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Israelis and Palestinians differ widely in their outlook for a peaceful resolution of their longstanding conflict and in their views about the United States. But both want U.S. President Barack Obama to play a larger role in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian stalemate.

Israelis, on balance, believe a way can be found for an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with their country. Palestinians, on the other hand, overwhelmingly do not think this is possible, and a plurality believes armed struggle rather than negotiations or nonviolent resistance is the best way to achieve statehood.

Views of the United States also continue to vary considerably between Israelis and Palestinians. Israelis are far more likely to rate the U.S. favorably and to say its policies in the Middle East are fair.

Nonetheless, while Palestinians give the U.S. negative ratings and are nearly unanimous in saying the U.S. favors Israel in the Israeli-Palestinian dispute, many join Israelis in welcoming a larger role for the Obama administration in resolving the conflict.

While Obama, who visited Jerusalem and the West Bank in March, remains largely unpopular in the Palestinian territories, his ratings have improved markedly in Israel. The president enjoys the confidence of 61% of Israelis, up 12 percentage points from 2011. Palestinians, however, remain negative, with just 15% expressing confidence in Obama to do the right thing in world affairs, and 82% saying they have little or no confidence in the American president.

Views of the U.S. and Its Middle East Policies

	Israel	Palest. ter.
<i>U.S. favorability</i>	%	%
Favorable	83	16
Unfavorable	16	79
Don't know	1	5
<i>Relations between U.S. and Israel/Palestinian Authority</i>		
Good	94	35
Bad	4	57
Don't know	2	8
<i>U.S. policies in the Middle East</i>		
Fair	47	2
Favor Israel	35	95
Favor Palestinians	14	1
Don't know	4	3
<i>Confidence in Obama</i>		
A lot/Some	61	15
Not much/None	36	82
Don't know	1	3
<i>Obama's role in resolving Israeli-Palestinian conflict should be...</i>		
Larger	49	41
Smaller	15	26
About the same	29	19
Don't know	6	14

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These are among the key findings from a new survey by the Pew Research Center of 14,997 people in 12 countries and the Palestinian territories from March 3 to April 12, 2013. Survey countries include Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian territories, as well as the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council – the United States, France, Britain, China and Russia – and Germany, which has played an active role in key issues related to the Middle East. Surveys in Israel and the Palestinian territories were conducted after Obama’s trip to the region.

Israel’s image is overwhelmingly negative in the region; 86% or more in Lebanon, Jordan, the Palestinian territories, Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey have an unfavorable view. Israel also has few friends in France, Germany and China, where majorities express negative opinions of the Jewish state. The U.S. is the only country surveyed where a majority (57%) gives Israel a favorable rating.

Despite their negative views of Israel, Westerners generally believe a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is possible. At least half in France, Germany, Britain and the U.S. think a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully. In contrast, publics in Turkey and in the Arab countries surveyed are skeptical that this is possible.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas receive negative ratings in the region, although majorities in Israel and in the Palestinian territories rate their own leader favorably.

Netanyahu’s ratings are especially negative, with seven-in-ten in Turkey and at least 85% in Lebanon, the Palestinian territories, Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia expressing unfavorable views. Abbas receives his most negative ratings in Israel, where 84% have an unfavorable view of the Palestinian leader. Majorities or pluralities in Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan and Turkey also offer negative ratings of Abbas.

Views of Netanyahu and Abbas

	Netanyahu	Abbas
<i>% Favorable</i>	%	%
Turkey	4	27
Egypt	3	40
Jordan	2	43
Lebanon	0	35
Palest. ter.	1	61
Tunisia	2	40
Israel	56	13

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In Israel, a substantial number believes the continued building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank hurts their nation’s security, an opinion that is held by nearly half of secular Jews and by a large majority of Arabs in that country. In contrast, just 19% of Israeli Jews who describe themselves as traditional, religious or ultra-Orthodox, say the continued building of

settlements makes Israel less safe, while 41% say it makes Israel safer and 31% say it does not make a difference.

Middle East Sympathies

Perceptions of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians differ considerably across the countries surveyed. In the U.S., about half (53%) say they sympathize more with Israel, while just 14% sympathize more with the Palestinians. This is virtually unchanged from the last time the Pew Global Attitudes Project asked this question in 2007.

Views are more mixed in France, Germany and Russia. For example, 40% of French respondents sympathize more with Israel, while 44% say their sympathies lie with the Palestinians. Similarly, in Germany and Russia, about as many side with Israel as side with the Palestinians, but substantial numbers in these countries do not sympathize with either side in this conflict (31% and 42%, respectively).

One-in-five respondents in Britain also do not sympathize with either side in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but those who choose a side tend to sympathize with the Palestinians. About a third (35%) of the British sympathize with the Palestinians, while 19% side with Israel.

In Turkey and the Arab countries where this question was asked, overwhelming majorities side with the Palestinians. At least nine-in-ten in Tunisia (98%), Jordan (94%) and Egypt (92%) sympathize with the Palestinians in the dispute with Israel, as do 88% in Lebanon and 66% in Turkey.

For the most part, there has been little change in perceptions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in recent years. In France, however, opinions are more balanced than they were in 2007, when 43% sympathized with the Palestinians and 32% sympathized with Israel. Germans also offer more even views now compared with six years ago; 34% sided with Israel and 21% sided with the Palestinians in 2007.

Who Do You Sympathize with More?

			(Vol)		
	Israel	Palestinians	Both	Neither	DK
	%	%	%	%	%
U.S.	53	14	2	13	17
Britain	19	35	5	20	22
France	40	44	2	11	2
Germany	28	26	5	31	10
Russia	15	14	13	42	16
Turkey	9	66	3	10	12
Egypt	0	92	2	4	2
Jordan	1	94	5	1	0
Lebanon	0	88	1	12	0
Tunisia	1	98	0	1	0
China	9	17	29	21	24

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Prospects for Palestinian Statehood

Israelis and Palestinians have very different opinions on the prospects for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state that coexists peacefully alongside Israel. Half of Israelis think this is possible, while 38% say it is not and 9% say it depends.

Palestinians are far less optimistic; 61% do not believe a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully, while 14% say this is possible and 22% say it depends.

Israeli Arabs are considerably more likely than Jews to say it is possible for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully; 74% of Arabs in Israel say this is the case, compared with 46% of Israeli Jews.

Among Jews in Israel, a majority of those who describe themselves as secular believe a peaceful two-state solution is a possibility, while just 32% of those who describe themselves as traditional, religious or ultra-Orthodox share this view.

Elsewhere, at least half in France (71%), Germany (59%), Britain (52%) and the U.S. (50%) are optimistic that a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with each other.

In Lebanon and Tunisia, majorities say there is not a way for a peaceful two-state solution to be achieved (80% and 57%, respectively), and about half (47%) in Turkey and 40% in Egypt are also skeptical. Opinions are somewhat more

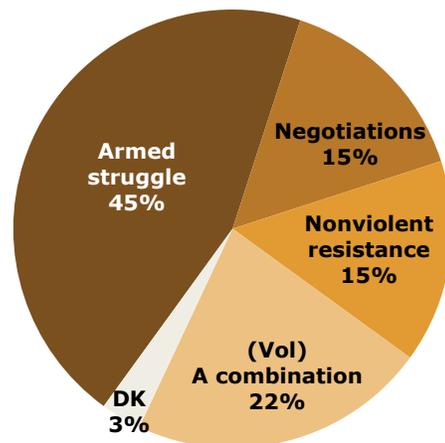
Peaceful Two-State Solution

Is there a way for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully?

	(Vol)			
	Yes	No	It depends	DK
	%	%	%	%
France	71	29	0	0
Germany	59	37	1	3
Britain	52	36	1	10
U.S.	50	41	0	9
Israel	50	38	9	2
China	36	16	20	28
Russia	35	18	23	24
Tunisia	32	57	7	4
Jordan	29	34	26	10
Egypt	26	40	31	3
Turkey	19	47	11	22
Palest. ter.	14	61	22	4
Lebanon	11	80	8	1

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Palestinian Views of Best Way to Achieve Statehood



Asked in the Palestinian territories only.

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divided in Jordan, Russia and China, although pluralities in Russia and China say there is a way for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully.

Palestinians are more likely to say armed struggle is the best way for their people to achieve statehood (45%) than they are to say negotiations or nonviolent resistance offer the best prospect for the creation of a Palestinian state (15% each). Another 22% volunteer that a combination of these three approaches would be most effective.

When asked whether Arab countries are doing too much, too little or enough to help the Palestinian people achieve statehood, three-quarters in the Palestinian territories say they are doing too little; 16% say other Arab nations are doing enough and 5% believe they are doing too much to help Palestinians achieve statehood.

In the other Arab countries surveyed, only in Tunisia and Egypt do majorities or pluralities say their country could be doing more to help the Palestinians. More than six-in-ten (64%) Tunisians say their country is doing too little to help the Palestinian people achieve statehood.

In Egypt, 47% believe their country is doing too little, but 34% think it is doing enough and 14% think Egypt is doing too much to help Palestinians with this goal.

Views are more mixed in Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey. For example, about the same number of Lebanese say their country is doing too little to help the Palestinian people achieve statehood (37%) as say it is doing enough (38%), while about a quarter (24%) believe Lebanon is doing too much. Among Jordanians, 28% say their country could be doing more to help Palestinians, while 38% think it is doing enough and 29% think Jordan is doing too much. And in Turkey, 26% say their country is doing too little, but 33% believe it is doing enough and 15% say it is doing too much to help the Palestinian people achieve statehood.

Regional Involvement

Are Arab countries doing too much, too little or enough to help Palestinians achieve statehood?

	Too much	Too little	Enough	DK
	%	%	%	%
Palest. ter.	5	75	16	4

Is your country doing too much, too little or enough to help Palestinians achieve statehood?

	Too much	Too little	Enough	DK
	%	%	%	%
Egypt	14	47	34	5
Jordan	29	28	38	6
Lebanon	24	37	38	1
Tunisia	7	64	19	10
Turkey	15	26	33	25

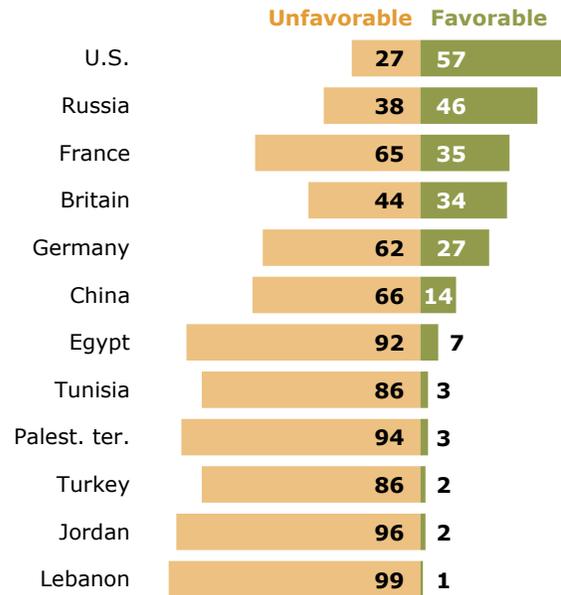
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Views of Israel Largely Unfavorable

The U.S. is the only country surveyed where a majority expresses positive views of Israel: 57% of Americans have a favorable opinion and 27% have an unfavorable view of one of their country's closest allies in the Middle East. Russians also express more favorable than unfavorable views of Israel (46% vs. 38%).

In predominantly Muslim countries, as well as in France, Germany, Britain and China, majorities or pluralities express negative opinions in Israel. At least eight-in-ten in Lebanon (99%), Jordan (96%), the Palestinian territories (94%), Egypt (92%), Turkey (86%), and Tunisia (86%) offer unfavorable views. Majorities in China (66%), France (65%) and Germany (62%) also express negative opinions of Israel, as does a 44%-plurality in Britain.

Israel Favorability Ratings



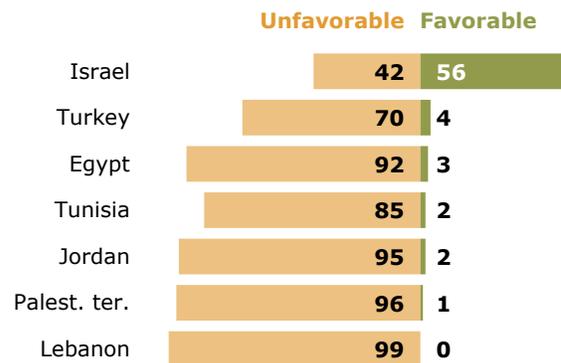
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Negative Views of Netanyahu and Abbas

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu receives overwhelmingly negative ratings in neighboring countries. At least nine-in-ten in neighboring Lebanon (99%), Palestinian territories (96%), Jordan (95%) and Egypt (92%) have an unfavorable view of the Israeli leader; 85% in Tunisia and 70% in Turkey also express negative opinions of Netanyahu.

In Israel, by contrast, more than half (56%) view Netanyahu favorably, while 42% have an unfavorable opinion of their country's prime minister. Israeli Jews are far more likely than Israeli Arabs to express positive views of Netanyahu. Among Jews, 63% have a favorable

Views of Netanyahu



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opinion and 36% have an unfavorable view of the prime minister; among Arabs, just 20% have a positive view, while 76% have a negative view of Netanyahu. Israeli Jews who describe themselves as traditional, religious or ultra-Orthodox are especially likely to have a favorable opinion of Netanyahu (70% vs. 58% of secular Jews).

Views of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas are also largely negative across the region, but not as overwhelmingly so as views of Netanyahu. More than eight-in-ten (84%) Israelis hold unfavorable opinions of Abbas, but Arabs in that country are more positive, with 52% expressing favorable views and 44% expressing negative opinions of Abbas.

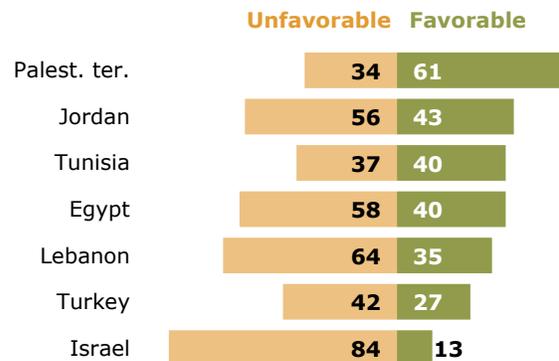
Majorities in Lebanon (64%), Egypt (58%) and Jordan (56%) also have unfavorable views, as does a 42%-plurality in Turkey. Tunisians are nearly evenly divided, with 40% expressing positive views and 37% expressing unfavorable views of the Palestinian leader.

In Lebanon, views of Abbas reflect religious and sectarian differences. Majorities of Christians (78%) and Shia (66%) hold unfavorable opinions of Abbas. Among Lebanese Sunnis, however, most (54%) give the Palestinian leader a positive rating, while 44% have a negative opinion of him.

Palestinians express mostly positive opinions of Abbas; 61% have a favorable view and 34% have an unfavorable view of the Palestinian president. Abbas is viewed favorably by majorities in both the West Bank (57%) and Gaza (68%). His party also receives positive ratings among Palestinians; 69% have a favorable view of Fatah, while 27% express unfavorable opinions.

Islamic Jihad and Hamas, two groups designated as terrorist organizations by the U.S., receive lower ratings among Palestinians than Fatah, which renounced terrorism in 1988. Still, a

Views of Abbas



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Palestinian Views of Fatah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad

	Fatah %	Hamas %	Islamic Jihad %
Favorable	69	48	56
Unfavorable	27	45	35
DK	5	6	9

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majority of Palestinians (56%) holds favorable opinions of Islamic Jihad, while about a third (35%) gives the militant organization negative ratings.

Opinions of Hamas are more mixed, with 48% of Palestinians viewing the extremist group favorably and 45% saying they have an unfavorable view of Hamas. In 2011, when Pew Research last asked Palestinians about Hamas, more held negative views (56%) than expressed positive opinions (42%), but the militant organization was more popular in 2007, when 62% of Palestinians gave it a positive rating. Views of Hamas and Islamic Jihad do not vary significantly between the West Bank and Gaza or across demographic groups.

Many Israelis Say Settlements Hurt Security

About four-in-ten Israelis (42%) believe the continued building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank hurts their nation's security; 27% say the expansion of settlements helps Israel's security, and 23% say it does not make a difference.

Israeli Arabs are far more likely than Israeli Jews to say the continued building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank hurts Israel's security. More than eight-in-ten (84%) Israeli Arabs express this view, while 4% say it helps their country's security and 2% believe it does not make a difference. Israeli Jews are divided: 35% say the expansion of settlements hurts the security of Israel, 31% say it helps, and 27% say it does not make a difference.

Impact of Continued Building of Jewish Settlements on Israel's Security

	Helps %	Hurts %	Does not make a difference %	DK %
Total	27	42	23	8
Israeli Jews	31	35	27	8
<i>Secular</i>	23	47	23	7
<i>Traditional, religious or ultra-Orthodox</i>	41	19	31	8
Israeli Arabs	4	84	2	10

Asked in Israel only.

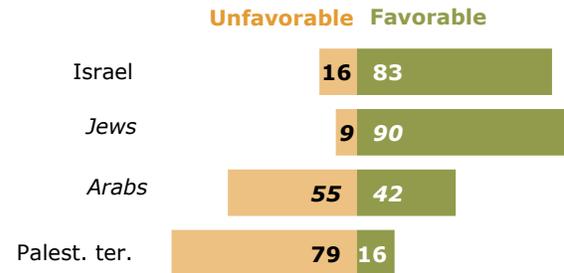
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Among Jews, those who are secular are considerably more critical of the continued building of settlements than those who describe themselves as traditional, religious or ultra-Orthodox. Nearly half of secular Jews in Israel (47%) believe the continued building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank hurts their country's security; fewer say it helps or does not make a difference (23% each). Among more observant Jews, just 19% say expansion of settlements hurts Israel's security, while 41% say it helps and 31% say it does not make a difference.

Israelis and Palestinians Differ on Views of U.S. and Obama

The U.S. receives overwhelmingly positive ratings in Israel, with even more Israelis now saying they have a favorable view of their country's ally than did so two years ago, when Pew Research last conducted a survey in Israel; today, 83% express a positive opinion of the U.S., compared with 72% in 2011. In contrast, about eight-in-ten (79%) Palestinians express unfavorable views of the U.S., virtually unchanged from recent surveys.

U.S. Favorability Ratings



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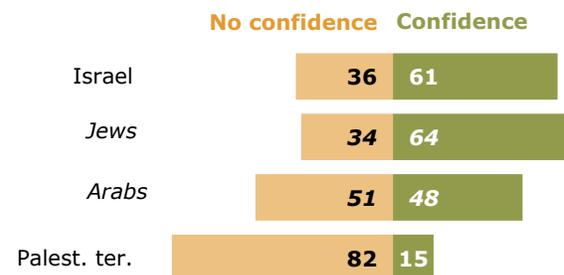
In Israel, Jews are far more likely than Arabs to express positive views of the U.S.; nine-in-ten Israeli Jews have a favorable opinion, compared with 42% of Israeli Arabs. Arabs and Jews in Israel agree, however, that their country's relationship with the U.S. is good. Overall, 94% of Israelis think Israel and the U.S. have a good relationship; 93% of Israeli Jews and 95% of Israeli Arabs share this view.

In the Palestinian territories, about one-third (35%) describe relations between the Palestinian Authority and the U.S. as good, while most (57%) say they are bad. Opinions are especially negative in Gaza, where just 24% say the relationship between their government and the U.S. is good, while 73% say it is bad. Views are more mixed in the West Bank, with 42% saying the Palestinian Authority has a good relationship with the U.S. and 47% saying relations between the two governments are bad.

Israelis and Palestinians also differ on views of Obama. About six-in-ten (61%) Israelis express confidence in the American president to do the right thing regarding world affairs, up from 49% in 2011. In the Palestinian territories, just 15% have confidence in Obama, while 82% have little or no confidence in him.

In Israel, opinions of Obama are far more positive among Jews than among Arabs. More than six-in-ten (64%) Jews express confidence in the American president, compared with about half (48%) of Arabs.

Confidence in Obama's Handling of World Affairs



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Secular Jews in Israel are especially positive in their views of Obama. About seven-in-ten (71%) secular Jews have confidence in Obama to do the right thing when it comes to world affairs, compared with 56% of Israeli Jews who describe themselves as traditional, religious or ultra-Orthodox.

U.S. Policies in the Middle East

Israelis are more likely than they were six years ago to see U.S. policies in the Middle East as fair. Nearly half of Israelis (47%) say this is the case, while 35% say U.S. policies favor their own country too much and 14% say the U.S. is biased towards the Palestinians. In 2007, 37% of Israelis believed the U.S. was fair, while 42% said it favored Israel too much and 13% said the U.S. was overly supportive of the Palestinians.

Perceptions of U.S. Policies in the Middle East

	Fair	Favor Israel	Favor Palestinians	DK
	%	%	%	%
Israel	47	35	14	4
<i>Jews</i>	55	24	17	5
<i>Arabs</i>	3	94	1	1
Palest. ter.	2	95	1	3

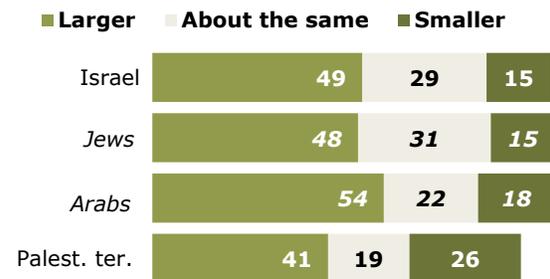
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Israeli opinions about U.S. policies in the Middle East vary considerably by ethnicity and religious affiliation. About six-in-ten (62%) secular Jews in Israel see the U.S. as fair, while 23% say the U.S. is biased toward Israel and 12% say the U.S. is biased toward the Palestinians. Among Israeli Jews who describe themselves as traditional, religious or ultra-Orthodox, 47% say U.S. policies in the region are fair, 23% say they favor their own country too much, and 22% say the U.S. is biased towards the Palestinians. Israeli Arabs overwhelmingly believe U.S. policies favor Israel too much; 94% say this is the case.

Palestinian assessments of U.S. policies in the Middle East mirror those of Arabs in Israel. More than nine-in-ten (95%) Palestinians believe the U.S. is biased toward Israel, virtually unchanged from past surveys.

When asked whether they would like the Obama administration to play a larger role, a smaller role or about the same role it has been playing in resolving the conflict in the Middle East, at least four-in-ten Israelis and

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Palestinians say they would like it to play a larger role in the coming months. About half (49%) of Israelis would like the Obama administration to be more involved, while 15% would like it to play a smaller role and 29% would like it to play the same role it has been playing in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Opinions on this do not vary considerably between Israeli Arabs and Jews.

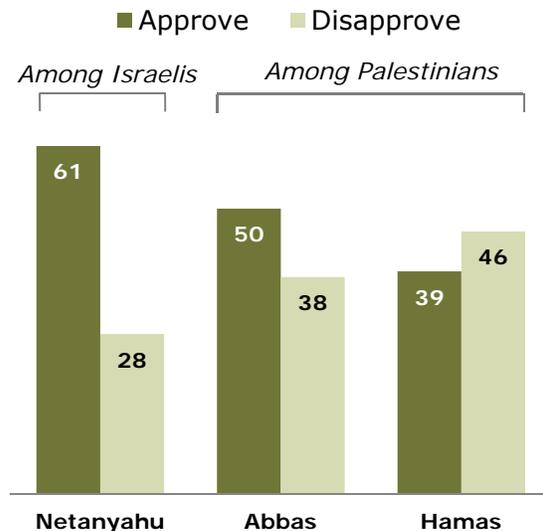
In the Palestinian territories, 41% would welcome more involvement from the Obama administration in the coming months; about a quarter (26%) of Palestinians want the American president to play a smaller role in resolving the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, and 19% would like it to play the same role it has been playing. Those who live in the West Bank are more likely than Gaza residents to say they would like the Obama administration to play a larger role in the Middle East conflict; 47% in the West Bank want more U.S. involvement, compared with 30% in Gaza.

Israeli and Palestinian Policies toward the U.S.

A majority of Israelis (61%) approve of Netanyahu's policies toward the U.S., while 28% disapprove. Israeli Jews who describe themselves as traditional, religious or ultra-orthodox are especially likely to approve of Netanyahu's policies (75% approve), but most secular Jews also approve (63%). Israeli Arabs are more critical of the prime minister's policies toward the U.S.; just 22% approve and 59% disapprove of Netanyahu's policies toward the U.S.

In the Palestinian territories, half approve of Abbas' policies toward the U.S., and 38% disapprove. Views of the way Hamas is handling the U.S. are more mixed; 39% approve and 46% disapprove. Opinions about Hamas' policies toward the U.S. are similar in the West Bank and Gaza.

Netanyahu's, Abbas' and Hamas' Policies toward the U.S.



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Survey Methods

About the 2013 Spring Pew Global Attitudes Survey

Results for the survey are based on telephone and face-to-face interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see below.

The descriptions below show the margin of sampling error based on all interviews conducted in that country. For results based on the full sample in a given country, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is plus or minus the margin of error. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

Country:	Britain
Sample design:	Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample of landline and cell phone households
Mode:	Telephone adults 18 plus
Languages:	English
Fieldwork dates:	March 4 – March 27, 2013
Sample size:	1,012
Margin of Error:	±3.3 percentage points
Representative:	Telephone households (roughly 98% of all British households)

Country: **China**
Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by China's three regional-economic zones and urbanity. Twelve cities, 12 towns and 12 villages were sampled covering central, east, and west China.
Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages: Chinese (Mandarin, Hebei, Shandong, Yunnan, Chongqing, Guangdong, Hubei, Henan, Hunan, Jiangsu, Gandu, Sichuan, Shaanxi, Anhui, Shanghai, Jilin, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, and Beijing dialects)
Fieldwork dates: March 4 – April 6, 2013
Sample size: 3,226
Margin of Error: ±3.5 percentage points
Representative: Adult population (excluding Tibet, Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Macau, or roughly 2% of the population). Disproportionately urban. The data were weighted to reflect the actual urbanity distribution in China.
Note: The results cited are from Horizonkey's self-sponsored survey.

Country: **Egypt**
Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by governorates and urbanity
Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages: Arabic
Fieldwork dates: March 3 – March 23, 2013
Sample size: 1,000
Margin of Error: ±4.3 percentage points
Representative: Adult population (excluding Frontier governorates, or about 2% of the population)

Country: **France**
Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) sample of landline and cell phone-only households with quotas for gender, age and occupation and stratified by region and urbanity
Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus
Languages: French
Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 16, 2013
Sample size: 1,004
Margin of Error: ±3.6 percentage points
Representative: Telephone households (roughly 99% of all French households)

Country: **Germany**
 Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RL(2)D) probability sample of landline and cell phone households
 Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus
 Languages: German
 Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 18, 2013
 Sample size: 1,025
 Margin of Error: ± 4.1 percentage points
 Representative: Telephone households (roughly 99% of all German households)

Country: **Israel**
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Israel's six districts, urbanity, and socioeconomic status, with an oversample of Arabs
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus
 Languages: Hebrew, Arabic
 Fieldwork dates: March 29 – April 12, 2013
 Sample size: 922 (504 Jews, 406 Arabs, 12 others)
 Margin of Error: ± 4.6 percentage points
 Representative: Adult population

Country: **Jordan**
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Jordan's 12 governorates and urbanity
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus
 Languages: Arabic
 Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 23, 2013
 Sample size: 1,000
 Margin of Error: ± 4.5 percentage points
 Representative: Adult population

Country: **Lebanon**
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Lebanon's seven regions and urbanity
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus
 Languages: Arabic
 Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 22, 2013
 Sample size: 1,000
 Margin of Error: ± 4.0 percentage points
 Representative: Adult population (excluding a small area in Beirut controlled by a militia group and a few villages in the south of Lebanon, which border Israel and are inaccessible to outsiders, or about 2% of the population)

Country: **Palestinian territories**
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urban/rural/refugee camp population
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus
 Languages: Arabic
 Fieldwork dates: March 29 – April 7, 2013
 Sample size: 810
 Margin of Error: ± 4.4 percentage points
 Representative: Adult population (excluding Bedouins who regularly change residence and some communities near Israeli settlements where military restrictions make access difficult, or roughly 5% of the population)

Country: **Russia**
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Russia's eight regions plus Moscow and St. Petersburg and urbanity
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus
 Languages: Russian
 Fieldwork dates: March 5 – March 21, 2013
 Sample size: 996
 Margin of Error: ± 3.6 percentage points
 Representative: Adult population (excluding High North regions, the Chechen Republic, and the Ingush Republic, or about 3% of the population)

Country:	Tunisia
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by governorate and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Tunisian Arabic
Fieldwork dates:	March 4 – March 19, 2013
Sample size:	1,000
Margin of Error:	±4.0 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population
Country:	Turkey
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by the 26 regions (based on geographical location and level of development (NUTS 2)) and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Turkish
Fieldwork dates:	March 5 – March 24, 2013
Sample size:	1,000
Margin of Error:	±7.7 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population
Country:	United States
Sample design:	Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample of landline and cell phone households stratified by county
Mode:	Telephone adults 18 plus
Languages:	English, Spanish
Fieldwork dates:	March 4 – March 18, 2013
Sample size:	1,002
Margin of Error:	±3.5 percentage points
Representative:	Telephone households with English or Spanish speakers (roughly 97% of U.S. households)

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Survey Methods section.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, the Global Attitudes Project has used an automated process to generate topline. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2013 survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q9a Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: a. The United States					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	4	12	24	55	5	100
	Spring, 2011	2	16	31	49	1	100
	Spring, 2009	2	13	16	66	2	100
	Spring, 2007	4	9	16	70	1	100
	May, 2003	0	0	13	85	1	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	31	52	12	4	1	100
	Spring, 2011	14	58	23	5	1	100
	Spring, 2009	26	45	19	7	2	100
	Spring, 2007	29	49	15	5	1	100
	May, 2003	32	46	12	8	1	100

		Q9i Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: i. Israel					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2013	21	36	18	9	17	100
Britain	Spring, 2013	5	29	28	16	22	100
France	Spring, 2013	4	31	38	27	1	100
Germany	Spring, 2013	2	25	52	10	12	100
Russia	Spring, 2013	7	39	26	12	16	100
Turkey	Spring, 2013	1	1	11	75	12	100
Egypt	Spring, 2013	1	6	3	89	1	100
Jordan	Spring, 2013	1	1	2	94	3	100
Lebanon	Spring, 2013	0	1	7	92	1	100
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	1	2	9	85	3	100
Tunisia	Spring, 2013	1	2	4	82	11	100
China	Spring, 2013	2	12	41	25	20	100

		Q9j Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: j. Hamas					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	14	34	21	24	6	100
	Spring, 2011	11	31	36	20	2	100
	Spring, 2009	14	30	20	32	3	100
	Spring, 2007	27	35	12	21	4	100

		Q9r Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: r. Fatah					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	29	40	14	13	5	100
	Spring, 2011	33	40	17	7	2	100

		Q9s Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: s. Islamic Jihad					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	15	41	20	15	9	100

		Q38 How much confidence do you have in U.S. President Barack Obama to do the right thing regarding world affairs – a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all.					
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	2	13	29	53	3	100
	Spring, 2011	1	13	40	44	2	100
	Spring, 2009	2	21	18	57	2	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	23	38	21	15	1	100
	Spring, 2011	10	39	34	17	0	100
	Spring, 2009	20	36	27	16	1	100

		Q40e Now I'd like to ask your views about some additional political leaders. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: e. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Turkey	Spring, 2013	8	19	20	22	30	100
Egypt	Spring, 2013	8	32	33	25	3	100
Jordan	Spring, 2013	10	33	30	26	2	100
Lebanon	Spring, 2013	7	28	26	38	2	100
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	27	34	17	17	5	100
Tunisia	Spring, 2013	9	31	14	23	23	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	1	12	39	45	2	100

		Q40f Now I'd like to ask your views about some additional political leaders. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of: f. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Turkey	Spring, 2013	1	3	16	54	26	100
Egypt	Spring, 2013	1	2	3	89	5	100
Jordan	Spring, 2013	1	1	2	93	4	100
Lebanon	Spring, 2013	0	0	4	95	0	100
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	0	1	8	88	3	100
Tunisia	Spring, 2013	1	1	2	83	13	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	14	42	31	11	2	100

		Q110 Now thinking about the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?					
		Israel	Palestinians	Both (Volunteered)	Neither (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2013	53	14	2	13	17	100
	Spring, 2007	49	11	5	17	18	100
	Spring, 2006	48	13	4	14	20	100
	Spring, 2004	46	12	8	15	19	100
	April, 2002	41	13	6	21	19	100
Britain	Spring, 2013	19	35	5	20	22	100
	Spring, 2007	16	29	9	26	20	100
	Spring, 2006	24	29	5	22	19	100
	Spring, 2004	22	28	15	18	17	100
	April, 2002	17	28	11	23	21	100
France	Spring, 2013	40	44	2	11	2	100
	Spring, 2007	32	43	4	16	5	100
	Spring, 2006	38	38	8	12	3	100
	Spring, 2004	20	28	11	30	12	100
	April, 2002	19	36	8	25	12	100
Germany	Spring, 2013	28	26	5	31	10	100
	Spring, 2007	34	21	4	34	8	100
	Spring, 2006	37	18	4	31	11	100
	Spring, 2004	24	24	7	32	12	100
	April, 2002	24	26	5	32	13	100
Russia	Spring, 2013	15	14	13	42	16	100
	Spring, 2007	14	16	13	40	16	100
	Spring, 2006	21	16	12	37	14	100
	Spring, 2004	23	14	15	35	14	100
Turkey	Spring, 2013	9	66	3	10	12	100
	Spring, 2007	4	64	1	13	17	100
	Spring, 2006	5	63	2	16	14	100
	Spring, 2004	6	63	4	16	11	100
Egypt	Spring, 2013	0	92	2	4	2	100
	Spring, 2007	0	93	1	5	1	100
	Spring, 2006	2	97	1	0	0	100
Jordan	Spring, 2013	1	94	5	1	0	100
	Spring, 2007	2	88	3	7	1	100
	Spring, 2006	1	97	1	1	0	100
	Spring, 2004	1	93	0	4	1	100
Lebanon	Spring, 2013	0	88	1	12	0	100
	Spring, 2007	4	70	10	16	0	100
Tunisia	Spring, 2013	1	98	0	1	0	100
China	Spring, 2013	9	17	29	21	24	100
	Spring, 2007	8	29	18	18	26	100
	Spring, 2006	7	23	12	15	42	100

		Q111 Do you think a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with each other, or not?				
		Yes	No	It Depends (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2013	50	41	0	9	100
Britain	Spring, 2013	52	36	1	10	100
France	Spring, 2013	71	29	0	0	100
Germany	Spring, 2013	59	37	1	3	100
Russia	Spring, 2013	35	18	23	24	100
Turkey	Spring, 2013	19	47	11	22	100
Egypt	Spring, 2013	26	40	31	3	100
Jordan	Spring, 2013	29	34	26	10	100
Lebanon	Spring, 2013	11	80	8	1	100
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	14	61	22	4	100
Tunisia	Spring, 2013	32	57	7	4	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	50	38	9	2	100
China	Spring, 2013	36	16	20	28	100

		Q112 In your opinion, what is the best way for Palestinians to achieve statehood – through negotiations, through armed struggle, or through nonviolent resistance?					
		Negotiations	Armed struggle	Nonviolent resistance	A combination of these (Volunteered)	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	15	45	15	22	3	100

		Q113 In your opinion, does the continued building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank help the security of Israel, hurt the security of Israel, or does it not make a difference?				
		Helps the security of Israel	Hurts the security of Israel	Does not make a difference	DK/Refused	Total
Israel	Spring, 2013	27	42	23	8	100

		Q114 Do you think (survey country) is doing too much, too little, or is doing enough in helping the Palestinian people achieve statehood?				
		Too much	Too little	Enough	DK/Refused	Total
Turkey	Spring, 2013	15	26	33	25	100
Egypt	Spring, 2013	14	47	34	5	100
Jordan	Spring, 2013	29	28	38	6	100
Lebanon	Spring, 2013	24	37	38	1	100
Tunisia	Spring, 2013	7	64	19	10	100

		Q115 In general, do you think Arab countries are doing too much, too little, or are doing enough in helping the Palestinian people achieve statehood?				
		Too much	Too little	Enough	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	5	75	16	4	100

		ISR_PT1 What's your opinion of U.S. policies in the Middle East – would you say they are fair or do they favor Israel too much or do they favor the Palestinians too much?				
		Fair	Favor Israel	Favor Palestinians	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	2	95	1	3	100
	Spring, 2007	2	90	4	4	100
	May, 2003	0	96	2	2	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	47	35	14	4	100
	Spring, 2007	37	42	13	8	100
	May, 2003	38	46	11	5	100

		ISR_PT2 Do you think relations between [IN ISRAEL: Israel; IN PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES: the Palestinian Authority] and the United States today are very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	2	33	34	23	8	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	26	68	3	1	2	100

		ISR_PT3 In the coming months, would you like the Obama administration to play a larger role, a smaller role, or about the same role it has been playing in resolving the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians?				
		Larger role	Smaller role	About the same role	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	41	26	19	14	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	49	15	29	6	100

		ISR_PT4 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of Benjamin Netanyahu's policies toward the United States?			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Israel	Spring, 2013	61	28	11	100

		ISR_PT5 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of Mahmoud Abbas' policies toward the United States?			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	50	38	12	100

		ISR_PT6 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of Hamas' policies toward the United States?			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	39	46	15	100