Addressing Common Rebuttals re:Zionism

Place to address some of the more common rebuttals and comments I've received or seen regarding my posts and other frequent arguments used by people

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Zionism is not Jewish supremacy, it's European / white supremacy

Israel is a settler-colonial project by Jews, for Jews, at the expense of non-Jews. The constitution of Israel quite literally states that Israel is the "***Nation-State of the Jewish People***," stating that the "*right to exercise national self-determination in the State of Israel is unique to the Jewish people*;" and the "*state views the development of Jewish settlement as a national value and will act to encourage and promote its establishment and consolidation*."

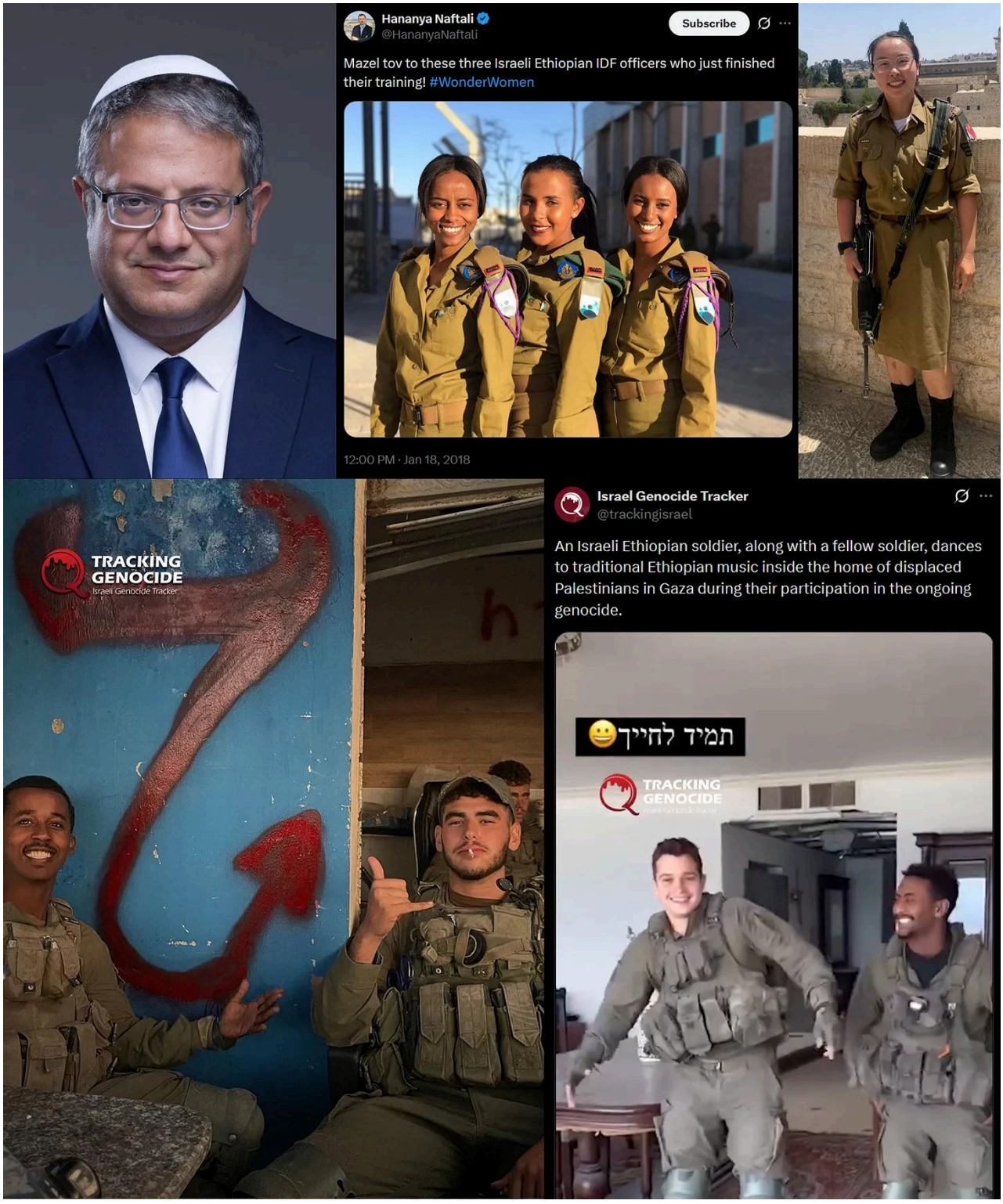
Israel is multi-ethnic, but still Jewish-supremacist nation. A 2019 study showed that Israel's Jewish population are approximately:

- 45% Mizrahi (Asia or North Africa)
- 32% Ashkenazi (Europe, the Americas, Oceania and South Africa)
- 12% Soviet (ex-USSR)
- 3% Beta Israel (Ethiopia)
- 8% mix of above or other Jewish groups

Non-white Jews enjoy more rights in Israel than White non-Jews. Brown and black Jews get to steal Palestinian land and kill Palestinians alongside white Jews. White non-Jews don't get to do that.

The more liberal-leaning Zionists love tokenizing African Jews in particular and brag about how they also get to serve in their military and participate in genocide equally among their Mizrahi and Ashkenazi counterparts. One of the most notoriously bloodthirsty and

cartoonishly evil figures in Israel today is Itamar Ben-Gvir, the Minister of National Security, and someone of Iraqi Kurdish background and very clear darker complexion than Ashkenazis.



There is racism within Israel itself between the white Ashkenazi, the brown Mizrahi and the black Ethiopians etc., but this is just typical European-inspired hierarchical internal racism

between factions of Jews, not antisemitism. All of these groups enjoy rights over Palestinians because ultimately they are Jewish. This is Jewish supremacy, not white supremacy.

The Law of Return applies to anyone worldwide with one or more Jewish grandparent the right to colonize Palestine, regardless of ethnicity. This is not exclusive to white people as demonstrated by the absurd scenario of India's Bnei Menashe, a community of about 11,000 previously Christian Indians whose tribal leader declared he was Jewish after having dreamt so… seriously. Despite no DNA evidence, a Christian past, and opposition from Israeli politicians, Israel's Chief Rabbi recognized them as a "lost tribe" in 2005.



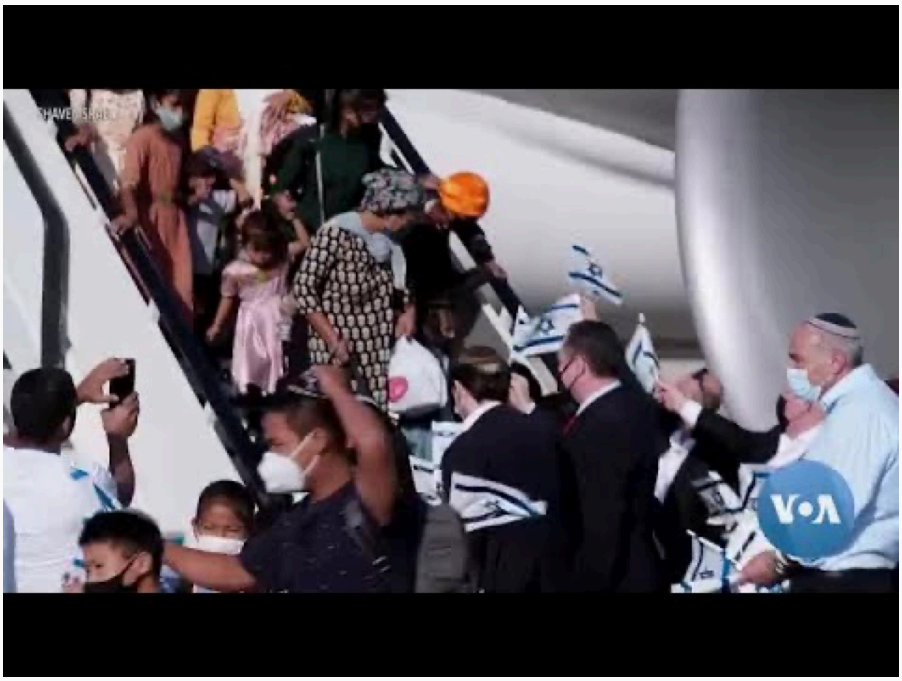
Bnei Menashe in Adloyada of Purim in Karmiel, North Israel



An estimated 200 young Bnei Menashe men have joined the Israeli military's war effort.

In late 2025, the government approved a five-year plan to bring the remainder to Israel, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu calling it an "important and Zionist" decision to strengthen the Galilee region. By April 2026, the first batch of around 250 arrived under "Operation Wings of Dawn," with thousands more expected. Footage from a 2021 batch shows them being welcomed by Israel's Immigration Absorption minister—an Ethiopian Jew.

YOUTUBE VIDEO



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VW64pPX_-Gg

All of these people are enjoying these privileges because they are Jewish, not white or European.

There are more Christian Zionists than there even are Jews worldwide, they are the ones to blame for Israel

Israel is a project by Jews, for Jews, at the expense of non-Jews. Without the participation of Jews, Christian Zionists wouldn't have anything to push for. The proportion of Jews who are Zionist eclipses the proportion of Christians who are Zionists.



What people usually mean when they say "Christian Zionism" is specifically American Evangelicalism and its influence in the Republican Party. While Christian Zionism has a long history going back centuries, the current form of Evangelical fanaticism, along with the heavy monetary and political support that defines it, only became a major force after the 1967 Six-Day War. The key organizations and popularizing figures emerged during the 1970s and 80s, long after the creation of Israel. Key examples include Hal Lindsey with his hugely influential 1970 book *The Late Great Planet Earth*, Jerry Falwell and his Moral Majority movement founded in 1979, the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) founded in 1980, the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ) founded in 1983, and John Hagee,

who founded Christians United for Israel (CUFI) through raising money for Israel since the early 1980s.

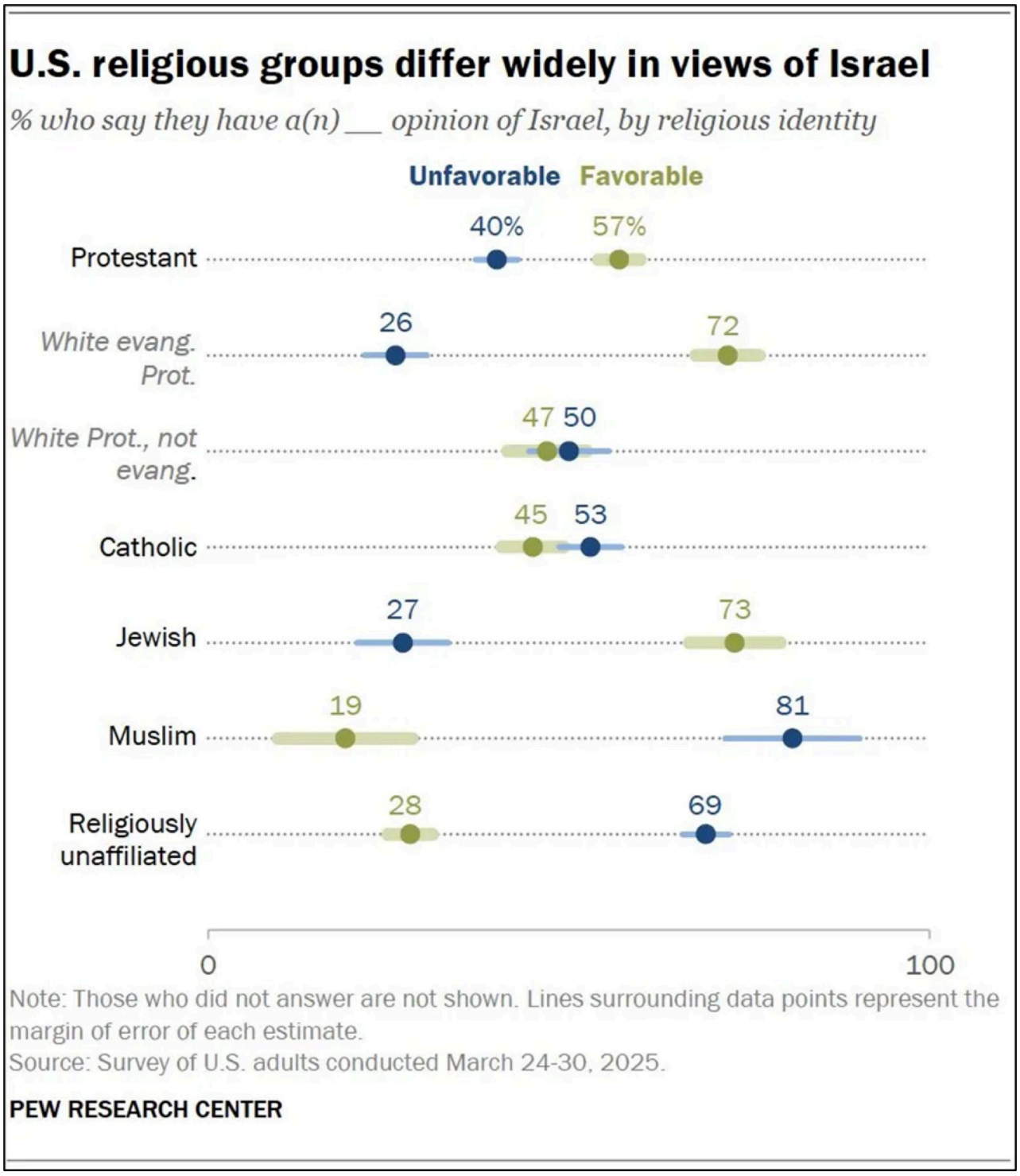
It is crucial to understand, however, that Israel is not simply a project of Christian Zionists. Israel is a Jewish supremacist settler-colonial project. Christian Zionists are not the essential backbone of Zionism, Jewish Zionists are. There are also tons of Zionist organizations in the U.S. which have absolutely nothing to do with Evangelicalism or Christianity. If the support of American Evangelicals for Israel disappears, that won't necessarily stop Jews from going to Israel. Lots of super wealthy Jews give money to Israel. The Zionist project won't die until Jews stop supporting it. As long as there are enough Jewish people willing to colonize Palestine, Palestine will be colonized.

First, it should be understood that the amount of material support that Evangelicals provide to Israel compared to Jewish support is highly exaggerated. According to the Times of Israel, Jews donate over $3 billion annually to Israel while Christian Evangelicals donate between $350 to $450 million per year. That's about **7 to 8 times more from Jews than Evangelicals**. For reference, there's roughly 600 million Evangelicals and 16.5 million Jews worldwide, so that's about $182 per Jew vs $0.68-0.75 per Evangelical—that's **240 to 267 times more from Jews per capita than Evangelicals**. As the article summarizes:

> Jewish philanthropy has been the overwhelmingly dominant source of foreign funding for Israel, consistently exceeding $3 billion annually. Christian philanthropy, by comparison, remains a minority presence. Evangelical donors contribute an estimated $350 to $450 million per year, roughly 10 to 12% of total foreign giving to Israel, a share that bears almost no resemblance to the size and resources of the global Evangelical community.

This is also not a recent trend as a reaction to the Gaza genocide, but has always been the case. As mentioned in The Chronicle of Philanthropy, for the year of 2007, Jews raised around $2.1 billion for Israel (equivalent of $3.06 billion in 2023 dollars), while Evangelicals only raised around $50 to $65 billion from 2008 through to 2016 (equivalent of less than $82 million in 2023 dollars).

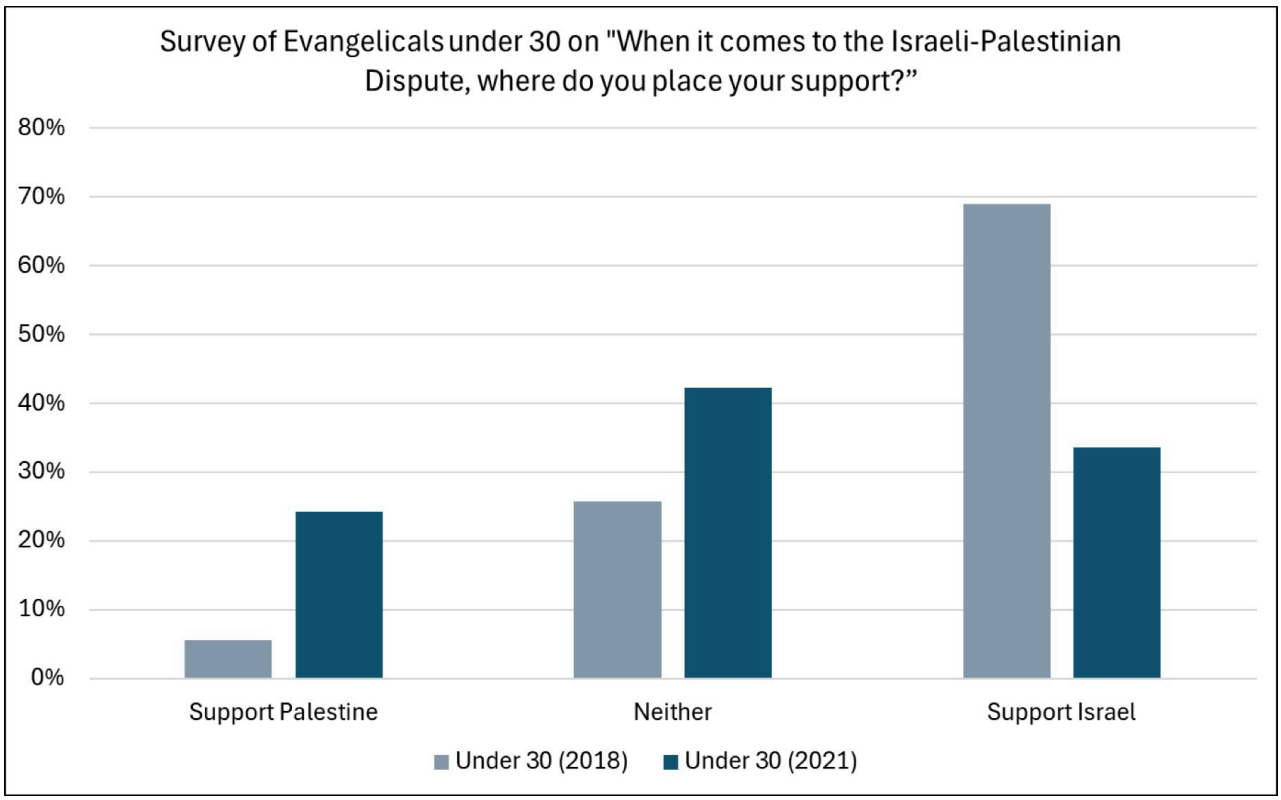
Let's also look at opinion polling data. According to the March 2025 Pew Research poll of U.S. Americans, while most White Evangelical Protestants do indeed have a favorable view of Israel, a proportion pretty much identical to that of American Jews of around 72-73%, other Christians such as White (non-Evangelical) Protestants and Catholics actually have a net negative view of Israel. Weighing the numbers based on the proportion of Protestants and Catholics in the US (around 45% and 22%) gives a total of about 53% favorable and 44% unfavorable views of Israel among American Christians, a slight majority but still nowhere near close to American Jews of 73% to 27% favorable to unfavorable.



Pew Research Center, 2025

The report also states that while both Jews and White Evangelicals have pretty much the same overall favorability rating of Israel, **42% of Jews** expressed *very favorable* opinions of Israel compared to 36% of White Evangelicals.

It should also be noted that Evangelical support for Israel is sharply declining, particularly among the younger generation. Surveys showed support for Israel dropped from 69% to **34%** among Evangelicals under 30 between 2018 and 2021.



Times of Israel, 2024

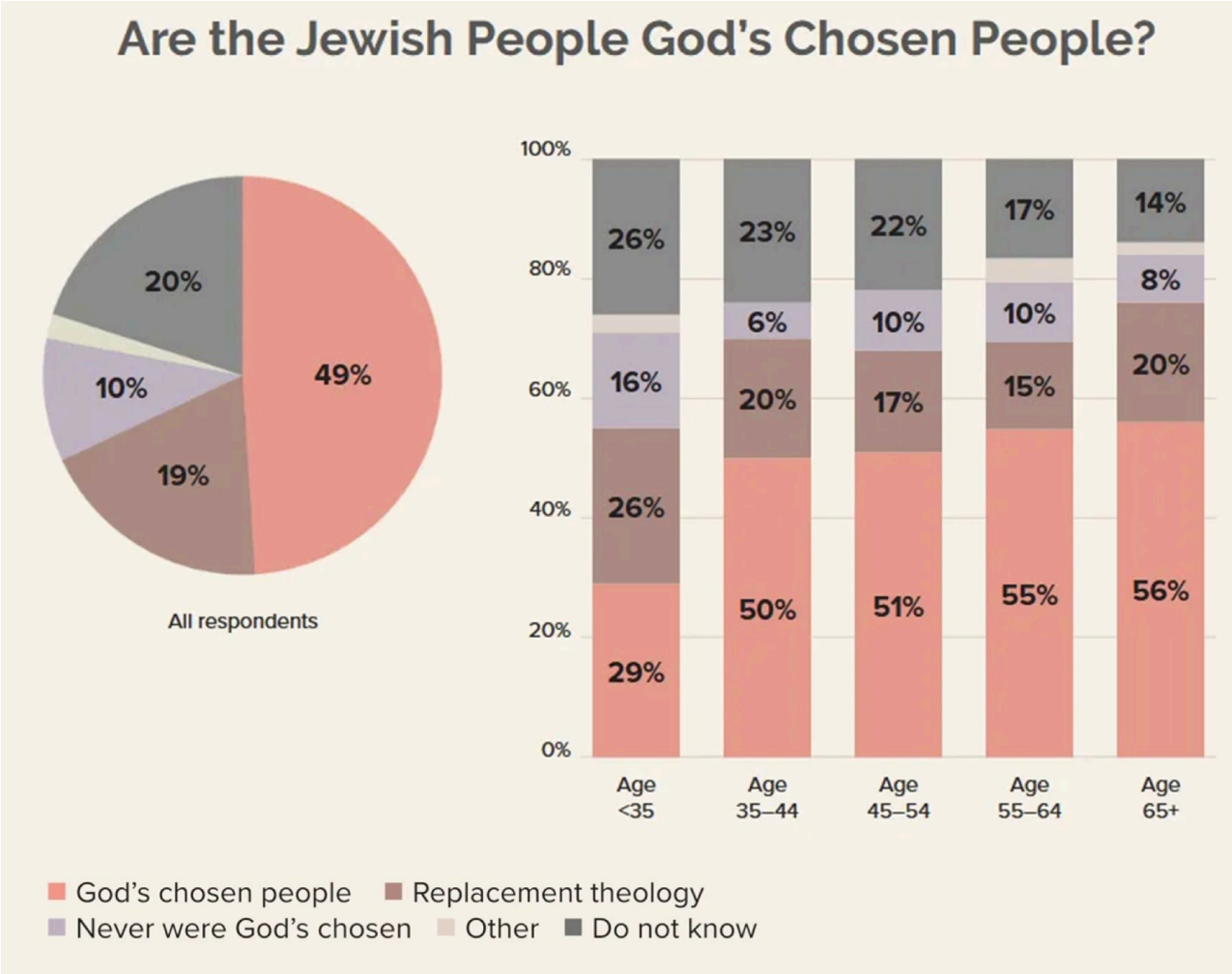
A survey by Marquette University Law School in December 2025 found that while 70% of Evangelicals over the age of 60 approve of Israel, only **39%** of those 18 to 29 do.

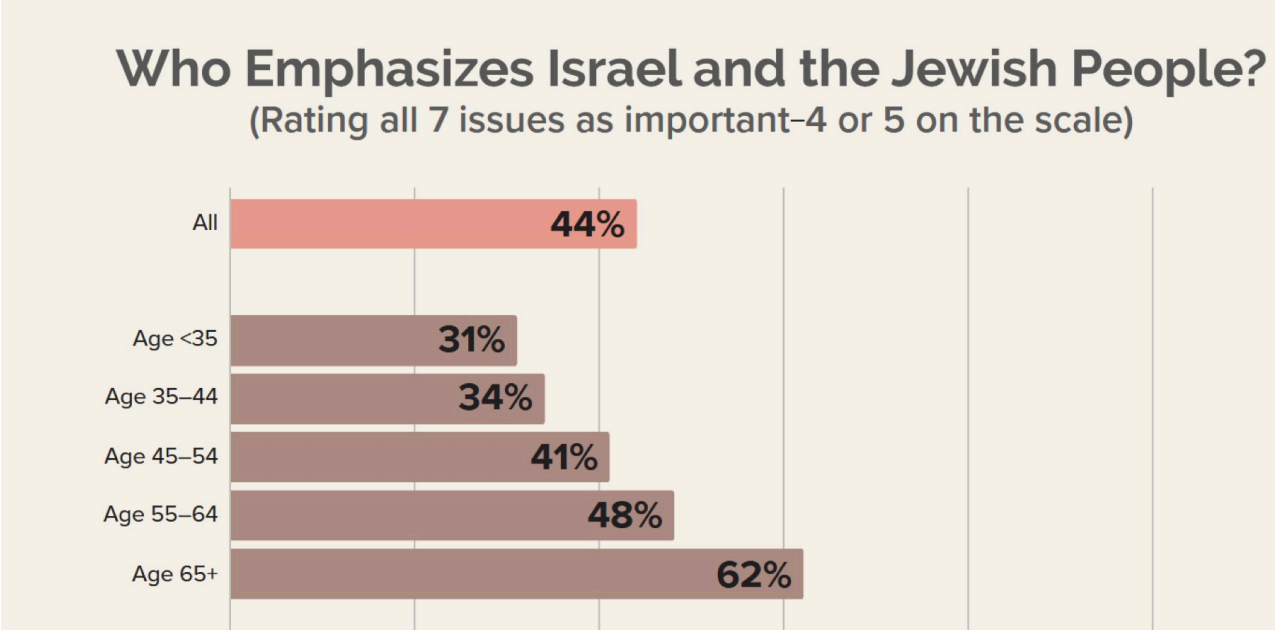
A University of Maryland poll from 2025 found that 59% of older Evangelical Republicans (35+) said Israel's actions in Gaza were justified, compared to only **36%** of younger Evangelical Republicans (18-34).

A study from 2025 by Infinity Concepts and Grey Matter showed that for Evangelicals under 35:

- 29% believe that Jews are “God’s chosen people” compared to 50-56% of the older age groups (35 and older)
- 31% believe in the importance of issues related to Israel and Jews compared to 44% of the total and 62% of the oldest group (65 and older)
- 45% find Israel’s role in biblical prophecy important compared to 65% of the oldest group (65 and older)

- 18% view antisemitism as a topic of interest compared to 46% of the oldest group (65 and older)





Polls of American Evangelicals (Infinity Concepts, 2025)

In addition, hate crimes and violence against Christians in Israel is an issue that's on the rise, with at least 111 incidents reported in 2024, an increase from 94 in 2023. A survey found that 48% of Christians in Israeli under the age of 30 said they were considering leaving, with 77% of them stating the main reason was due to escalating discrimination and violence against Christians.

The act of Jews spitting on Christians in particular saw a rise recently, with the Jewish holiday of Sukkot seeing an increase in abuses on Christians. Itamar Ben Gvir, Israel's minister in charge of crime and policing, stated that it's not a crime for Israeli Jews to spit on Christians and called it "an old Jewish tradition."

It does not help at all to obfuscate and try to pin the blame of a Jewish supremacist settler colonial project on Christians. We need to be truthful and tackle facts head on. Even if more Christians were Zionists, they aren't the ones colonizing and settling in Palestine; Jewish supremacist Jews are.

Only the older Jews support Israel; most younger Jews oppose it. These polls skew towards older people and are not a fair representation of Jews as a whole

These polls have weights applied to them to calibrate them to be more accurately representative of the target populations, with dimensions including age, gender, education, region, race, etc. Therefore the total figures are supposed to be representative of the

population as a whole with all these demographic dimensions taken into account. You can inspect the methodology of the surveys yourself.

While it is true that based on a lot of these polls that generally younger Jews tend to be less Zionist than older Jews, more times that not however, the figures for their affinity towards Israel and other things still tend to be in the great majority. For example, when broken up by age, these polls still show that:

For American Jews aged 18-34 in 2024:

- 52% say Israel's response to October 7 is acceptable
- 78% say Israel's reasons for fighting Hamas is valid; 63% say Hamas' reasons are not valid
- 81% have a favorable view of Israelis; only 58% have favorable views of Palestinians
- 61% support the US giving military aid to Israel

For British Jews aged 16-29 in 2024:

- 49% identify as Zionist, 18% non-Zionist, 17% anti-Zionist
- 71% emotionally attached to Israel

For British Jews aged 30-49 in 2024:

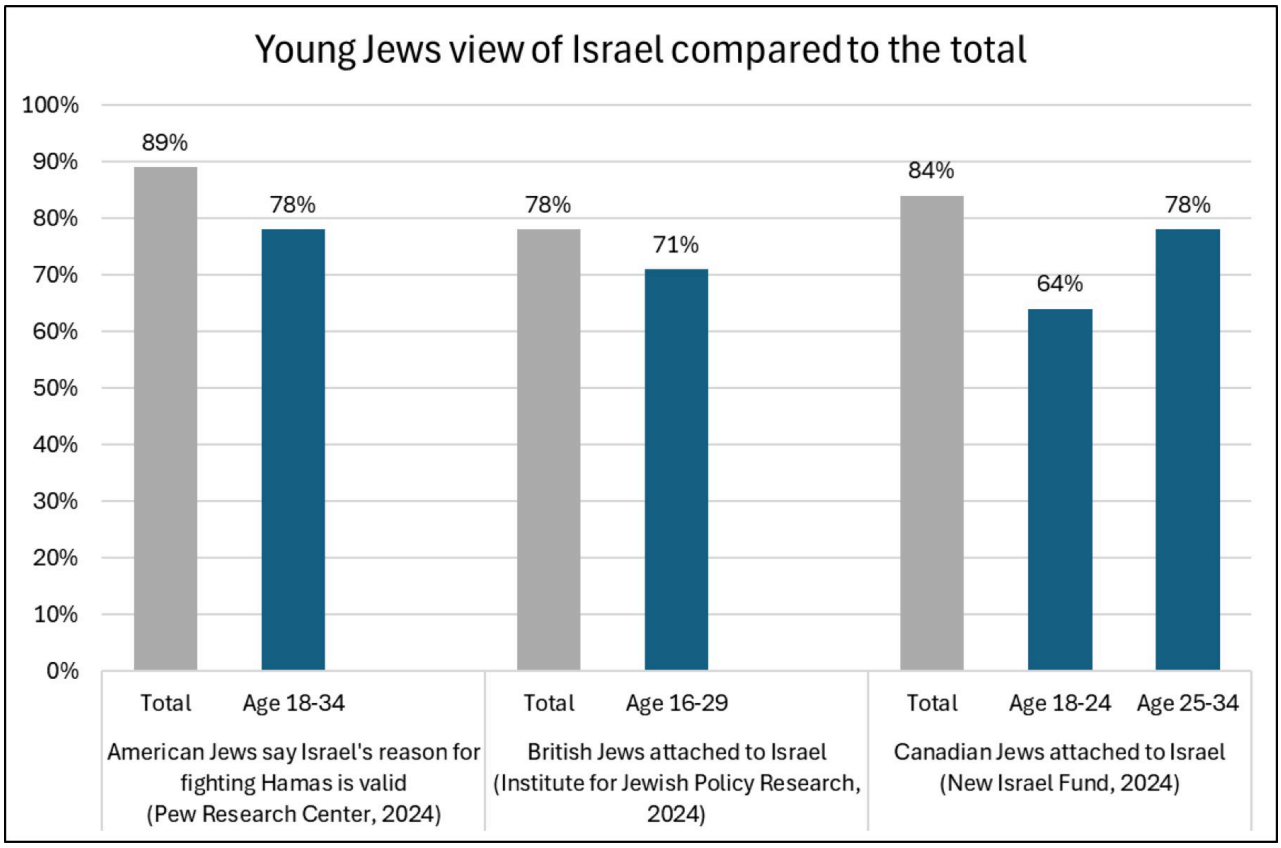
- 66% identify as Zionist, 14% non-Zionist, 10% anti-Zionist
- 79% emotionally attached to Israel

For Canadian Jews aged 18-24 in 2024:

- 64% attached to Israel

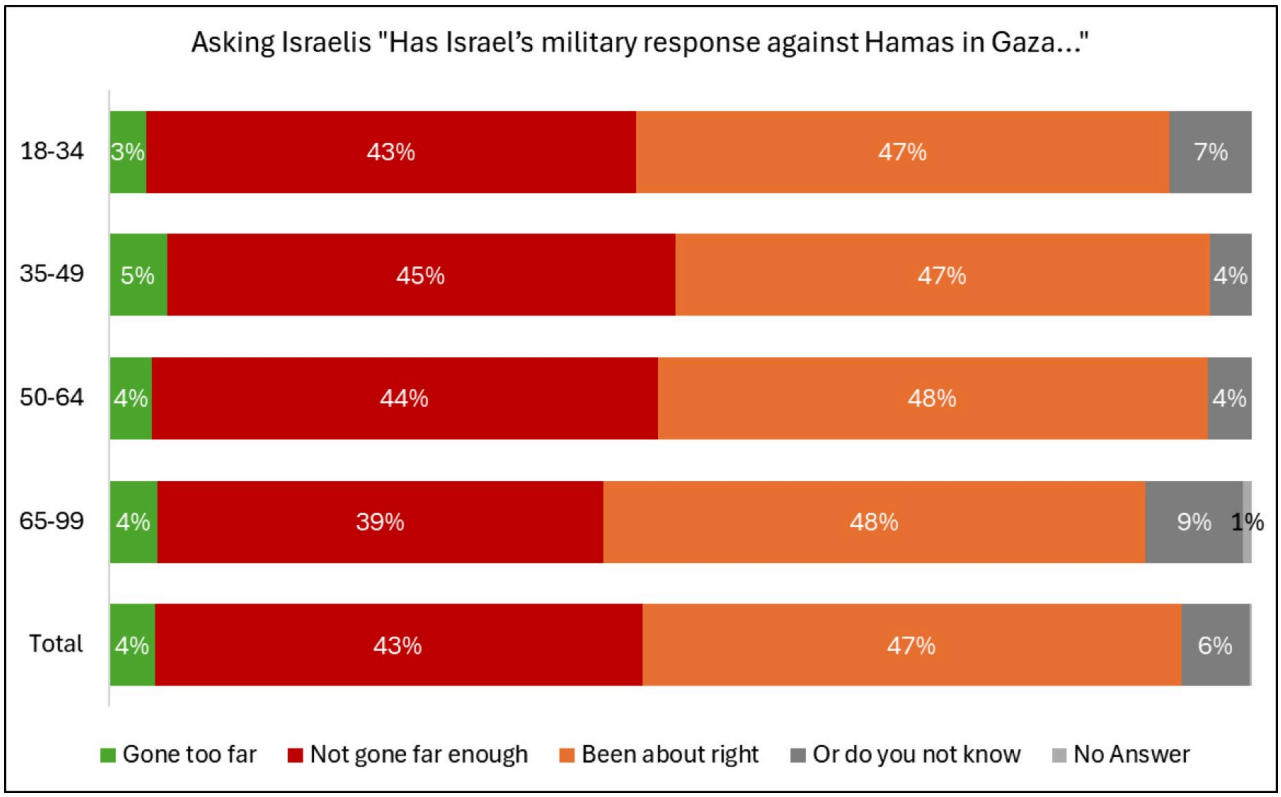
For Canadian Jews aged 25-34 in 2024:

- 78% attached to Israel



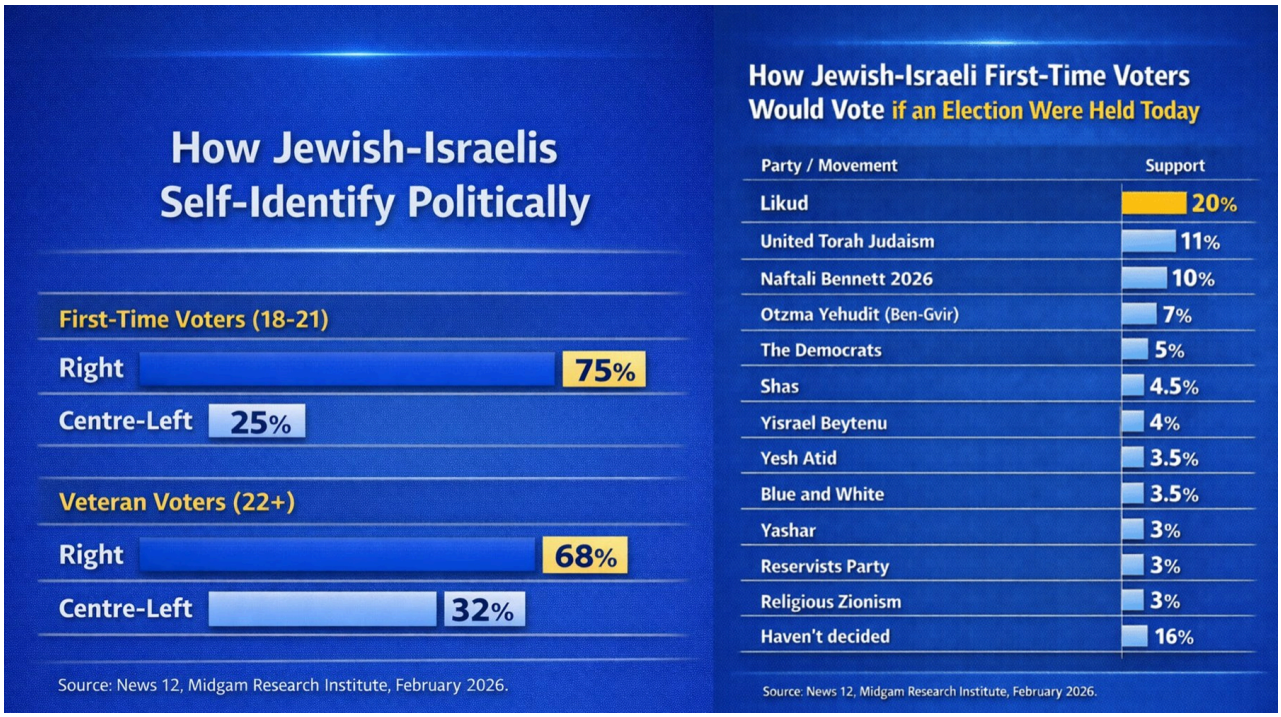
Also, in Israel itself, some of the most fanatical Zionists are the younger generation. I've investigated the Spring 2024 Survey Data from Pew Research. Keep in mind I have not applied the complex weighting dimensions that Pew has, this is just raw numbers. For Israeli Jews aged 18-34:

- Only 3% say Israel's military response in Gaza has gone too far, which is actually slightly lower than other age groups (around 4-5%)
- 43% say Israel's military response in Gaza has not gone far enough which is higher than the aged 65+ group of 39%
- 47% say Israel's military response in Gaza has been about right. This is basically the same figure as all other age groups



Pew Research Center, 2024

A 2026 poll showed that 75% of first-time Israeli voters (18-21) identify as right-wing and 25% as center-left compared to 68% and 32% of veteran voters (22+):



News 12, Midgam Research Institute, February 2026

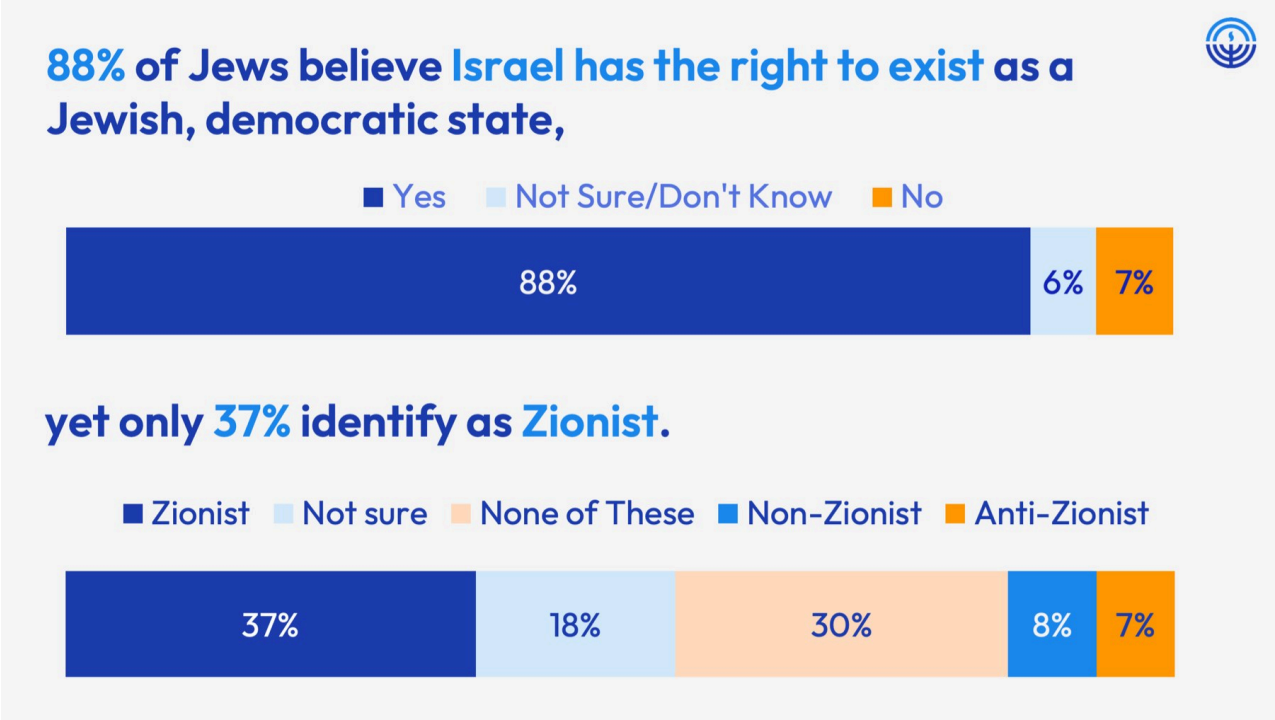
Here are a list of articles that discuss how younger Israelis are more radical:

- ‘People Are Going More Extreme’: Young Israelis Are More Right-Wing Than Ever (Vice, October 2022)
- How Israeli youth helped usher in the farthest right-wing government ever (Vox, February 2023)
- Young Israelis are becoming more traditional, right-wing (The Jerusalem Post, December 2025)
- Young Israeli voters are more right-wing, survey finds (The Jewish Independent, 2026)
- New Israeli poll shows young Jewish voters most right-wing, fanatically religious, and pro-genocide in Israeli history (Mondoweiss, February 2026)

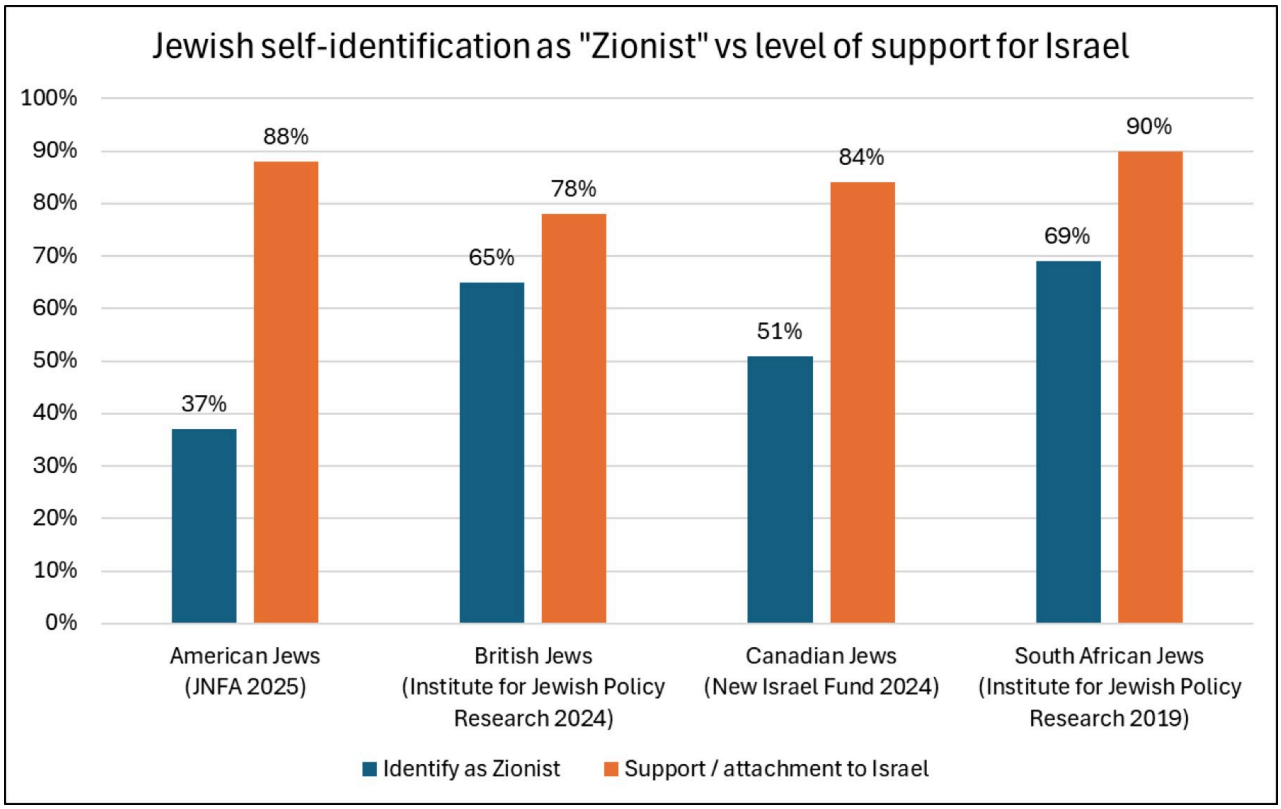
Jews have different definitions of what ‘Zionist’ means to them. For some, it just means they support the existence of a Jewish state for the safety of their people. That doesn't make them fascists

A number of surveys of Jews around the world show that there is indeed disparity between what Jews themselves classify as “Zionist” and their level of support for Israel:

- American Jews: 37% identify as Zionist, 88% support Israel (JNFA 2025)
- British Jews: 65% identify as Zionist, 78% feel ‘emotionally attached to Israel (Institute for Jewish Policy Research 2024)
- Canadian Jews: 51% identify as Zionist, 84% feel ‘emotionally attached to Israel (New Israel Fund 2024)
- South African Jews: 69% identify as Zionist, 90% feel attached to Israel (Institute for Jewish Policy Research 2019)



Berman Jewish DataBank, 2025



However, these surveys just go to show that while the self-identification of Zionism among Jews worldwide might be lower, they still are factually majority Zionists. Supporting Israel in any way, shape or form is Zionism, whether they identify as such or not.

Israel is fundamentally a settler-colonial project that was explicitly founded by colonizers who always intended to unleash force and violence against the native population of Palestine. Israel was founded by the violent ethnic cleansing and displacement of over 750,000 Palestinians from their lands with that violence continuing till this day. This included and was preceded by a number of massacres and raids against Palestinian villages.

There is no peaceful establishment of a "Jewish state." By its very nature, Israel is violent and unjust. An ethnostate will always inevitably breed violence and provoke a justified response from the native inhabitants. You cannot support an ethnostate project without, at worst, directly supporting fascistic violence, and at best, turning a blind eye to it. Someone being a "refugee" or escaping pogroms or whatever else does not give then an excuse to engage in settler colonialism, ethnic cleansing, apartheid and genocide.

In addition, most Jews around the world live outside of Israel in peace. Jews in Israel are objectively in much more danger than Jews outside of Israel because of Israel's inherently fascistic, violent nature. So the notion of Zionism as the belief in Jewish safety through a Jewish-exclusive or Jewish-dominated state is destroyed by Israel itself.

Zionism is indeed a fascistic ideology. It is fundamentally colonial, imperialist, racist, ethno-supremacist, and genocidal by nature. The fact that some Jews disagree with that or the fact that a lot of Jews are Zionist does not negate any of that. A lot of white Afrikaners supported apartheid materially and ideologically. A lot of Germans supported Nazism and Lebensraum. A lot of people supported slavery. A lot of those people thought those things were morally just. And yet they aren't now and they weren't back then.

Most Jews are not Zionists because they're *against* Israel as you can see by this poll that shows high disapproval of the Israeli government and Netanyahu

Being against the Israeli government does not automatically make someone anti-Zionist, that should be obvious. Plenty of governments around the world are extremely unpopular among their citizens. The U.S. government has had a consistently low approval rating of under 30% for the past decade with the latest figures for Congress hanging at around 15%. That doesn't mean that the vast majority of Americans are anti-U.S. and want to abolish the U.S. as anti-Zionists want to abolish the state of Israel. It's even sillier to point at polls showing approval ratings of Netanyahu as if that meaningfully translates to anything material. Biden and Trump are the two most unpopular American Presidents since polling has been done in 1937. Even Israeli Jews have low approval ratings of Netanyahu, yet they are all maniacal Zionists.

Below is a list of recent polls (primarily of American Jews unless stated otherwise) showing low-to-mixed favorability of the Israeli government and Netanyahu, yet consistently high favorability ratings of Israel itself, and particularly strong beliefs in Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state within the same survey rounds, which objectively makes them Zionist:

AP-NORC (June 2026)

- **32% have a favorable view of Netanyahu**
- 72% say they are supporters of Israel as a Jewish state
- 55% say they are emotionally attached to Israel
- 49% say Israel has not committed genocide
- 66% think saying 'Israel shouldn't exist as a Jewish state' is antisemitic

J Street (March 2026)

- **28% have a favorable view of Netanyahu**
- 70% have more sympathies with Israelis in the Middle East situation
- Only 26% believe the U.S. should stop providing financial and military assistance to Israel

Jewish People Policy Institute (March 2026)

- **35% of American Jews rate Netanyahu as a good leader**
- On support for war against Iran:
    - 62% of American Jews
    - 76% of Canadian Jews
    - 78% of British Jews
- On the current state of "Jewishness" of Israel today:
    - American Jews: 66% Jewish to right extent; 12% not Jewish enough; 11% too Jewish
    - Israeli Jews: 38% Jewish to right extent; 36% not Jewish enough; 24% too Jewish

    - Canadian Jews: 75% Jewish to right extent; 10% not Jewish enough; 7% too Jewish
    - British Jews: 78% Jewish to right extent; 8% not Jewish enough; 10% too Jewish

Jewish Electorate Institute (March 2026)

- **28% approve of Netanyahu**
- 87% believe in Israel's right to exist as a Jewish Homeland; 80% strongly agree
- 86% describe themselves as generally pro-Israel
- 71% have a favorable view of Israel
- 66% feel personally connected with Israel
- 83% believe too many critics of Israel use antisemitic tropes and generalizations

Pew Research (March 2026)

- **56% have confidence in Netanyahu**
- 64% have a favorable view of Israel

Washington Post (September 2025)

- **32% rate Netanyahu's leadership positively**
- 56% are *more* emotionally attached to Israel
- 76% believe Israel's existence is vital for a long-term future of the Jewish people
- 76% believe saying Israel doesn't have a right to exist as a Jewish state is antisemitic
- 80% are concerned for the safety of Israeli soldiers in Gaza
- 51% believe Israel has not committed genocide against Palestinians in Gaza; 39% believe it has
- Only 32% believe the US is too supportive of Israel
- 68% believe Hamas is to blame more for deaths of civilians in Gaza by "starting the war and operating in civilian areas" compared to only 32% who believe Israel's military is to blame for "bombing buildings where civilians live and work"

Pew Research (March 2025)

- **45% have a favorable view of Netanyahu**
- 73% have a favorable view of Israel

Jewish Federations of North America (March 2025)

- **69% said they sometimes find it hard to support actions taken by the Israeli government**
- 88% believe Israel has the right to exist as a Jewish, democratic state
- 71% feel emotionally attached to Israel, with 42% responding 'strongly'

J Street (November 2024)

- **32% have a favorable view of Netanyahu**
- 87% believe that opposing Israel's right to exist is antisemitic
- 78% believe the protests on college campuses last spring were antisemitic

Pew Research (February 2024)

- **54% have a favorable view of the Israeli government**
- 74% supported U.S. military aid to Israel
- 89% said Israel's reasons for fighting Hamas are valid, and 77% said Hamas' reasons for fighting Israel are not valid
- 89% said they have a favorable view of the Israeli people, and only 42% said they have a favorable view of the Palestinian people

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The polls you cited showing majority Jewish support for Israel are invalid because they are from explicitly Zionist organizations; of course they would lie about the results

I've been increasingly getting comments saying the polls I collated that show majority support for Israel among Jewish communities worldwide as I have cited in my articles—*Yes, Most Jews are in fact Zionists* and the follow up, *Are Most Jews STILL Zionist? One Year Later*—are from "Zionist sources," and therefore should be rejected wholesale. The argument goes

that these Zionist groups have a vested interest in supporting Israel, which is why they inflate the numbers for Jewish support of Israel and hence can't be trusted to be accurate. There are a number of fundamental misunderstandings here that must be addressed before going into the details of the surveys.

First, not all of the polls are conducted by the organizations themselves, they are usually undertaken by professional polling companies or by universities and academic institutes. These organizations commission polling research firms to run the surveys for them.

Second, a lot of these surveys on the opinions of Jewish communities are conducted by Jewish organizations, which is how they can get large sample sizes of Jews. Inevitably, this means that the likelihood of that Jewish organization being Zionist is basically guaranteed as I've analyzed in my article, 99% of Jewish Organizations Worldwide are Zionist. So by default, people who want to dismiss these polls because they are from 'Zionist sources' automatically discard a huge amount of polling data of thousands of Jews. There are virtually no 'anti-Zionist' or completely apolitical Jewish organizations that run surveys of Jewish opinion.

Third, the results of the polls done for these 'Zionist organizations' are actually more or less in line with the results from the polls from the 'non-Zionist organizations,' so they confirm the results are accurate and hence can't be dismissed entirely.

Last, and perhaps most importantly, I have yet to see a single poll by a 'non-Zionist' organization that shows Jews don't support Israel. I've requested from people who dismiss my findings multiple times to provide any counter evidence that refutes the majority support for Zionism among Jewish communities worldwide and have yet to receive a response. All I get is anecdotes from people saying things along the lines of, "I went to a pro-Palestine protest and there was lots of Jews." If you can't present counter-evidence, then you can't just dismiss the evidence presented and continue to live with your unfounded beliefs.

I also want to add that just because an organization has a bias or ideology doesn't automatically mean that results they publish are to be dismissed entirely. It should be noted that a number of these polls published by Zionist groups actually show the self-identification of Jews as 'Zionist' is actually low, with it being less than half in a few cases, so the idea that all the results they publish must be discarded because they are 'Zionist sources' is not bulletproof.

Wait, so are you saying that most Jews are fascists?

Yes.

You are doing the work of the ADL and Israel by equating Zionism with Judaism

First of all, I just want to note that I rarely ever talk about "Judaism" the religion, I talk about Jews/Jewishness because today the Jewish identity is used closer to a racial or ethnic category (even though that makes no sense, but whatever). A great deal of people today who self-identify as Jews are either secular, do not practice Judaism at all or are actually atheist. Israel itself was founded by secular Jews with the direct intention to turn "Jew" into an ethnicity / national identity and not just a religion in order to justify the settler colonial project of Israel. As Ilan Pappé said, most Zionists don't believe that God exists, but they do believe he promised them Palestine.

This is not to deny that most religious Jews are also Zionists, with some of the most rabid Zionists in the world today being very religious, and that even these 'secular' Jews regularly quote religious Jewish texts. This is also the case for Israel where Judaism does in fact play an important role even in politics. Although Itamar Ben-Gvir of *Otzma Yehudit* and Bezalel Smotrich of the *Religious Zionist Party* are both openly hardcore religious conservatives; Benjamin Netanyahu of *Likud* is a supposedly secular Jew who nevertheless made multiple mentions to the Bible such as the notorious reference to "Amalek" in order to justify genocide; and Yair Lapid of the secular liberal *Yesh Atid*, considered the main opposition figure to the 'right-wing' in Israel, expressed support for an expansion of Israel based on biblical borders. The religious angle can't be completely ignored, particularly when looking at how Zionism completely dominates Synagogues and other religious congregations and organizations worldwide.

Second, I'm not the one equating Zionism with Judaism or Jewish identity. As all the polls show, Jews are the ones who in large do not differentiate between Zionism and their Jewish identity. Why are we speaking up for Jews? Why are we spending so much time doing free PR for a factually largely Zionist demographic? It's not our job to clean up the image of Jews or Judaism. It's the job of Jews to destroy Zionism that completely dominates their communities and institutions. It would be the same if the group was Germans or White people or Christians or Muslims or whomever else. If data showed that the vast majority of any of those groups of people held abhorrent beliefs and engaged in abhorrent actions, you would be correct to call them out, question how they arrived to that, and what they are being taught and encouraged to do in their communities.

There is nothing inherently good or special about any single religion or ethnicity or race and there is absolutely nothing inherently special about Judaism or the "Jewish identity." I don't

give a single shit about protecting some implied sanctity of Judaism or Jewishness. This is nothing but philosemitic bullshit and philosemitism serves to boost Zionism.

Zionism is actually antisemitic because anti-Zionist Jews get targeted as well

No, Zionism is not antisemitic, it's incredibly philosemitic. It objectively gives Jews material benefits simply for being born Jewish. It's immensely beneficial to Jews. Not only can any Jew from around the world go to their ethnostate and live on freshly ethnically cleansed lands while getting direct benefits from the government, they also get coddled by every major western government and institution simply for being Jewish. Saying that Israel or Zionism is antisemitic because anti-Zionist Jews also get targeted by Zionists and governments is like saying Apartheid South Africa was anti-white because the occasional white anti-Apartheid protestors were also targeted by the police, or that Nazi Germany is anti-Germanic because it also fought against German resistance forces.

These people aren't being targeted because they're Jews, they're targeted because they're protesting against Israel, that's the common denominator. Saying that the ideology and system that actively benefits Jews and puts them up on a pedestal is actually against them is utter nonsense. Zionists equating Jewishness or Judaism with Zionism is not a form of "antisemitism." There is nothing inherently good or virtuous about being a Jew that deserves it being put on a pedestal of purity to protect its sanctity from the Zionism "perversion." Jews are not the victims of Israel or Zionism just because a tiny minority of them attend protests, or because it's giving Judaism a bad reputation. Zionism is a Jewish supremacist, philosemitic ideology.

Jews are at the forefront of the pro-Palestine movement

To say that Jews are at the forefront of the pro-Palestine movement is so absurd. The "forefront" of the movement is not some protestors in the West, it's the Palestinian armed resistance on the ground with material support from the Axis of Resistance in the wider region. The idea that a bunch of American Jews in college campuses holding signs that say "Not in our name" and "Jews say…" are at the forefront of the movement is both laughable and offensive. Imagine saying that white people are at the forefront of the anti-racism movement or anti-apartheid movement instead of the millions of black people who sacrificed their lives. There has never been a Jew who picked up arms against Israel and joined the Palestinian armed resistance. Even the Germans had anti-fascist armed resistance groups,

some of which joined the other side. Genuine anti-Zionist Jews are an extremely fringe minority among their group.

Antisemitism might not be a big issue today, but it will be when capitalism enters crisis and fascists look for a scapegoat

I've come across this talking point a lot, especially from Western "Marxists." The argument goes that antisemitism may not be a systemic issue today, Jews may not be oppressed today, but antisemitism will rise as capitalism becomes more of a crisis which will lead capitalist governments to turn to fascism and look for a scapegoat to funnel people's anger into, and this group will be Jews.

This idea just completely ignores reality. Today, the fascist scapegoat targets already exist and they are Muslims, Arabs, immigrants, and other racial minority groups like Romani and Latin Americans, not Jews. The stereotypes, tropes and ways that Jews were treated back in the day in Europe are being re-used against these groups of people. Almost every major far-right political party in the West primarily targets these people, not Jews. Most of them are also explicitly Zionist.

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Arabs and Muslims: The Real Victims of Modern Antisemitism

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Particularly in Europe, Muslim immigrants are talked about exactly as how Jews were back in the day, as an untrustworthy, subversive and unassimilable minority that will destroy western civilization from within. Jews are only discriminated against by individuals on the fringe and through some occasional rhetoric, mainly "dog-whistles." Meanwhile, Muslims, Arabs, immigrants, and other racial minorities get targeted both by individuals and through government policies and political parties.

To people who make this argument, theoretical potential future discrimination of Jews is *always* a higher priority than current actually systemic top-down discrimination against other groups of people. Not to mention that even when it comes to interpersonal individual bigotry, Jews aren't even the biggest targets. Here is a chart of Pew Research polls from 2014, 2016, 2019 showing comparison of dislike of Roma, Muslims and Jews among Europeans:

Unfavorable views of....	Roma			Muslims			Jews		
	2014	2016	2019	2014	2016	2019	2014	2016	2019
Italy	85%	82%	83%	63%	69%	55%	24%	24%	15%
Slovakia			76%			77%			30%
Greece	53%	67%	72%	53%	65%	57%	47%	55%	38%
Bulgaria			68%			21%			18%
Czech Republic			66%			64%			17%
Hungary		64%	61%		72%	58%		32%	18%
Lithuania			61%			56%			26%
Ukraine			54%			21%			11%
Russia			52%			19%			18%
Poland	49%	47%	51%	50%		66%	26%	24%	31%
France	66%	61%	44%	27%	29%	22%	10%	10%	6%
Spain	41%	49%	40%	46%	50%	42%	18%	21%	19%
Germany	42%	40%	37%	33%		24%	5%	5%	6%
Netherlands		37%	30%		35%	28%		4%	5%
Sweden		42%	29%		35%	28%		5%	3%
UK	50%	45%	23%	26%	28%	18%	7%	7%	6%
MEDIAN	**50%**	**48%**	**53%**	**46%**	**43%**	**35%**	**18%**	**16%**	**18%**

I'm not antisemitic because Jews aren't even Semites, Palestinians are!

This is something I see occasionally from well-meaning anti-Zionists, but I don't think it's a good talking point at all. The term "antisemitism" just means anti-Jewish. That's what it meant when it was invented in Europe, that's how it has always been used, and that's what the vast majority of people understand it to mean today. Words are defined by how they are used and understood, not their technically correct etymology.

Outside of the usage of "antisemitism", the term "Semitic" today just refers to the family of Semitic languages which includes both Arabic and Hebrew along with multiple others such as Amharic, Aramaic, Tigrinya and Tigre. The term "Semitic people" or "Semites" is considered obsolete and is only colloquially used to refer to people who speak one of these Semitic languages. But obviously when people say "antisemitic," no one thinks they are referring Arabs or Ethiopians or Eritreans. Everyone understands they are solely referring to Jews because that's the only way that term was or is ever used.

We don't do ourselves any favors by getting into pedantic semantic arguments about this term. Zionists have a million and one more terrible arguments you can easily debunk, but this one is just a silly waste of time.

Hell yea brother fuck da Jooz! Us whites are also victims! Hitler should have finished the job! As it says in the Talmud…

I'm not here to do free PR for Jews or Judaism or to tone police people or to always be on the hunt for antisemitism in my comments. Antisemitism is not even in the top 500 most pressing issues in the world today, it's about as serious as anti-whiteism. That being said, if you spent more than one minute reading my writings and have a somewhat functioning brain, you would clearly understand I am coming from an anti-fascist, anti-colonial, anti-imperialist perspective. My main points of comparisons for the evils of Zionism is directly equating them to Nazis and other European settler colonial projects of the past and present. If anyone for a second thinks I have any sympathies for white supremacists, Nazis, fascists or American supremacists who think they are victims of Jews or Israel, you might need to get your head checked. To say that white people are victims of Jews is so absurd I don't even think it warrants a response other than mockery.

So what do you expect anti-Zionists Jews to do?

Jews should be fighting against Zionism that is rampant within their own communities and that dominates their institutions, organizations, synagogues, schools and social events first and foremost. If the younger Jews do tend to be more anti-Zionist, then it's their ultimate responsibility to tackle this issue head-on rather than continuously obfuscating, coming up with excuses, pointing fingers at outsiders, and overly focusing on 'antisemitism' above all else. Just like how racism was rampant within white communities and it was the responsibility of white people who oppose racism to fight against racist people and groups within their midst, anti-Zionist Jews must clean their own house first. This means at a minimum:

- Following BDS and the Thawabit (Palestinian red-lines or fundamental principles).
- Boycotting Zionist Jewish institutions and protesting against all their events.
- Demanding an end to synagogue and Jewish communal funding for Israel and donations to the IDF.
- Supporting and normalizing all forms of Palestinian resistance including armed resistance.
- Creating a culture of moral and political shame around Zionism.

- Discouraging support for Israel, including programs like Birthright or emigration to Palestine.
- Stop making any excuses for Zionism and for its sympathizers.

For everything, replace “Zionism” with “Nazism”, “White Supremacy”, or “KKK” and you will have a one-to-one analogy. We need to reach a stage where identifying as an “anti-Zionist Jew” should be seen as ridiculous as identifying as an “anti-White Supremacy White guy.” Just as anti-White Supremacy should be the default, anti-Zionism should also be the default. It shouldn’t be rewarded, especially not when you are someone from the group that benefits from the oppression. People who grew up in an ethno-supremacist community don’t deserve praise for denouncing that ethno-supremacist ideology. They don’t deserve to be elevated to a special status. They should be humble and join the ranks of the anti-racism movement as a member, not as a leader or a special snowflake.

Imagine if a white person tried to make themselves out to be a special person within the black liberation movement because they opposed the KKK. That would be ridiculous because you are supposed to oppose the KKK as a normal, decent human being. That is the floor, not a big leap worthy of praise. Then imagine if that “anti-KKK” white person curiously spent just as much or even more time complaining and tone-policing black people in the black liberation movement about “anti-white racism.” No one would think for a second that that person was genuine in their anti-racism convictions whatsoever

The exact same logic applies to Zionism and anti-Zionist Jews. Even if you were indoctrinated from birth into a fascist ‘cult’ as some Jews describe Zionism, you don’t deserve praise for eventually leaving the cult, especially as an adult. You need to humble yourself and learn from other people who suffered from your cult, not treat yourself as a special person. Everyone in the developed world has access to the internet and social media. Everyone has access to the biggest library in human history at their fingertips. Everyone knows exactly what the history and nature of Israel and Zionism are, particularly since the start of the Gaza genocide. There is no longer any valid excuse.

Zionism is not an abstract force or a nebulous concept; it’s an ideology pushed by individuals and groups with material support for material gain. Its global support network must be destroyed, inside and out, with a particular focus on the group that gains the most out of it, Zionist Jews.

Basically, don’t be this guy:

SUBSTACK NOTE

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This is unfortunately how a lot of self-proclaimed “anti-Zionist Jews” sound like



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