



# Poll Results



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## Arab American Institute/Americans for Peace Now Survey of Jewish American and Arab American Public Opinion

This survey was conducted by Zogby International. The Jewish American segment was completed on 7/6/03 and totaled 503 individuals. The Arab American segment was completed on 7/9/03 and totaled 500 individuals. In both samples, the margin of error was +/- 4.5%.

**THINKING ABOUT MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS ISSUES:**

1. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Palestinians have a right to live in a secure and independent state of their own?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Strongly agree	49.0	84.8
Somewhat agree	33.0	7.9
Somewhat disagree	5.9	.5
Strongly disagree	9.3	2.2
Not Sure	2.9	4.7

2. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Israelis have a right to live in a secure and independent state of their own?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Strongly agree	95.3	79.1
Somewhat agree	4.2	16.1
Somewhat disagree	.2	.4
Strongly disagree	.2	1.4
Not Sure	.1	3.0

3. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the road map to peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians as laid out by the Bush Administration?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Strongly support	23.0	45.7
Somewhat support	48.0	28.1
Somewhat oppose	7.1	5.2
Strongly oppose	9.3	5.8
Not Sure	12.6	15.3

4. What needs to be done first in order to ensure the success of the peace plan—A: The Israelis need to start dismantling the settlements and outposts in the West Bank and Gaza and freeze settlement expansion, B: the Palestinians need to declare a ceasefire and stop the suicide bombings, or C: both Israel and the Palestinians need to take the above steps at the same time?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Dismantle settlements/ freeze expansion	2.8	18.4
Ceasefire/stop bombings	37.4	4.9
Both	56.7	73.2
Neither-Nothing will work	1.8	1.4
Not Sure	1.3	2.1

5. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose a freeze on all Israeli settlement expansion in the West Bank and Gaza?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Strongly support	45.7	70.9
Somewhat support	24.9	9.3
Somewhat oppose	8.5	4.0
Strongly oppose	12.3	6.0
Not Sure	8.6	9.7

6. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Israel ending its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Strongly support	26.8	73.2
Somewhat support	31.7	10.4
Somewhat oppose	12.7	2.0
Strongly oppose	16.4	5.5
Not Sure	12.3	9.0

7. Would you support or not support a peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians that included the establishment of an independent, secure Palestinian state alongside an independent, secure Israeli state, the evacuation of most settlements from the West Bank and Gaza, the establishment of a border roughly along the June 4, 1967 border, a Palestinian right of return only to inside a new Palestinian state, and establishing Jerusalem as the shared capital of both countries?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Support	59.2	85.2
Not support	31.0	6.1
Not Sure	9.9	8.7

### THE U.S. AND THE MIDDLE EAST:

8. How confident are you in the Bush Administration's commitment to achieve a two-state solution in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Very confident	9.8	12.2
Somewhat confident	45.8	37.6
Not confident	41.3	44.9
Not Sure	3.1	5.3

9. Generally speaking, how would you rate President George W. Bush's handling of the Arab/Israeli conflict in the Middle East?

	Jewish Americans %	Arab Americans %
Excellent	5.0	12.1
Good	24.0	26.8
Fair	44.8	26.9
Poor	24.1	29.5
Not Sure	2.1	4.6

## COMPARISON OF JULY 2003 RESULTS TO OCTOBER 2002 RESULTS

Zogby International conducted a survey of Jewish American and Arab American opinion in late October 2002. The Jewish American segment was completed on 10/25/02, and the Arab American segment was completed on 10/29/02. 500 people were polled in each community. The margin of error for the sampling of each community was +/- 4.5%. Four of the questions asked in the October 2002 survey were repeated in the July 2003 poll. A comparison between the two sets of results is provided below.

1. Generally speaking, how would you rate President George W. Bush's handling of the Arab/Israeli conflict in the Middle East?

	Jewish Americans July 2003	Jewish Americans October 2002	Change
	%	%	%
Excellent	5.0	5.5	- 0.5
Good	24.0	23.0	+ 1.0
Fair	44.8	37.7	+ 7.1
Poor	24.1	31.3	- 7.2
Not Sure	2.1	2.5	- 0.4

	Arab Americans July 2003	Arab Americans October 2002	Change
	%	%	%
Excellent	12.1	7.8	+ 4.3
Good	26.8	18.6	+ 8.2
Fair	26.9	22.3	+ 4.6
Poor	29.5	46.4	-16.9
Not Sure	4.6	4.8	- 0.2

2. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Palestinians have a right to live in a secure and independent state of their own?

	Jewish Americans July 2003	Jewish Americans October 2002	Change
	%	%	%
Strongly/Somewhat agree	82.0	85.5	-3.5
Strongly/Somewhat disagree	15.2	8.4	+6.8
Not Sure	2.9	6.1	-3.2
	Arab Americans July 2003	Arab Americans October 2002	Change
	%	%	%
Strongly/Somewhat agree	92.7	95.6	- 2.9
Strongly/Somewhat disagree	2.7	2.0	+ 0.7
Not Sure	4.7	2.4	+ 2.3

3. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Israelis have a right to live in a secure and independent state of their own?

	Jewish Americans July 2003	Jewish Americans October 2002	Change
	%	%	%
Strongly/Somewhat agree	99.5	96.6	+ 2.9
Strongly/Somewhat disagree	.4	1.0	- 0.6
Not Sure	.1	2.4	- 2.3
	Arab Americans July 2003	Arab Americans October 2002	Change
	%	%	%
Strongly/Somewhat agree	95.2	95.4	- 0.2
Strongly/Somewhat disagree	1.8	3.7	- 1.9
Not Sure	3.0	.9	+ 2.1

4. Would you support or not support a peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians that included the establishment of an independent, secure Palestinian state alongside an independent, secure Israeli state, the evacuation of most settlements from the West Bank and Gaza, the establishment of a border roughly along the June 4, 1967 border, a Palestinian right of return only to inside a new Palestinian state, and establishing Jerusalem as the shared capital of both countries?

	Jewish Americans July 2003	Jewish Americans October 2002	Change
	%	%	%
Support	59.2	51.7	+ 7.5
Not support	31.0	30.3	+ 0.7
Not Sure	9.9	18.0	- 8.1
	Arab Americans July 2003	Arab Americans October 2002	Change
	%	%	%
Support	85.2	78.9	+ 6.3
Not support	6.1	10.9	- 4.8
Not Sure	8.7	10.2	- 1.5