American Christian Views on the Israel-Hamas War

A SURVEY OF 1,252 AMERICAN CHRISTIANS

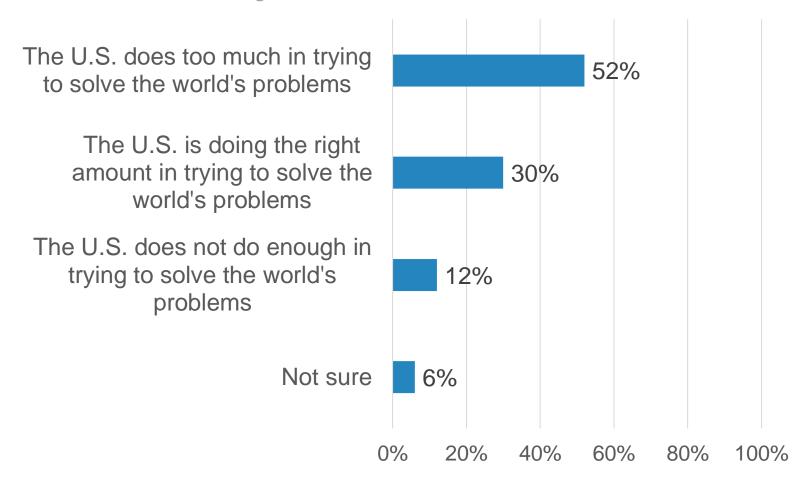
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Methodology

- The online survey of 1,252 American Christians was conducted November 14-21, 2023, using a national pre-recruited panel
- The project was sponsored by The Philos Project
- Respondents were screened to include those who identified as Catholic/Roman Catholic, Protestant/non-denominational, or Orthodox Christians
- Quotas and slight weights were used to balance gender, age, region, ethnicity, education, and religion to more accurately reflect the population
- The completed sample is 1,252 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed <u>+</u>2.9% This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

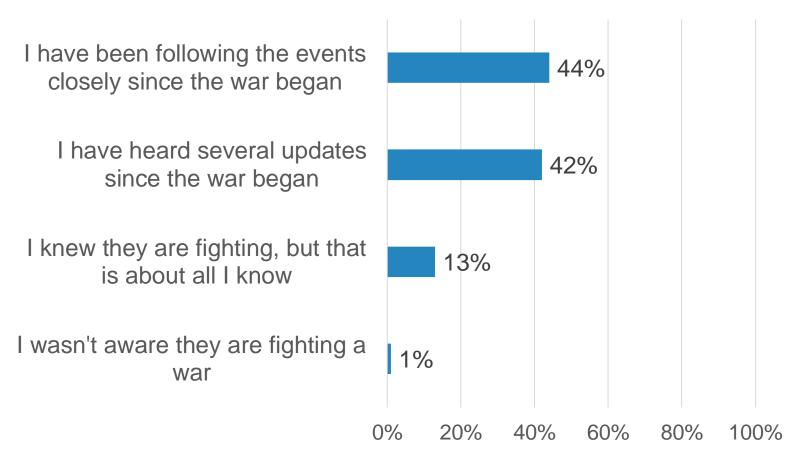
52% say that the U.S. does too much to try to solve the world's problems

Among self-identified Christians in the U.S.

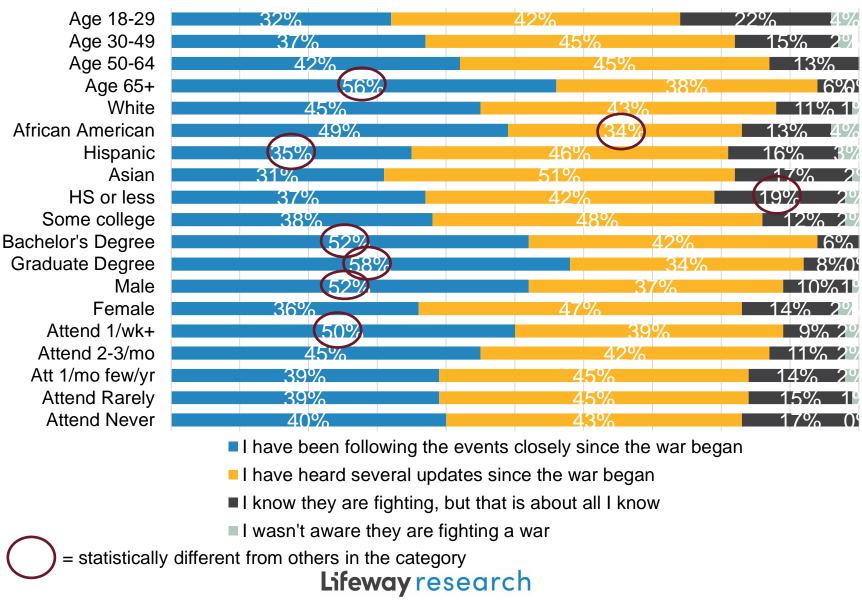


86% have followed the events of the current war between Hamas and Israel closely or have heard several updates

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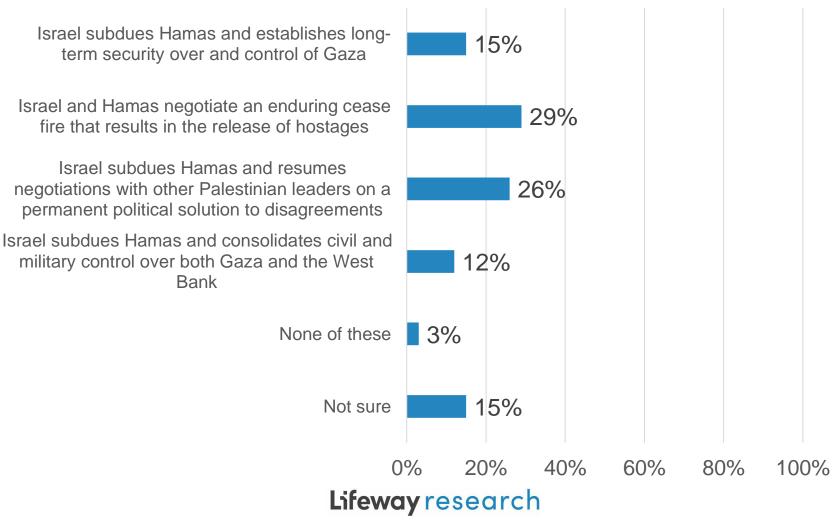


Awareness of the war, by Demographics

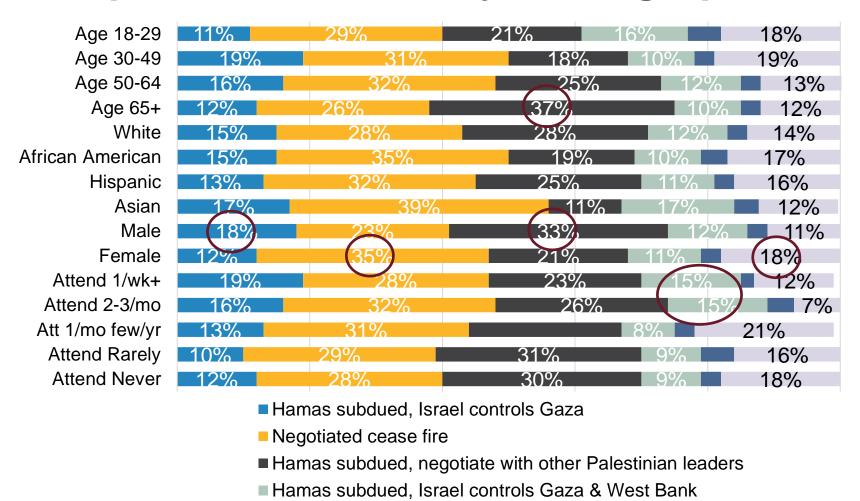


56% believe the optimal outcome would be an option that involves negotiations; 53% support an option that involves subduing Hamas

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Optimal Outcome, by Demographics



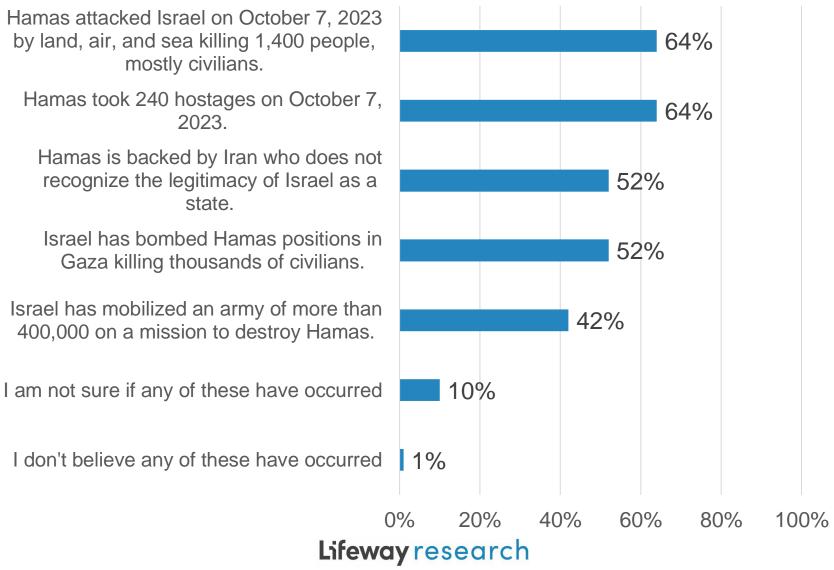
■ Not sure

None of these

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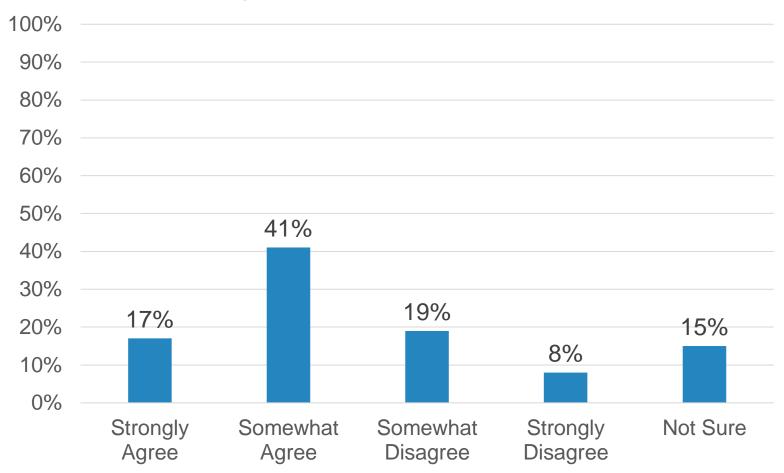
"Which, if any, of the following events have you both heard of and believed occurred?"

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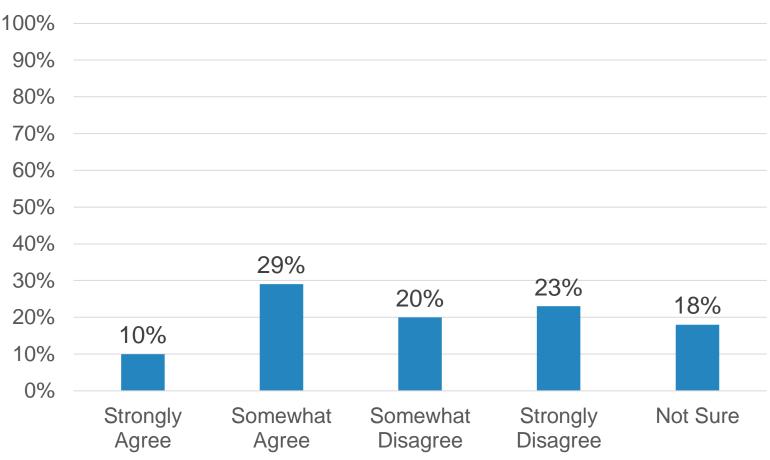
59% agree news stories often over-simplify reasons for events in the war

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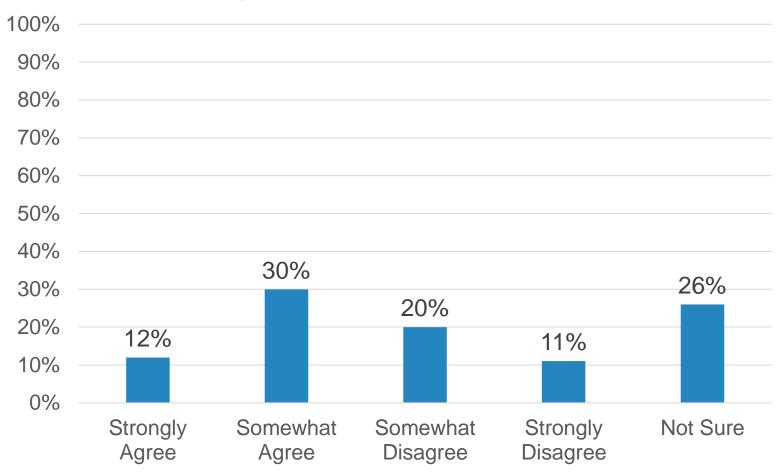
39% agree the armed rebellion of Palestinians is a natural response to being mistreated by Israel

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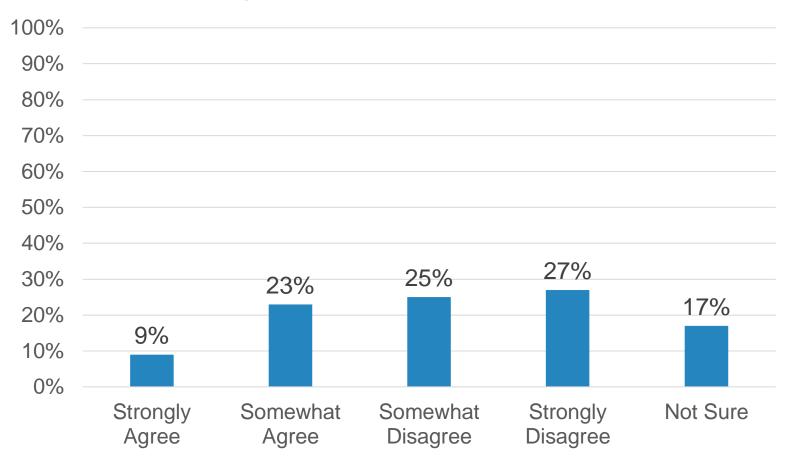
43% agree most of the Palestinian people in Gaza have supported Hamas' fight

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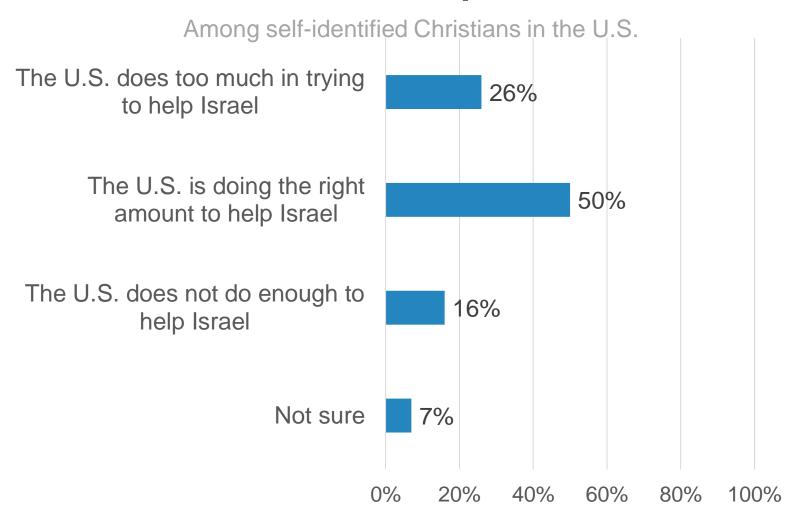
31% agree the Palestinian people in Gaza are responsible for the attacks carried out by Hamas

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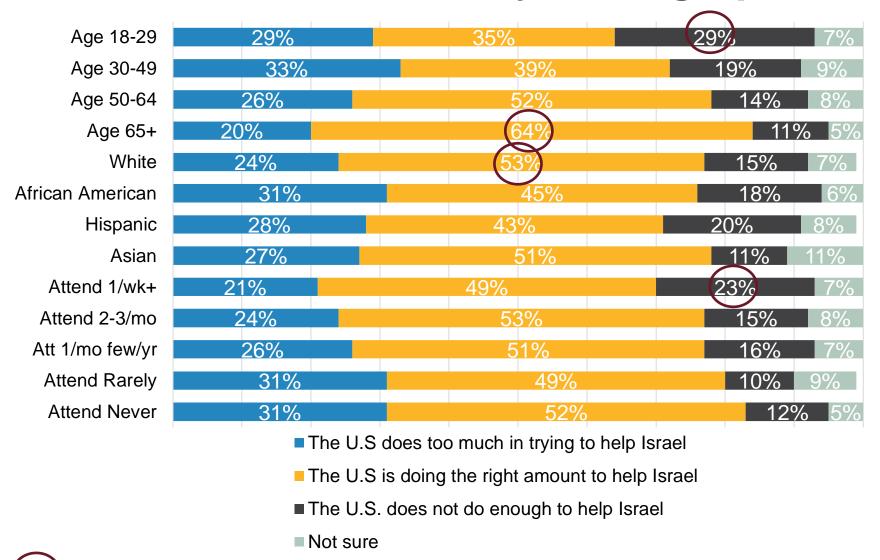




50% say that the U.S. is doing the right amount to help Israel



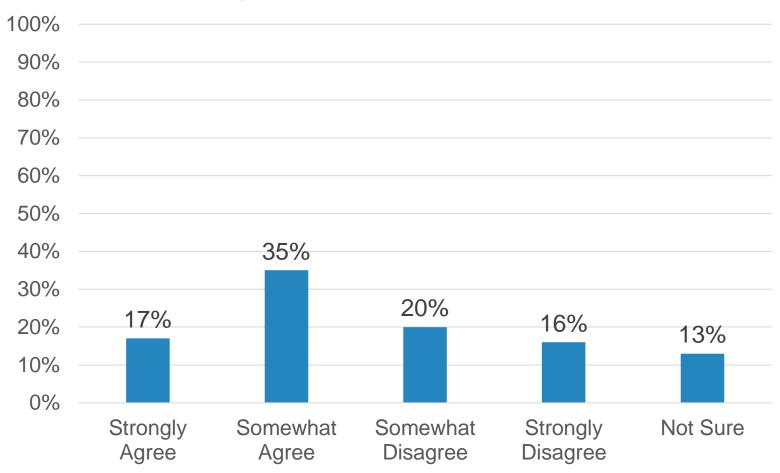
American Involvement, by Demographics



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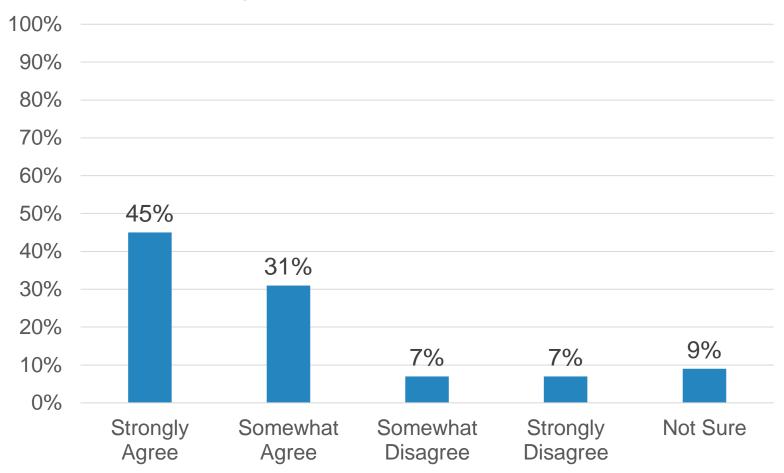
52% agree Israel appears to consider civilian casualties justified in pursuit of military goals

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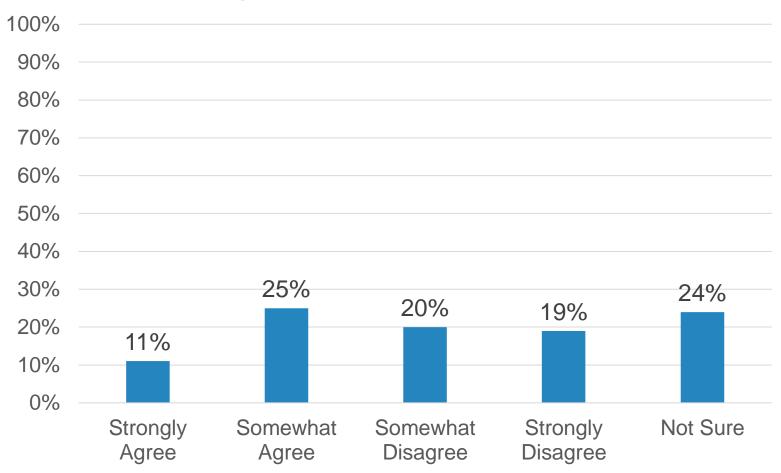
77% agree Hamas appears to consider civilian casualties justified in pursuit of military goals

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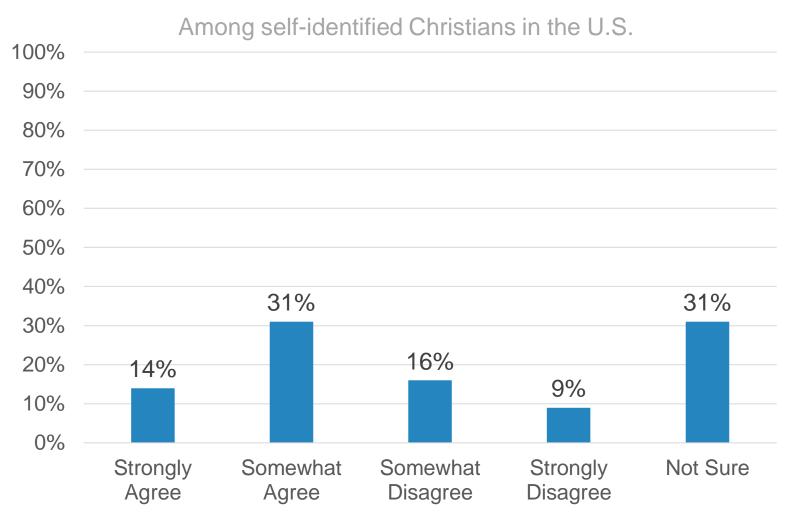


36% agree that Israeli control of Gaza and the West Bank are an illegal occupation

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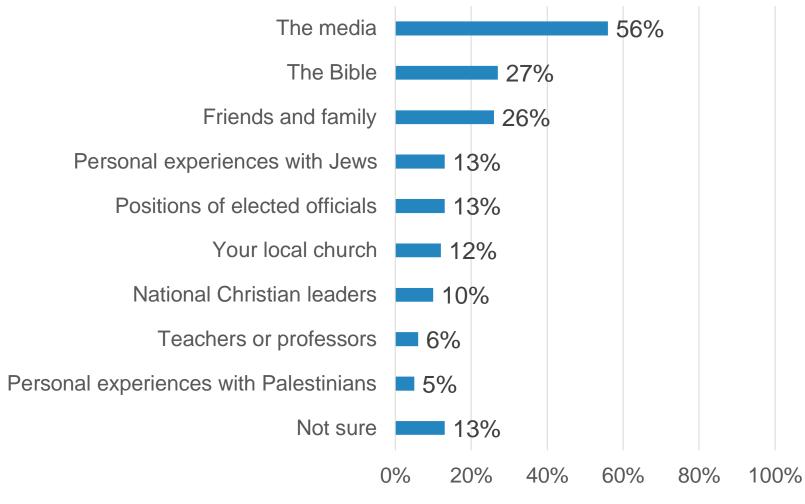
45% agree that Israeli settlements beyond agreed upon borders are illegal





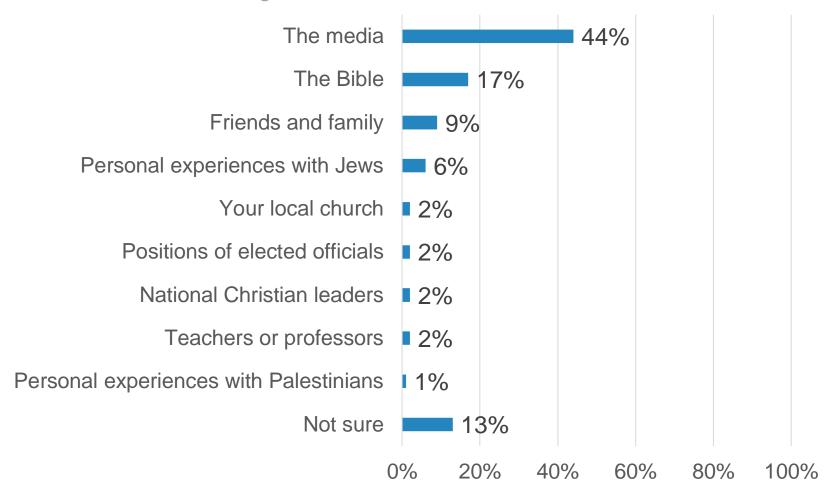
"Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?"

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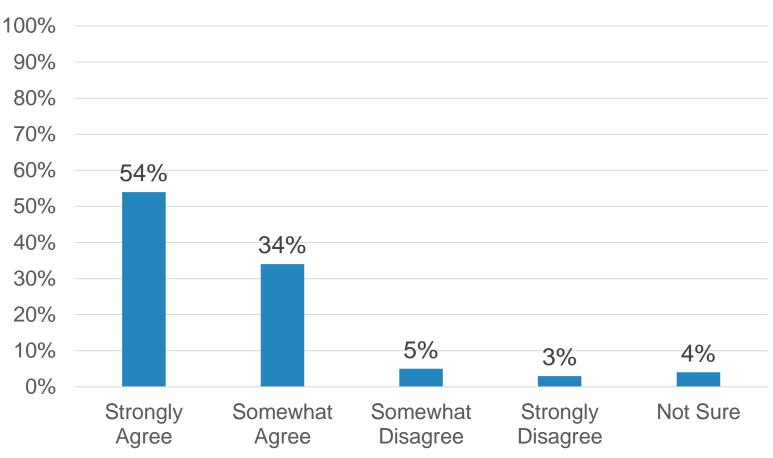
44% say that the media influences their opinions of Israel the most

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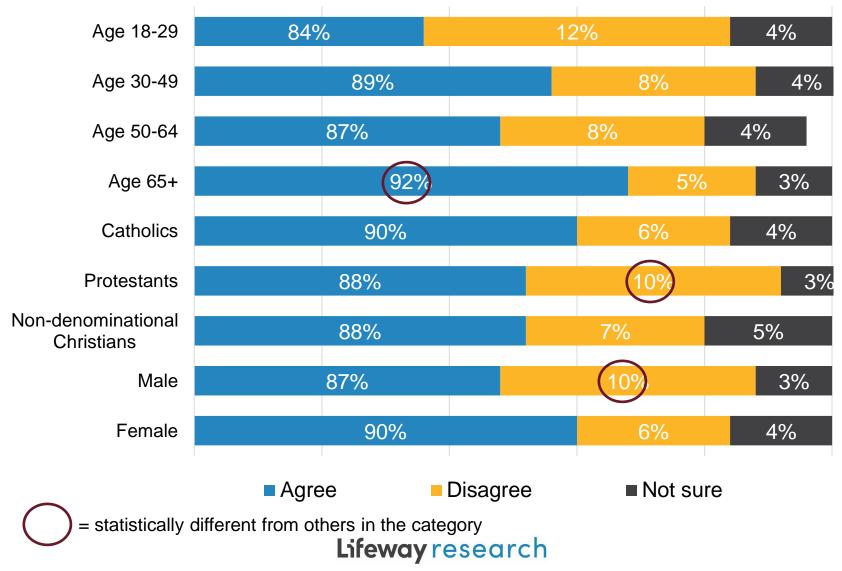


88% agree that lasting peace in the region requires a mutually agreed upon solution between Israel and Palestinians

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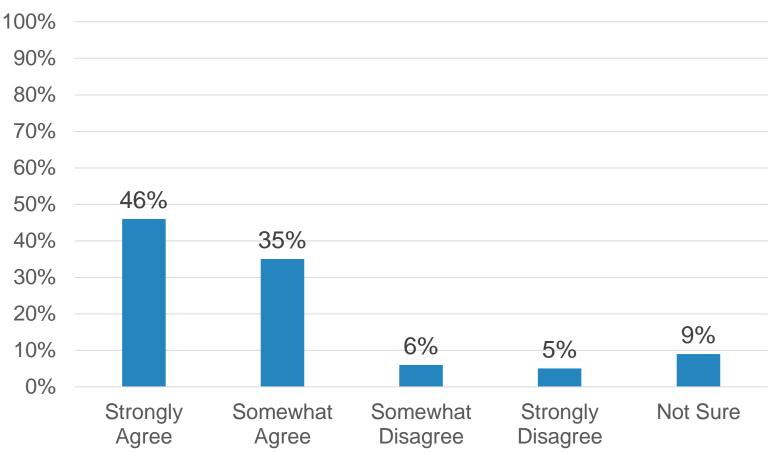


Lasting Peace requires mutually agreed upon solution, by Demographics



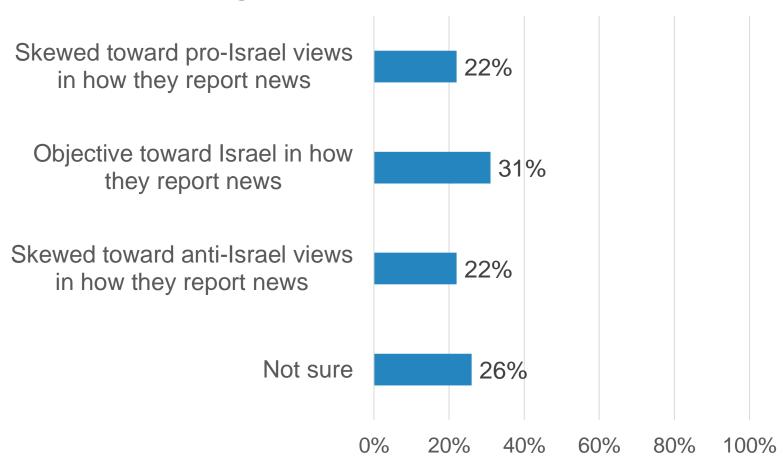
81% support the goal of a two-state solution in which Israel and Palestine are self-governing with national borders respected by all

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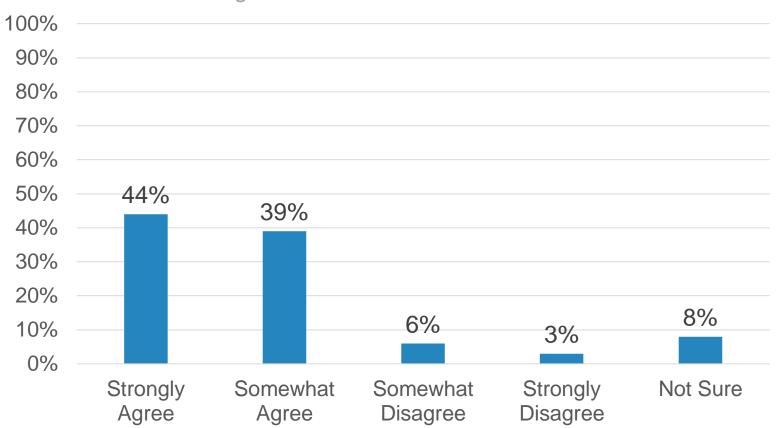
44% say the main-stream media's coverage is skewed; 22% toward pro-Israel views and 22% toward anti-Israel views

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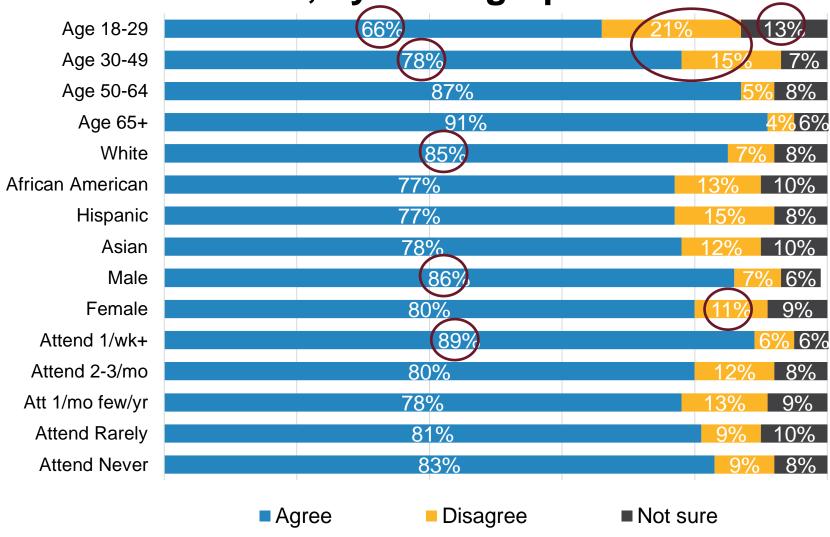


83% agree Israel must take bold measures to defend itself against Hamas' decades long campaign of terrorism

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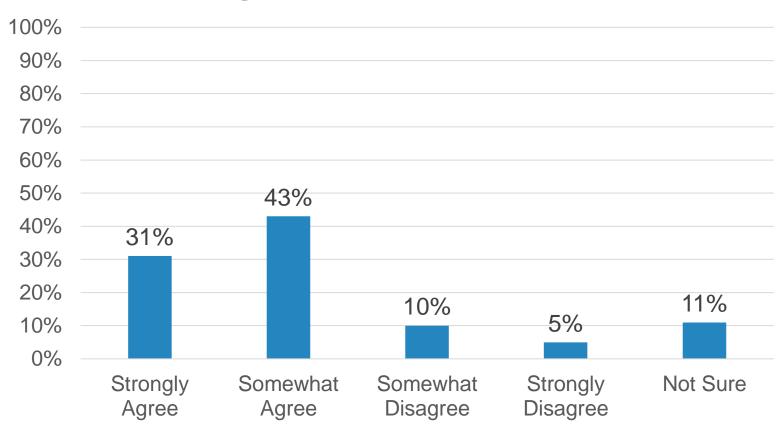
Israel must take bold measures to defend itself, by Demographics



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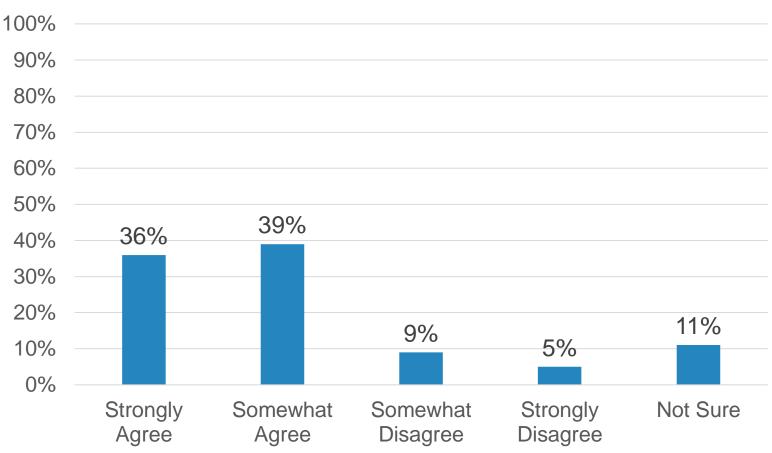
74% agree Palestinians have the right to defend themselves and the land their families have lived on for generations

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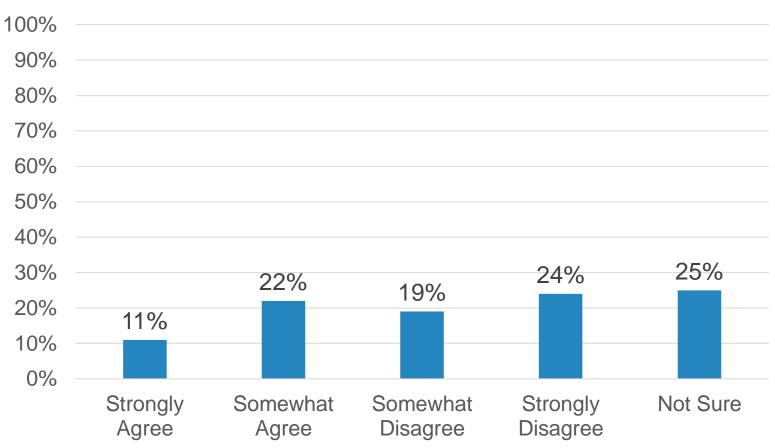
75% agree Hamas is an extremist group that is isolated from most other Arabs in Israel and neighboring countries

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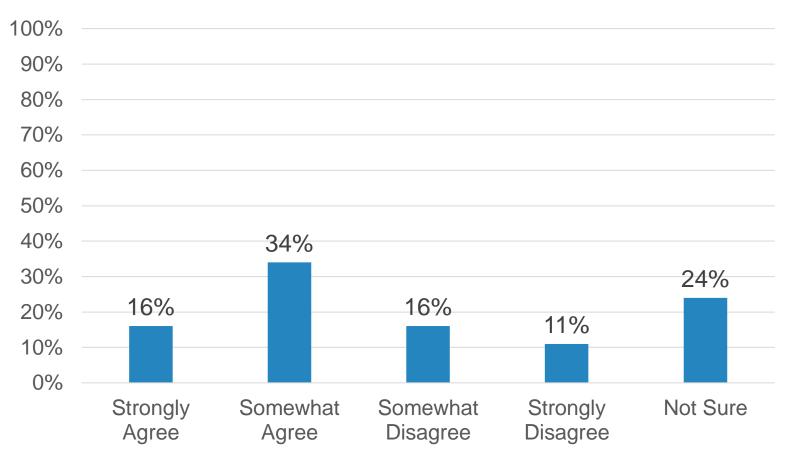
33% agree Israel's blockade of Gaza since 2005 has prevented Hamas from obtaining weapons to use against Israel

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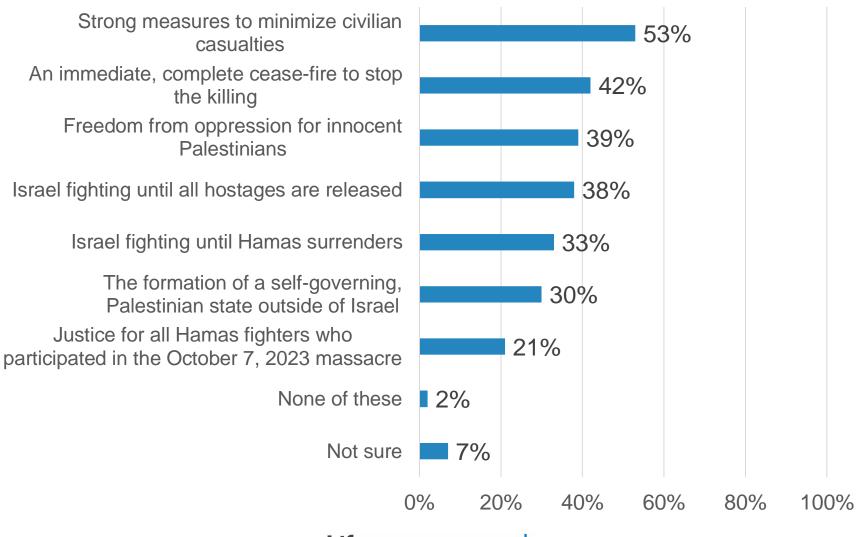
50% agree that Israel's blockade of Gaza since 2005 has oppressed Palestinian people who have no option of leaving

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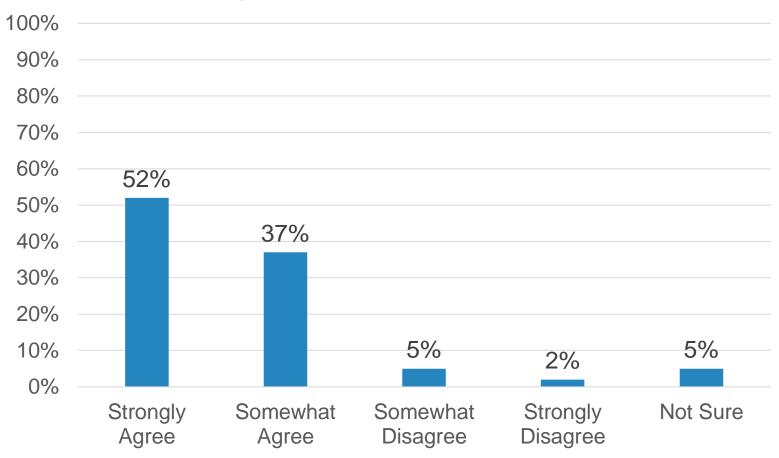
"Which, if any, of the following should Christians advocate for in this war?"

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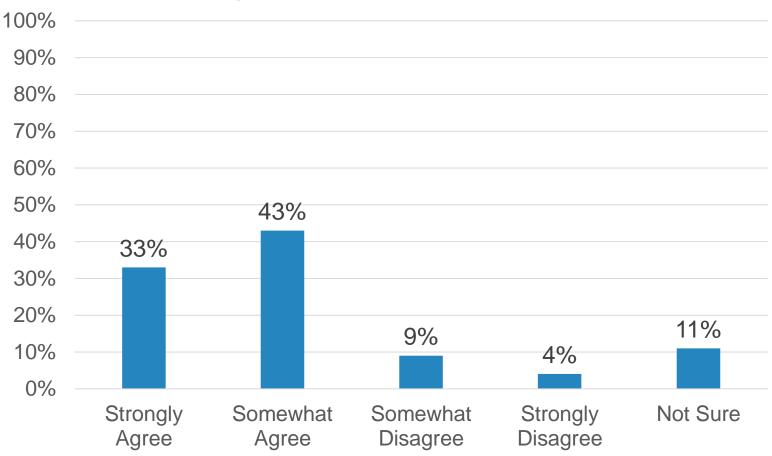
88% agree that Israelis have the right to determine their own statehood and government

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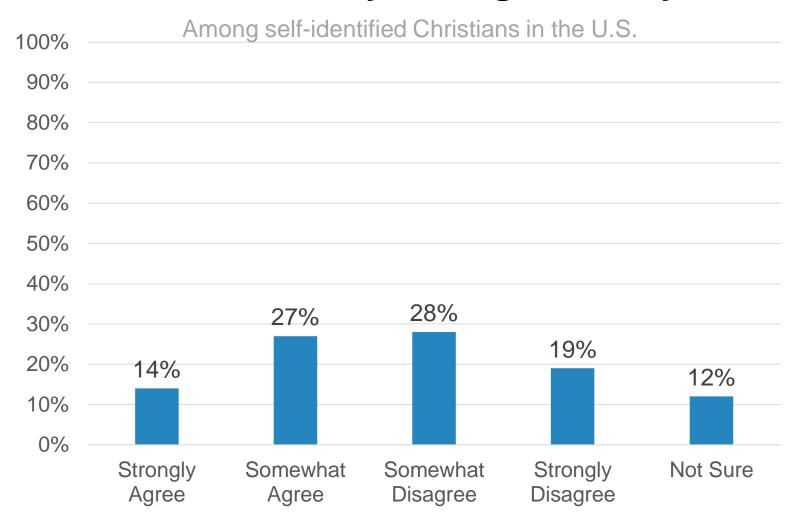


76% agree that Palestinians have the right to determine their own statehood and government

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41% agree Israel can secure a positive, longterm outcome solely through military force

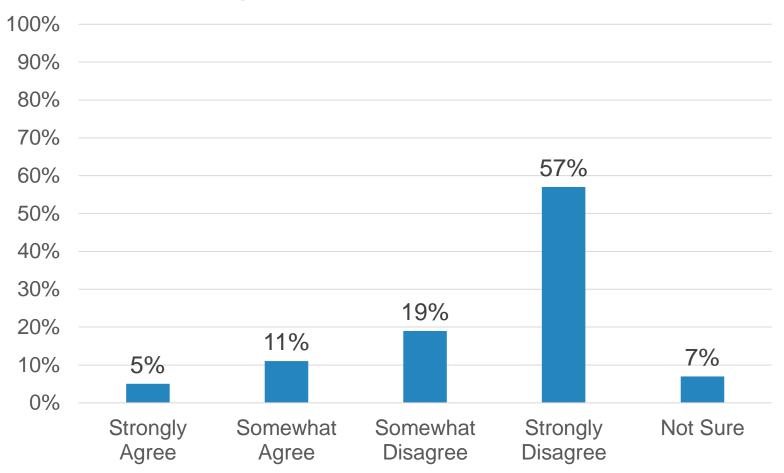




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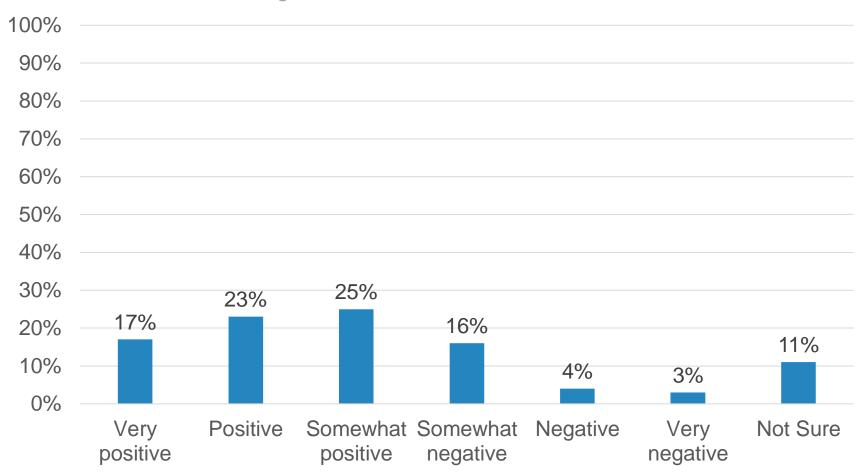
16% agree Palestinians can achieve their national aspirations solely through violence

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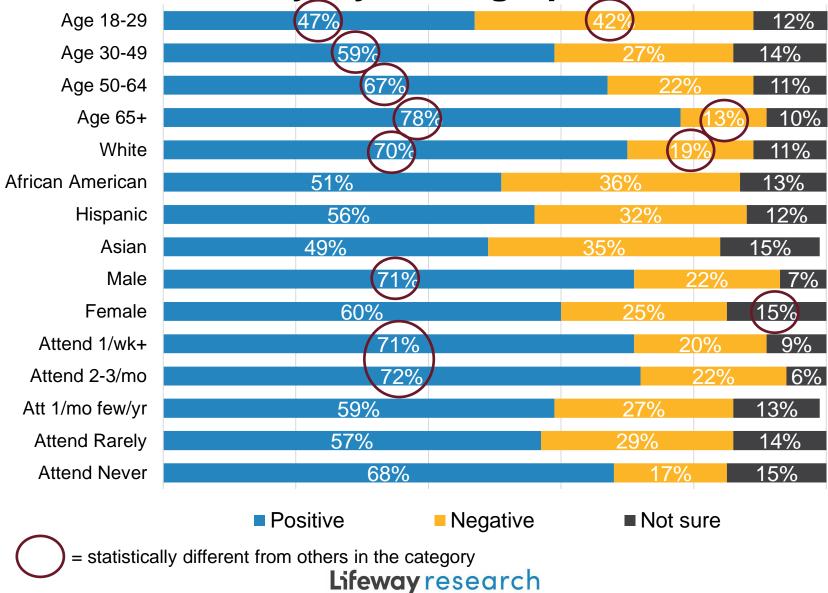


65% have a positive perception of Israel today

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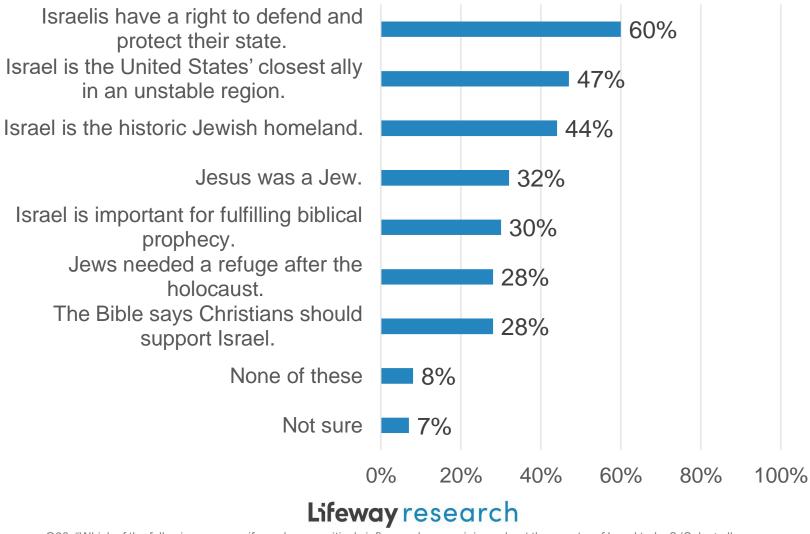


Overall perception of the country of Israel today, by Demographics



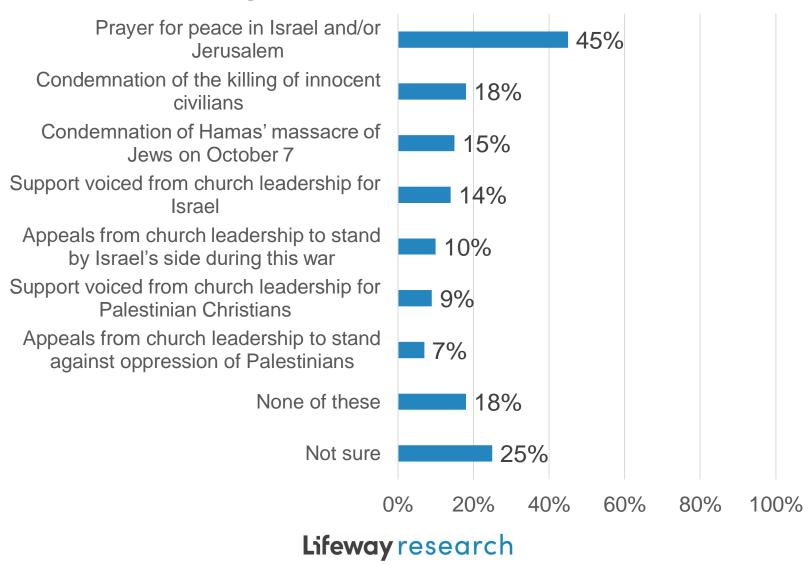
"Which of the following reasons, if any, have positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel today?"

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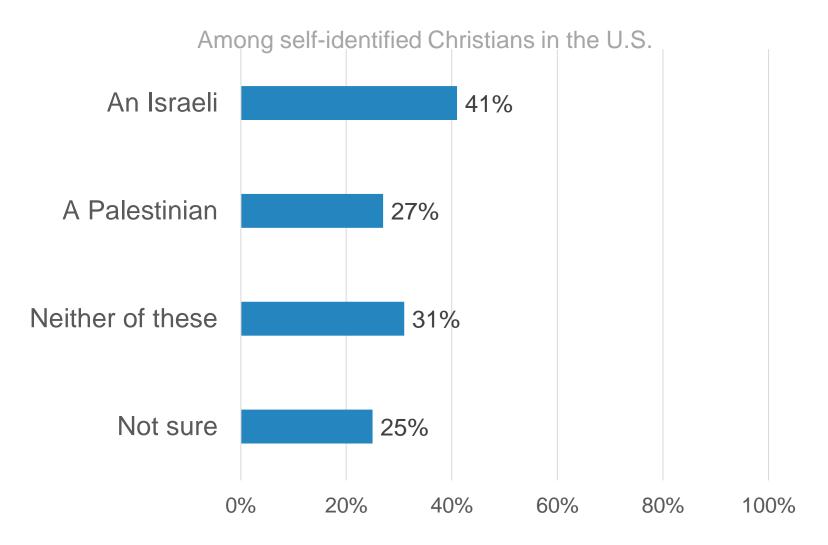


"Which if any of the following have occurred in your church since October 7, 2023?"

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"Have you ever met ..."



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Significant Differences

Gender

Age

Region

Ethnicity

Education

Faith Preference

Worship Service Attendance

Significant Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among gender, age, region, and ethnicity.

GENDER	AGE	REGION	ETHNICITY
Male	18-29	Northeast	White
Female	30-49	Midwest	African American
	50-64	South	Hispanic
	65+	West	Asian

Note: Region is defined by the US Census locations

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among education, faith preference, and worship service attendance.

EDUCATION	FAITH PREFERENCE	WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE
High School graduate or less	Catholic/Roman Catholic	Once or a week or more
Some college	Protestant	2 or 3 times a month
Bachelor's Degree	Non-denominational Christian	Once a month/Several times a year
Graduate Degree		Rarely
		Never

"Which of the following best describes your views on American involvement in international affairs?"

- Males are more likely to select "The U.S. does too much in trying to solve the world's problems" than females (57% v. 48%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to select "The U.S. does not do enough in trying to solve the world's problems" (33%)
- Whites (56%) are more likely to select "The U.S. does too much in trying to solve the world's problems" than African Americans (43%) and Hispanics (41%)
- Those in the Midwest (58%) are more likely to select "The U.S. does too much in trying to solve the world's problems" than those in the South (50%) and West (48%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (33%) or with a Graduate Degree (34%) are more likely to select "The U.S. is doing the right amount in trying to solve the world's problems" than with some college (25%)

"Which of the following best describes your views on American involvement in international affairs?" continued

- Protestants (33%) are more likely to select "The U.S. is doing the right amount in trying to solve the world's problems" than Non-denominational Christians (23%)
- Those who never attend a worship service are the most likely to select than "The U.S. does too much in trying to solve the world's problems" (65%)

"Which of the following describes your awareness of the current war between Hamas and Israel?"

- Males are more likely to select "I have been following the events closely since the war began" than females (52% v. 36%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select "I have been following the events closely since the war began" (56%)
- African Americans (49%) are more likely to select "I have been following the events closely since the war began" than Hispanics (35%) and Asians (31%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (52%) or a Graduate Degree (58%) are more likely to select "I have been following the events closely since the war began" than who are High School Graduates or less (37%) or with some college (38%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the most likely to select "I knew they are fighting, but that is about all I know" (19%)

"Which of the following describes your awareness of the current war between Hamas and Israel?" *continued*

- Catholics (45%) and Protestants (47%) are more likely to select "I have been following the events closely since the war began" than Nondenominational Christians (33%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (50%) are more likely to select "I have been following the events closely since the war began" than those who attend once a month/several times a year (39%), rarely attend (39%), and never attend (40%)

"What do you believe would be the optimal outcome to the current war between Hamas and Israel?"

- Females are more likely to select "Israel and Hamas negotiate an enduring cease fire that results in the release of hostages" than males (35% v. 23%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select "Israel subdues Hamas and resumes negotiations with other Palestinian leaders on a permanent political solution to disagreements" (37%)
- Whites (28%) are more likely to select "Israel subdues Hamas and resumes negotiations with other Palestinian leaders on a permanent political solution to disagreements" than African Americans (19%) and Asians (11%)
- Those in the Northeast (34%) are more likely to select "Israel and Hamas negotiate an enduring cease fire that results in the release of hostages" than those in the Midwest (26%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (29%) or with a Graduate Degree (33%) are more likely to select "Israel subdues Hamas and resumes negotiations with other Palestinian leaders on a permanent political solution to disagreements" than who are High School Graduates or less (22%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the least likely to select "Israel and Hamas negotiate an enduring cease fire that results in the release of hostages" (19%)

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"What do you believe would be the optimal outcome to the current war between Hamas and Israel?" *continued*

- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the most likely to select "Not sure" (22%)
- Those who rarely attend a worship service (31%) are more likely to select "Israel subdues Hamas and resumes negotiations with other Palestinian leaders on a permanent political solution to disagreements" than those who attend once a week or more (24%) and once a month/several times a year (23%)

Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, 2023 by land, air, and sea killing 1,400 people, mostly civilians

- Males are more likely to select than females (67% v. 62%)
- Responses are significantly different across all age groups with age 65+ the most likely to select (75%) followed by age 50-64 (66%), 30-49 (58%), and 18-29 (48%)
- Whites (69%) are more likely to select than African Americans (55%) and Hispanics (53%)
- Those in the Midwest (69%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (60%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (74%) or a Graduate Degree (71%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (58%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (70%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (60%)

Hamas took 240 hostages on October 7, 2023

- Males are more likely to select than females (70% v. 59%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (77%)
- Whites (68%) and Asians (71%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (51%)
- Those in the Midwest (68%) are more likely to select than those in the South (61%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (54%)
- Catholics (67%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational Christians (58%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (65%), rarely attend (66%), and never attend (71%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (55%)

Israel has bombed Hamas positions in Gaza killing thousands of civilians

- Those age 65+ (57%) are more likely to select than those 30-49 (46%)
- Whites (53%) and Asians (64%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (44%)
- Those in the West (59%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (46%) and South (49%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (64%) or a Graduate Degree (58%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (43%)

Israel has mobilized an army of more than 400,000 on a mission to destroy Hamas

- Males are more likely to select than females (51% v. 35%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (52%)
- Asians (55%) and Whites (44%) are more likely to select than African Americans (34%)
- Those in the West (49%) are more likely to select than those in the South (39%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (52%) or a Graduate Degree (53%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (35%) or with some college (40%)
- Catholics (46%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational Christians (37%)
- Those who never attend a worship service (49%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (37%)

Hamas is backed by Iran who does not recognize the legitimacy of Israel as a state

- Males are more likely to select than females (62% v. 44%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (68%)
- Whites (58%) are more likely to select than African Americans (42%) and Hispanics (37%)
- Those in the Midwest (57%) and West (55%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (45%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (40%)

I am not sure if any of these have occurred

- Females are more likely to select than males (14% v. 7%)
- Those age 30-49 (14%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (8%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (15%) or with some college (11%) are more likely to select than with a Bachelor's Degree (5%) or a Graduate Degree (5%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month/several times a year (13%) and rarely attend (13%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a week or more (8%) and 2 or 3 times a month (6%)

"News stories of events in the Israel-Hamas war often oversimplify why the events occur."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (64% v. 54%)
- Those age 18-29 (66%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (57%) and 65+ (55%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (71%) are more likely to Agree than who are High School Graduates or less (56%) or with some college (54%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (64%) are more likely to Agree than those who rarely attend (56%) or never attend (52%)

"The armed rebellion of Palestinians against Israel is a natural response of people who have been mistreated by the state of Israel."

- Females are more likely to Agree than males (42% v. 36%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to Agree (59%)
- African Americans (61%), Hispanics (54%), and Asians (47%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (32%)
- Those in the West (47%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (37%) and South (38%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (45%) are more likely to Agree than with some college (38%) or a Bachelor's Degree (34%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month/several times a year (45%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a week or more (37%) and never attend (34%)

"Most of the Palestinian people in Gaza have supported Hamas' attempts to fight against Israel."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (51% v. 35%)
- Those age 65+ (39%) are more likely to Disagree than those 30-49 (25%) and 50-64 (29%)
- Hispanics (54%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (39%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to Agree (52%)
- Those with some college (34%) are more likely to Disagree than who are High School Graduates or less (27%)
- Catholics (43%) and Protestants (45%) are more likely to Agree than Nondenominational Christians (35%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (51%), 2 or 3 times a month (44%), and once a month/several times a year (45%) are more likely to Agree than those who rarely attend (34%) and never attend (32%)

"The Palestinian people in Gaza are responsible for the attacks carried out by Hamas."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (37% v. 27%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to Disagree (61%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to Disagree (45%) and the most likely to be Not sure (22%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (36%) and 2 or 3 times a month (36%) are more likely to Agree than those who rarely attend (26%) and never attend (24%)

"Which of the following best describes your views on American involvement in Israel?"

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select "The U.S. is doing the right amount to help Israel" than those 65+ (64%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to select "The U.S. does not do enough to help Israel" (29%)
- Whites (53%) are more likely to select "The U.S. is doing the right amount to help Israel" than African Americans (45%) and Hispanics (43%)
- Protestants (52%) are more likely to select "The U.S. is doing the right amount to help Israel" than Non-denominational Christians (44%)
- Those who rarely attend (31%) and never attend (31%) are more likely to select "The U.S. does too much to help Israel" than those who attend once a week or more (21%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more are the most likely to select "The U.S. does not do enough to help Israel" (23%)

"Israel appears to consider civilian casualties justified in the pursuit of its military goals."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (56% v. 48%)
- Those in the South are the least likely to Agree (47%)
- Catholics (56%) and Protestants (52%) are more likely to Agree than Nondenominational Christians (43%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (55%) and never attend (58%) are more likely to Agree than those who rarely attend (46%)

"Hamas appears to consider civilian casualties justified in the pursuit of its military goals."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (80% v. 74%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to Agree (85%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to Disagree (27%)
- Whites (78%) are more likely to Agree than African Americans (70%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to Agree (71%)
- Protestants (79%) are more likely to Agree than Non-denominational Christians (71%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (81%), rarely attend (76%), and never attend (81%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a month/several times a year (68%)

"Israeli control of Gaza and the West Bank are an illegal occupation of another country."

- Males are more likely to Disagree than females (48% v. 32%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to Agree (55%)
- African Americans (60%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (29%) and Hispanics (45%)
- Those in the West (44%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (35%) and South (34%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to Disagree (33%)
- Catholics (39%) are more likely to Agree than Non-denominational Christians (30%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (45%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a week or more (34%) and never attend (29%)

"Israeli settlements beyond the agreed upon borders of Israel are illegal."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (49% v. 41%)
- Those age 18-29 (53%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (42%) and 65+ (42%)
- African Americans (56%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (42%) and Hispanics (41%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to Agree (54%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (52%) are more likely to Agree than who are High School Graduates or less (42%)
- Catholics (48%) and Protestants (45%) are more likely to Agree than Nondenominational Christians (37%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (51%) are more likely to Agree than those attend once a month/several times a year (41%)

The media

- Those age 18-29 (64%) are more likely to select than those 30-49 (54%) and 65+ (54%)
- Hispanics (65%) are more likely to select than Whites (55%)
- Those in the West (64%) are more likely to select than those in the South (52%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (66%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (54%) or with some college (51%)
- Catholics (62%) are more likely to select than Protestants (53%)
- Those who rarely attend a worship service (63%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a week or more (53%) and never attend (52%)

Friends and family

- Females are more likely to select than males (28% v. 23%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to select (42%)
- Hispanics (33%) are more likely to select than Whites (25%) and African Americans (22%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (32%) and once a month/several times a year (29%) are more likely to select than those who rarely attend (21%)

Positions of elected officials

- Males are more likely to select than females (17% v. 10%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (18%), once a month/several times a year (16%), and who rarely attend (15%) are more likely to select than those who never attend (8%)

Your local church

- Those age 18-29 (21%) and 30-49 (17%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (9%) and 65+ (6%)
- Hispanics (19%) are more likely to select than Whites (11%) and African Americans (11%)
- Those in the South (15%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (10%)
- Protestants (13%) are more likely to select than Catholics (9%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (23%) and 2 or 3 times a month (17%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (6%), rarely attend (2%), and never attend (3%)

The Bible

- Those age 30-49 (34%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (22%)
- Those in the South are the most likely to select (32%)
- Those with some college (31%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (25%)
- Protestants (32%) and Non-denominational Christians (37%) are more likely to select than Catholics (16%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (39%) and 2 or 3 times a month (37%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (22%), rarely attend (15%), and never attend (19%)

National Christian leaders

- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (14%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (8%)
- Non-denominational Christians (15%) are more likely to select than Catholics (7%) and Protestants (10%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (15%), 2 or 3 times a month (11%), and attend once a month/several times a year (10%) are more likely to select than those who rarely attend (5%) and never attend (4%)

Personal experiences with Jews

- Males are more likely to select than females (16% v. 11%)
- Whites (15%) and Hispanics (15%) are more likely to select than African Americans (6%)
- Those in the Northeast (19%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (10%) and South (12%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (8%)
- Catholics (17%) are more likely to select than Protestants (11%)
- Those who never attend a worship service are the least likely to select (7%)

Personal experiences with Palestinians

- Males are more likely to select than females (7% v. 4%)
- Those age 30-49 (11%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (4%) and 65+ (3%)
- Those in the Midwest (7%) and West (8%) are more likely to select than those in the South (3%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (9%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (4%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month/several times a year (7%) are more likely to select than those who rarely attend (3%) and never attend (1%)

"Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?"

Teachers or professors

- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to select (16%)
- Those with some college (8%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (4%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (11%) are more likely to select than those who rarely attend (4%) and never attend (1%)

"Which one of the following has influenced your opinions about Israel the most?"

- Females are more likely to select "Friends and family" than males (12% v. 6%)
- Those age 30-49 (22%) are more likely to select "The Bible" than those 18-29 (13%) and 65+ (15%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to select "Friends and family" (18%)
- Hispanics (52%) are more likely to select "The media" than Whites (42%)
- Those in the South are the most likely to select "The Bible" (22%) and the least likely to select "The media" (38%)
- Those with some college (7%) and those with a Bachelor's Degree (9%) are more likely to select "Personal experiences with Jews" than those who are High School Graduates or less (4%)
- Catholics (52%) are more likely to select "The media" than Protestants (40%) and Non-denominational Christians (41%)
- Protestants (21%) and Non-denominational Christians (25%) are more likely to select "The Bible" tan Catholics (9%)

"Which one of the following has influenced your opinions about Israel the most?" continued

- Those who rarely attend a worship service are the most likely to select "The media" (55%)
- Those who attend once a week or more are the most likely to select "Your local church" (6%)
- Those who attend once a week or more (27%) or 2 or 3 times a month (21%) are more likely to select "The Bible" than those who attend a worship service once a month/several times a year (13%) or rarely attend (9%)

"Lasting peace in the region requires a mutually agreed upon political solution between Israel and Palestinians."

- Males are more likely to Disagree than females (10% v. 6%)
- Those age 65+ (92%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-29 (84%) and 50-64 (87%)
- Protestants (10%) are more likely to Disagree than Catholics (6%)

"I support the goal of a two-state solution in which two states exist, Israel and Palestine, that are self-governing with national borders that are respected by all."

- Males are more likely to Disagree than females (13% v. 8%)
- Those age 65+ (84%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-29 (77%)
- Those in the Northeast (86%) are more likely to Agree than those in the South (78%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (14%) are more likely to Agree than who are High School Graduates or less (9%) or with some college (9%)
- Catholics (84%) are more likely to Agree than Protestants (79%)

"Overall, do you believe most mainstream media outlets' coverage of the war between Israel and Hamas are..."

- Males are more likely to select "Skewed toward anti-Israel views in how they report news" than females (26% v. 19%)
- Those age 18-29 (41%) are more likely to select "Objective toward Israel in how they report news" than those 50-64 (27%) and 65+ (28%)
- Those age 30-49 (21%), 50-64 (23%), and 65+ (27%) are more likely to select "Skewed toward anti-Israel views on how they report news" than those age 18-29 (12%)
- African Americans (42%) and Hispanics (42%) are more likely to select "Objective toward Israel in how they report news" than Whites (27%)
- Whites (25%) are more likely to select "Skewed toward anti-Israel views on how they report news" than African Americans (12%) and Hispanics (14%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select "Skewed toward pro-Israel views in how they report news" (29%)
- Those with Graduate Degree (30%) are more likely to select "Skewed toward pro-Israel views in how they report news" than who are High School Graduates or less (20%) or with some college (18%)

"Overall, do you believe most mainstream media outlets' coverage of the war between Israel and Hamas are..." continued

- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the most likely to be "Not sure" (35%)
- Catholics (36%) are more likely to select "Objective toward Israel in how they report news" than Protestants (29%) and Non-denominational Christians (23%)
- Protestants (23%) and Non-denominational Christians (28%) are more likely to select "Skewed toward anti-Israel views on how they report news" than Catholics (17%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (39%) are more likely to select "Objective toward Israel in how they report news" than those who attend once a week or more (27%) and never attend (26%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more are the most likely to select "Skewed toward anti-Israel views on how they report news" (30%)

"Israel must take bold measures to defend itself against Hamas' decades long campaign of terrorism against Israel."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (86% v. 80%)
- Those age 18-29 are the least likely to Agree (66%)
- Whites (85%) are more likely to Agree than African Americans (77%) and Hispanics (77%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (89%) are more likely to Agree than those who 2 or 3 times a month (80%), once a month/several times a year (78%), and rarely attend (81%)

"Palestinians have the right to defend themselves and the land their families have lived on for generations."

- Those age 18-29 (19%) are more likely to Disagree than those 65+ (13%)
- African Americans (85%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (72%) and Hispanics (75%)
- Those in the Northeast (80%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (70%) and South (73%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (80%) are more likely to Agree than with a Bachelor's Degree (68%) or a Graduate Degree (68%)

"Hamas is an extremist group that is isolated from most other Arabs who live in Israel and neighboring countries."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (78% v. 73%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to Agree (83%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to Disagree (28%)
- Hispanics (21%) are more likely to Disagree than Whites (12%)
- Those in the West (18%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the Northeast (11%) and South (12%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (19%) are more likely to Agree than who are High School Graduates or less (12%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (78%) and 2 or 3 times a month (82%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a month/several times a year (67%)

"Israel's blockade of goods and people in and out of Gaza since 2005 has prevented Hamas from obtaining weapons to use against Israel."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (36% v. 29%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to Disagree (55%)
- African Americans (48%) and Hispanics (50%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (26%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (39%) or with a Bachelor's Degree (34%) are more likely to Agree than with some college (26%) or a Graduate Degree (25%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (36%), 2 or 3 times a month (43%), and once a month/several times a year (36%) are more likely to Agree than those who rarely attend (24%) and never attend (25%)
- Those who rarely attend a worship service (33%) and never attend (30%) are more likely to be Not sure than those who attend once a week or more (21%) and 2 or 3 times a month (16%)

"Israel's blockade of goods and people in and out of Gaza since 2005 has oppressed Palestinian people who have no option of leaving."

- Males are more likely to Disagree than females (32% v. 21%)
- Those age 18-29 (62%) and 30-49 (58%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (44%) and 65+ (46%)
- Whites (29%) are more likely to Disagree than African Americans (16%)
- Those in the West (55%) are more likely to Agree than those in the South (47%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (35%) are more likely to Disagree than who are High School Graduates or less (23%) or with some college (22%)
- Protestants (29%) are more likely to Disagree than Catholics (23%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (58%) are more likely to Agree than those who rarely attend (48%)

An immediate, complete cease-fire to stop the killing

- Females are more likely to select than males (50% v. 33%)
- African Americans (58%) are more likely to select than White (40%) and Hispanics (38%)
- Those in the Northeast (48%) are more likely to select than those in the South (40%)
- Those who are High School graduates or less (44%) and those with some college (46%) are more likely to select than with a Graduate Degree (35%)
- Those who rarely attend a worship service (47%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a week or more (39%) and never attend (36%)

Strong measures to minimize civilian casualties

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (63%)
- Whites (54%) and Asians (65%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (46%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (65%)
- Those who are High School graduates or less are the least likely to select (46%)

Israel fighting until all hostages are released

- Males are more likely to select than females (42% v. 35%)
- Those age 50-64 (42%) and 65+ (47%) are more likely to select than those 18-29 (29%) and 30-49 (27%)
- Whites (42%) and Hispanics (37%) are more likely to select than African Americans (23%)
- Those with a Graduate (44%) are more likely to select than with some college (33%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (42%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (34%)

Israel fighting until Hamas surrenders

- Males are more likely to select than females (42% v. 26%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (43%)
- Those age 18-29 are the least likely to select (17%)
- Whites (38%) are more likely to select than African Americans (20%) and Hispanics (26%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (42%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (31%) or with some college (30%)
- Protestants (37%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational Christians (25%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (37%) and never attend (38%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (27%)

The formation of a self-governing, Palestinian state outside of Israel

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (37%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (24%)
- Those who rarely attend a worship service (34%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a week or more (26%)

Freedom from oppression for innocent Palestinians

- Females are more likely to select than males (43% v. 35%)
- Those age 18-29 (45%) and 65+ (45%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (32%)

Justice for all Hamas fighters who participated in the October 7, 2023 massacre

- Males are more likely to select than females (24% v. 19%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to select (32%)

"Israelis have the right to determine their own statehood and government."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (90% v. 86%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to Disagree (23%)
- Whites (90%) are more likely to Agree than African Americans (83%), Hispanics (80%), and Asians (81%)
- Those in the Northeast (90%) and Midwest (90%) are more likely to Agree than those in the West (84%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to Disagree (11%)
- Protestants (91%) are more likely to Agree than Catholics (86%) and Nondenominational Christians (84%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (92%), 2 or 3 times a month (90%), and never attend (91%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a month/several times a year (82%)

"Palestinians have the right to determine their own statehood and government."

- Those age 65+ are the least likely to Disagree (8%)
- Those in the South (14%) and West (15%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the Northeast (8%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (80%) are more likely to Agree than with a Bachelor's Degree (71%)
- Catholics (80%) are more likely to Agree than Protestants (74%) and Nondenominational Christians (73%)
- Those who never attend a worship service (84%) are more likely to Agree than those who attend once a week or more (72%)

"Israel can secure a positive, long-term outcome solely through military force."

- Males are more likely to Agree than females (44% v. 38%)
- Those age 30-49 (49%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (38%) and 65+ (38%)
- Those in the West (52%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the South (43%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the most likely to Agree (48%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (47%) and 2 or 3 times a month (48%) are more likely to Agree than those who rarely attend (34%) and never attend (34%)

"Palestinians can achieve their national aspirations solely through violence."

- Those age 18-29 (37%) and 30-49 (27%) are more likely to Agree than those age 50-64 (9%) and 65+ (6%)
- African Americans (29%) and Hispanics (30%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (11%) and Asians (10%)
- Those in the West (21%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (13%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (81%) or a Graduate Degree (82%) are more likely to Disagree than who are High School Graduates or less (73%)
- Protestants (79%) and Non-denominational Christians (82%) are more likely to Disagree than Catholics (72%)
- Those who never attend a worship service (84%) are more likely to Disagree than those who attend once a week or more (75%) and 2 or 3 times a month (72%)

"Overall, what is your perception of the country of Israel today?"

- Males are more likely to select "Positive" than females (71% v. 60%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select "Positive" (78%)
- Those age 18-29 are the most likely to select "Negative" (42%)
- Whites (70%) are more likely to select "Positive" than African Americans (51%), Hispanics (56%), and Asians (49%)
- Those in the Northeast (69%) and Midwest (69%) are more likely to select "Positive" than those in the West (58%)
- Catholics (27%) are more likely to select "Negative" than Protestants (21%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (71%) and 2 or 3 times a month (72%) are more likely to select "Positive" than those who attend once a month/several times a year (59%) and rarely attend (57%)

Israelis have a right to defend and protect their state.

- Responses are significantly different across all age groups with age 65+ the most likely to select (72%) followed by age 50-64 (65%), 30-49 (51%), and 18-29 (39%)
- Whites (66%) and Asians (64%) are more likely to select than African Americans (39%)
- Those in the Midwest (65%) are more likely to select than those in the West (56%)

Jesus was a Jew.

- Females are more likely to select than males (34% v. 29%)
- Those age 50-64 (33%) and 65+ (34%) are more likely to select than those 18-29 (25%)
- Those in the South (36%) are more likely to select than those in the West (24%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (35%) are more likely to select than with a Graduate Degree (26%)
- Protestants (35%) and Non-denominational Christians (35%) are more likely to select than Catholics (26%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (40%) and 2 or 3 times a month (33%) are more likely to select than those who rarely attend (25%)

Israel is the historic Jewish homeland.

- Those age 18-29 are the least likely to select (29%)
- Whites (48%) are more likely to select than African Americans (29%) and Hispanics (38%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (37%)
- Protestants (47%) are more likely to select than Catholics (40%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (51%), 2 or 3 times a month (49%), and once a month/several times a year (45%) are more likely to select than those who rarely attend (35%)

Israel is the United States' closest ally in an unstable region.

- Males are more likely to select than females (54% v. 41%)
- Responses are significantly different across all age groups with age 65+ the most likely to select (63%) followed by age 50-64 (48%), 30-49 (37%), and 18-29 (27%)
- Whites are the most likely to select (52%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (51%) or with a Graduate Degree (53%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (43%)
- Protestants (50%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational Christians (41%)
- Those who never attend a worship service (55%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (42%) and rarely attend (43%)

The Bible says Christians should support Israel.

- Those in the South are the most likely to select (35%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (32%) or with some college (29%) are more likely to select than with a Graduate Degree (19%)
- Protestant (33%) and Non-denominational Christians (42%) are more likely to select than Catholics (15%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (38%), 2 or 3 times a month (31%), and once a month/several times a year (25%) are more likely to select than those who rarely attend (18%)

Israel is important for fulfilling biblical prophecy.

- Those age 30-49 (32%) and 50-64 (32%) are more likely to select than those 18-29 (22%)
- Those in the South (34%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (24%) and West (27%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (33%) or with some college (32%) are more likely to select than with a Bachelor's Degree (24%)
- Protestants (34%) and Non-denominational Christians (46%) are more likely to select than Catholics (15%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (40%) and 2 or 3 times a month (36%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (26%), rarely attend (20%), and never attend (18%)

Jews needed a refuge after the holocaust.

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (35%)
- Whites (30%) are more likely to select than African Americans (19%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (32%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (24%)

None of these

- Those age 18-29 (15%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (6%) and 65+ (5%)
- African Americans (12%) and Hispanics (12%) are more likely to select than Whites (6%)
- Those in the West (13%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (7%) and South (7%)
- Those who never attend a worship service (13%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a week or more (7%) and 2 or 3 times a month (3%)

Prayer for peace in Israel and/or Jerusalem

- Hispanics (53%) are more likely to select than Whites (43%)
- Those in the South (49%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (37%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (66%) and 2 or 3 times a month (67%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (48%), rarely attend (20%), and never attend (8%)

Support voiced from church leadership for Israel

- Those in the South (17%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (11%)
- Protestants (15%) and Non-denominational Christians (17%) are more likely to select than Catholics (11%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (22%), 2 or 3 times a month (17%), and who attend once a month/several times a year (17%) are more likely to select than those rarely attend (7%), and never attend (2%)

Support voiced from church leadership for Palestinian Christians

- Those age 18-29 (17%) and 30-49 (12%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (6%) and 65+ (6%)
- African Americans (13%) and Hispanics (14%) are more likely to select than Whites (7%)
- Those in the South (13%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (6%) and Midwest (4%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (12%) are more likely to select than with a Bachelor's Degree (7%) or a Graduate Degree (6%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (13%), 2 or 3 times a month (14%), and who attend once a month/several times a year (11%) are more likely to select than those rarely attend (4%), and never attend (1%)

Appeals from church leadership to stand by Israel's side during this war

- Those in the South (12%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (7%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (13%), 2 or 3 times a month (16%), and who attend once a month/several times a year (11%) are more likely to select than those rarely attend (6%), and never attend (3%)

Appeals from church leadership to stand against oppression of Palestinians

- Those age 18-29 (14%) and 30-49 (9%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (4%) and 65+ (4%)
- African Americans (11%) and Hispanics (10%) are more likely to select than Whites (6%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (9%) are more likely to select than with a Bachelor's Degree (4%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (12%) are more likely to select than those rarely attend (5%) and never attend (3%)

Condemnation of Hamas' massacre of Jews on October 7

- Males are more likely to select than females (19% v. 12%)
- Those in the Northeast (18%) and West (17%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (11%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (20%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (14%) or with some college (14%)
- Protestants (17%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational Christians (11%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (21%), 2 or 3 times a month (21%), and who attend once a month/several times a year (17%) are more likely to select than those rarely attend (10%), and never attend (2%)

Condemnation of the killing of innocent civilians

- Males are more likely to select than females (22% v. 16%)
- Those age 30-49 (24%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (17%) and 65+ (16%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (21%) or a Graduate Degree (23%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (15%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a week or more (24%), 2 or 3 times a month (27%), and who attend once a month/several times a year (19%) are more likely to select than those rarely attend (11%), and never attend (6%)

None of these

- Those age 50-64 (19%) and 65+ (19%) are more likely to select than those 18-29 (12%)
- Whites (18%) and African American (23%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (11%)
- Those in the Midwest (21%) are more likely to select than those in the West (13%)
- Protestants (20%) are more likely to select than Catholics (14%)
- Those who attend a worship service once a month/several times a year (20%), rarely attend (21%), and never attend (30%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a week or more (13%) and 2 or 3 times a year (11%)

Not sure

- Those age 50-64 (26%) and 65+ (32%) are more likely to select than those 30-49 (17%)
- Whites (27%), Hispanics (21%), and Asians (27%) are more likely to select than African Americans (13%)
- Those in the Northeast (31%) and West (27%) are more likely to select than those in the South (21%)
- Catholics (31%) are more likely to select than Protestants (22%) and Nondenominational Christians (20%)
- Those who attend a worship service rarely (49%) or never (58%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month (7%), 2 or 3 times a month (6%), and once a month/several times a year (16%)

"Have you ever met ..."

An Israeli

- Males are more likely to select than females (48% v. 34%)
- Those age 18-29 (46%) and 30-49 (46%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (37%)
- Those in the West (47%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (35%) and Midwest (37%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (29%)
- Catholics (44%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational Christians (34%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (51%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a month/several times a year (40%), rarely attend (36%), and never attend (35%)

"Have you ever met ..."

A Palestinian

- Males are more likely to select than females (31% v. 23%)
- Those age 65+ are the least likely to select (19%)
- African Americans (37%) are more likely to select than Whites (25%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select (34%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (18%)
- Protestants (28%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational Christians (21%)
- Those who attend a worship service 2 or 3 times a month (34%) and once a month/several times a year (32%) are more likely to select than those who rarely attend (20%) and never attend (21%)

"Have you ever met ..."

Neither of these

- Females are more likely to select than males (35% v. 26%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the most likely to select (39%)
- Those who attend a worship service rarely (35%) or never (36%) are more likely to select than those who attend 2 or 3 times a month (22%)

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