Are Most Jews STILL Zionist? One Year Later

Checking in on the Jewish community a year after publishing my original findings

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Last year in August 2025, I published my article *Jews are NOT Oppressed: The Myth of Systemic Antisemitism*. In it, I included an exhaustive list of polling data I gathered from around the internet on the opinion of Jews worldwide towards Israel. Most of the surveys were conducted after the start of the 2023 Gaza genocide. The results showed consistent and overwhelming support for Israel among the global Jewish population, with a rough weighted total average of over 85%.

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In this article, I decided to go through newer polling data released since August 2025 to see if things have changed a year after I published my initial findings. Below is a summary of results from surveys I found of American, Canadian, British and Israeli Jews in descending order of recency.

Topline results

Below is a summary of key findings from recent surveys of Jews on central questions including their views on Israel as a "Jewish" state, their overall favorability toward Israel, and whether they believe Israel's actions in Gaza constitute genocide.

The results show that while favorability toward Israel has declined compared to previous years, it remains in the majority across all countries. A majority of Jews polled also do not even consider Israel's actions in Gaza constitute a genocide. Most importantly, the question at the core of Zionism—whether Israel should exist as a Jewish state—still commands overwhelming approval.

Israel's Right to Exist as a Jewish State

- **US:** 72–87% support Israel's right to exist; 66–83% say denying this is antisemitic.
- **UK:** 81–82% support its right to exist.
- **Canada:** 92% support its right to exist.
- **Israel:** 87% say Zionism is not racist; 85% identify as Zionist; 1% as Anti-Zionist.

Attachment to & Favorability of Israel

- **US:** 55–71% have a favorable view or feel emotionally attached to Israel; 63% say supporting Israel is important to their Jewish identity; 70-83% view Israeli people favorably.
- **UK:** 75% feel emotionally attached.
- **Canada:** 69% feel emotionally attached.

Views on the Gaza War & Genocide

- **US:** 73% say Israel's immediate response to Oct. 7 was justified; 42–46% say ongoing operations are justified; 49–78% deny genocide.
- **UK:** 81% deny genocide.
- **Canada:** 70% say Israel's actions are legal/legitimate; 87–90% deny genocide; 64% do not blame Israel for famine.
- **Israel:** 71-92% rate the IDF highly; 68% want Israel to stay in Gaza; 61% deny famine reports.

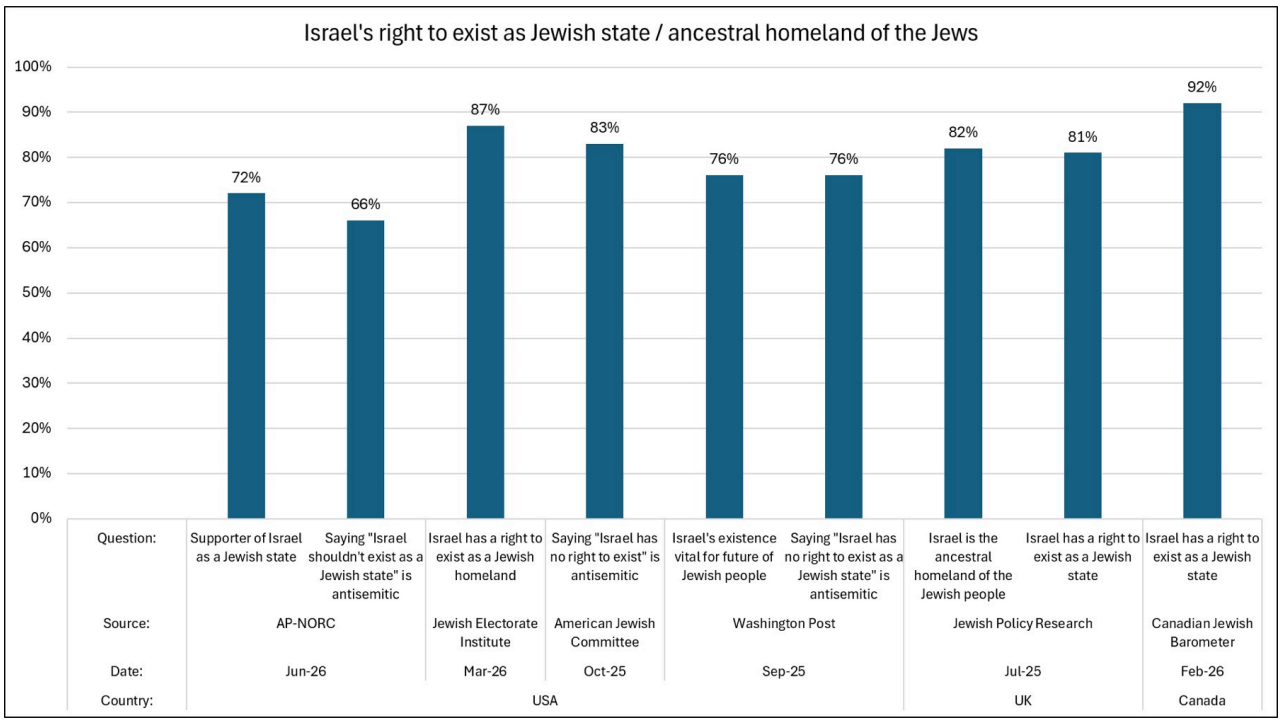
Aid & Arms to Israel

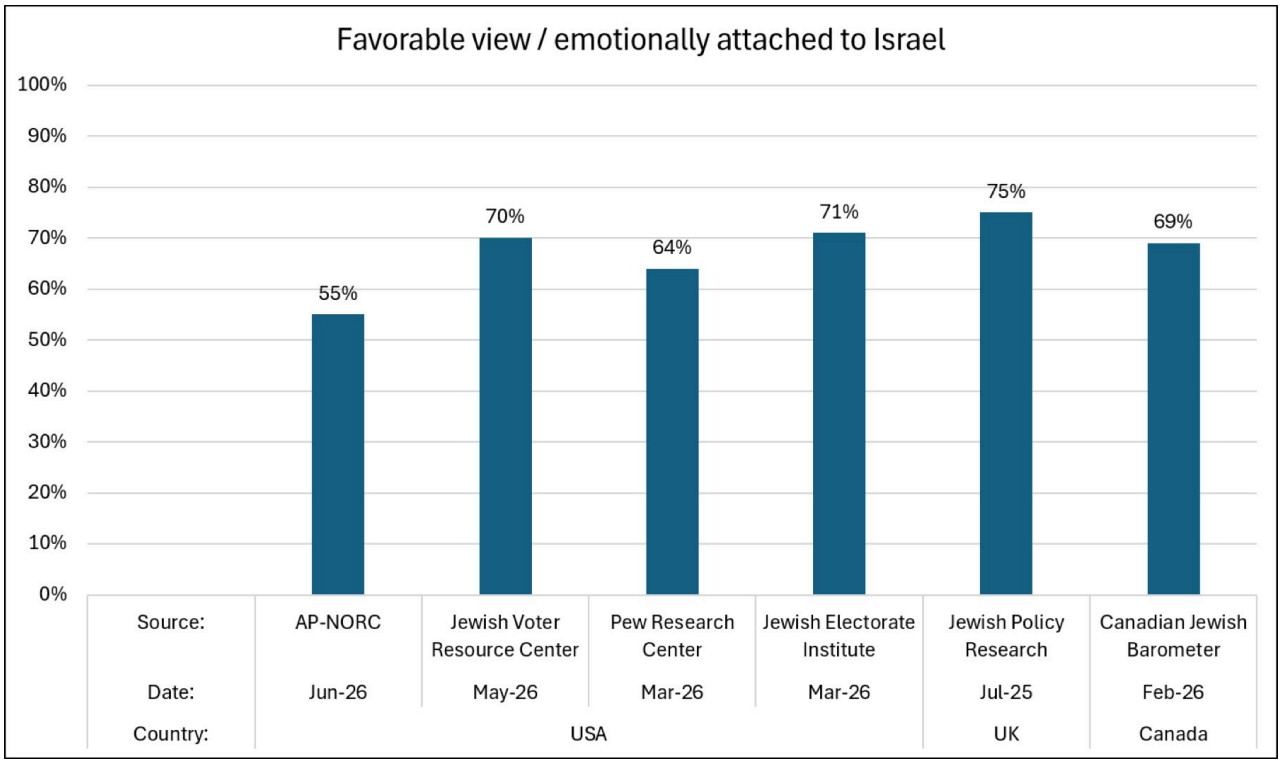
- **US:** Only 26% support stopping financial and military assistance; 59% support sending more arms.
- **Canada:** Only 20% support an arms embargo on Israel; 71% support increased aid to Israeli civil society.

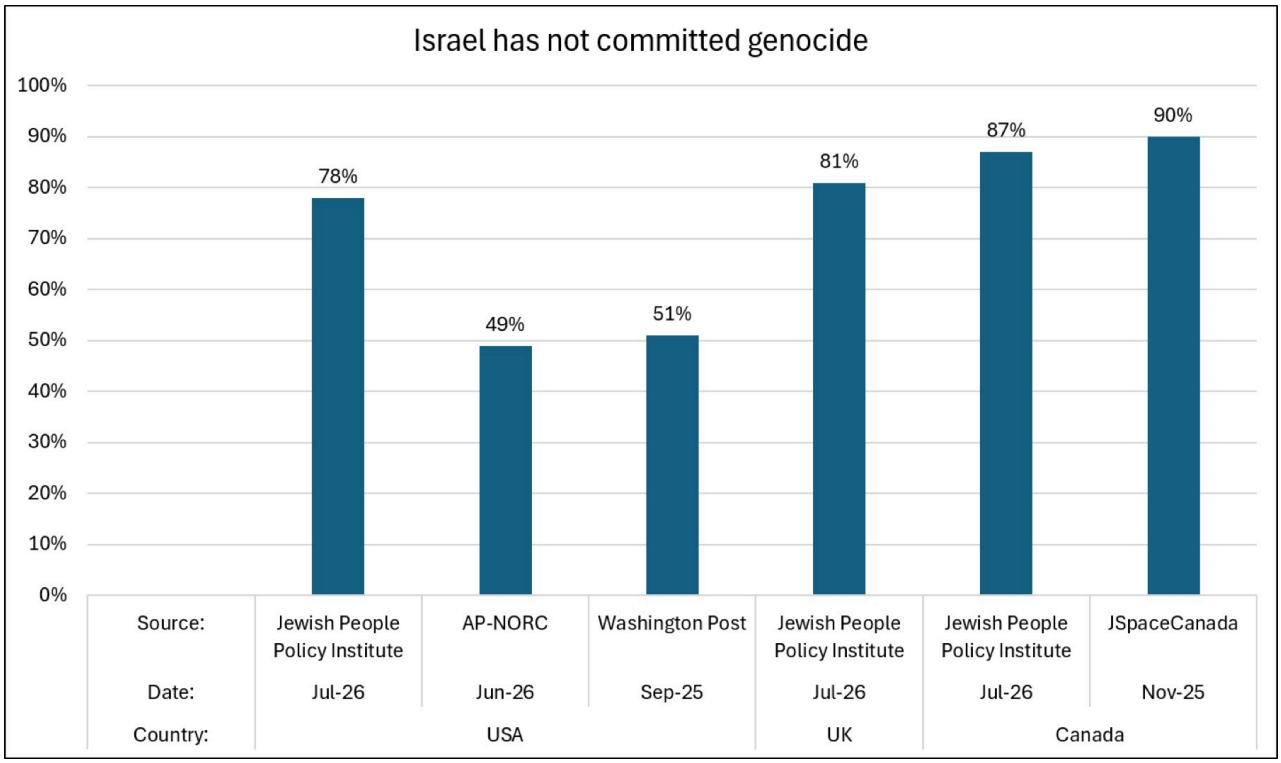
Antisemitism & Anti-Zionism

- **US:** 83% say too many critics of Israel use antisemitic tropes; 38–54% view certain anti-Israel actions as antisemitic; 89% say anti-Zionism is linked to antisemitism.

- **Canada:** 45% say calling Israel “apartheid” is *definitely* antisemitic; 45% say calling it “genocide” is *definitely* antisemitic.
- **Israel:** 78% say anti-Zionism is linked to antisemitism; 68% say boycotts are antisemitic.







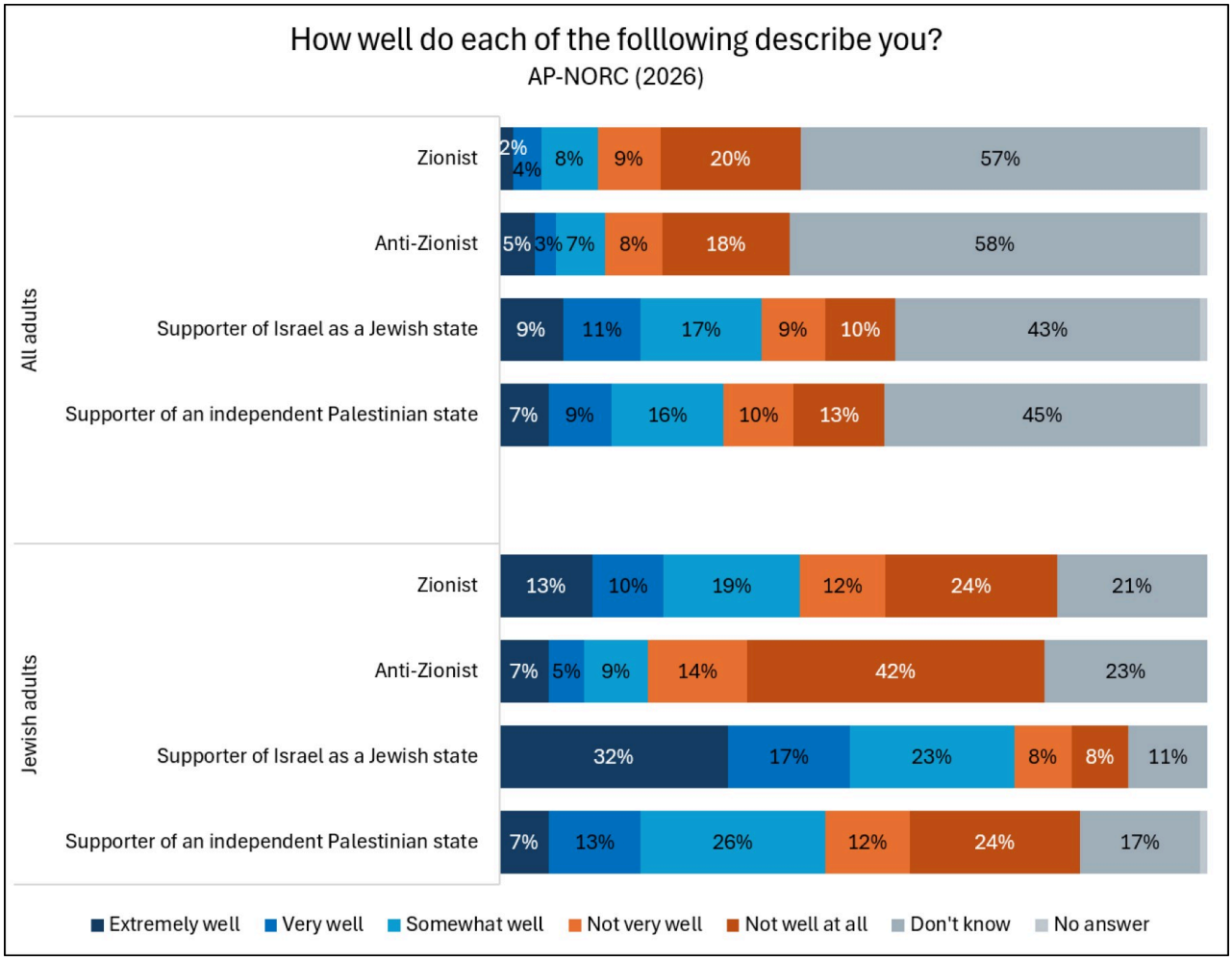
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AP-NORC (June 2026)

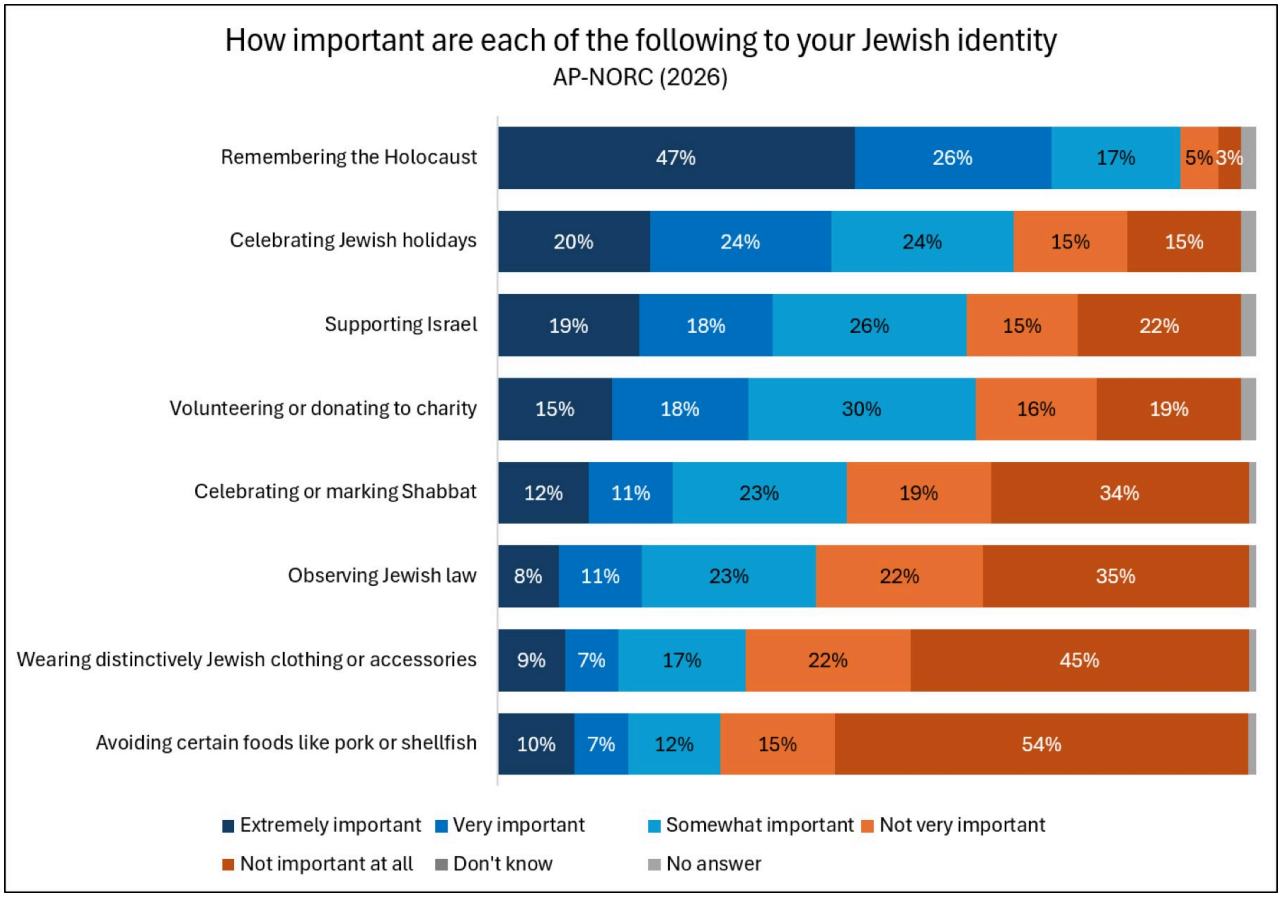
A poll done in June 2026 by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research of American Jews found that:

- 72% say ‘supporter of Israel as a Jewish state’ describes them well; 50% say ‘extremely/very well’
- 42% say “Zionist” describes them well; 36% say it does not describe them well
- 56% say “Anti-Zionist” does not describe them well; 21% say it describes them well
- 63% say supporting Israel is important to their Jewish identity
- 55% say they are emotionally attached to Israel
- 86% say the issue of Israel is important to them personally
- 73% say Israel’s immediate military response to Hamas’ attack is justified; 79% say Hamas’ attack on Israel on October 7, 2023 was not justified
- 42% say Israel’s ongoing military operations in Gaza are justified; 43% say they are not justified

- More American Jews say Israel has not committed genocide (49%) than it has (30%)
- 66% think saying “Israel shouldn’t exist as a Jewish state'“ is antisemitic
- 38% say protesting an event that is supportive of Israel is antisemitic; 49% say it is not



American Jews’ opinion on Zionism and Israel as a Jewish state (AP-NORC, 2026)

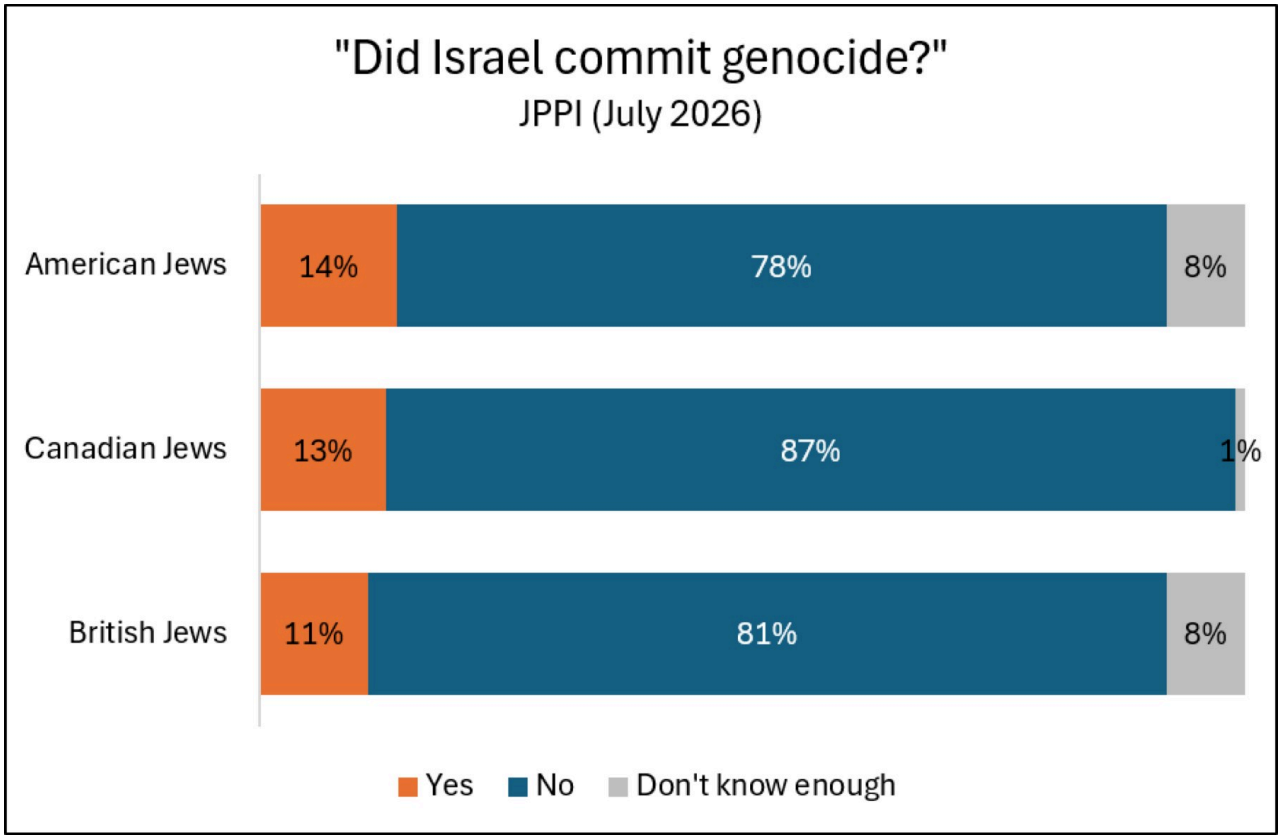


American Jews' opinion on what is important to Jewish identity (AP-NORC, 2026)

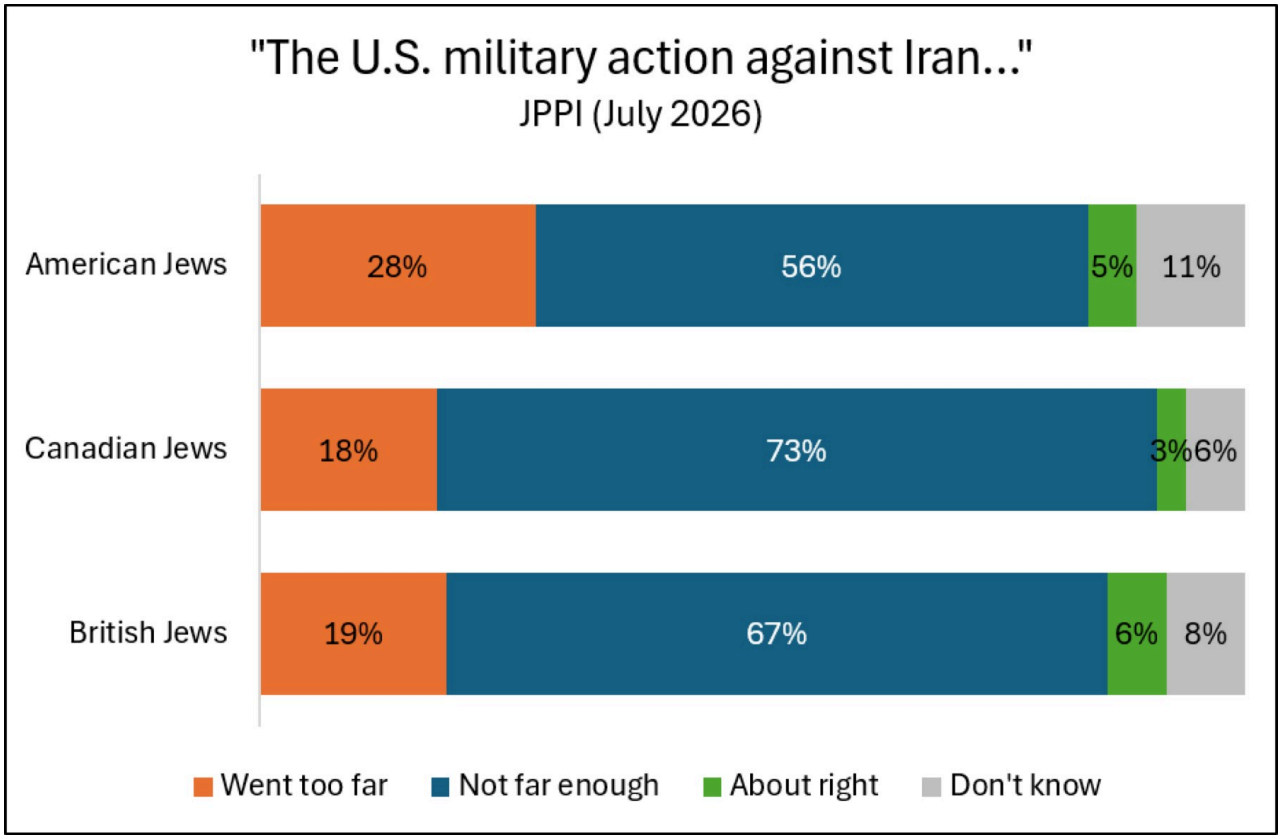
Jewish People Policy Institute (March & July 2026)

A poll done in July 2026 by the Jewish People Policy Institute of American Jews (results for Canadian and British Jews in next section) found that:

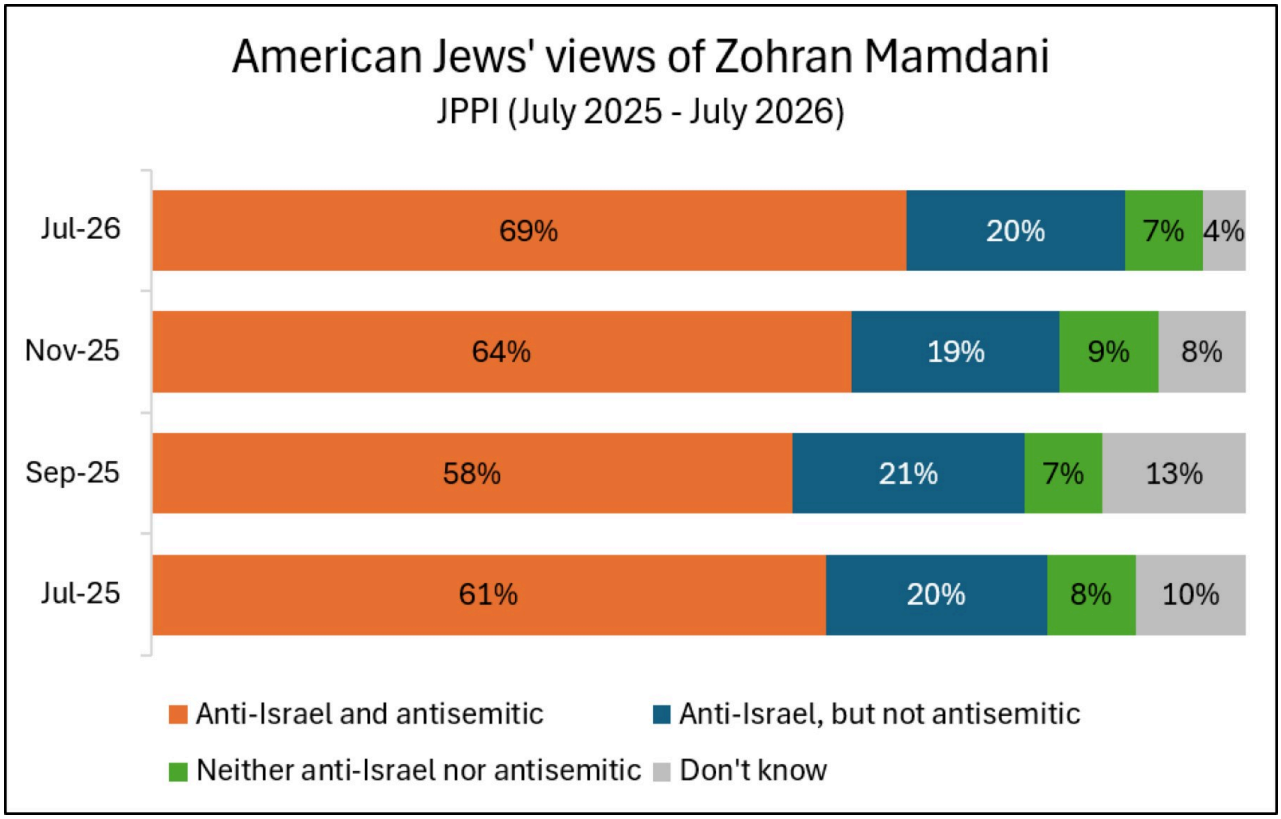
- 56% of American Jews believe the U.S. military actions against Iran didn't go far enough
- 69% of American Jews view Zohran Mamdani as 'Anti-Israel and antisemitic;' 20% view him as 'Anti-Israel but not antisemitic;' 7% as neither
- 78% of American Jews said Israel did not commit genocide against the Palestinians



Majority of American, Canadian and British Jews' deny Israel committed genocide (JPPI, 2026)



American, Canadian and British Jews' opinion on U.S. military action against Iran (JPPI, 2026)



American Jews' views of Zohran Mamdani (JPPI, 2025–2026)

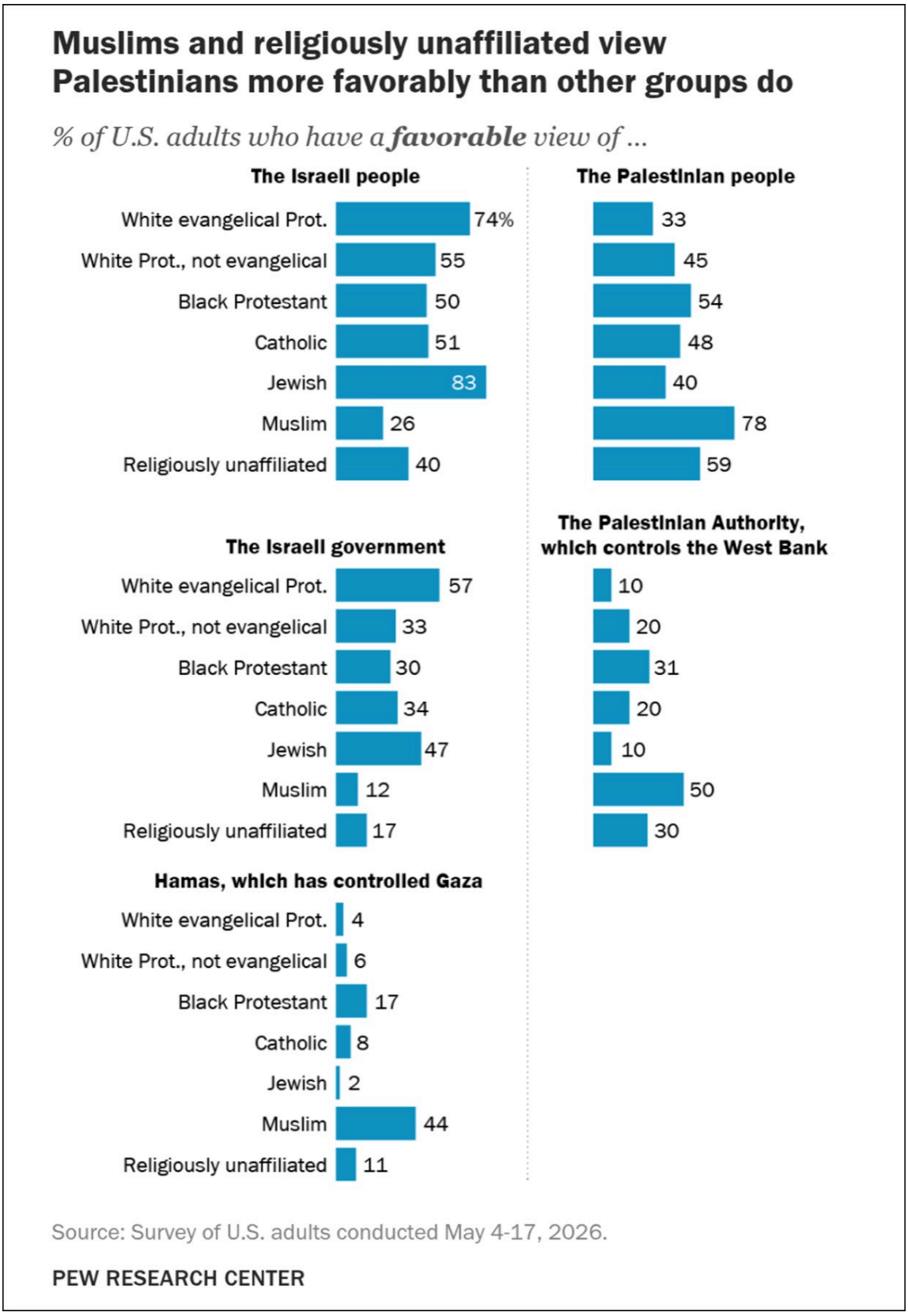
An earlier poll done in March 2026 by the Jewish People Policy Institute of American, Canadian and British Jews found that:

- 62% of American Jews support war against Iran
- 54% for American Jews rate Netanyahu's leadership is with Iran issue as good
- 75-76% of American Jews say no chance of a peace agreement with the Palestinians in the foreseeable future
- On American Jews' opinion on the current state of "Jewishness" of Israel today: 66% Jewish to right extent; 12% not Jewish enough; 11% too Jewish

Pew Research Center (March & May 2026)

A poll done in May 2026 by Pew Research Center of American Jews found that:

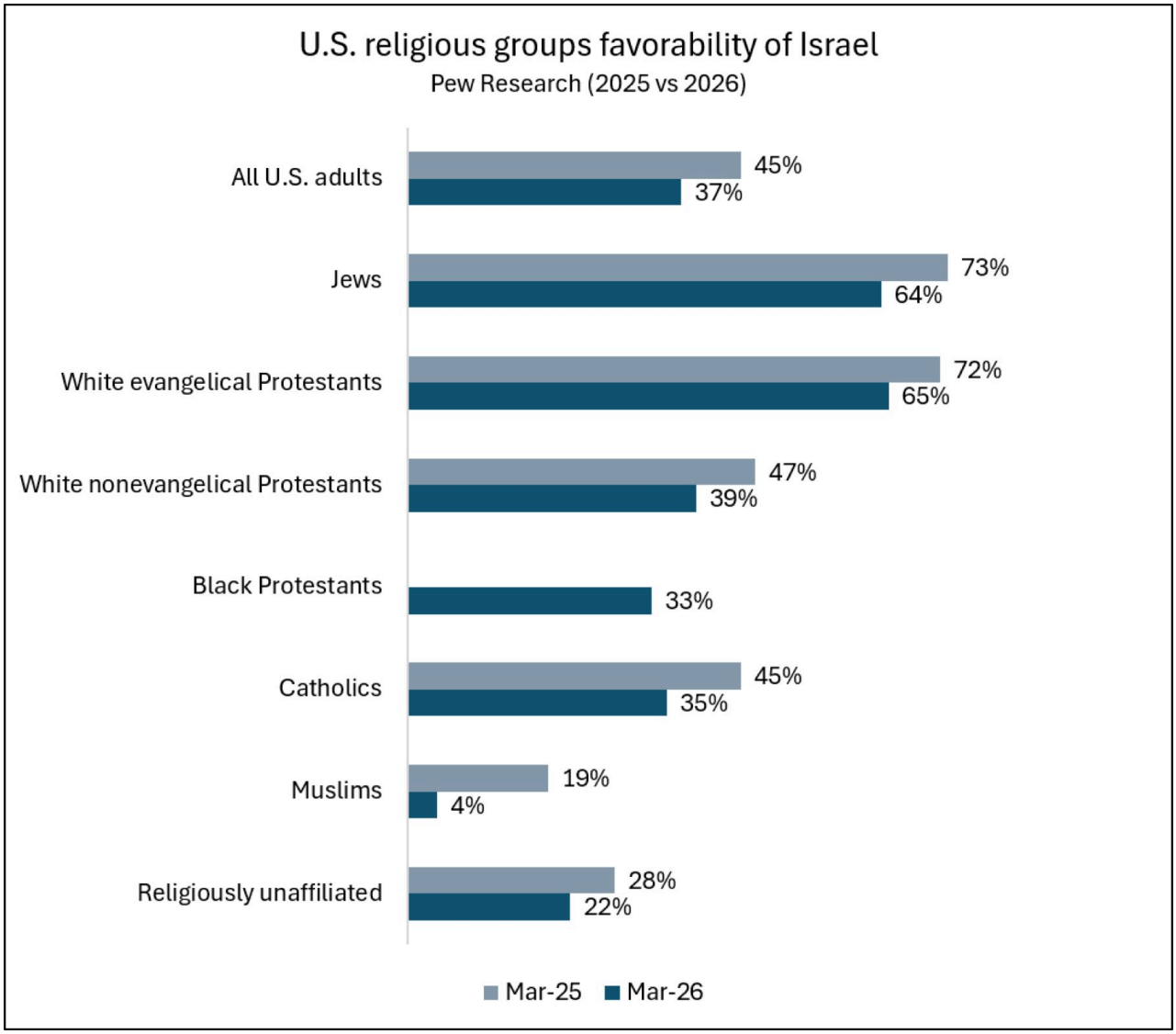
- 83% have a favorable view of the Israeli people compared to 52% for all U.S. adults, the highest group by 9% from White evangelical Protestants
- Only 40% have a favorable view of the Palestinian people, the second lowest after White evangelical Protestants
- 47% have a favorable view of the Israeli government compared to 32% of all U.S. adults, the second highest group after White evangelical Protestants



Percentage of U.S. adults who have a favorable view of Israeli people, Palestinian people, Israeli government, Palestinian Authority, Hamas (Pew Research Center, 2026)

An earlier poll done in March 2026 by Pew Research Center of American Jews found that:

- 64% still have a positive view of Israel, compared to the total for all U.S. adults of 37%
- 91% say the Israel-Hamas conflict is personally important to them



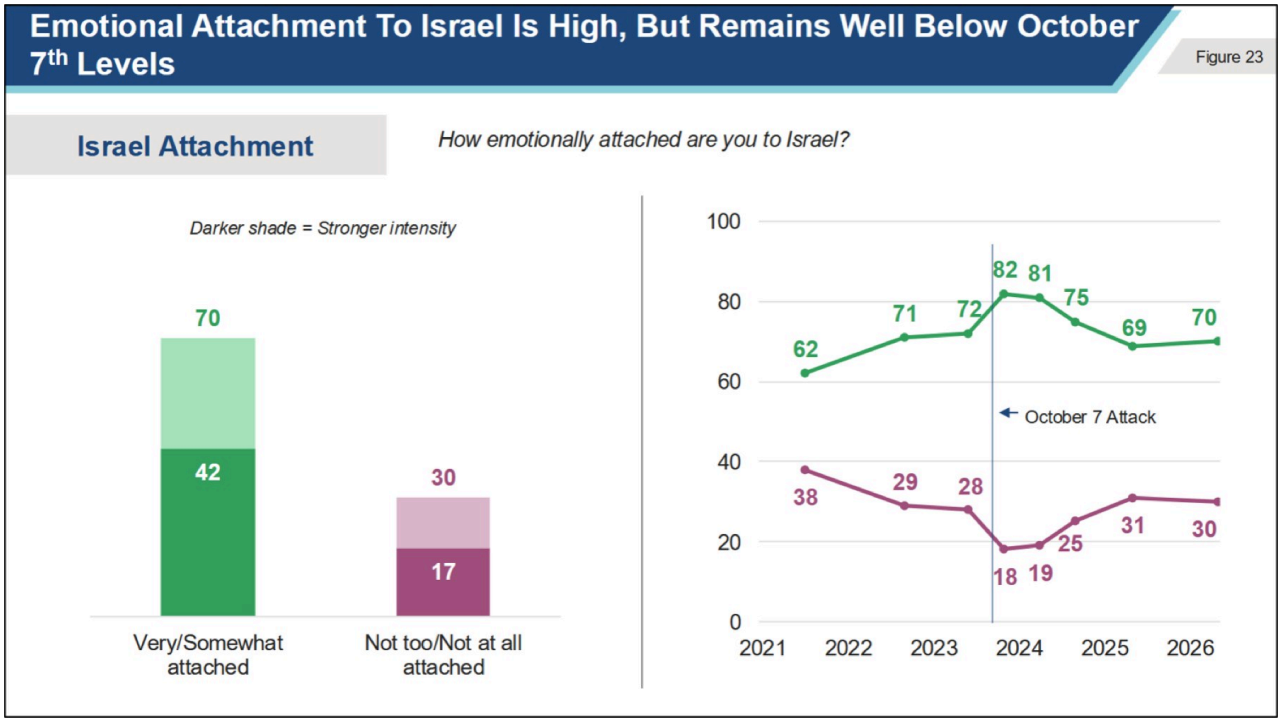
U.S. religious groups favorability of Israel (Pew Research Center, 2025 vs 2026)

Jewish Voter Resource Center (May 2026)

A poll done in May 2026 by Jewish Voter Resource Center of American Jewish voters found that:

- 70% are emotionally attached to Israel; 42% are very attached
- 45% support the way Israel conducted the war in Gaza

- American Jewish voters were asked what the best solution to the Israeli-Palestine conflict was:
    - 24% support '"establishing one state that is neither Jewish nor Palestinian under a single government"
    - 22% support "Israeli annexation of the West Bank and Gaza that establishes one state as the national homeland of the Jewish people, and allows Palestinians to vote for their municipal leaders but not vote for Israel's national government"
    - 54% support "establishing two separate states with their own separate governments"



American Jewish voters' emotional attachment to Israel (Jewish Voter Resource Center, 2026)

J Street (March 2026)

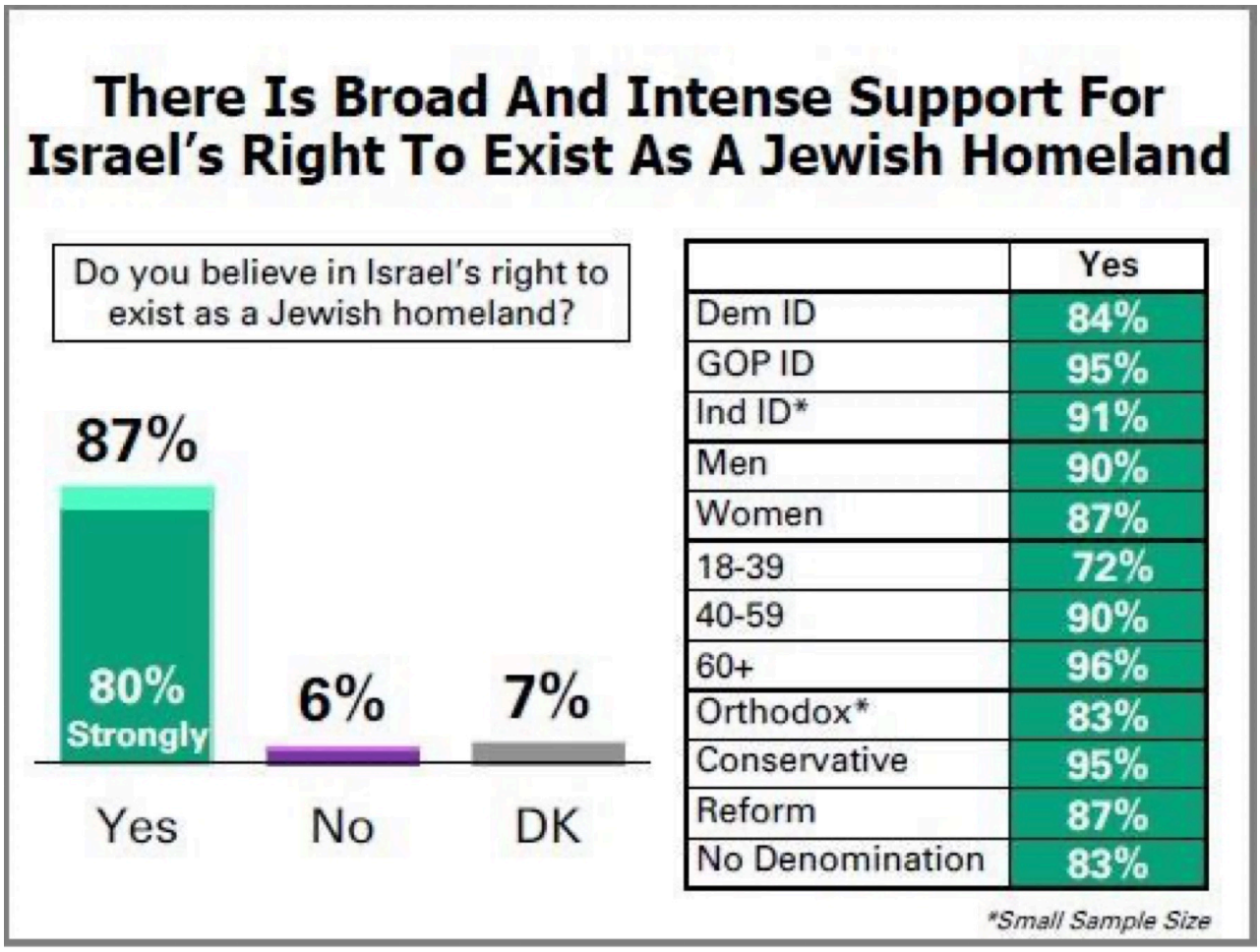
A poll done in March 2026 by J Street of registered American Jewish voters found that:

- 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; 31% believe they should provide it unconditionally; 44% believe they should be provided if they comply with U.S. law

The Mellman Group, Inc. for Jewish Electorate Institute (March 2026)

A poll conducted in March 2026 by The Mellman Group for Jewish Electorate Institute of American Jews voters found that:

- 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
- 57% have an unfavorable view of Palestinians; 28% have a favorable view
- 55% have a favorable view of Zionism; 26% have an unfavorable view
- Only 29% have an unfavorable view of AIPAC; 39% have a favorable view
- 83% believe too many critics of Israel use antisemitic tropes and generalizations
- 37% support pro-Israel groups spending millions against candidates in elections who they believe are not supportive of Israel enough; 32% oppose



American Jews support for Israel's right to exist as a Jewish homeland (JEI, 2026)

Jewish People Policy Institute (December 2025)

A poll conducted in December 2025 by the Jewish People Policy Institute of American Jews found that:

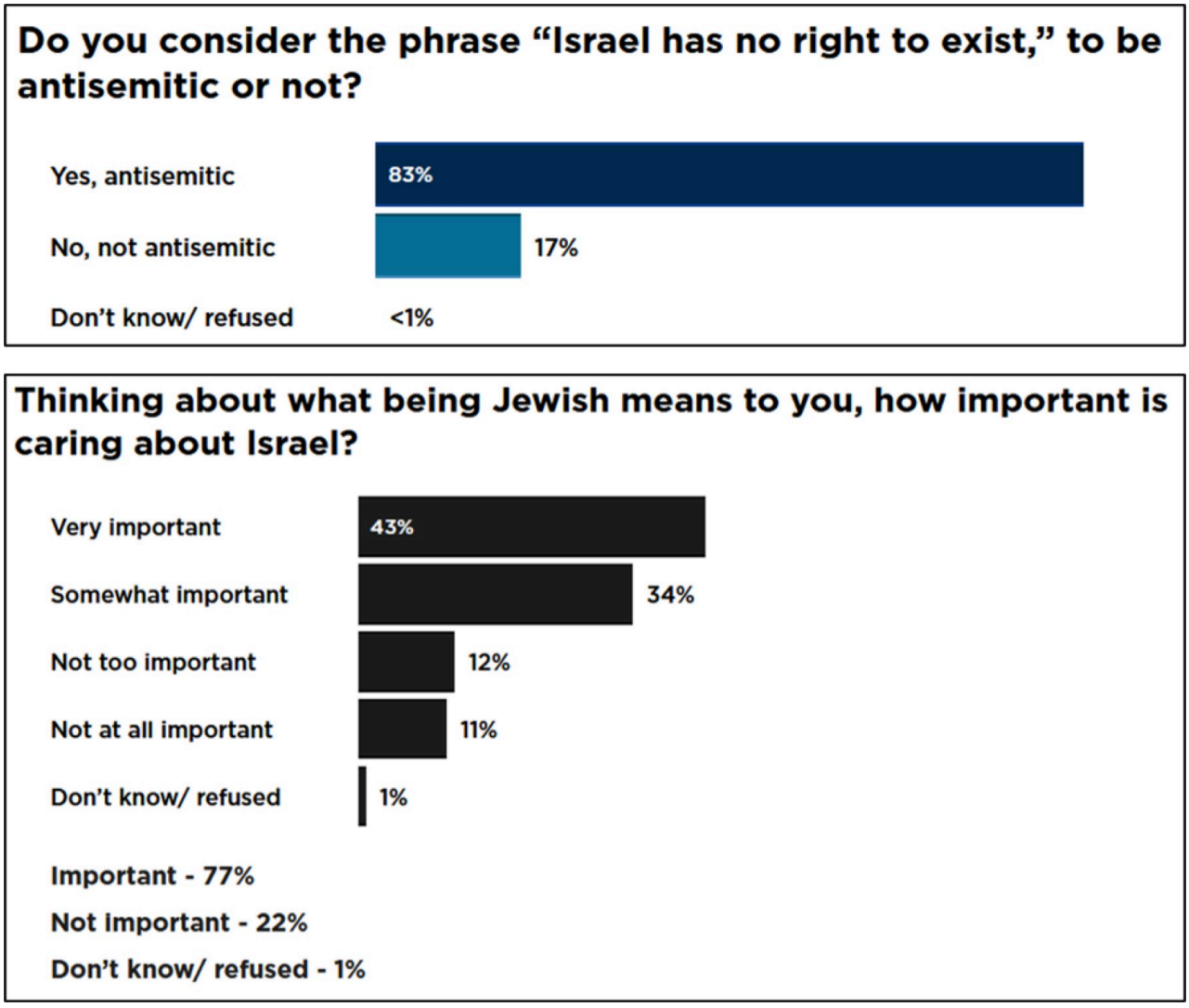
- 87% said Zionism is not racism; 8% said it has racist elements; 4% said it is racism.
- 89% said anti-Zionism is linked to antisemitism or is antisemitism.

SSRS for American Jewish Committee (October 2025)

A poll conducted in October 2025 by SSRS for the American Jewish Committee of American Jews found that:

- 83% believe the phrase "Israel has no right to exist" to be antisemitic
- 77% believe caring about Israel is an important part of being Jewish; 43% believe it's very important

- 43% consider news coverage of the war “biased in support of Hamas” compared to 33% to believe it’s “biased in support of Israel”



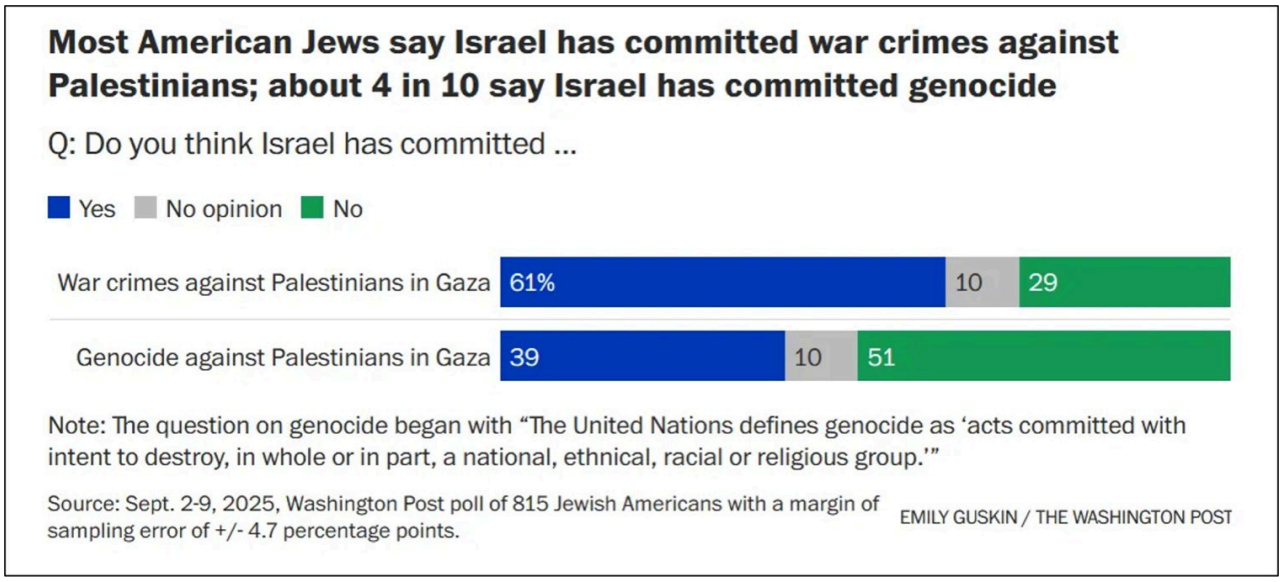
American Jews’ opinion on Israel’s right to exist and importance of Israel to being Jewish (American Jewish Committee, 2025)

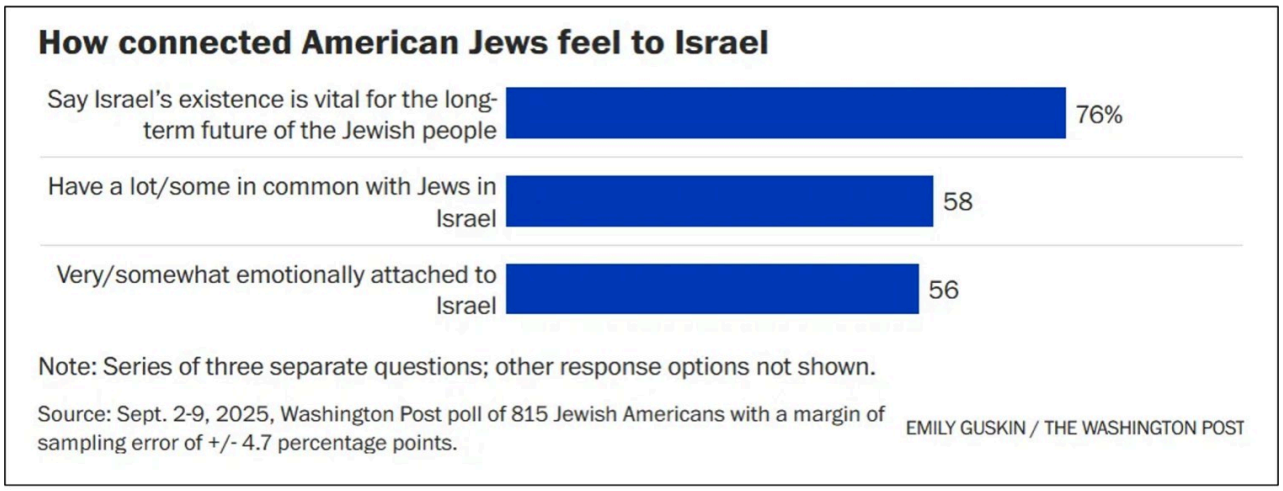
Washington Post (September 2025)

A poll done in September 2025 by the Washington Post of American Jews found that:

- 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
- More American Jews say Israel has not committed genocide (51%) than it has (39%)

- 59% support U.S. sending more military aid to Israel (compared to 32% of all U.S. adults)
- 91% believe Hamas is responsible for continuation of the Israel-Gaza War; 80% believe Israel is responsible
- 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"
- 94% believe Hamas has committed war crimes against Israelis compared to only 61% believe Israel has committed war crimes against Palestinians
- 85% are concerned with the threat Hamas poses to Israel
- 80% are concerned for the safety of Israeli soldiers in Gaza
- 46% approve of the military action Israel has taken in Gaza (compared to 32% of all U.S. adults); 48% disapprove
- Only 32% believe the US is too supportive of Israel
- 41% do not believe there is a way for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully
- 54% believe saying U.S. universities shouldn't invest in companies that do business in Israel is antisemitic; only 33% disagree







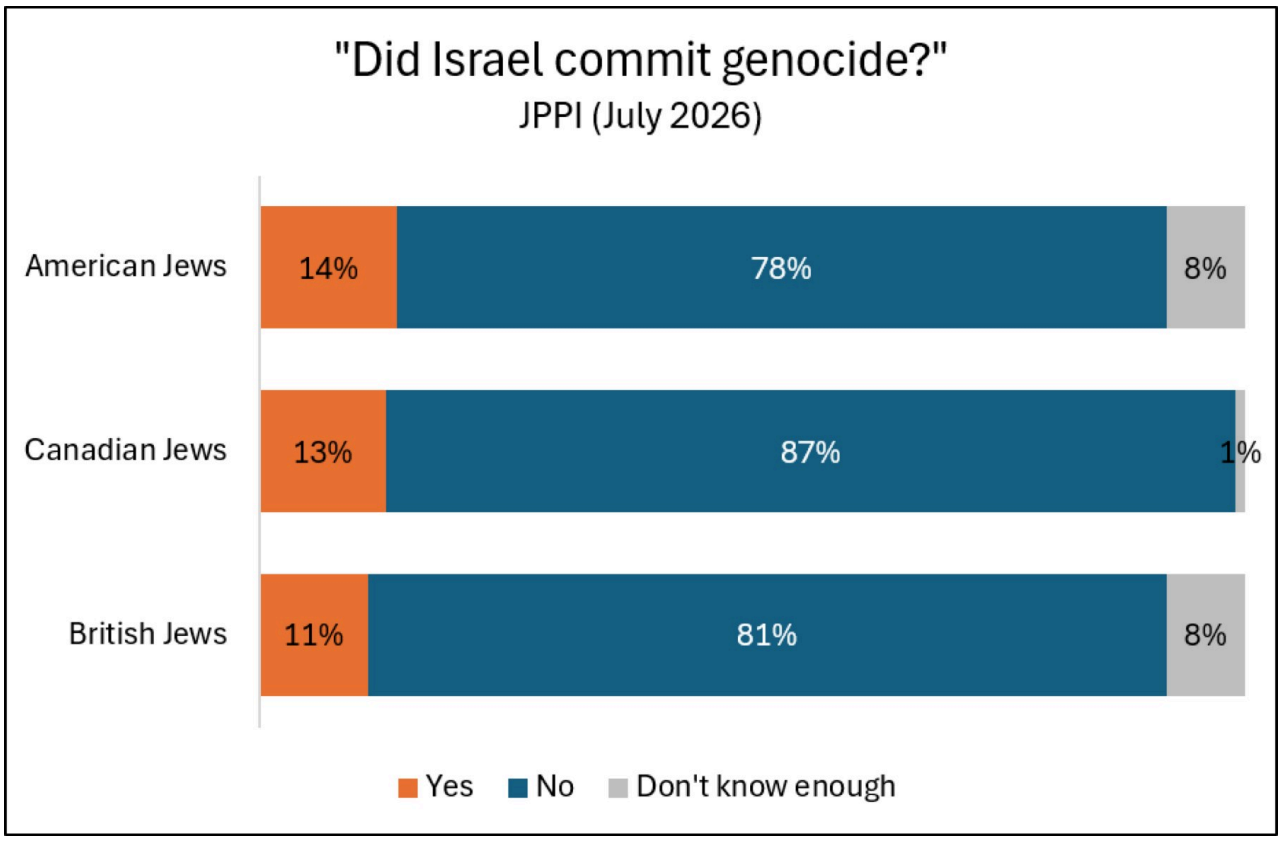
American Jews' opinion on Israel and the Gaza war (Washington Post, 2025)

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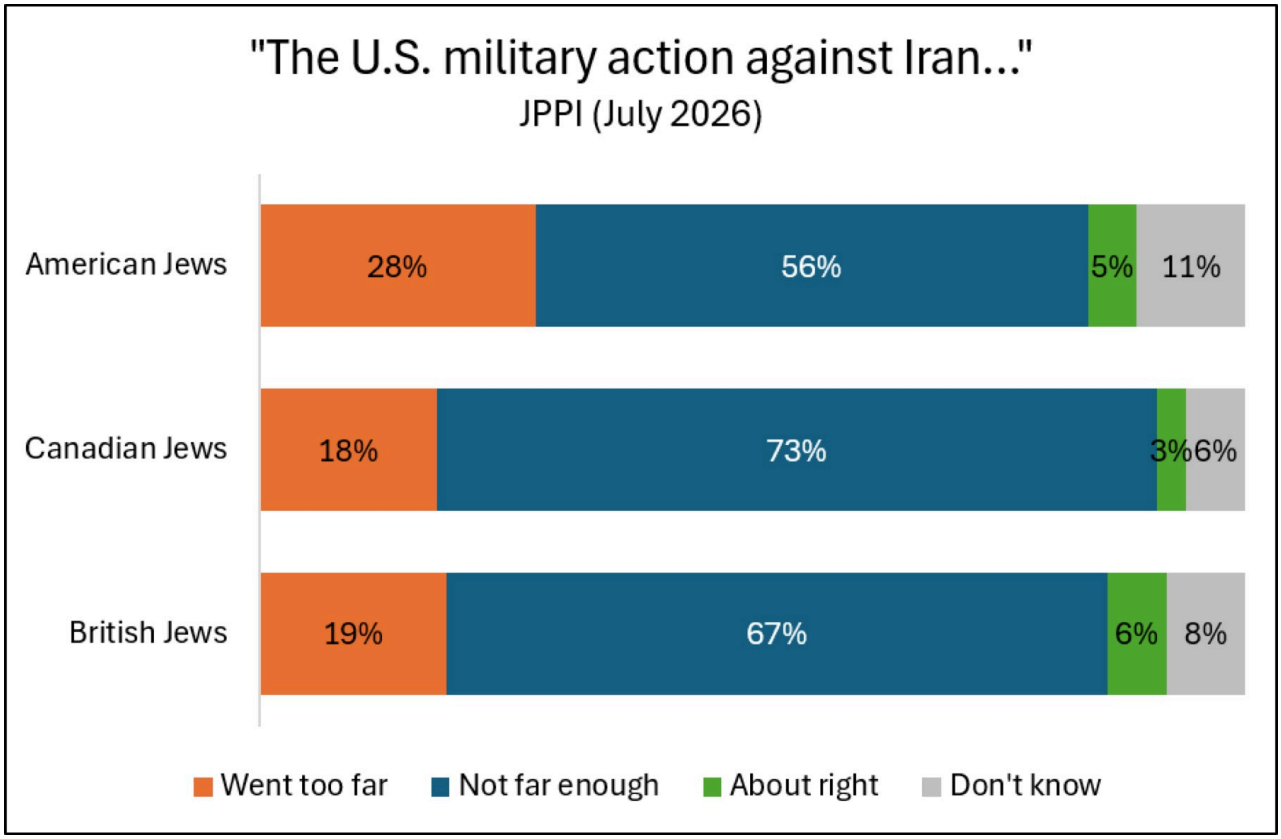
Jewish People Policy Institute (March & July 2026)

A poll done in July 2026 by the Jewish People Policy Institute of **American, Canadian and British Jews** found that:

- On if the U.S. military action against Iran:
    - 73% of Canadian Jews believe it didn't go far enough
    - 67% of British Jews believe it didn't go far enough
- On did Israel commit genocide against the Palestinians:
    - 87% of Canadian Jews say no
    - 81% of British Jews say no



Majority of American, Canadian and British Jews' deny Israel committed genocide (JPPI, 2026)



American, Canadian and British Jews' opinion on U.S. military action against Iran (JPPI, 2026)

An earlier poll done in March 2026 by the Jewish People Policy Institute of **American, Canadian and British Jews** found that:

- On support for war against Iran:
    - 76% of Canadian Jews
    - 78% of British Jews
- On how good Netanyahu's leadership is with Iran issue:
    - 67% for Canadian Jews
    - 70% for British Jews
- On chance of a peace agreement with the Palestinians in the foreseeable future:
    - 84% of Canadian Jews say no chance
    - 82% of British Jews say no chance
- On the current state of "Jewishness" of Israel today:

- 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
- Israeli Jews: 38% Jewish to right extent; 36% not Jewish enough; 24% too Jewish

Léger for Canadian Jewish Barometer 2026 (January—February 2026)

A "Canadian Jewish Barometer 2026" study of **Canadian Jews** was conducted between January and February 2026 by researchers at the University of Toronto and York University using data collected by Léger found the following:

Although only 52% of Canadian Jews label themselves as Zionist:

- 69% are emotionally attached to Israel.
- 92% believe Israel has a right to exist as a Jewish state.

Note: the following results are only for those who answered with the strongest positive options like "essential" and "yes, definitely". No results are given for percentage who chose the other options "important but not essential;" or "unimportant;" or "yes, probably;" "no, probably not;" "no, definitely not;" "don't know/no answer."

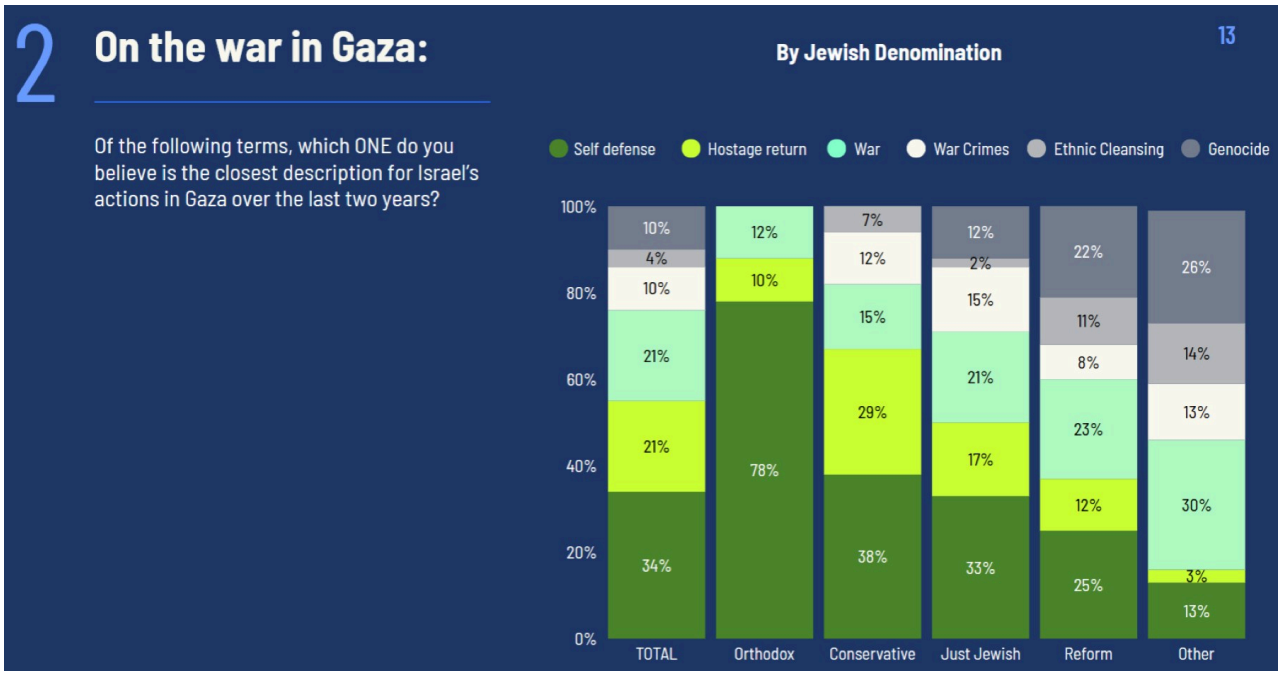
- 46% consider "caring about Israel" an *essential* part of being Jewish.
- 45% said calling Israel "an apartheid state" is *definitely* antisemitic
- 45% said saying Israel is "committing genocide" is *definitely* antisemitic
- 40% said supporting boycott of Israeli goods/products is *definitely* antisemitic
- 30% said supporting Canada banning arms sales to Israel is *definitely* antisemitic

Léger for JSpaceCanada (November 2025)

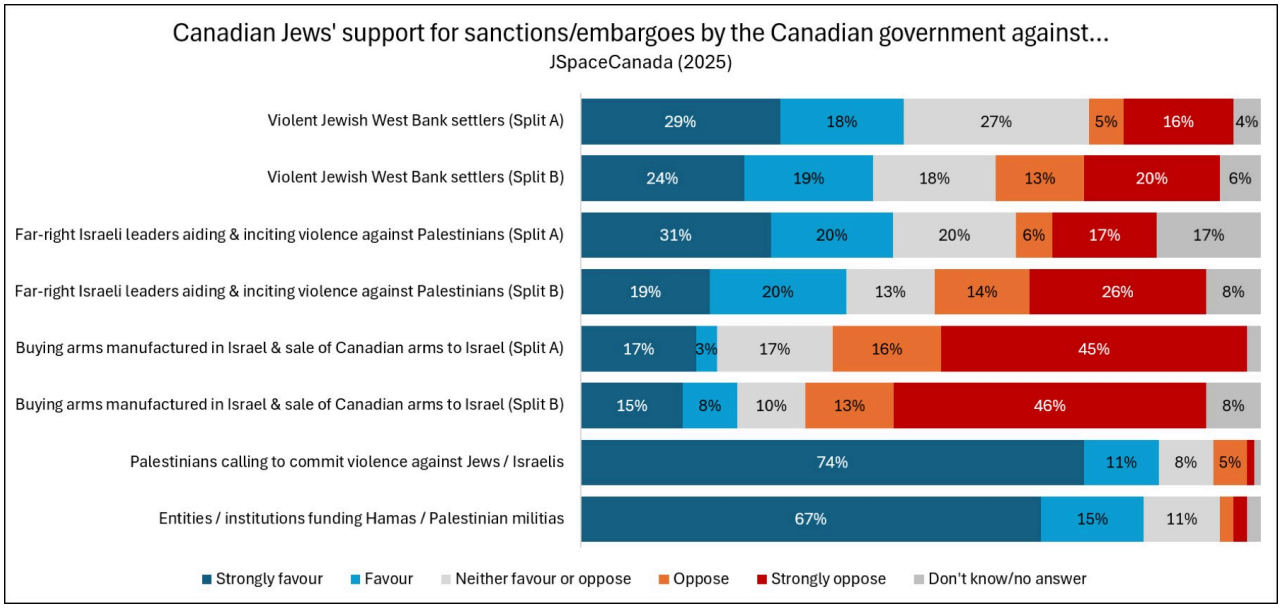
A poll conducted in November 2025 by Léger for JSpaceCanada of **Canadian Jews** found that:

- 90% deny that Israel committed genocide; only 10% describe Israel's actions in Gaza over the last two years as 'genocide;' a plurality (34%) said 'self defense;' 21% said 'hostage return;' 21% said 'war'

- 70% describe Israel's actions in Gaza as legal/legitimate
- 76% believe Israel is either mostly/fully democratic or partly democratic
- 48% blame Hamas for famine in Gaza; 19% blame the war in general / both sides equally; 17% blame Israel
- On placing / expanding sanctions on people:
    - 43% support sanctions on Jewish West Bank settlers who engage in acts of vigilante violence against Palestinian civilians
    - 51% support sanctions on far-right Israeli ministers and settler leaders who have aided and incited Jewish settlers who commit violent attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank
    - 85% support sanctions on Palestinians who publicly call to commit specific violent acts against Jewish or Israeli civilians
    - 82% support sanctions on entities and financial institutions involved in international funds transfer to Hamas / Palestinian militias
- 61% oppose embargo on purchase of arms manufactured in Israel and the sale of Canadian manufactured arms to Israel; only 20% support an embargo
- On providing aid:
    - 71% support increased aid to Israeli civil society for social services to help Israeli civilian victims of October 7 and the war
    - 49% support increasing humanitarian aid to Gaza
- 59% believe it is important for Canadian Jews to support pro-Israel "Hasbara" movements
- 57% believe it is important for Canadian Jews to support the Israeli government
- 64% said Canadian Jews should support Canada advocating for democracy in Israel because of their Zionist values; only 17% disagreed
- Only 38% agree Canada should do more to protect civilians in Gaza
- Only 39% believe Canada should be more critical of Netanyahu



Canadian Jews' description for Israel's actions in Gaza over the last two years (JSpaceCanada, 2025)



Canadian Jews' support for sanctions and embargoes by the Canadian government against different groups (JSpaceCanada, 2025)

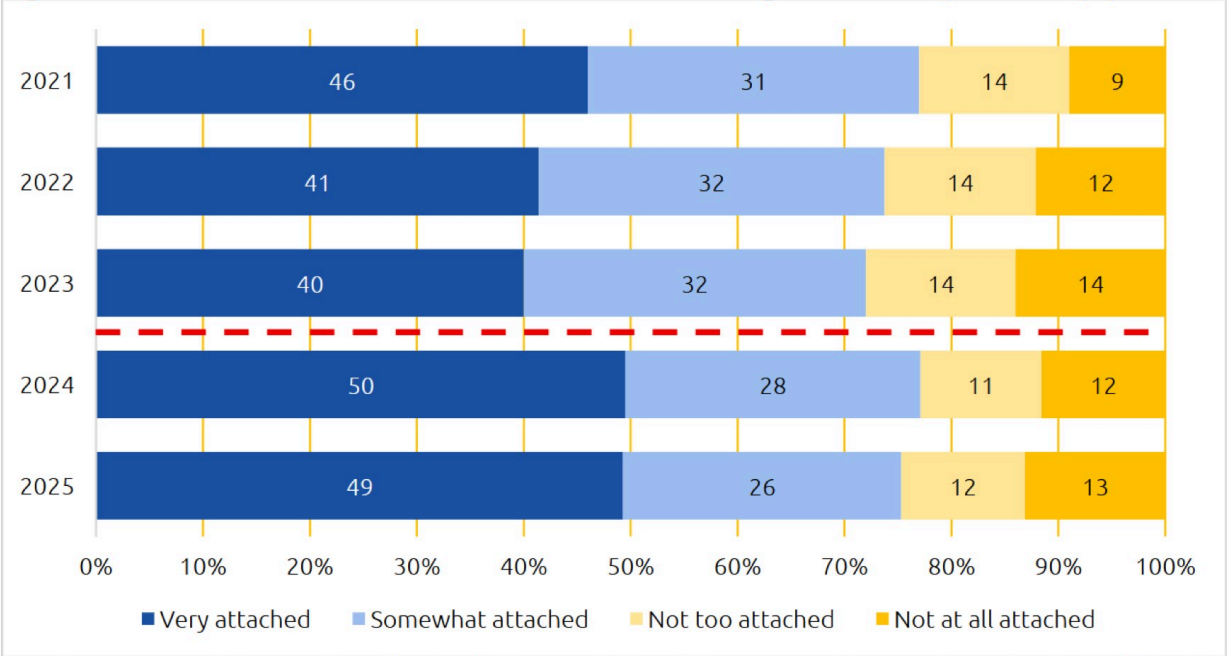
Institute for Jewish Policy Research (July 2025)

A poll conducted in June/July 2025 by Institute for Jewish Policy Research of **British Jews** found that:

- 75% are emotionally attached to Israel; 49% very attached

- 48% feel more emotionally attached to Israel after the October 7 attacks; 23% feel less attached
- 64% identify as Zionist
- 45% say supporting Israel is '*very* important' to their Jewishness *(note: the report does not mention number who say somewhat important)*
- 82% agree that Israel is the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people; 61% strongly agree
- 81% support Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state; 70% strongly agree
- Only 40% agree that the way Israel conducted war in Gaza has weakened their attachment to Israel

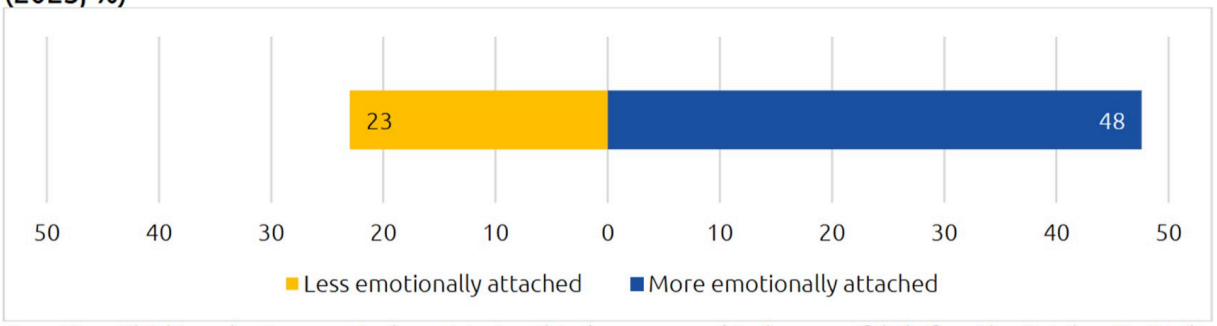
Figure 11. Levels of emotional attachment to Israel among British Jews, 2021-25 (%)



Question: *In general, how emotionally attached are you to Israel?* [Response options as shown]; n=4,822. Note that the data for 2023 were gathered in May and June of that year, prior to the October 7 attacks – data above the dotted red line pre-date the October 7 attacks, data below the line reflect sentiment after them.

Levels of emotional attachment to Israel among British Jews (Jewish Policy Research, 2025)

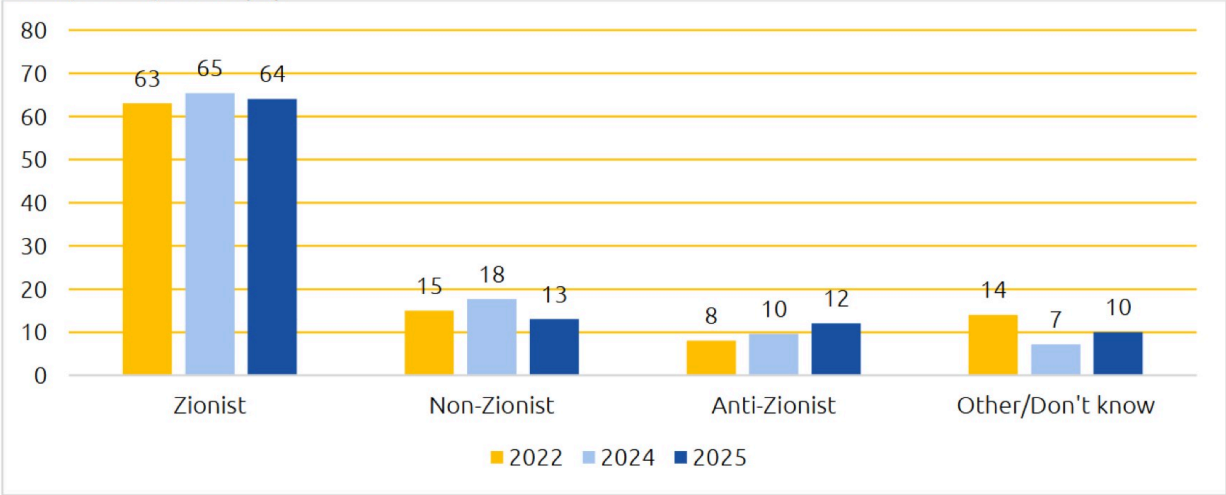
Figure 13. Self-assessed changes in emotional attachment to Israel since October 7, 2023 (2025, %)



Question: *Thinking about your attachment to Israel today compared to how you felt before the October 7 attacks, would you say you have become:* [Much more attached to Israel; Somewhat more attached to Israel; About the same; Somewhat less attached to Israel; Much less attached to Israel; Not sure; Not applicable – I have never felt any attachment to Israel]. Proportions reported exclude 6% of respondents who either selected 'Not applicable' or 'Not sure'. 30% reported no change in their emotional attachment; n=4,822.

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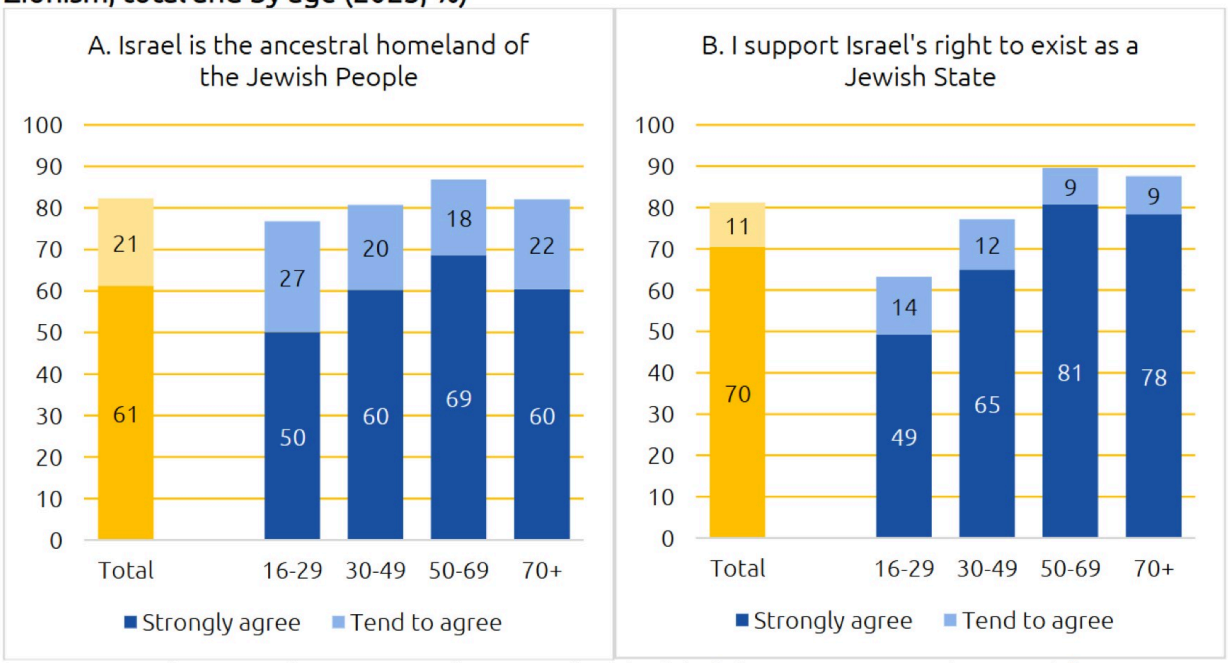
Figure 16. Proportions of British Jews who identify as Zionist, non-Zionist or anti-Zionist, 2022, 2024, 2025 (%)



Questions: *Although there are different opinions about what the term Zionism means, in general, do you consider yourself to be a Zionist?* [Response options: Yes; No; Don't know]. If 'No' or 'Don't know': *You said you do not consider yourself to be a Zionist or do not know if you are. Which of the following is closest to your position?* [Response options: I am an anti-Zionist; I am a non-Zionist; I am not sure what Zionism means; Don't know; Other, please specify]. 'Ns=4,891 (2022); 4,641 (2024); 4,822 (2025). Note that temporal gaps between columns are inconsistent and data shown in orange pre-date the October 7 attacks; data shown in both shades of blue were gathered after them.

Proportions of British Jews who identify as Zionist (Jewish Policy Research, 2025)

Figure 19. Proportions of British Jews who agree with two foundational statements about Zionism, total and by age (2025, %)



Question: *To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about Israel?* [Statements as shown on charts]. [Response options: Strongly agree; Tend to agree; Tend to disagree; Strongly disagree; No opinion; Don't know]; n=4,822.

Proportion of British Jews who believe in Israel as a an ancestral Jewish state (Jewish Policy Research, 2025)

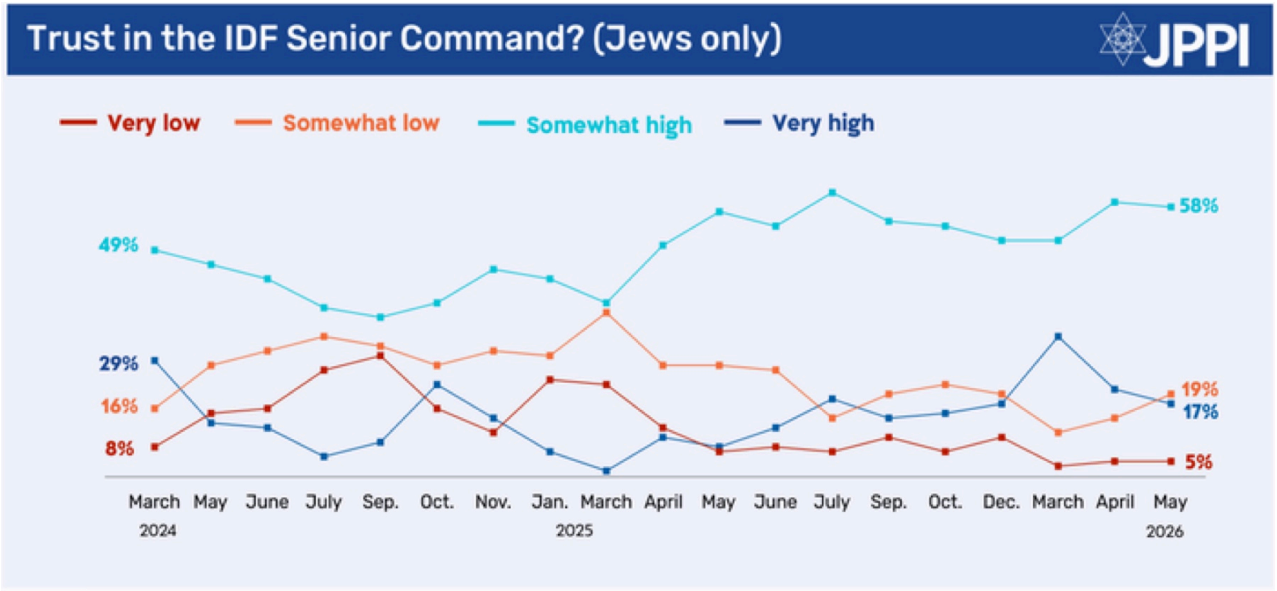
Detailed survey results — Israeli Jews

Jewish People Policy Institute (August 2025—August 2026)

Monthly surveys were done by the Jewish People Policy Institute of **Israeli Jews** who are asked about their positions on various issues on "the Israeli agenda" as part of their JPPI Israeli Society Index. The following results were found:

- 38% support annexing the entirety of the West Bank; 35% support partitioning it; only 6% support relinquishing the entire territory (August 2026)
- 60% believe the State of Israel should retain a Jewish majority "even at the cost of relinquishing territory"; 20% believe in Israeli sovereignty over the entire land between the river and the sea, even without a Jewish majority (August 2026)
- 70% said one can trust "most Jews in Israel;" only 26% said one can trust "most Arabs in Israel" (July 2026)
- The plurality, 46%, think Gaza should be under Israeli rule; 20% under Palestinian Authority rule; 23% under rule by a coalition force from Arab countries (January 2026)

- An average score of 8.04/10 was given for the importance of “the Jewish character of the state” (January 2026)
- 87% said Zionism is not racism; 8% said it has racist elements; 1% said it is racism. (December 2025)
- 78% said anti-Zionism is linked to antisemitism or is antisemitism (December 2025)
- 85% identify as Zionist; 2% Non-Zionist; 2% Post-Zionist; 1% Anti-Zionist (December 2025)
- Only 15% want to see a peace agreement and allow a Palestinian State; 42% want Israel to strengthen its control over the Palestinians, expand settlements, consider dismantling the Palestinian Authority, and annex parts of the West Bank; 34% want full separation from the Palestinians, dismantle settlements outside the large blocs, and maintain the IDF’s freedom of action. (October 2025)
- 68% want Israel to stay in Gaza and retain a security '“perimeter” inside of Gaza; 4% don’t (September 2025)
- 68% say countries that allow academic boycotts of Israel are antisemitic (September 2025)
- 61% believe the increasing reports of famine in Gaza are somewhat or completely false; 40% believe they are completely false (August 2025)
- 47% are not concerned about reports of starvation in Gaza; 27% are concerned because it makes it harder for Israel to continue the war (August 2025)
- Trust in the IDF senior command is consistently high: 82% in March, 79% in April, 75% in May, 71% in July 2026



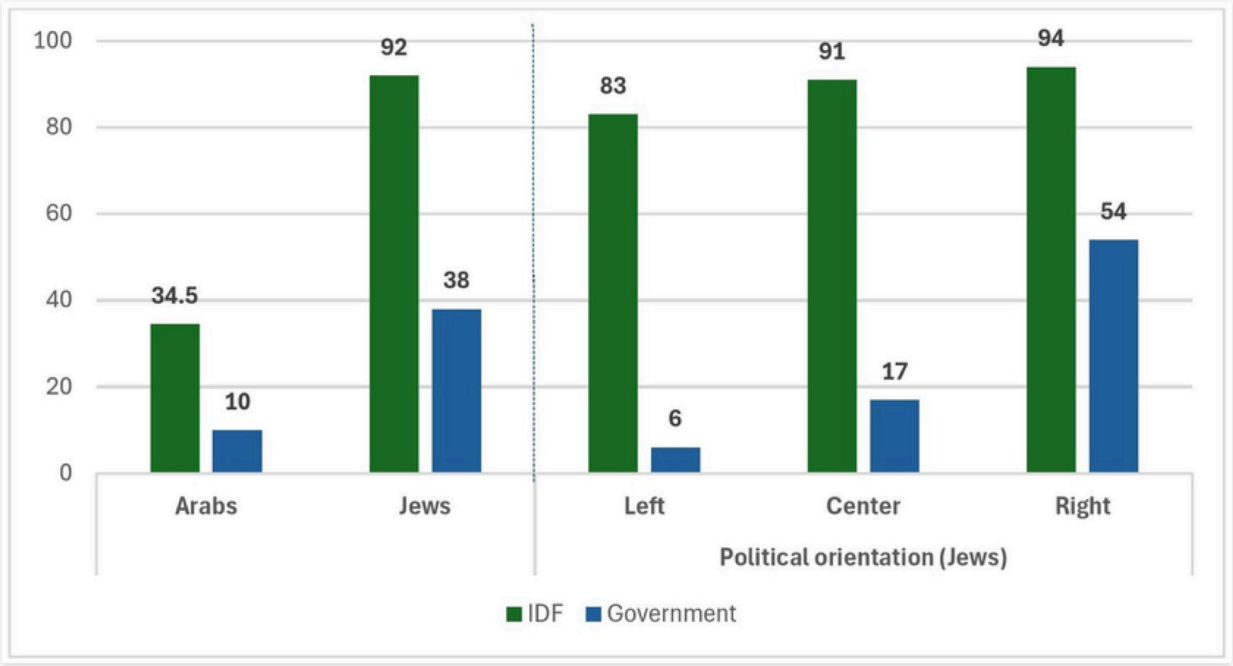
Israeli Jews' trust int he IDF Senior Command (JPPI, 2026)

Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute (August 2025—April 2026)

Multiple surveys were done by Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute of **Israeli Jews** who are asked about their positions on various issues as part of their Israeli Voice Index. The following results were found:

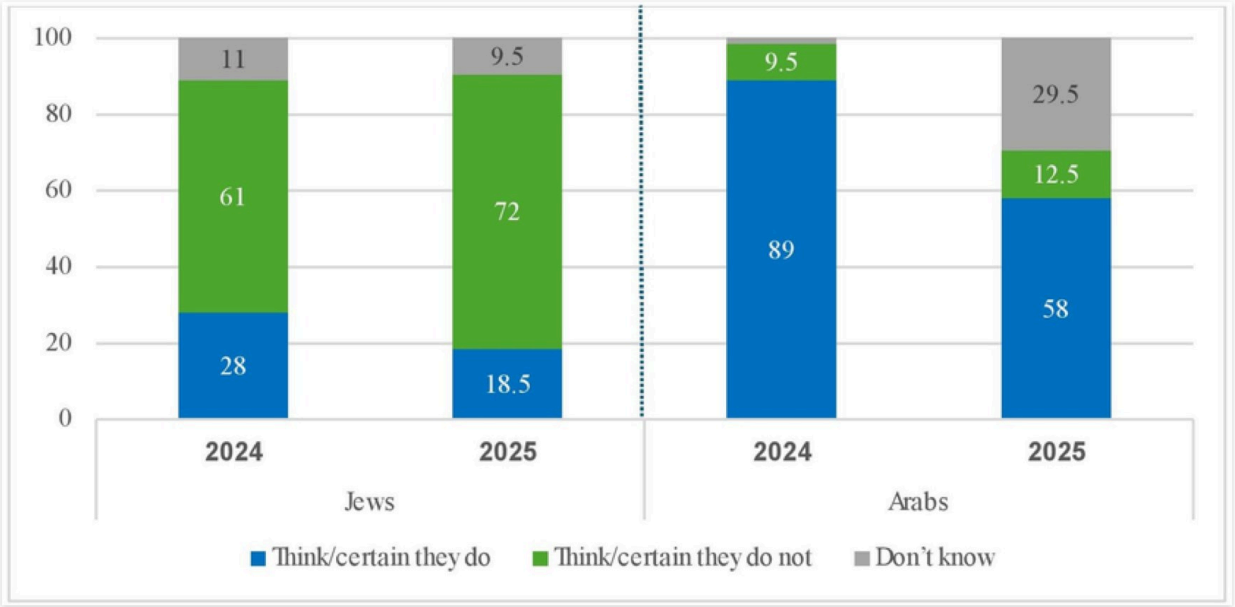
- 92% award the IDF a high score (4/5 and 5/5) for their management of the war against Iran; 75% gave them 5/5 (April 2026).
- 80% think Israel should continue fighting in Lebanon against Hezbollah regardless of developments vis-à-vis Iran, even if this results in friction with the US administration (April 2026).

Proportion of respondents who awarded high scores (4–5) to each of the following for their management of Operation Roaring Lion (on a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent,%)

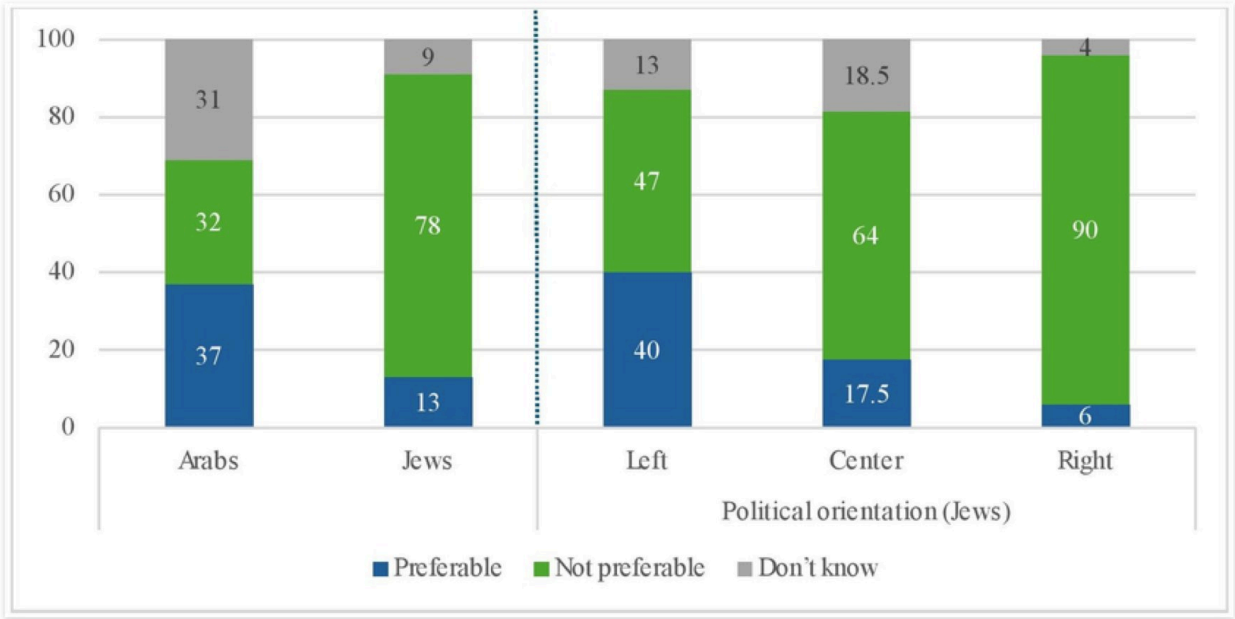


- A plurality (41%) think Israel should annex territories in the West Bank (November 2025).
- 72% said Palestinians do not have a right to their own state; only 19% say they do (September 2025).
- 78% said it is not preferable for a Palestinian state to be established at the current time; 13% said it is preferable (September 2025).

In your opinion, do the Palestinian people have or not have the right to their own state? (%)



In terms of Israel's national interests, is it preferable or not preferable for a Palestinian state to be established at the current time? (%)



- 51% said the war in Gaza should end because it endangers the hostages; 16% said because most of the goals have been accomplished; 15% because of economic and social damage; 7% to halt deterioration of Israel's international standing; only 2% said because it harms residents of Gaza (September 2025).

- A plurality (49%) support the expanding military operations in Gaza including taking and holding territory (September 2025).
- Israeli Jews rate the IDF Chief of Staff's performance in conducting the war a 3.55/5 (September 2025).
- 78% think Israel's military makes substantial efforts to avoid unnecessary suffering to Palestinians in Gaza (August 2025).

Conclusion

Based on the latest polling evidence, little has fundamentally changed. While favorability toward Israel and approval of its conduct have shifted somewhat, overall support for Israel—particularly its status as a "Jewish state"—remains nearly unchanged, with the vast majority of Jews continuing to back the Zionist project, even as they express reservations about its current government.

So one must ask: given the facts presented here—nearly three years into a genocide carried out by the "Jewish state," by Jews, for Jews, at the expense of non-Jews, with the overwhelming support of Jews worldwide—why does the Western "pro-Palestine" movement spend so much time and energy doing free PR for Jews? Why go so far as to lie on their behalf about what they actually believe? The Western left loves to talk about "centring voices." Well, this is what they've said. So why speak over them?

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