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Q.6 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	41
Wrong track	59
Right - Wrong.....	-17
<small>(ref:DIRECT)</small>	

Q.7 Below is a list of issues facing our country today. Please mark which TWO of these issues are the most important for you in deciding your vote for Congress in November.

	Total
The economy	55
Health care	41
The deficit and government spending	17
Social Security and Medicare	16
Terrorism and national security	13
Israel.....	10
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	10
Taxes	8
Education	7
The environment.....	7
Illegal immigration.....	6
Energy	4
Separation between religion and state.....	3
Iran	2
<small>(ref:ISSUES2010)</small>	

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	15
Somewhat approve.....	47
Somewhat disapprove.....	20
Strongly disapprove.....	18
Total Approve.....	62
Total Disapprove.....	38
Approve - Disapprove.....	24
(ref:OBAMAJOB)	

Q.9 Now, we would like you to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization.

	Mean	Fav	Unfav	Ident
9 Barack Obama.....	56.5	59	34	100
10 Sarah Palin.....	19.9	14	79	100
11 Joe Biden.....	49.9	47	37	100
12 Democratic Party.....	51.3	50	37	100
13 Republican Party.....	28.4	18	71	100
14 Hillary Clinton.....	56.5	58	31	100
15 Dick Cheney.....	20.3	13	78	99
16 General David Petraeus.....	54.1	36	21	78
17 Benjamin Netanyahu.....	55.8	44	22	85
18 Yitzhak Rabin.....	60.4	52	17	89
[402 Respondents]				
19 (SPLIT C) Avigdor Lieberman.....	47.1	19	17	46
[401 Respondents]				
20 (SPLIT D) Tzippi Livni.....	50.6	20	15	47
(ref:THERM)				

Q.21 It is a very long way off, but thinking about the election for president in 2012, if the election were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Sarah Palin, for whom would you vote ... Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Sarah Palin?

	Total
Barack Obama.....	67
Lean Barack Obama.....	3
Sarah Palin	16
Lean Sarah Palin	2
(Undecided).....	11
Total Barack Obama	70
Total Sarah Palin	18
Barack Obama - Sarah Palin.....	52
(ref:BOSPVOTE)	

Q.23 Now, thinking about the election for Congress this November, if the election were held today, would you be voting for...the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in the district where you live?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	58
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate	18
Lean Republican candidate	2
Other candidate	4
(Undecided).....	13
Total Democratic candidate	62
Total Republican candidate	21
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	41
(ref:CONG2010)	

Q.25 Now, something different. Do you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict?

	Total
Strongly support.....	35
Somewhat support.....	47
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	4
Total Support	82
Total Oppose	18
Support - Oppose	65
(ref:USROLE)	

[344 Respondents]

Q.26 (IF SUPPORT ACTIVE ROLE) (SPLIT A) Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States publicly stating its disagreements with both the Israelis and the Arabs?

	Total
Strongly support.....	32
Somewhat support.....	54
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	3
Total Support	86
Total Oppose	14
Support - Oppose	72
<small>(ref:USROLEB)</small>	

<i>TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE [INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q25]</i>	
Total support	73
Total oppose.....	27
Support - Oppose	46

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Q.27 (IF SUPPORT ACTIVE ROLE) (SPLIT B) Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States publicly stating its disagreements with Israel?

	Total
Strongly support.....	19
Somewhat support.....	47
Somewhat oppose	20
Strongly oppose	14
Total Support	66
Total Oppose	34
Support - Oppose	32
(ref:USROLEB1)	

<i>TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE [INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q25]</i>	
Total support	52
Total oppose.....	48
Support - Oppose	4

[344 Respondents]

Q.28 (IF SUPPORT ACTIVE ROLE) (SPLIT A) Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States exerting pressure on both the Israelis and Arabs to make the compromises necessary to achieve peace?

	Total
Strongly support.....	34
Somewhat support.....	49
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	3
Total Support	83
Total Oppose	17
Support - Oppose	66
(ref:USROLEC)	

<i>TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE [INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q25]</i>	
Total support	71
Total oppose.....	29
Support - Oppose	42

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Q.29 (IF SUPPORT ACTIVE ROLE) (SPLIT B) Would you support or oppose the United States playing an active role in helping the parties to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict if it meant the United States exerting pressure on Israel to make the compromises necessary to achieve peace?

	Total
Strongly support.....	16
Somewhat support.....	47
Somewhat oppose	21
Strongly oppose	16
Total Support	63
Total Oppose	37
Support - Oppose	26
(ref:USROLEC1)	

TOTAL AMONG FULL ADULT SAMPLE [INCORPORATING OPPOSE IN Q25]	
Total support	50
Total oppose.....	50
Support - Oppose	0

Q. 25/26/28 COMBINED SCALE

SPLIT A [402 Respondents]

FIRM SUPPORT.....	67
(SUPPORT US ROLE, USROLEB, AND USROLEC)	
CONDITIONAL SUPPORT.....	19
(SUPPORT USROLE, OPPOSE USROLEB OR USROLEC)	
FIRM OPPOSE.....	14
(OPPOSE USROLE)	

Q. 25/27/29 COMBINED SCALE

SPLIT B [401 Respondents]

FIRM SUPPORT.....	44
(SUPPORT US ROLE, USROLEB1, AND USROLEC1)	
CONDITIONAL SUPPORT.....	36
(SUPPORT USROLE, OPPOSE USROLEB1 OR USROLEC1)	
FIRM OPPOSE.....	21
(OPPOSE USROLE)	

Q.30 Below are some pairs of statements. After reading each pair, please mark whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Strng	Both	Nei- ther	Total 1st	Total 2nd	1st - 2nd
30 Middle East peace is a core American interest, and the United States should use assertive diplomacy to end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. OR Only the parties themselves can make peace, and the United States should let the Palestinians and Israelis work out the conflict on their own.....	27	23	18	16	8	8	50	34	16
31 It bothers me when American Jews disagree publicly with Israeli government policy. OR It does not bother me when American Jews disagree publicly with Israeli government policy.....	18	13	23	30	4	11	31	53	-22

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nei- ther	Total 1 st	Total 2 nd	1 st - 2 nd
32 When Israel takes actions that publicly embarrass the United States and weaken our international credibility, the United States is right to publicly express our disagreements and request Israel to change certain policies. OR Regardless of the issue, the United States should not publicly express our disagreements with Israeli government policy because this emboldens Israel's enemies and encourages them to attack Israel.	22	22	16	24	8	9	44	40	4
33 Given America's security interests in the Middle East, resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is critical for maintaining a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. Ending the conflict requires America to serve as an honest broker and publicly state our disagreements with both Israelis and Palestinians when it is necessary to lead the parties to a peace agreement. OR Israel is America's only democratic ally in the Middle East and our shared values form a special relationship between our two countries that is stronger than any dispute. Public criticism of Israel sends the wrong message to Israel's enemies, and we should keep any disagreements private while presenting a united front against those who want to harm Israel..... (ref:PAIRS)	24	18	12	26	13	7	42	39	3

Q.34 As you may know, Vice President Joe Biden visited Israel last week. How closely have you been following the news surrounding Vice President Biden's visit to Israel?

	Total
Very closely	15
Somewhat closely	29
Not too closely	39
Not at all.....	17
Total Closely	44
Total Not closely	56
Closely - Not closely	-12
(ref:VPFOLLOW)	

Q.35 Vice President Biden's visit to Israel last week was planned in order to demonstrate U.S. support for Israel, advance peace talks with the Palestinians, and coordinate US-Israel policy regarding Iran's nuclear program. During the Vice President's visit, Israel announced it would build 1,600 new housing units in East Jerusalem, an area where the U.S. has requested Israel not to build new housing because this is internationally disputed territory. Vice President Biden condemned the Israeli announcement, stating that it _undermines the trust required for productive negotiations_ and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the timing and substance of the announcement was insulting to the United States.

Did the U.S. do the right thing by strongly criticizing the Israeli announcement of new housing in East Jerusalem during the Vice President's visit?

	Total
The U.S. did the right thing	55
The U.S. did not do the right thing	45
The U.S. did the right thing –	
The U.S. did not do the right thing.....	10
(ref:USREACT)	

Q.36 From what you know about Vice President Biden's visit, do you think Israel's announcement of new housing in East Jerusalem caused a great deal of damage to US-Israel relations, some damage to US-Israel relations, not much damage to US-Israel relations, or no damage at all to US-Israel relations?

	Total
Great deal of damage	7
Some damage	53
Not much damage	32
No damage at all	8
Total Damage	60
Total No damage	40
Damage - No damage	20
(ref:EFFECT)	

Q.37 Below are statements by some Jewish organizations in the United States which have expressed different opinions regarding what the United States should do when it comes to policy differences with Israel. After reading each statement, please mark which statement you agree with more.

Some Jewish organizations in the United States say that America has a special relationship with Israel and we must support our democratic ally, but this latest incident that took place during Vice President Biden's visit to Israel was an insult to America and damages our interests in a region where we are fighting two wars. The relationship between the United States and Israel must be a two-way street that allows an honest public discussion, and even criticism, when our two countries disagree.

Other Jewish organizations in the United States say that Israel is America's closest ally in the Middle East, and the Obama Administration's recent statements regarding the U.S. relationship with Israel are a matter of serious concern. The Obama Administration should work closely with Israel in a manner befitting strategic allies, make a conscious effort to move away from public demands and unilateral deadlines directed at Israel, and take immediate steps to defuse tension with the Jewish state.

Do you agree more with the first statement or the second statement?

	Total
First statement much more	20
First statement somewhat more	33
Second statement somewhat more	30
Second statement much more	17
Total First statement.....	53
Total Second statement.....	47
First statement - Second statement	6
(ref:ORGSTMT)	

Q.38 Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes. Do you belong to a synagogue or temple?

	Total
Yes	40
No.....	60
(ref:SYNOG)	

Q.39 How often, do you attend formal religious services?

	Total
Every week.....	11
Once or twice a month	12
A few times a year	33
Hardly ever.....	31
Never.....	14
(ref:ATTEND)	

Q.40 Do you participate in events or activities sponsored by any other Jewish community or advocacy organizations?

	Total
Yes	39
No.....	61
(ref:PARTIC)	

Q.41 How would you characterize the organizations and causes to which you contribute money? Please mark as many as apply.

	Total
Non-Jewish charities.....	49
Jewish organizations and charities.....	46
Synagogue or temple.....	32
Israel-related organizations and charities.....	20
Political campaigns	18
Non-Jewish advocacy organizations.....	14
Other, specify	11
I don't contribute money to organizations or causes.....	22
(ref:CONTRIB2)	

Q.42 Have you ever traveled to Israel?

	Total
Yes	33
No.....	67
(ref:TRAVEL)	

Q.43 Which of the following publications and news sources do you turn to for information about Israel and the Middle East?

	Total
ABC, CBS, or NBC national news	60
CNN	48
Your local newspaper	31
Fox News	27
MSNBC	26
New York Times - online edition	21
Your local Jewish newspaper.....	16
Newsweek.....	13
New York Times - paper edition	12
Time	11
Jerusalem Post.....	10
Wall Street Journal - online edition	8
Washington Post	7
Ha'aretz	6
USA Today - online edition	5
Wall Street Journal - paper edition	5
Jewish Daily Forward	4
USA Today - paper edition	3
Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA).....	3
Tablet	3
Blogs	2
Other	9
None of the above	8
(ref:SOURCES)	

Q.44 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	35
Weak Democrat	24
Independent-lean Democrat	10
Independent.....	10
Independent-lean Republican.....	6
Weak Republican	7
Strong Republican.....	8
(ref:PTYID1B)	

Q.45 Thinking in political terms, would you say you that you are conservative, moderate, progressive, or liberal?

	Total
Conservative	23
Moderate	31
Liberal	33
Progressive.....	12
(ref:IDEOL)	

Q.46 In the 2008 Presidential election, did you vote for...Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Barack Obama.....	69
John McCain.....	21
Other.....	2
Did not vote.....	7
Barack Obama - John McCain.....	48
(ref:PRES2008)	

Q.47 One last question. Remember this is confidential and anonymous survey, and we are not selling anything. Last year, that is in 2009, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total
Less than \$20,000.....	7
\$20,000 to \$49,999.....	25
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	22
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	18
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....	24
\$200,000 or more.....	5
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 First, how would you describe your Jewish denomination?

	Total
Orthodox.....	8
Conservative.....	27
Reform.....	34
Reconstructionist.....	2
Unaffiliated.....	26
Other, specify.....	2
(ref:JEWISHID)	

Q.3 What is your gender?

	Total
Male.....	49
Female.....	51
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.4 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	0
High School graduate.....	7
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	26
College graduate	36
Post-graduate school	30
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	11
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	6
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	6
45 - 49	9
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	13
60 - 64	13
Over 64.....	19
(ref:AGE)	