

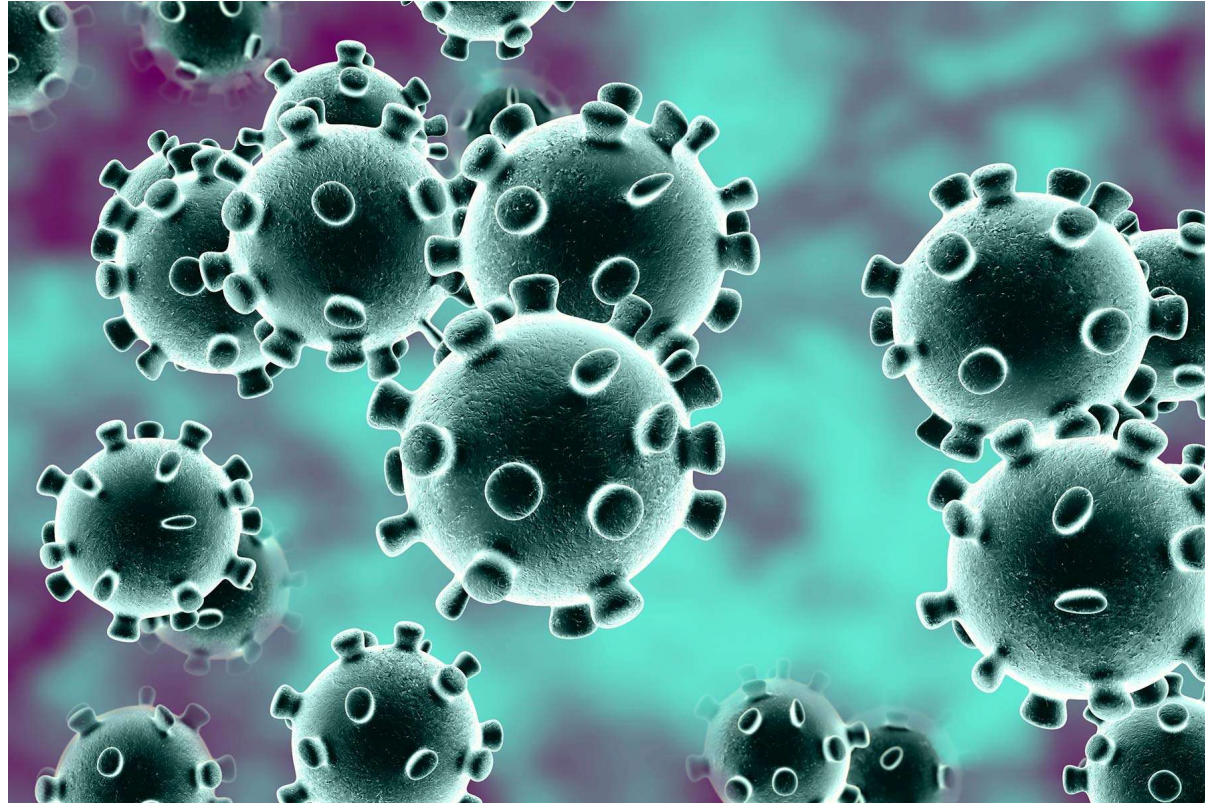


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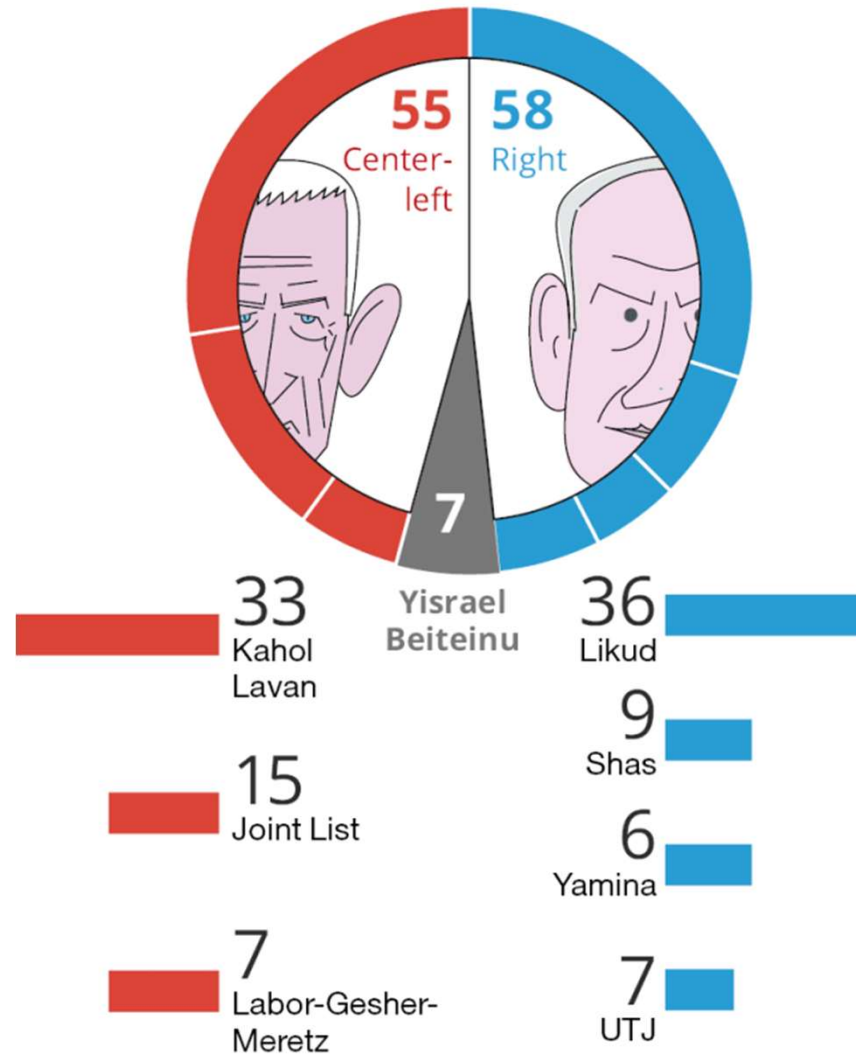


Class outline

- Elections
- Arab states
- Non-western countries
- The EU
- The US

Elections

Israel election 2020: Final results



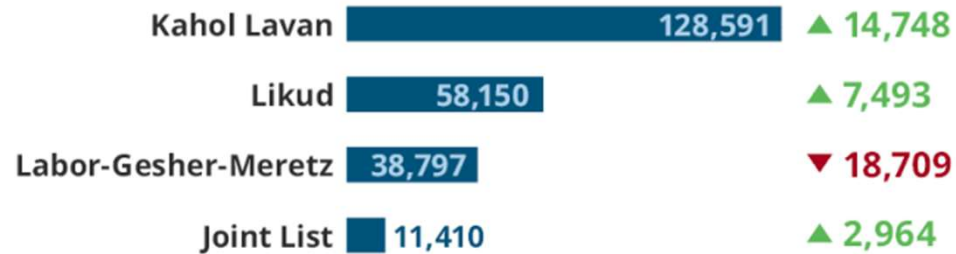
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Tel Aviv-Jaffa



■ March 2020

▲▼ Change in votes compared to September 2019

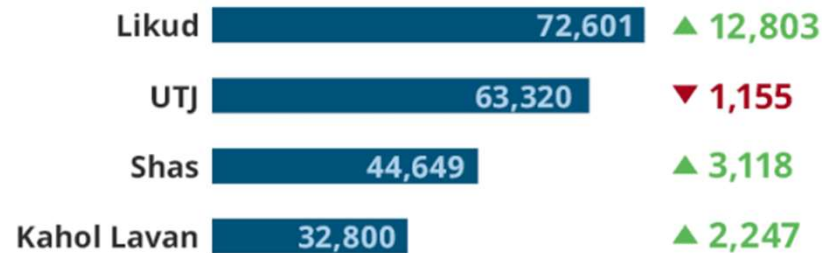


Jerusalem



■ March 2020

▲▼ Change in votes compared to September 2019



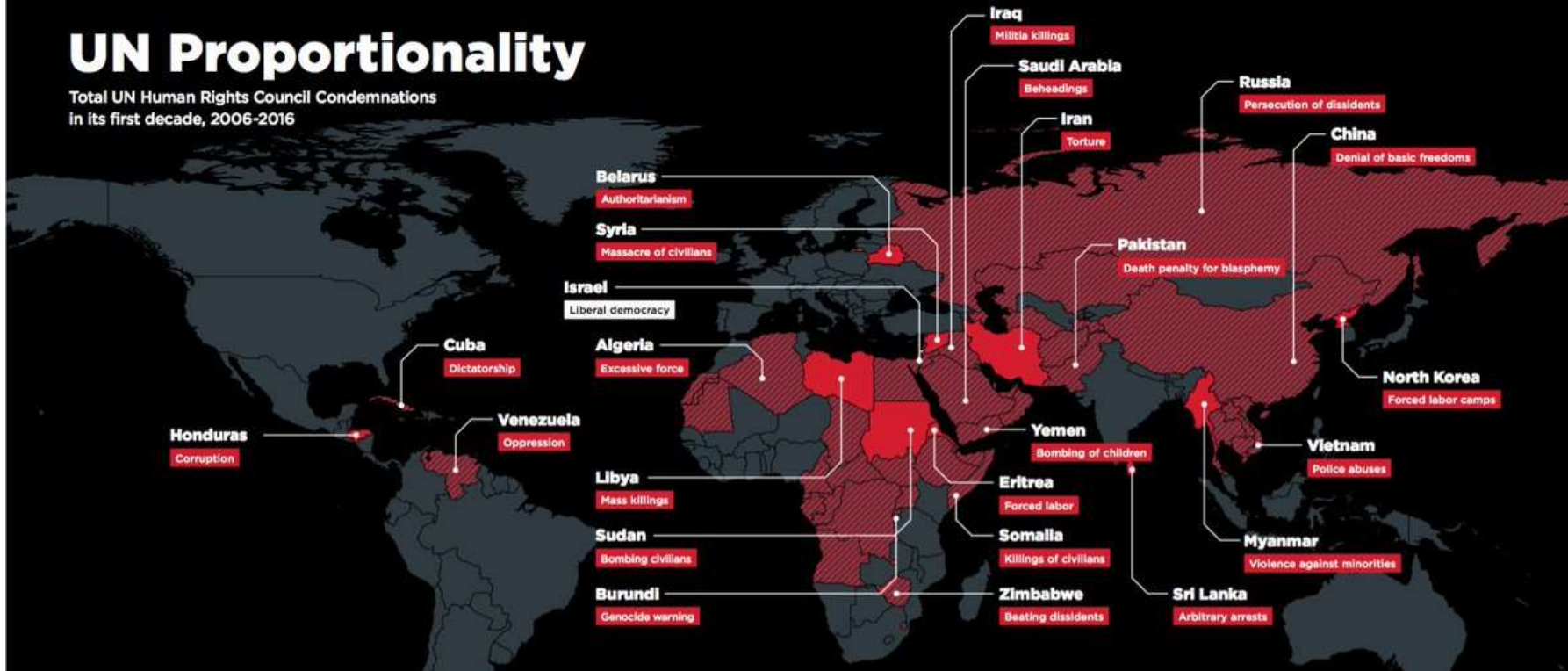
* Labor-Gesher-Meretz figure compared to total number of votes received by Labor-Gesher and Democratic Union in September 2019

“Whatever the reasons for his reversal or its outcome, Gantz’s newfound willingness to include the Joint List in his political camp has changed the Israeli political landscape and, in many ways, has broken down or at least chipped away at the wall that has separated Jews and Arabs in Israel for time immemorial. That, in a nutshell, is this week’s legacy for Israeli history.”

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/elections/.premium-fear-and-loathing-of-netanyahu-breaking-down-wall-separating-israel-jews-and-arabs-1.8639884?fbclid=IwAR2QGwxLwvy6Jgu3ufRQO3FPBaGVZfjav05X1rRg3Rtd72CwxGeiikBLkWI>

UN Proportionality

Total UN Human Rights Council Condemnations in its first decade, 2006-2016



68 Total Resolutions vs. Israel

67 Total Resolutions vs. Rest of the World

48 Gross Human Rights Abusers Ignored

The UNHRC is more concerned about Israel than any other country.

UNHRC top priorities:
Israel 68

Abusers with condemnatory resolutions:

Abusers with zero condemnatory resolutions, including:

Israel's human rights record includes:

Israel has received 3x more resolutions than any other single country.

Syria 20	Sri Lanka 3
Myanmar 11	Sudan 3
N. Korea 9	Libya 2
Belarus 6	Burundi 1
Iran 6	Honduras 1
Eritrea 5	

Algeria 0	Somalia 0
Cuba 0	Venezuela 0
China 0	Vietnam 0
Iraq 0	Yemen 0
Pakistan 0	Zimbabwe 0
Russia 0	

- ✓ Liberal democracy
- ✓ Free and fair elections
- ✓ Independent judiciary
- ✓ Rule of law
- ✓ Vigorous free press
- ✓ Freedom of speech & assembly
- ✓ Religious freedom
- ✓ Minority rights
- ✓ Women's rights
- ✓ Gay rights



IS THERE A BIAS AGAINST ISRAEL AT THE UN?

RESOLUTIONS SINGLING OUT



ISRAEL: 21 (A LIBERAL DEMOCRACY)



SYRIA: 1 (GOVERNED BY A REGIME THAT HAS MURDERED 40,000 OF ITS OWN PEOPLE)



IRAN: 1 (WIDESPREAD TORTURE, RAPE, AND EXECUTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS)



NORTH KOREA: 1 (OVER 200,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE HELD IN TORTUROUS CONDITIONS)



BURMA: 1 (FORCED LABOUR, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND CHILD LABOUR ARE COMMON)



SAUDI ARABIA: 0 (WOMEN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE OR LEAVE THE HOUSE WITHOUT A MALE RELATIVE)



ZIMBABWE: 0 (GOVERNMENT USES CHILD SOLDIERS AND STATE TERRORISM TO SUPPRESS OPPOSITION)

THE UN ALSO FAILED TO ACT ON EGREGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSERS LIKE VENEZUELA, CUBA, PAKISTAN, SUDAN, AND OTHER NOTORIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSERS



From UN WATCH's study of the 2012 UNGA session.
For more info, or to support more charts: www.unwatch.org

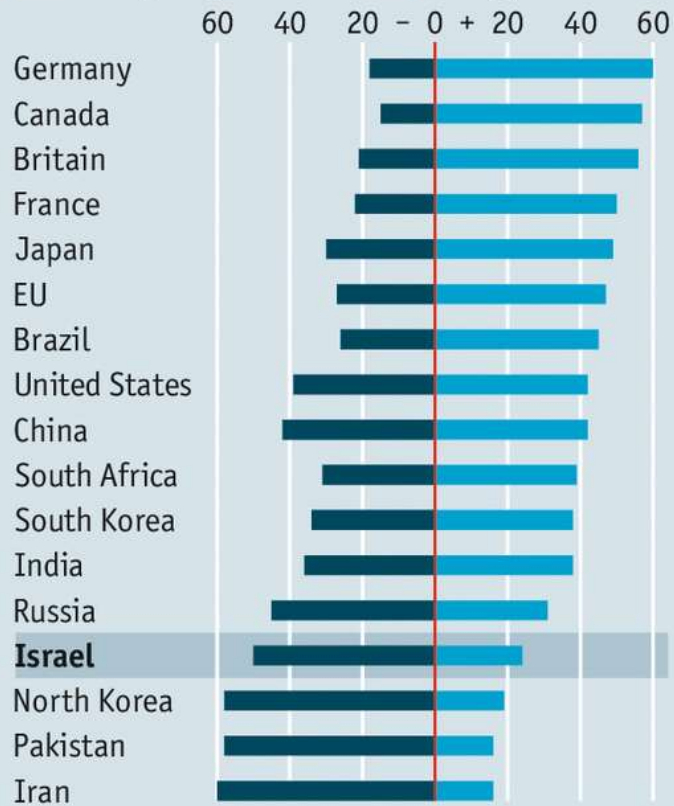
Bad company

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2013-14

% of respondents* saying whether a country's influence on the world is:

■ mainly negative ■ mainly positive



Source: Globescan/PIPA * Average of 20 or 21 countries

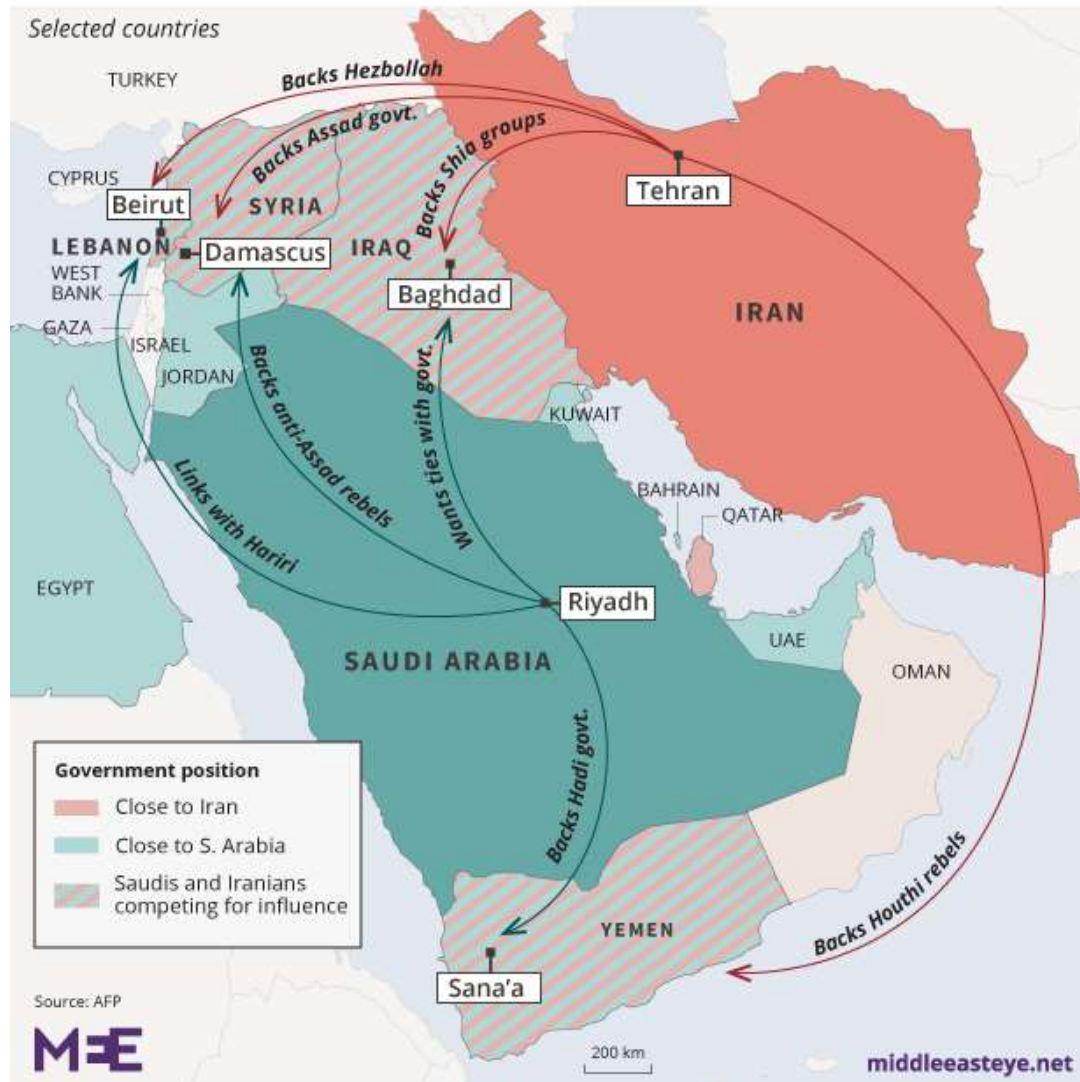
Arab States' Attitudes towards the I-P Conflict

- Israel has peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan
- According to the Quitaz' piece, what lies behind the shifting attitude of Saudi Arabia towards the conflict?
- What are some of the possible downsides for the Saudi (and other Arab) rulers regarding the change in policies towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?



Iran

Saudi Arabia and Iran: Rivals in the Middle East





“North Front” – Syria and Lebanon



Route of the tunnel emerging from south Kafr Kela





HEZBOLLAH'S ROCKET ARSENAL

The Iranian-backed terrorist army Hezbollah has rockets that can reach nearly all of Israel's population centers.

Hezbollah's Artillery Rockets

Missile Range (in miles)



*not confirmed Hezbollah has this missile in possession

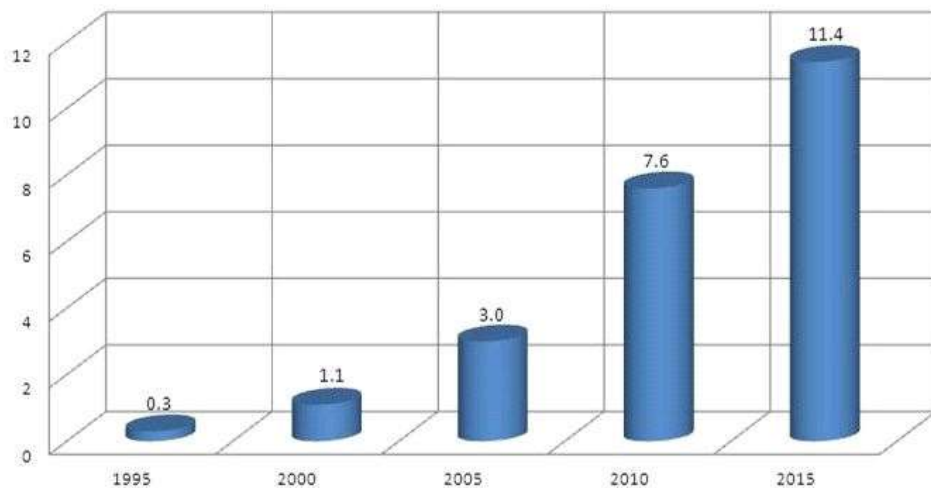
BRIC Countries' Attitudes





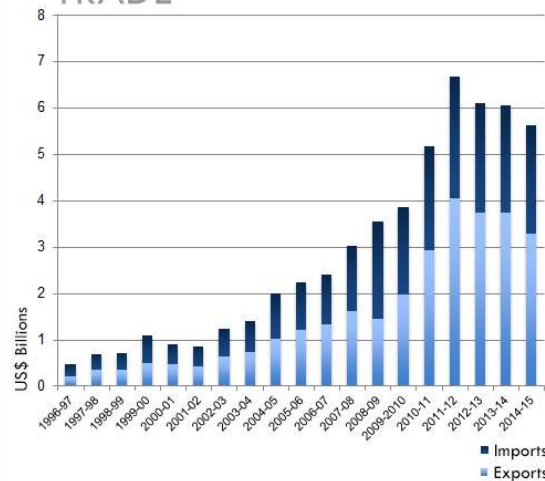
Trade between China and Israel (in billions of dollars)

Source: General Administration of Customs, People's Republic of China

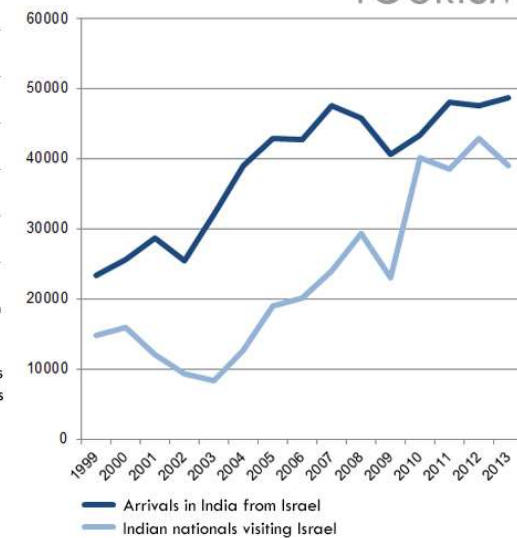


Trade & Tourism

TRADE



TOURISM



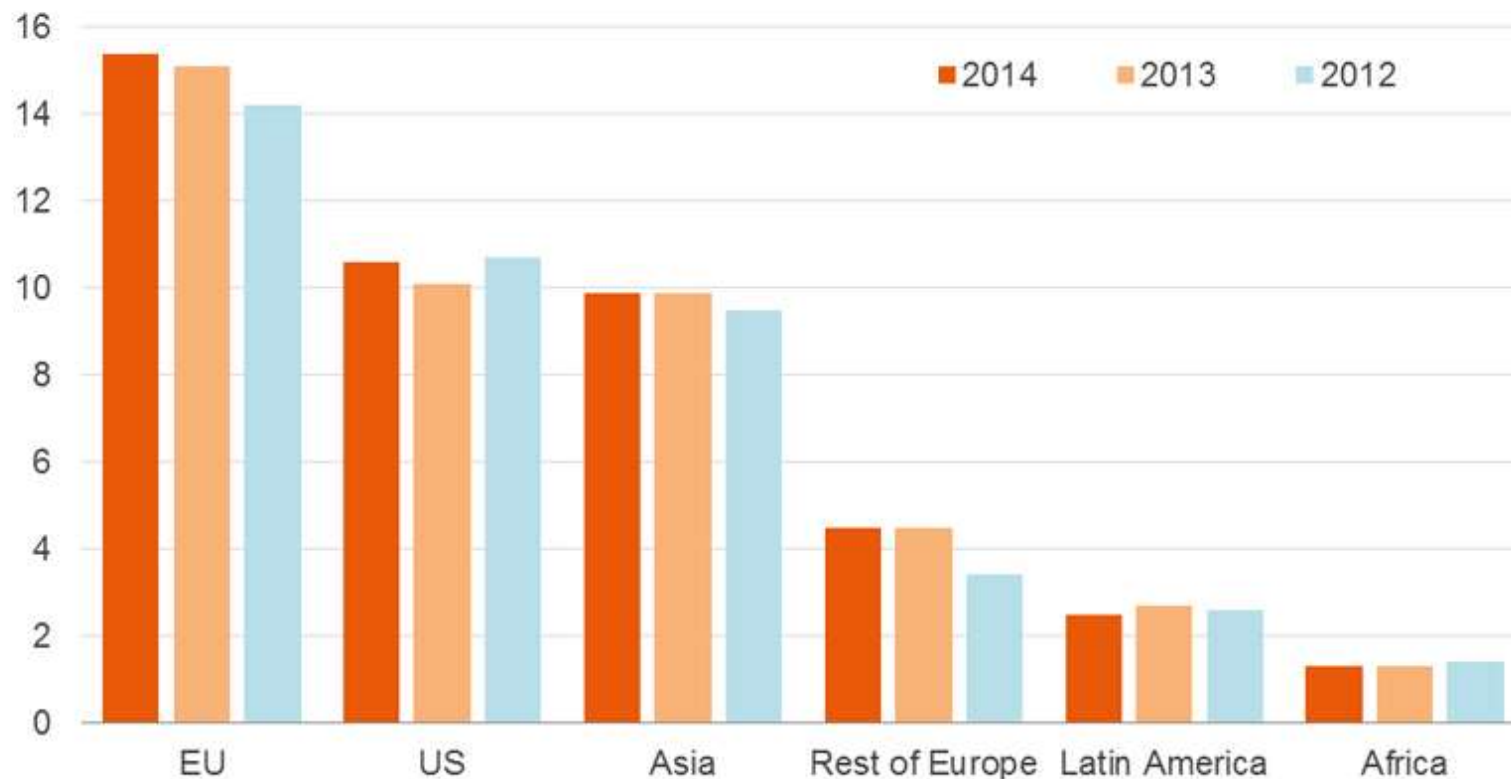
Sources: Commerce & Tourism Ministries, India

Tanvi Madan, The Brookings Institution

- Why is Israel in the last several years seeking to improve and strengthen its ties with non-Western countries?

Israel's exports by region

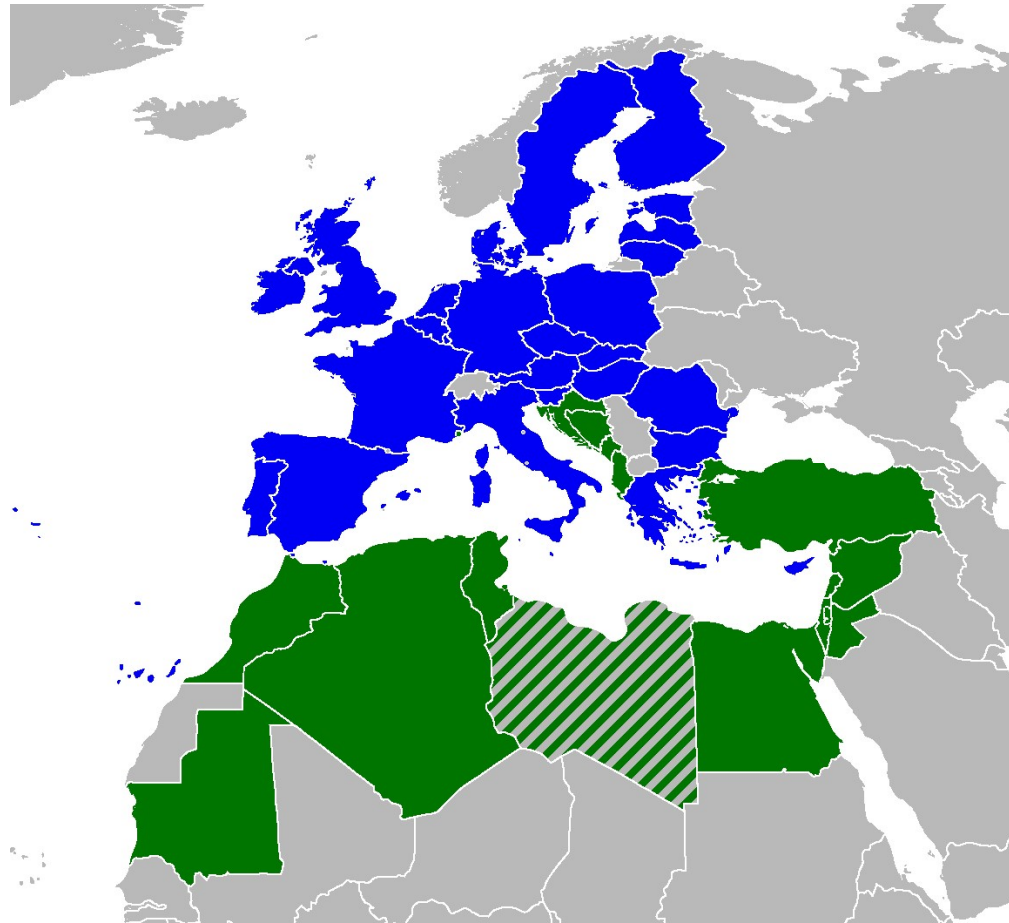
(US\$ billion)



Source: Israel Export and International Cooperation Institute

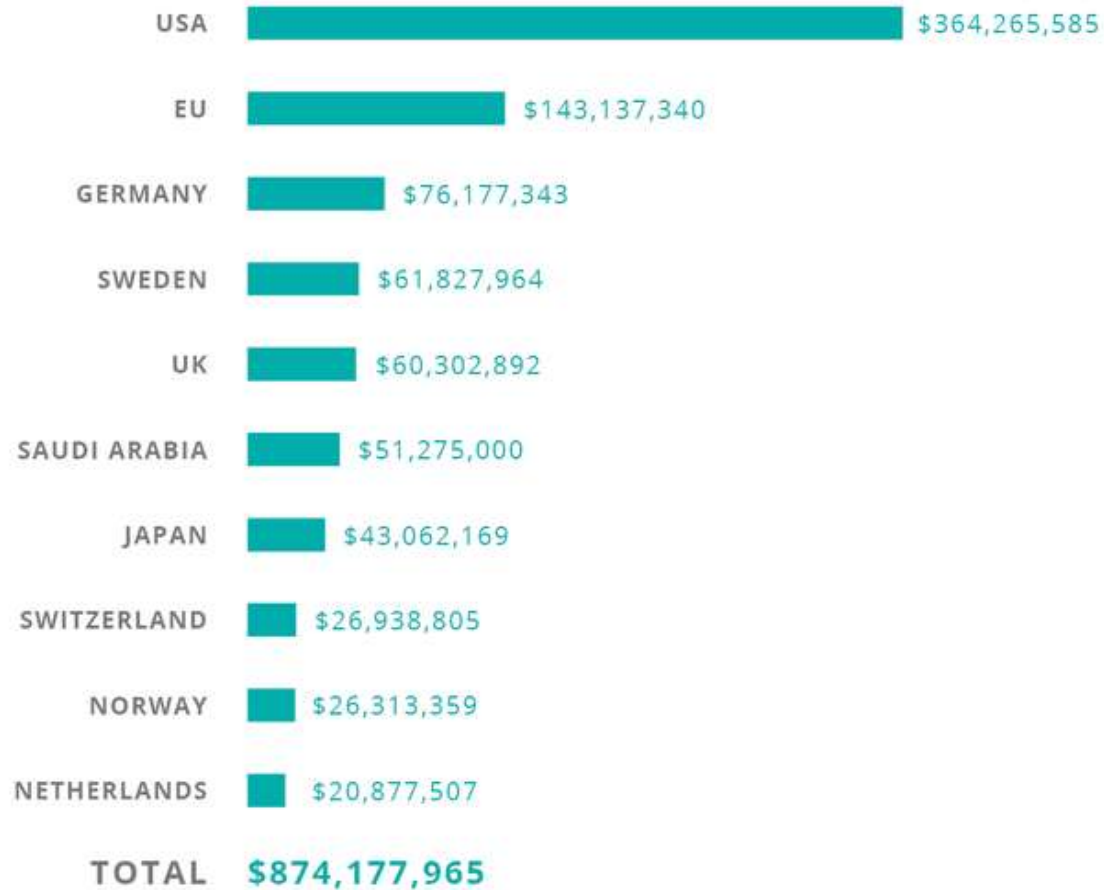
EU

The Union for the Mediterranean



UNRWA funding in 2017

The top 10 donors contributed to over 80% of UNRWA's income in 2017



Source: UNRWA



- Based on the text by Wermmenbol, what are the main trends in the EU attitudes towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

European Union Member States' Positions on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Most critical of the Government of Israel

Recognition of State of Palestine

- Sweden
- Belgium
- Ireland
- Spain

Legislation to make imports of settlement products illegal (in process)

- Denmark
- Luxembourg

- Malta
- Portugal
- Slovenia
- Finland

Balancers

ES

- France
- Great Britain
- Germany

- Italy
- Netherlands

West Bank Protection Consortium

Voting behaviour/statements ! MOST ACTIVE

UNGA VOTE ON JERUSALEM
(EP-10/1-22-21 Dec. 2017)

in favour
 abstention
 against

Disposition to Israel's Khan al-Ahmar decision & Statements on US peace plan and two state solution (all outgoing & incoming European UNSC members)

Joint statement (Sep. 2018 &)
 Joint statement (18 Dec. 2018)

UNSC RESOLUTION 2334
(Israeli settlements: 23 Dec. 2016)

in favour
 abstentions
 against

UNGA SETTLEMENT VOTE
(RES/73/98, Vote: 7 Dec. 2018)

in favour
 abstentions
 against

Most aligned with the Government of Israel

V4

Deviating from EU discourse on Jerusalem; symbolic action, e.g. Czech cultural center

- Slovakia
- Hungary
- Poland
- Czech Republic

- Austria
- Romania
- Bulgaria
- Croatia

Toying with Embassy move to Jerusalem

- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Estonia
- Cyprus
- Greece

Tribilateral cooperation with Israel Plan for permanent secretariat in CYP

USA

Trump's Administration



Deal of the Century



- What are the most problematic aspects of the plan?
- Do you see anything positive about the proposal?
- Even if it won't be implemented, will there be any lasting effects?

Trump's plan and partition



Applying Israeli law to West Bank settlements

U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital

No settler or Palestinian will be uprooted

Palestinian capital will be Abu Dis in East Jerusalem

Israeli areas in western Negev will be ceded to Palestinians

Israeli security control west of Jordan River

What is required of Israel

Recognition of Palestinian state

Four-year settlement freeze on settlements

Possibility of transferring Arab towns in north to Palestinians

Territorial contiguity between all Palestinian towns

Linking Gaza Strip to West Bank via tunnel

Jews could pray on Temple Mount

Palestinians given 4 years to negotiate plan

Investment of billions in Palestinian economy

What is required of Palestinians

Recognition of Israel as Jewish state in its new borders

Giving up demand for Palestinian capital in Jerusalem's Old City

Demilitarizing Gaza

Disarming of Hamas

Giving up Right of Return

Halt to payment to terrorists' families

PALESTINE

Land loss since 1917



1917
British Mandate Palestine



1948 - June 1967



June 1967 - 1993



1994-2020



2020
Trump's new conceptual map



Source: Al Jazeera, Palestine Remix | Jan 29, 2020

Public attitudes towards the peace plan

- ‘Only 10% of Israelis are optimistic that US President Donald Trump’s new “Deal of the Century” diplomatic plan will bring about peace between Israelis and Palestinians, a Kantar poll taken for KAN found’
- ‘The poll found that 61% of the 553 respondents, representing a statistical sample of the Israeli population, did not believe the plan would lead to peace, and 29% said they did not know.’
- <https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Poll-finds-only-10-percent-think-Trump-plan-will-bring-peace-615867>
- ‘94% of the Palestinians reject the “Deal of the Century’
- <https://www.pcpsr.org/sites/default/files/Poll%2075%20English%20fulltext%20%D9%8D.pdf>

US Domestic Context

US evangelicals

Evangelical positions on Israel



48% of evangelical leaders believe Israel's establishment is the fulfillment of prophecy



84% of evangelical leaders believe they must express political opinions



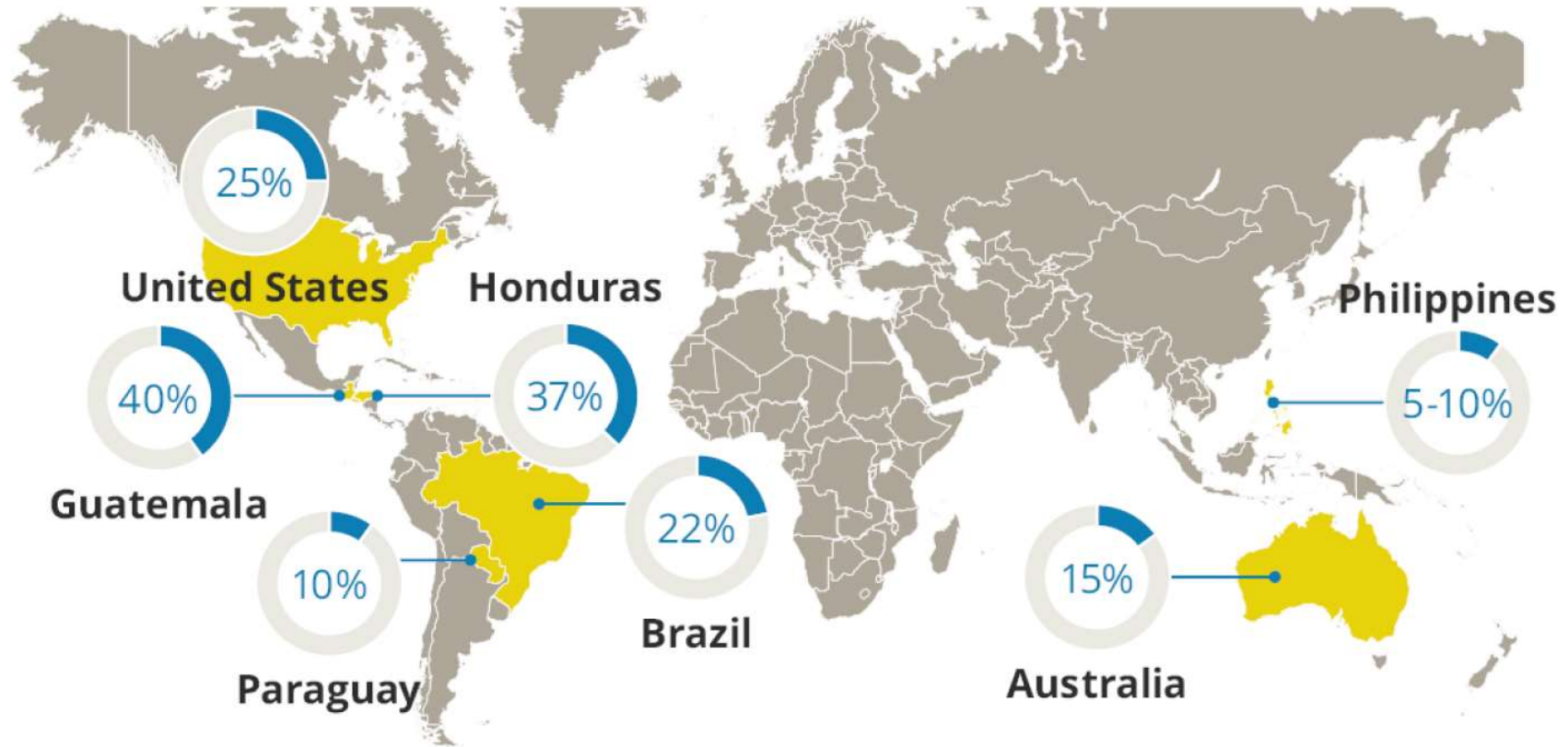
64% of white U.S. evangelicals believe helping defend Israel should be "a very important goal" for U.S.



82% of white U.S. evangelicals believe God "gave" Land of Israel to Jewish people

*Based on Pew Research Center surveys (2011, 2013)

Percentage of evangelicals in relevant countries



*All numbers are approximate

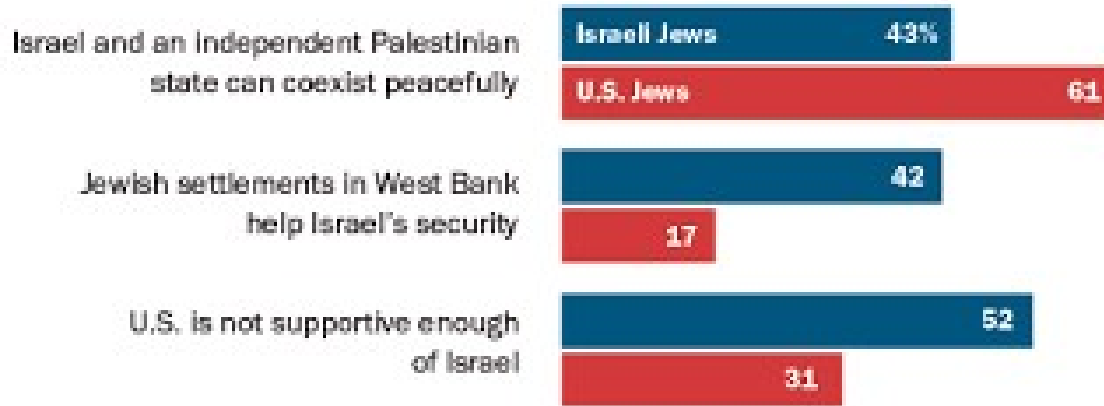
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmWL0I3oytw&feature=youtu.be>

American Jews' Attitude towards the Conflict and Israel

- What is “intersectionality” that Goldberg talks about?
- How does it relate to her argument regarding changing Jewish Americans' attitudes toward the I-P conflict?

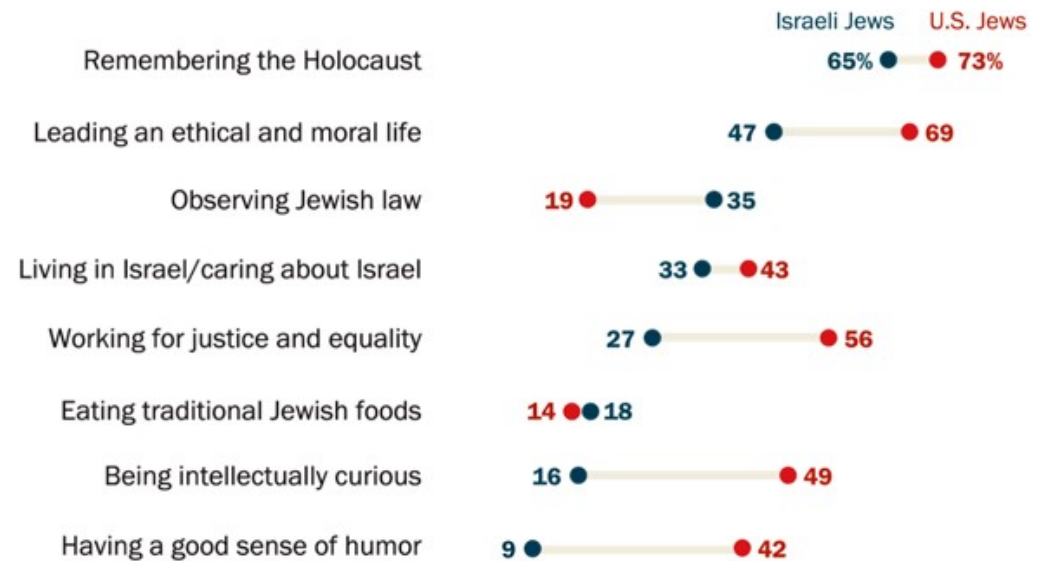
% of Jews in each country who say



% of Jewish adults who identify their political ideology as ...



% of Jews who say ... is an essential part of what it means to be Jewish to them personally



Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling U.S.-Israel relations?



Approve strongly

21% ■

Approve somewhat

13% ■

Disapprove somewhat

16% ■

Disapprove strongly

41% ■

No opinion

8% ■

Margin of error +/- 3.9%



Approve strongly

37% ■

Approve somewhat

40% ■

Disapprove somewhat

5% ■

Disapprove strongly

5% ■

No opinion

13% ■

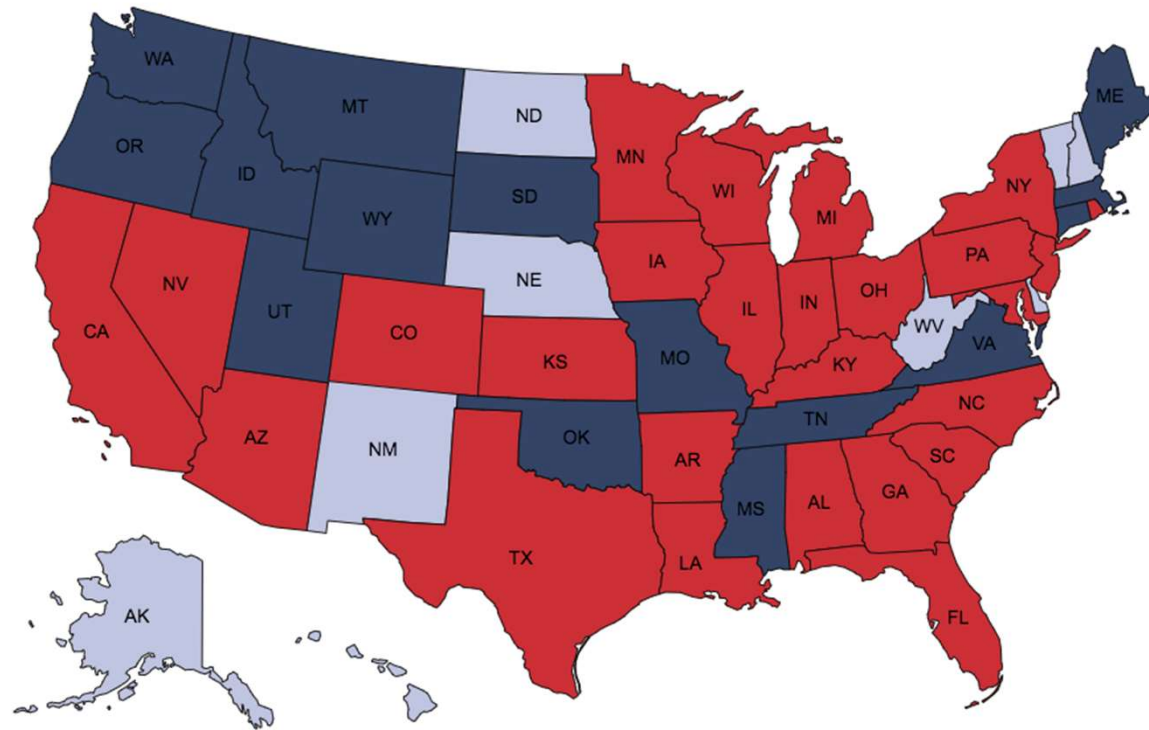
Margin of error +/- 3.1%

AJC

BDS

- In groups, come up with at least 3 arguments for/against the BDS movement

US states that adopted anti-BDS legislation



Demographic change?





Ilhan Omar ✓
@IlhanMN

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Our democracy is built on debate, Congresswoman! I should not be expected to have allegiance/pledge support to a foreign country in order to serve my country in Congress or serve on committee. The people of the 5th elected me to serve their interest. I am sure we agree on that!



Ilhan Omar ✓
@IlhanMN

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It's all about the Benjamins baby 🎵

Glenn Greenwald ✓ @ggreenwald

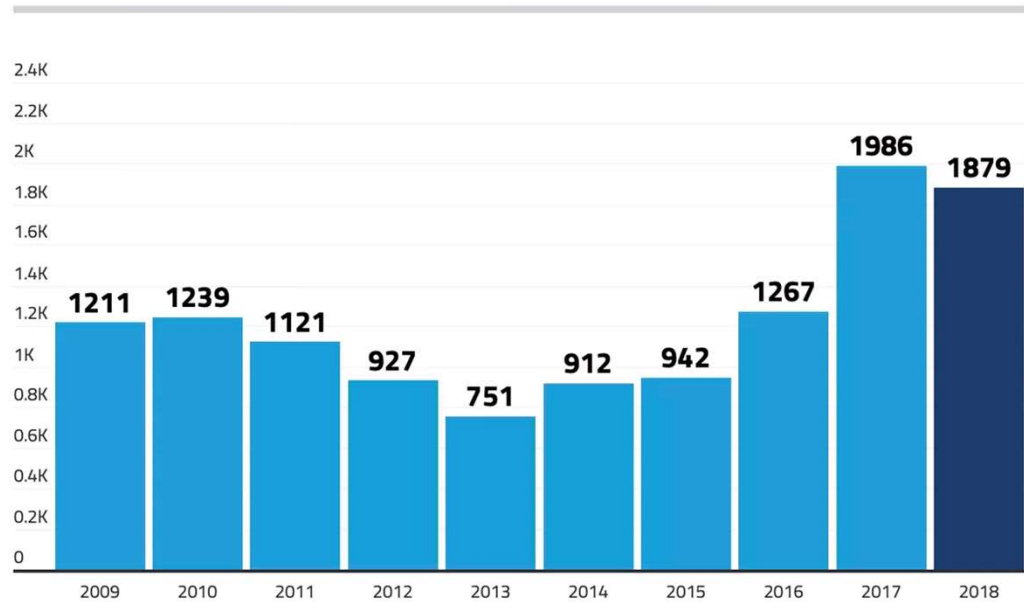
GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy threatens punishment for @IlhanMN and @RashidaTlaib over their criticisms of Israel. It's stunning how much time US political leaders spend defending a foreign nation even if it means attacking free speech rights of Americans [haaretz.com/world-news/kev...](https://www.haaretz.com/world-news/kev...)

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Resurgence of Antisemitism in the US

Anti-Semitic Incidents: U.S.
Over the Last Decade | 2009-2018

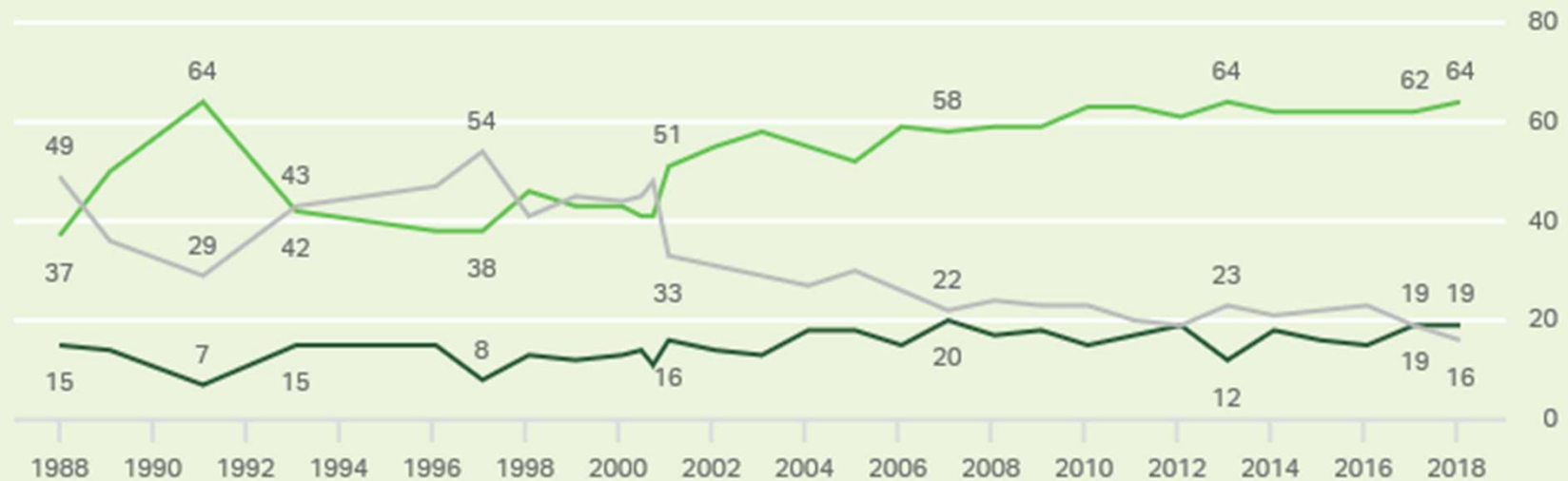


US Public at Large

Americans' Sympathies Continue to Be More With the Israelis Than With the Palestinians

In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

■ % Israelis ■ % Palestinians ■ % Both/Neither/Unsure



Trend starting in 2001 is based on annual Gallup Poll Social Series surveys

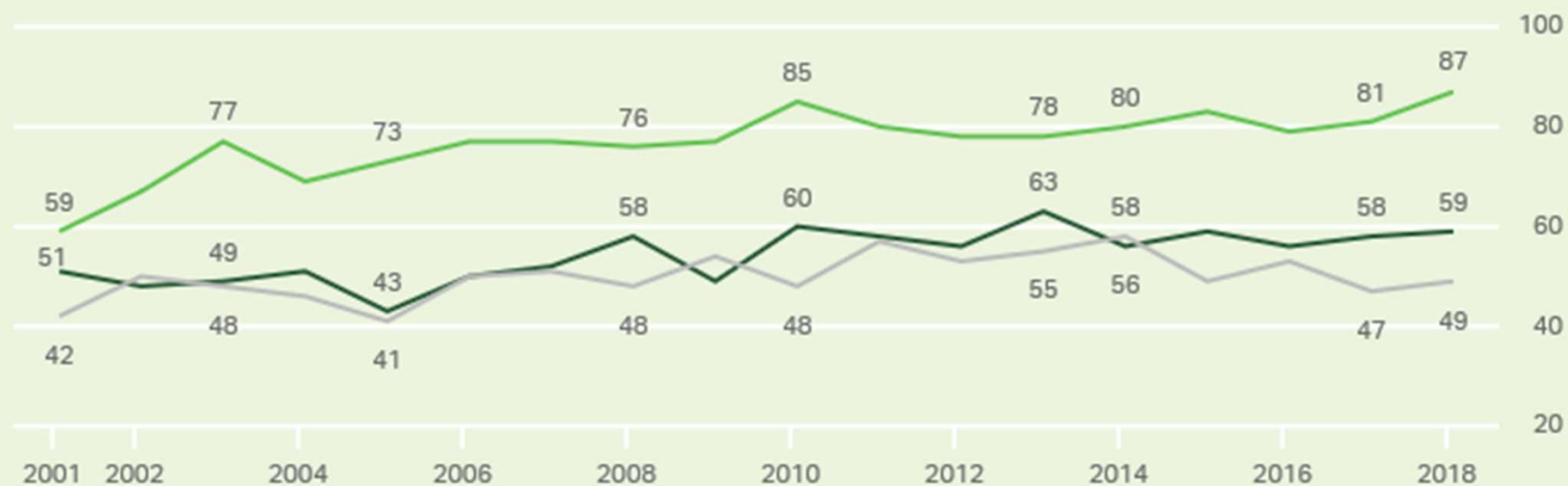
GALLUP

Republicans' Sympathies With the Israelis Consistently Outpace Those of Other Party Groups

In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

% Sympathies more with the Israelis

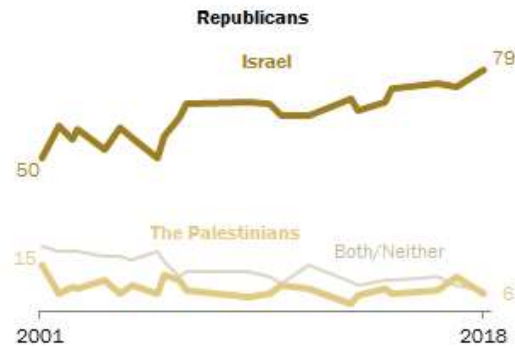
■ Republicans ■ Independents ■ Democrats



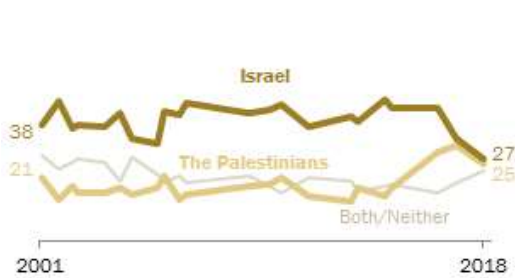
GALLUP

Democrats about as likely to sympathize with Palestinians as with Israel

In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more? (%)



Democrats



Notes: Both/Neither responses are volunteered. Don't know responses not shown.

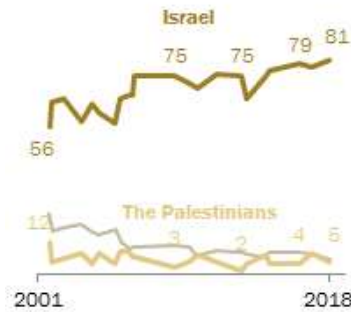
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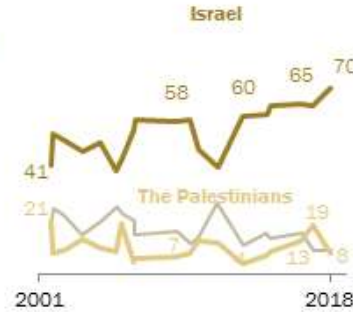
Nearly twice as many liberal Democrats sympathize more with the Palestinians than with Israel

% who say they sympathize more with ...

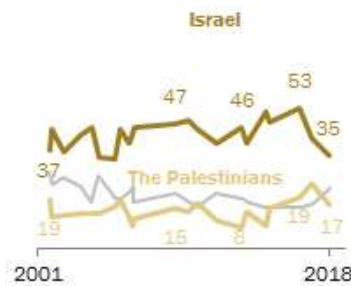
Conservative Republicans



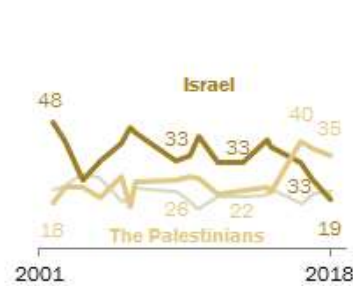
Moderate/Liberal Republicans



Conservative/Moderate Democrats



Liberal Democrats



Notes: Both/Neither responses are volunteered. Don't know responses not shown. Small sample size (N=93) for Moderate/Liberal Republicans.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 10-15, 2018.

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Wide religious differences in views of Israel and the Palestinians

% who say they sympathize more with ...

	Israel	The Palestinians	Neither/Both
Total	46	16	20
Men	50	17	19
Women	42	14	20
White	51	16	17
Black	42	12	18
Hispanic	33	13	30
18-29	32	23	19
30-49	42	15	24
50-64	56	12	19
65+	56	13	14
Postgraduate	39	22	26
College graduate	42	27	17
Some college	45	14	23
HS or less	51	9	17
White evang Prot	78	5	7
White mainline Prot	48	16	19
Black Prot	40	10	20
Catholic	43	12	23
Unaffiliated	26	29	24

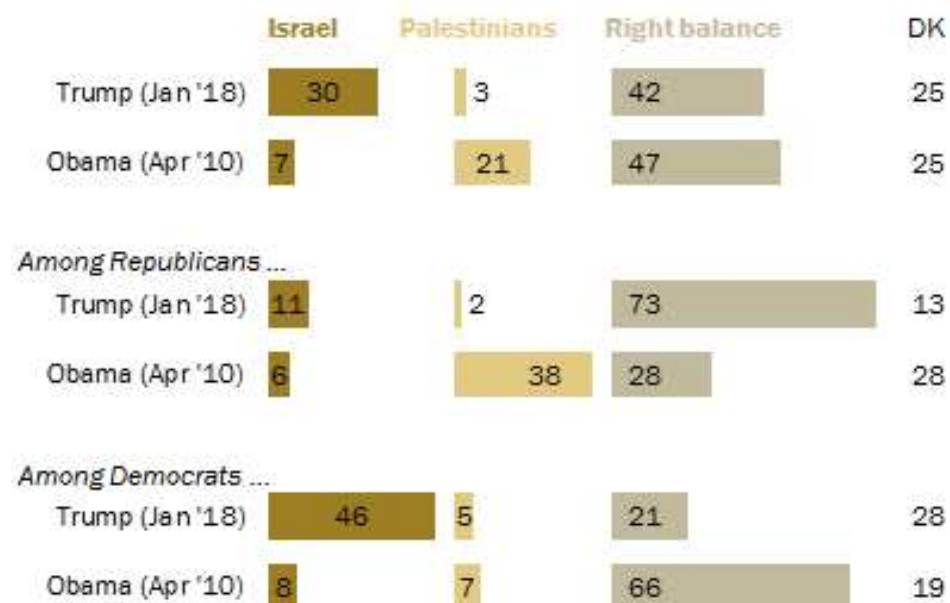
Notes: Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 10-15, 2018.

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Nearly as many say Trump is 'striking right balance' in Middle East as said that about Obama in 2010

Thinking about the situation in the Middle East these days, do you think the president is favoring Israel too much, favoring the Palestinians too much, or striking about the right balance? (%)

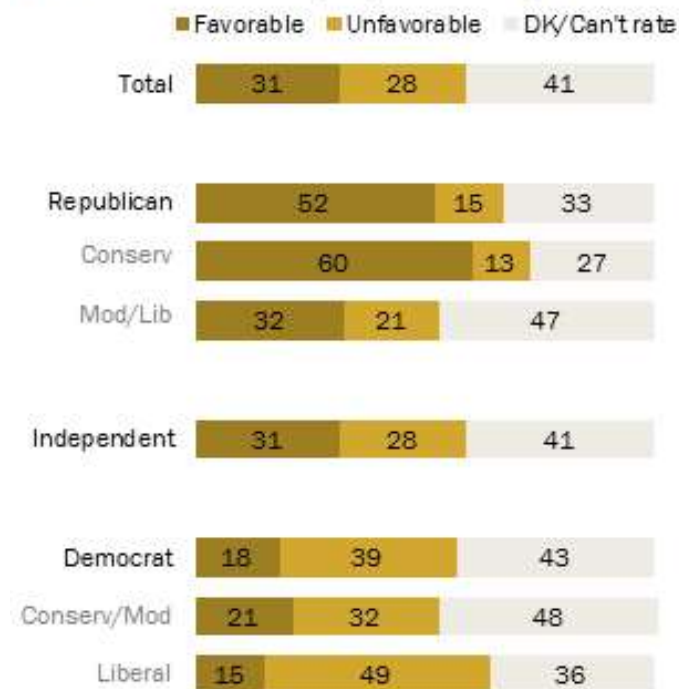


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Deep ideological differences in views of Benjamin Netanyahu

% who have a ___ view of Benjamin Netanyahu

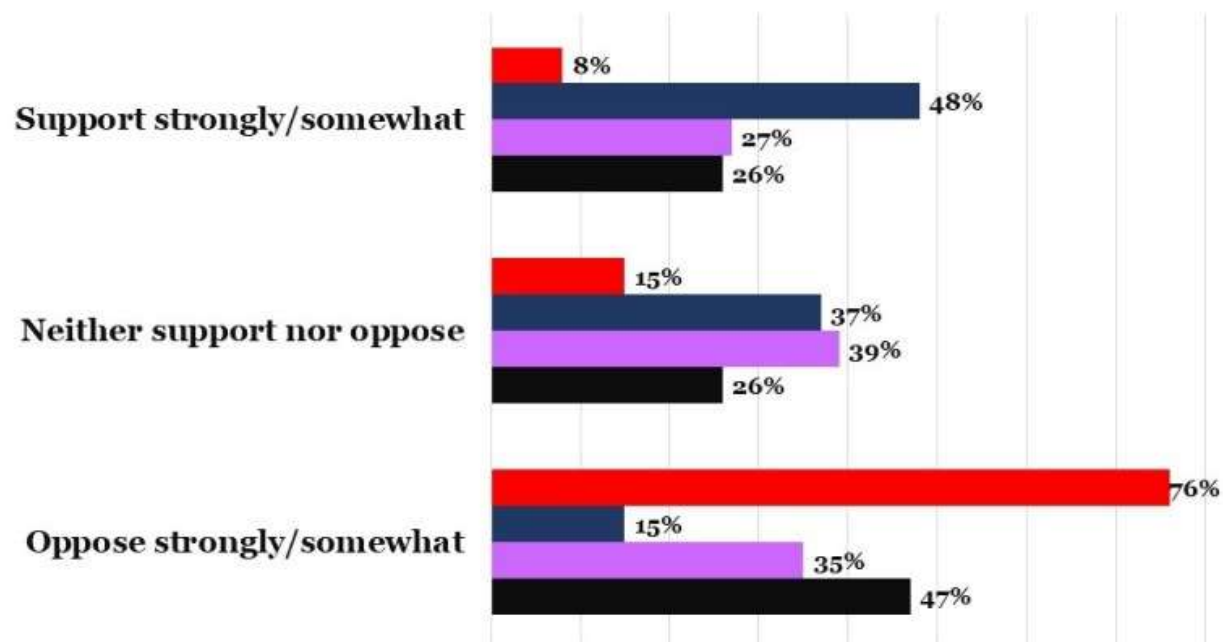


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[Among those who have heard of BDS]
Based on what you have heard, do you support or oppose BDS, or the
Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement?

■ Republicans ■ Democrats ■ Independents ■ Total



October 2019

Questions?