What Americans (especially Evangelicals) think about Israel and the Middle East

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This probabilistic online panel survey was fielded by Nielsen Scarborough among a nationally representative sample. 1738 panelists completed the survey including a national sample of 875 adults, plus an oversample of 863 self-identified Evangelical or Born-again Christians, making for a total sample of Evangelicals/born again Christians of 1074., November 4-10, 2015.
Survey Methodology

The survey was conducted November 4 - 10 with a panel consisting of a probability-based representative sample. The panel was recruited by Nielsen Scarborough from its larger probability-based national panel, which was recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of households provided by Survey Sampling International.

A total of 1738 panelists completed the survey including a national sample of 875 adults, plus an oversample of 863 self-identified Evangelical or Born-again Christians, making for a total sample of Evangelicals/born again Christians of 1074. Responses were weighted by age, gender, income, education, race, and geographic region using benchmarks from the US Census. The survey was also weighted by partisan identification and Evangelical and Born-again Christians were down-weighted consistent with these groups' incidence rate in Nielsen Scarborough sample, so that they represented 24% of the national sample for this study (211 of 875).

The margins of error for the national sample and for each subgroup is:

National – 875 respondents, MoE: 3.3%
Evangelical – 586, MoE: 4%
Born-Again – 1003, MoE: 3.1% (88% of Evangelicals also identified as Born-again)
Born-again, but not Evangelical – 488, MoE: 4.4%
Born Again or Evangelical- 1074, MoE: 3%
Attitudes Toward Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Q10: Please name a national or world leader you admire most:

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Q10: Please name a national or world leader you admire most [among Evangelicals]:

- Benjamin Netanyahu: 16%
- Ronald Reagan: 11%
- Barack Obama: 11%
- Pope Francis: 4%
- Vladimir Putin: 4%
Q11A: I would like you to give your opinion of the following three leaders on a scale 0-10 [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu]:

- Unfavorable
- Neither unfavorable nor favorable
- Favorable

**Republican**
- Unfavorable: 9% (2014), 13% (2015)
- Neither unfavorable nor favorable: 26% (2014), 21% (2015)
- Favorable: 51% (2014), 49% (2015)

**Independent**
- Neither unfavorable nor favorable: 42% (2014), 46% (2015)
- Favorable: 21% (2014), 21% (2015)

**Democrat**
- Neither unfavorable nor favorable: 35% (2014), 38% (2015)
- Favorable: 25% (2014), 34% (2015)

**Total**
- Unfavorable: 15% (2014), 23% (2015)
- Neither unfavorable nor favorable: 32% (2014), 37% (2015)
- Favorable: 31% (2014), 33% (2015)
Q32: Do you believe the Israeli government has:

- Too little influence in American politics and policies: Republicans 22%, Independents 17%, Democrats 14%, Total 18%
- Too much influence: Republicans 25%, Independents 35%, Democrats 37%, Total 37%
- About the right level of influence: Republicans 52%, Independents 42%, Democrats 36%, Total 44%
- Refused: Republicans 1%, Independents 6%, Democrats 2%, Total 2%
Q36: How concerned are you about events in Israel and the Palestinian Territory?
Q36A: Are your concerns mostly related to:

- Israel's interest
- America's interest
- Palestinians' interests
- Human rights or international law
- Your religious beliefs
- Refused

**Total**
- Israel's interest: 32%
- America's interest: 47%
- Palestinians' interests: 13%
- Human rights or international law: 1%
- Your religious beliefs: 1%
- Refused: 1%

**Republican**
- Israel's interest: 11%
- America's interest: 38%
- Palestinians' interests: 1%
- Human rights or international law: 17%
- Your religious beliefs: 1%
- Refused: 1%

**Independent**
- Israel's interest: 1%
- America's interest: 25%
- Palestinians' interests: 2%
- Human rights or international law: 14%
- Your religious beliefs: 3%
- Refused: 1%

**Democrat**
- Israel's interest: 6%
- America's interest: 28%
- Palestinians' interests: 1%
- Human rights or international law: 8%
- Your religious beliefs: 0%
- Refused: 1%
Palestinian extremists
Continued Israeli occupation and settlement expansion in Palestinian territories
Palestinian Authority Ineffectiveness
Absence of serious peace diplomacy
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Q47: Which one of these factors do you believe is most responsible for the current escalation in violence between Israelis and Palestinians?
Q37: As you may know, the United States has been acting as a mediator between the Israeli government... Here are four possible options that are frequently discussed. Please select the one you think the US should support.
Q38: If the approach you selected turns out over time to be impossible, which of the remaining three would you prefer? [Asked if responded with “two-state solution” in previous question]
Q39: Which of the following statements is closer to your view if a two-state solution is not an option:

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2014 vs 2015
Q40: In general, what role do you want the United States to play in mediating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Should the United States:
Q41: When you say you want the US to lean toward Israel, which one of the following is the most important reason? [asked only among those who want the US to lean toward Israel]
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Q42: As you may know, there have been suggestions that the UN Security Council should endorse the... If the UN Security Council considers such a plan, what do you think the US should do as a member of the UN Security Council?

Vote in favor of endorsing the establishment of a Palestinian state
Vote against endorsing the establishment of a Palestinian state
Abstain from voting
Refused

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American Politics and the Middle East
Q2A: When you are deciding which candidate to vote for in Congress or for President, how much do you consider the candidate’s position on US policy toward Israel?
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Evangelicals:
- A lot: 55%
- Some: 27%
- Just a little: 12%
- Not at all: 6%
- Refused: 0%

Non-Evangelical Christians:
- A lot: 24%
- Some: 37%
- Just a little: 18%
- Not at all: 21%
- Refused: 0%
### Q5: If elections were held today, for whom would you vote among current Presidential candidates?

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[among respondents who said “a lot” when asked “how much do you consider the candidate’s position on US policy toward Israel” in Q2A]
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Q5: If elections were held today, for whom would you vote among current Presidential candidates? [Evangelical Christians]
Religion and the Middle East
Q44: Of the challenges facing the United States in the Middle East, which of the following do you believe threatens American interests the most?

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<td>The instability in Libya</td>
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The rise of ISIS in Syria and Iraq, The instability in Libya, Iranian behavior in general, and The violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict were the most commonly cited challenges. The rise of ISIS in Syria and Iraq was the most significant concern among Republicans, Independents, and Democrats, with 71%, 70%, and 74% of respondents, respectively, expressing concern. The instability in Libya was also a notable issue, with 1% of Republicans, 3% of Independents, 4% of Democrats, and 3% of the total respondents expressing concern. Iranian behavior in general was a concern for 1% of Republicans, 2% of Independents, 6% of Democrats, and 4% of the total respondents. The violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was mentioned by 21% of Republicans, 18% of Independents, 13% of Democrats, and 13% of the total respondents. Refused responses were minimal across all groups, with only 0% of Republicans, 0% of Independents, 0% of Democrats, and 0% of the total respondents.
Q33C: What is your attitude about each of the following? (The Muslim People)

- **Favorable**: Republican - 41%, Independent - 43%, Democrat - 67%, Total - 53%
- **Unfavorable**: Republican - 58%, Independent - 53%, Democrat - 31%, Total - 46%
- **Refused**: Republican - 0%, Independent - 5%, Democrat - 2%, Total - 2%
Q35: In your life how familiar are you with people who are Muslim?

- I don't know any
- I know some but not very well
- I know some very well
- Refused

Republican

- I don't know any: 35%
- I know some but not very well: 45%
- I know some very well: 18%
- Refused: 2%

Independent

- I don't know any: 49%
- I know some but not very well: 36%
- I know some very well: 15%
- Refused: 1%

Democrat

- I don't know any: 33%
- I know some but not very well: 41%
- I know some very well: 25%
- Refused: 2%

Total

- I don't know any: 36%
- I know some but not very well: 42%
- I know some very well: 20%
- Refused: 2%
Q33C: What is your attitude about each of the following? (The Muslim People) [compared with Q35: In your life how familiar are you with people who are Muslim?]
Q33D: What is your attitude about each of the following? (The Muslim Religion) [compared with Q35: In your life how familiar are you with people who are Muslim?]
### Q33A: What is your attitude about each of the following? (The Jewish People)

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Q34: In your life how familiar are you with people who are Jewish?

Republican
- I don't know any: 11%
- I know some but not very well: 47%
- I know some very well: 42%
- Refused: 0%

Independent
- I don't know any: 32%
- I know some but not very well: 45%
- I know some very well: 22%
- Refused: 1%

Democrat
- I don't know any: 22%
- I know some but not very well: 33%
- I know some very well: 45%
- Refused: 1%

Total
- I don't know any: 19%
- I know some but not very well: 40%
- I know some very well: 40%
- Refused: 1%
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Q35A: Which position is closer to yours?
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Refused

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Refused
Q35A: Which position is closer to yours? [compared with Q35: In your life how familiar are you with people who are Muslim?]

- **Republican**
  - I don’t know any: 64%
  - I know some but not very well: 52%
  - I know some very well: 37%

- **Independent**
  - I don’t know any: 65%
  - I know some but not very well: 63%
  - I know some very well: 56%

- **Democrat**
  - I don’t know any: 66%
  - I know some but not very well: 65%
  - I know some very well: 60%

- **Total**
  - I don’t know any: 64%
  - I know some but not very well: 52%
  - I know some very well: 37%

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Evangelical Attitudes Toward Israel
Q14: Would you describe yourself as an Evangelical Christian? [asked of Christians only]
God Almighty must be feared and obeyed and those who don’t obey him risk punishment in this life and in the afterlife

God is compassionate and merciful and loves and forgives even the sinners

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Q24A: Which of the following statements more closely speaks to your core religious faith? [asked of Christians only] [among those who responded “yes” when asked “Would you describe yourself as an Evangelical Christian?” in Q14]

Republican

Independent

Democrat

Refused

Total
Q26: Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your views about the Bible: [asked of Christians only]

- The Bible is the inspired word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word
- The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally
- The Bible is an ancient book of legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by humans
- Refused
Q28: Biblical prophecies tell of the end times and the return of Christ. Do you believe that this: [asked of Christians only]
Q28: Biblical prophecies tell of the end times and the return of Christ. Do you believe that this: [among Evangelicals]

- Will happen in my lifetime: 12%
- Will happen before the end of this century: 6%
- Will happen, but I don't know if it will be tomorrow or in a thousand years: 81%
- Will probably not happen: 1%
- Will surely not happen: 0%
Q29: Some people say there are things that have to happen in Israel before Christ returns. Do you agree or disagree? [asked if respondent answered 1, 2, or 3 in Q28] [asked of Christians only]

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[Bar chart showing percentages of agreement, disagreement, and refusal by political affiliation and total.]
Q29: Some people say there are things that have to happen in Israel before Christ returns. Do you agree or disagree? [asked if respondent answered 1, 2, or 3 in Q28] [among Evangelicals]

- **Agree**: 75%
- **Disagree**: 25%
Q45A: For the rapture or Second Coming to occur it is essential for current-day Israel to include all the land that was promised to Biblical Israel in Old Testament [asked if respondent answered 1, 2, or 3 in Q28] [asked of Christians only]
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- **Evangelicals**
  - Agree strongly: 40%
  - Agree somewhat: 33%
  - Disagree Somewhat: 19%
  - Disagree Strongly: 6%
  - Refused: 2%

- **Non-Evangelical Christians**
  - Agree strongly: 12%
  - Agree somewhat: 37%
  - Disagree Somewhat: 29%
  - Disagree Strongly: 16%
  - Refused: 6%
Q45C: The unfolding violence across the Middle East region is a sign that the end of time is nearer [asked if respondent answered 1, 2, or 3 in Q28] [asked of Christians only]
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