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
51 Middle East peace is a core American interest, and the United States should use assertive diplomacy to end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. OR Only the parties themselves can make peace, and the United States should let the Palestinians and Israelis work out the conflict on their own. ....	28	22	15	15	12	7	50	30	20
52 It bothers me when American Jews disagree publicly with Israeli government policy. OR It does not bother me when American Jews disagree publicly with Israeli government policy. ....	16	15	21	26	7	15	31	47	-16
53 The United States should act as a fair and impartial broker in order to achieve a peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians. OR The United States should side with Israel during peace negotiations in order to protect America's democratic ally, Israel. ....	29	20	14	20	9	7	49	34	15
<b>[400 Respondents]</b>									
54 (SPLIT A) The interests of American Jews are best served when the Jewish community speaks with a unified voice regarding Israeli government policy. OR The interests of American Jews are best served when different voices in the Jewish community express their differences regarding Israeli government policy. ....	25	16	18	18	11	13	40	36	5

	1 <sup>st</sup> Strng	1 <sup>st</sup> Not Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Not Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Strng	Both	Nei- ther	Total 1 <sup>st</sup>	Total 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>[400 Respondents]</b>									
55 (SPLIT B) The interests of Israel are best served when the Jewish community speaks with a unified voice regarding Israeli government policy. OR The interests of Israel are best served when different voices in the Jewish community express their differences regarding Israeli government policy. ....	31	15	14	16	14	9	46	30	16
56 Before setting red lines that, if crossed, will trigger an American military attack on Iranian nuclear facilities, the United States needs to give diplomacy and sanctions more time to work. OR Diplomacy and sanctions have failed to stop Iran from continuing its efforts to develop nuclear weapons, and it is now time for the United States to set red lines that, if crossed, will trigger an American military attack on Iranian nuclear facilities. ....	28	18	15	20	8	10	47	35	12
(ref:PAIRS)									

Q.57 Thinking about Israel and the United Nations, overall do you think the United Nations treats Israel fairly or unfairly?

	<b>Total</b>
Very fairly .....	12
Somewhat fairly .....	39
Somewhat unfairly .....	28
Not at all fairly .....	21
<b>Total Fairly.....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Unfairly.....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Fairly - Unfairly .....</b>	<b>2</b>
(ref:UNISRAEL)	

Q.58 As you may know, Palestinian leaders have said that they will ask the United Nations this September to recognize an independent Palestinian state. If such a vote takes place, do you think the United States should vote for or against recognizing an independent Palestinian state?

	<b>Total</b>
Vote for recognizing an independent Palestinian state .....	27
Lean Vote for recognizing an independent Palestinian state.....	8
Vote against recognizing an independent Palestinian state.....	36
Lean Vote against recognizing an independent Palestinian state.....	8
(Undecided) .....	21
<b>Total Vote for recognizing an independent Palestinian state .....</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Vote against recognizing an independent Palestinian state .....</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Vote for recognizing an independent Palestinian state -</b>	
<b>Vote against recognizing an independent Palestinian state ....</b>	<b>-10</b>
(ref:UNVOTE)	

Q.60 Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about how the U.S. should focus its attention in the Middle East?

	<b>Total</b>
Before addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the U.S. should address the Iranian nuclear threat. ....	29
Before addressing the Iranian nuclear threat, the U.S. should address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. ....	10
The U.S. must address both the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Iranian nuclear threat at the same time.....	61
(ref:PRIORITIZE)	

As you may know, people often refer to a "two-state solution" when discussing the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. A two-state solution means a peace agreement that establishes a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza alongside the State of Israel. Below are some statements about a two-state solution, and for each statement, please mark whether you agree or disagree with that statement.

	<b>Strng</b>	<b>Smwt</b>	<b>Dis-</b>	<b>Dis-</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dis-</b>	<b>Agree</b>
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>agree</b>	<b>agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>agree</b>	<b>Dis</b>
<b>[400 Respondents]</b>							
61 (SPLIT A) I support a two-state solution that declares an end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, resulting in all Arab countries establishing full diplomatic ties with Israel and creating an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. ....	35	47	11	6	<b>82</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>[400 Respondents]</b>							
62 (SPLIT B) I support a two-state solution that declares an end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, resulting in all Arab countries establishing full diplomatic ties with Israel and creating an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jersusalem. ....	31	48	16	5	<b>79</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>57</b>
63 A two-state solution is necessary to strengthen Israeli security and ensure Israel's Jewish democratic character .....	31	50	13	5	<b>81</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>63</b>
64 A two-state solution is an important national security interest for the United States. .... (ref:TWOSTATE)	30	51	14	5	<b>81</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>61</b>

Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes.

Q.65 Do you belong to a synagogue or temple?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	41
No.....	59
(ref:SYNOG)	

Q.66 How often, do you attend formal religious services?

	<b>Total</b>
Every week.....	19
Once or twice a month.....	15
A few times a year.....	25
Hardly ever.....	23
Never.....	17
(ref:ATTEND)	

Q.67 Have you ever traveled to Israel?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	31
No.....	69
(ref:TRAVEL)	

Q.68 In the 2012 Presidential election, did you make any financial contributions to the campaigns of Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	<b>Total</b>
I made a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign.....	19
I made a financial contribution to Mitt Romney's campaign.....	6
I made a financial contribution to BOTH Barack Obama's and Mitt Romney's campaign.....	1
I did not make a financial contribution to Barack Obama's or Mitt Romney's campaign.....	74
(ref:CONTRIB12)	

Q.69 Thinking back to the 2008 Presidential election, did you make any financial contributions to the campaigns of Barack Obama or John McCain?

	<b>Total</b>
I made a financial contribution to Barack Obama's campaign.....	19
I made a financial contribution to John McCain's campaign.....	5
I made a financial contribution to BOTH Barack Obama's and John McCain's campaign.....	2
I did not make a financial contribution to Barack Obama's or John McCain's campaign.....	75
(ref:CONTRIB08)	

Q.70 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	35
Weak Democrat .....	21
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent .....	8
Independent-lean Republican .....	8
Weak Republican .....	7
Strong Republican .....	11
(ref:PTYID1B)	

Q.73 Thinking in political terms, would you say you that you are conservative, moderate, progressive, or liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Conservative .....	25
Moderate .....	33
Liberal.....	30
Progressive .....	12
(ref:IDEOL)	

Q.74 In the 2008 Presidential election, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	<b>Total</b>
Barack Obama .....	67
John McCain.....	25
Other .....	3
(Did not vote/too young to vote).....	5
 <b>Barack Obama - John McCain .....</b>	 <b>42</b>
(ref:PRES2008)	

Q.76 One last question. Remember this is a confidential and anonymous survey, and we are not selling anything. Last year, that is in 2011, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes?

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$20,000.....	9
\$20,000 to \$49,999 .....	25
\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	24
\$75,000 to \$99,999 .....	17
\$100,000 to \$199,999 .....	20
\$200,000 or more .....	4
(Don't know/refused) .....	-
(ref:INCOME)	



Q.5 What is your gender?

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	48
Female.....	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>
1 - 11th grade.....	1
High School graduate.....	9
Non-college post H.S.....	1
Some college.....	24
College graduate.....	42
Post-graduate school.....	23
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.7 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24.....	7
25 - 29.....	9
30 - 34.....	10
35 - 39.....	6
40 - 44.....	7
45 - 49.....	7
50 - 54.....	10
55 - 59.....	11
60 - 64.....	12
Over 64.....	21
(No answer).....	-
(ref:AGE)	