African American Attitudes Toward Israel

Representative Survey of 1,019 African Americans

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Methodology

● The online survey of 1,019 Americans was conducted March 22 – April 2, 2019
● The project was sponsored by The Philos Project
● Respondents were invited to participate from a large national panel
● Respondents were screened to only include self-identified Black or African Americans who were born in the U.S.
● Maximum quotas and slight weights were used for gender, region, age, education, and religious group to more accurately reflect the African American population using statistics published by Pew Research and the Census Bureau
● The completed sample is 1,019 surveys
● The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed ±3.6%
● Margins of error are higher in sub-groups
Survey Responses
“From which of the following sources do you regularly get news?”

- Television: 81%
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.): 48%
- Websites: 46%
- Radio: 37%
- Print newspapers/magazines: 29%
- News apps: 27%
- None of these: 3%

Q9: “From which of the following sources do you regularly get news? (Select all that apply)”
“From which of the following TV networks do you regularly get news?”

Among those who get news from Television

- ABC: 62%
- CBS: 56%
- NBC: 51%
- Local TV news: 51%
- CNN: 49%
- Fox News Channel: 35%
- MSNBC: 26%
- CNBC: 14%
- HLN (formerly Headline News): 10%
- Other: 1%
- Not sure: 1%

Q10: “From which of the following TV networks do you regularly get news? (Select all that apply)” n=849
48% say they receive news from both media and family/friends on social media

Among those who get news from Social Media

- 31% follow news media sources on social media
- 15% friends or family forward or comment on news they have seen
- 48% both of these
- 6% neither of these

Q11: “Thinking of the news that you get through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.), which describes the source of this news?” n=469
Q12: “From which of the following online news sites do you regularly get news? (Select all that apply)” n=480

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68% carefully follow changes in U.S. domestic policy

Q13: “I carefully follow changes in U.S. domestic policy.”
59% carefully follow changes in U.S. foreign policy

Q14: "I carefully follow changes in U.S. foreign policy."
36% say that the U.S. does too much to try to solve the world’s problems

36% say that the U.S. does too much in trying to solve the world's problems.

25% say that the U.S. is doing the right amount in trying to solve the world's problems.

23% say that the U.S. does not do enough in trying to solve the world's problems.

16% say they are not sure.

Q15: “Which of the following best describes your views on American involvement in international affairs? (Select one)”
42% perceive the country of Israel as at least somewhat positive; 32% are not sure

Q16: “Overall what is your perception of the country of Israel today?”
31% say the U.S. is doing the right amount to help Israel; 35% are not sure

Q17: “Which of the following best describes your views on American involvement in Israel? (Select one)”
“Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?”

- The media: 46%
- The Bible: 24%
- Friends and family: 18%
- Positions of elected officials: 15%
- Your local church: 8%
- National Christian leaders: 7%
- Personal experience with Jews: 6%
- Personal experience with Muslims: 5%
- Teachers or professors: 5%
- Not sure: 25%

Q18: “Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel? (Select all that apply)”
34% say the media has most influenced their views about Israel, 17% say the Bible, and 26% are not sure.

Q19: “Which one of the following has influenced your opinions about Israel the most?”
7 out of 10 say they sympathize equally with the hardships Israelis and Palestinians face

Q20: “Who do you tend to sympathize with more?”
26% believe the news sources they follow are objective towards Israel.

Q21: “Do you believe the news sources you follow the most are...”
52% support Israel’s statehood

Q22: “I am a supporter of Israel’s statehood (existing as an independent country).”
“Which of the following, if any, are reasons you support Israel’s statehood?

Among those who support Israel’s statehood

- Every nation has a right to exist: 71%
- Israel is the historic Jewish homeland: 30%
- Jesus was a Jew: 28%
- Israel is important for fulfilling biblical prophecy: 25%
- The Bible says Christians should support Israel: 24%
- Israel is the United States’ closest ally in an unstable region: 24%
- Jews needed a refuge after the holocaust: 15%
- Israel is the safest place for religious minorities in the Middle East: 11%
- None of these: 3%

Not sure 3%

Q23 “Which of the following, if any, are reasons you support Israel’s statehood? (Select all that apply)” n=535
For 49%, the most important reason to support Israel is that its right to exist

Among those who support Israel’s statehood

- Every nation has a right to exist: 49%
- The Bible says Christians should support Israel: 10%
- Jesus was a Jew: 9%
- Israel is the United States’ closest ally in an unstable region: 8%
- Israel is the historic Jewish homeland: 6%
- Israel is important for fulfilling biblical prophecy: 5%
- Jews needed a refuge after the holocaust: 3%
- Israel is the safest place for religious minorities in the Middle East: 2%
- None of these: 3%

Not sure 5%

Q24 “Which of the following is the most important reason for your support of Israel’s statehood?” n=535
"Which, if any, of the following have positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel today?"

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Q25 “Which, if any, of the following have positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel today? (Select all that apply)”
“Which **one** of the following has positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel the most?”

- The historic parallels of overcoming oppression between Jewish people pursuing the promised land and African Americans pursuing Civil Rights: 15%
- The historic parallels between the enslavement of Jews in ancient Egypt and blacks in America: 14%
- Israel is the land God promised to Abraham’s descendants: 14%
- God promised blessings to those who stand by Abraham and his offspring: 6%
- The formation of the State of Israel in 1948 and the re-gathering of millions of Jewish people to Israel were the fulfillment of prophecy regarding the nearing of Jesus’ 2nd Coming: 6%
- Scripture saying God is near the broken hearted and the needy: 5%

**None of these** 19%
**Not sure** 22%

Q26 “Which **one** of the following has positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel the most?”
6 out of 10 are concerned about the safety of Christians in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority

Q27: “I am concerned for the safety of Christians in areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority.”
43% say that Israel denies Palestinians basic human rights

Q28: “The state of Israel denies Palestinians basic human rights.”
39% say that the international community denies the state of Israel basic recognition as a nation.

Q29: “The international community denies the state of Israel basic recognition as a nation.”
46% agree that the Palestinian Authority denies the state of Israel basic recognition as a nation.

Q30: “The Palestinian Authority denies the state of Israel basic recognition as a nation.”
3 out of 10 agree with the subtle anti-Semitic statement “Jewish people have too much control of American finances”
25% agree Israel has given Palestinians control of too much land within the country of Israel.

Q32: “The state of Israel has given Palestinians control of too much land within the country of Israel.”
41% agree the state of Israel has laws that discriminate against the Palestinian people.

Q33: “The state of Israel has laws that specifically discriminate against the Palestinian people.”
32% agree that Americans should boycott Israel over its treatment of Palestinians

Q34: “Americans should boycott, divest from and sanction Israel for its treatment of Palestinians.”
19% agree with the anti-Semitic statement that “Jewish people are blocking black progress in the U.S.”
49% believe Martin Luther King Jr. was a strong supporter of the Jewish people.

Q36: “Martin Luther King Jr. was a strong supporter of the Jewish people.”
43% agree Jewish people in America were instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement.

Q37: “Jewish people in America were instrumental to advances made in the Civil Rights Movement.”
42% believe that Martin Luther King Jr. was a strong supporter of Israel

Q38: “Martin Luther King Jr. was a strong supporter of Israel.”
41% agree that the formation of modern Israel is a fulfillment of God’s covenant with the Jewish people.

Q39: “The formation of modern Israel is a fulfillment of God’s covenant with the Jewish people.”
28% agree they are seeing more black people express anti-Semitism than in the past.

Q40: "I am seeing more black people I know express anti-Semitism than in the past."
62% agree that God’s promise of the land of Israel to Abraham and his descendants was for all time.

Q41: “When God promised Abraham and his descendants the land of Israel, the promise was for all time.”
50% agree that the state of Israel is regularly attacked with bombs and terrorist acts by Palestinians.

Q42: “The state of Israel is regularly attacked with bombs and terrorist acts by Palestinians.”
41% agree with Louis Farrakhan’s view about Jewish people’s “tremendous” influence in the U.S. government

Q43: “Louis Farrakhan once referred to the “tremendous” influence Jewish people in the U.S. have in government saying, “Black people will never be free in this country until they are free of that kind of control.” What is your level of agreement with this view?”
Introduction to the following three questions

The Black Lives Matter movement’s platform accuses Israel of genocide and apartheid against the Palestinian people and calls on people to boycott, divest from, and sanction the country of Israel.
3 out of 10 say they were aware the Black Lives Matters platform on Israel included these positions.

Q44: "Were you aware these positions are included in the Black Lives Matter platform?"
33% say these Black Lives Matter positions do not change their support

Q45: “These specific Black Lives Matter positions... (Select one)”
54% say these Black Lives Matter positions do not change their thoughts about Palestinians and Israel

Q46: “These specific Black Lives Matter positions... (Select one)”
62% are not familiar with Black Hebrew Israelite teachings

Q47: “Which of the following best describes your opinion of Black Hebrew Israelite teachings?”
33% say they have Jewish friends

Q48: “Do you have any Jewish friends?”
61% say they would be neither more nor less likely to vote for a candidate that supports pro-Israel policies.

Q49: “In future Congressional and Presidential elections, if a candidate supported pro-Israel policies, would you be:”
Demographics
“Were you enrolled at a historically black college or university for all or part of your college education?”

Among those who attended college

- Yes: 26%
- No: 74%

Q6: “Were you enrolled at a historically black college or university for all or part of your college education?” n=716 Asked of those who attended at least some college
“Which best describes you?”

- 92%: I was born in the US and so were both my parents.
- 8%: I was born in the US but one or both of my parents was born outside the US.
- 0%: I was born in a country other than the US.

Q8: “Which best describes you?” Note: only those born in the U.S. qualified for this study.
Christian Church attendance of participants

Q50: “How often do you attend worship services at a Christian church? (Select one)”
## Denomination of participants

### Among Christian Protestants

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1% or less: African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Assemblies of God, Baptist—Progressive Baptist, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian

Q51: “What is the religious group or denomination of the church you attend most frequently? (Select one)” n=442 Asked of those whose religious preference is Christian Protestant
“Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian?”

Among Protestant and Nondenominational Christians

Q52: “Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian?” n=626 Asked of those whose religious preference is Christian Protestant or Christian Nondenominational
Largest ethnic group of church attended by participants

Among those who attend a Christian church several times a year or more

- Blacks: 71%
- Whites: 7%
- Asians: <1%
- Hispanics: 1%
- There is no majority group (church is multiethnic): 19%
- Not sure: 2%

Q53: “In the church that you currently attend, what is the largest ethnic group?” n=645 Asked of those who attend a Christian church several times a year or more
Significant Differences

Gender
Region
Age
Education Level
Denomination
Significant Statistical Differences

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

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Note: Region is defined by US Census locations
From which of the following sources do you regularly get news?

Television

- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (96%) and those age 18-34 are least likely to select (67%)
- Historically Black Protestants (89%) and Other Protestants (84%) are more likely to select than Other Religions (66%) and Nonreligious (75%)

Websites

- Males are more likely to select than Females (54% v. 40%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to select (59%)
- Those age 18-34 (49%) and 35-49 (54%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (35%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (37%)
From which of the following sources do you regularly get news?

Radio

- Males are more likely to select than Females (43% v. 32%)
- Those who with a Bachelor’s Degree (52%) are more likely to select than those who are high school graduates or less (31%) or with some college (37%)
- Other Protestants (38%) and Other Religions (44%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (30%)
From which of the following sources do you regularly get news?

Print newspapers/magazines

- Males are more likely to select than Females (33% v. 26%)
- Those in the Northeast (36%) and Midwest (35%) are more likely to select than those in the South (25%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (16%)
- Those who are with a Graduate are the most likely to select (52%)
From which of the following sources do you regularly get news?

**News apps**
- Males are more likely to select than Females (31% v. 23%)
- Those age 18-34 (32%) and 35-49 (31%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (21%) and 65+ (17%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (21%)
- Other Religions (37%) are more likely to select than Other Protestants (25%)

**Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)**
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (71%) and those age 65+ are least likely to select (20%)
- Other Protestants (48%), Catholics (60%), and Nonreligious (55%) are more likely to select than Historically Black Protestants (39%)
From which of the following TV networks do you regularly get news?

ABC
- Those in the West (73%) and Northeast (69%) are more likely to select than those in the South (58%)
- Those age 65+ (68%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (57%)
- Other Protestants (65%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (52%)

CBS
- Those age 50-64 (60%) and 65+ (64%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (47%)
From which of the following TV networks do you regularly get news?

**NBC**

- Males are more likely to select than Females (59% v. 44%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (36%)
- Those with a Graduate degree (63%) are more likely to select than those who are high school graduates or less (48%)
From which of the following TV networks do you regularly get news?

CNN

- Males are more likely to select than Females (58% v. 42%)
- Those in the Northeast (57%) are more likely to select than those in the South (47%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (60%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (41%)
From which of the following TV networks do you regularly get news?

Fox News Channel
● Those in the Northeast are the least likely to select (23%)
● Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (49%)
● Those who are High School Graduates or less (38%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (25%)

MSNBC
● Males are more likely to select than Females (30% v. 23%)
● Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (18%)
● Those with a Bachelor’s degree (37%) or a Graduate degree (38%) are more likely to select than those who are high school graduates or less (23%) or with some college (24%)
From which of the following TV networks do you regularly get news?

CNBC

- Males are more likely to select than Females (17% v. 11%)
- Those in the Northeast (19%) are more likely to select than those in the South (12%)
- Those with a Graduate degree (25%) are more likely to select than those who are high school graduates or less (12%) or with some college (12%)

HLN (formerly Headline News)

- Other Protestants (10%) and Nonreligious (12%) are more likely to select than Historically Black Protestants (1%)
From which of the following TV networks do you regularly get news?

Local TV news

- Those 18-34 are the least likely to select (40%)
- Those with some college (58%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (46%)
Thinking of the news that you get through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.), which describes the source of this news

- Those age 50-64 are the least likely to select “Friends or family forward or comment on news they have seen” (5%)
From which of the following online news sites do you regularly get news?

CNN

- Those in the Midwest (65%) are more likely to select than those in the South (51%)
- Those age 18-34 (64%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (53%) and 50-64 (41%)
From which of the following online news sites do you regularly get news?

**Fox News**

- Those age 18-34 (29%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (15%)

**Huffington Post**

- Nonreligious (38%) are more likely to select than Other Protestants (25%)
From which of the following online news sites do you regularly get news?

**Yahoo News**
- Those in the South (39%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (27%)
- Those age 35-49 (43%) and 50-64 (43%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (28%) and 65+ (25%)
- Those with a Graduate degree are the most likely to select (58%)

**Google News**
- Those age 65+ are the least likely to select (22%)
From which of the following online news sites do you regularly get news?

New York Times

- Males are more likely to select than Females (33% v. 25%)
- Those in the Northeast (36%) are more likely to select than those in the South (25%)
- Those age 18-34 (35%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (22%)
- Nonreligious (37%) are more likely to select than Other Protestants (26%)
From which of the following online news sites do you regularly get news?

**CBS News**
- Those age 50-64 (34%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (20%)

**NBC News**
- Those age 35-49 (39%) and 65+ (40%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (21%) and 50-64 (22%)

**ABC News**
- Other Protestants (41%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (29%)
From which of the following online news sites do you regularly get news?

Washington Post
- No significant differences

The Guardian
- Those in the Northeast (17%) are more likely to select than those in the South (9%)
- Those age 18-34 (13%) and 35-49 (14%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (5%)
- Those with a Graduate degree (20%) are more likely to select than those with some college (7%)
From which of the following online news sites do you regularly get news?

**BBC**
- Males are more likely to select than Females (21% v. 13%)
- Those age 18-34 (22%) and 35-49 (22%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (9%)

**Local TV news sites**
- Those age 65+ (46%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (27%)

**Local newspaper site**
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (15%)
I carefully follow changes in U.S. domestic policy

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (76% v. 61%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to Agree (80%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to Agree (79%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (80%) or a Graduate degree (81%) are more likely to Agree than those who are High School Graduates or less (64%) or with some college (67%)
- Catholics are the most likely to Agree (84%)
I carefully follow changes in U.S. foreign policy

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (64% v. 55%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to Agree (70%)
- Those age 65+ (65%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (54%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (72%) are more likely to Agree than those who are High School Graduates or less (56%) or with some college (57%)
- Catholics (74%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (58%) and Other Religions (55%)
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 (39% v. 33%)
- Those in the West are the least likely to select “The U.S. does too much in trying to solve the world’s problems” (25%)
- Those age 18-34 (28%) are more likely to select “The U.S. does not do enough in trying to solve the world’s problems” than those 35-49 (19%) and 50-64 (21%)
- Those with some college (41%) are more likely to select “The U.S. does too much in trying to solve the world’s problems” than those who are High School Graduates or less (33%)
- Catholics (38%) are more likely to select “The U.S. is doing the right amount in trying to solve the world’s problems” than Other Protestants (25%), Other Religions (15%), or Nonreligious (22%)
Overall what is your perception of the country of Israel today?

- Males are more likely to select a positive response than Females (48% v. 37%)
- Those in the Midwest (32%) are more likely to select a negative response than those in the South (24%)
- Those age 18-34 (47%) are more likely to select a positive response than those 35-49 (36%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (57%) are more likely to select a positive response than those who are High School Graduates or less (37%) or with some college (43%)
- Historically Black Protestants (58%) are more likely to select a positive response than Other Protestants (43%), Other Religions (40%), or Nonreligious (28%)
Which of the following best describes your views on American involvement in Israel?

- Males are more likely to select “The U.S. does too much too help Israel” than Females (29% v. 17%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select “The U.S. does too much too help Israel” (34%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “The U.S. does not do enough to help Israel” (19%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (32%) are more likely to select “The U.S. does too much too help Israel” than those who are High School Graduates or less (19%)
- Historically Black Protestants (31%), Other Religions (30%), and Nonreligious (33%) are more likely to select “The U.S. does too much too help Israel” than Other Protestants (18%)
Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?

The media

- Males are more likely to select than Females (52% v. 40%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (55%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (52%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (41%)

Friends and family

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (25%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (25%) or a Graduate Degree (28%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (16%)
- Catholics (29%) are more likely to select than Historically Black Protestants (13%)
Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?

Positions of elected officials
- Males are more likely to select than Females (18% v. 12%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (22%)

Your local church
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (14%) or a Graduate Degree (14%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (6%)
- Historically Black Protestants (11%), Other Protestants (10%), and Catholics (13%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (3%)
Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?

The Bible

● Those in the South (27%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (19%)

● Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (17%)

● Those with a Graduate Degree (32%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (21%)

● Historically Black Protestants (24%), Other Protestants (29%), and Other Religions (23%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (9%)
Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?

National Christian leaders
- Historically Black Protestants (8%) and Other Protestants (8%) are more likely to select than Other Religions (1%) or Nonreligious (2%)

Personal experience with Jews
- Males are more likely to select than Females (9% v. 3%)
- Those in the Northeast (10%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (3%) and South (5%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (12%) or a Graduate Degree (12%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (4%) or with some college (5%)
Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?

**Personal experiences with Muslims**
- Males are more likely to select than Females (8% v. 3%)
- Those in the South (6%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (2%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (10%) are more likely to select than those with some college (4%)
- Historically Black Protestants (11%) and Nonreligious (8%) are more likely to select than Other Protestants (4%)

**Teachers or professors**
- Males are more likely to select than Females (7% v. 3%)
- Those age 18-34 (8%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (3%) and 50-64 (3%)
Which of the following has influence your opinions about Israel the most?

- Males are more likely to select “The media” than Females (37% v. 30%)
- Those in the South (20%) are more likely to select “The Bible” than those in the Northeast (11%)
- Those age 18-34 (40%) are more likely to select “The media” than those 50-64 (29%) and 65+ (30%)
- Those age 18-34 are least likely to select “The Bible” (10%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (28%) are more likely to select “The Bible” than those who are High School Graduates or less (15%) and a Bachelor’s degree (14%)
- Historically Black Protestants (23%), Other Protestants (21%), and Other Religions (18%) are more likely to select “The Bible” than Nonreligious (4%)
Who do you tend to sympathize with more?

- Males are more likely to select “The hardships Palestinians face” than Females (19% v. 11%)
- Those age 18-34 (17%) are more likely to select “The hardships Palestinians face” than those 50-64 (11%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (25%) are more likely to select “The hardships Palestinians face” than those who are High School Graduates or less (14%) or with some college (12%)
- Other Protestants (71%) and Nonreligious (76%) are more likely to select “Sympathize equally with both” than Catholics (57%)
Do you believe the news sources you follow the most are...

- Males are more likely to select “Objective toward Israel in how they report news” than Females (29% v. 23%)
- Those in the Northeast (20%) and Midwest (20%) are more likely to select “Skewed toward pro-Israel views in how they report news” than those in the South (13%)
- Those age 18-34 (31%) are more likely to select “Objective toward Israel in how they report news” than those 50-64 (22%) and 65+ (21%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (36%) or with a Graduate Degree (33%) are more likely to select “Objective toward Israel in how they report news” than those who are High School Graduates or less (21%)
- Catholics (42%) are more likely to select “Objective toward Israel in how they report news” than Other Protestants (24%) or Nonreligious (26%)
I am a supporter of Israel’s statehood (existing as an independent country)

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (60% v. 45%)
- Those age 65+ (58%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (48%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to Agree (47%)
- Historically Black Protestants (68%) and Catholics (72%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (52%), Other Religions (50%), or Nonreligious (44%)
Which of the following, if any, are reasons you support Israel’s statehood?

Every nation has a right to exist

- Those in the Midwest (83%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (68%) and South (69%)
- Those with some college (78%) or with a Graduate Degree (79%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (63%)

Jesus was a Jew

- Those in the Northeast (32%) and South (31%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (17%)
- Other Protestants (33%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (9%)
Which of the following, if any, are reasons you support Israel’s statehood?

Israel is the historic Jewish homeland

- Those in the South (35%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (21%) and Midwest (21%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (21%)
- Other Protestants (35%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (21%)

Israel is the United States’ closest ally in an unstable region

- Those age 50-64 (29%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (17%)
- Other Protestants (27%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (13%)
Which of the following, if any, are reasons you support Israel’s statehood?

The Bible says Christians should support Israel

- Those in the South (28%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (16%)
- Other Protestants (29%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (9%)
Which of the following, if any, are reasons you support Israel’s statehood?

Israel is important for fulfilling biblical prophecy

- Those in the South (30%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (17%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (16%)
- Other Protestants (33%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (7%)

Jews needed a refuge after the holocaust

- Those age 65+ (23%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (11%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (30%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (12%) or with some college (13%)
Which of the following, if any, are reasons you support Israel’s statehood?

Israel is the safest place for religious minorities in the Middle East

- No significant differences
Which of the following is the most important reason for your support of Israel’s statehood

- Males are more likely to select “Israel is the United States’ closest ally in an unstable region” than Females (10% v. 5%)
- Those in the Northeast (11%) and South (11%) are more likely to select “Jesus was a Jew” than those in the Midwest (3%)
- Those in the Northeast (13%) are more likely to select “Israel is the United States’ closest ally in an unstable region” than those in the South (6%)
- Those age 35-49 (54%) are more likely to select “Every nation has a right to exist” than those 50-64 (40%)
- Those age 18-34 are least likely to select “The Bible says Christians should support Israel” (4%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (15%) are more likely to select “The Bible says Christians should support Israel” than those who are High School Graduates or less (7%)
- Nonreligious (64%) are more likely to select “Every nation has a right to exist” than Other Protestants (46%)
Which, if any, of the following have positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel today?

The historic parallels between the enslavement of Jews in ancient Egypt and blacks in America

- Those age 18-34 (34%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (22%) and 50-64 (25%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (39%)

The historic parallels of overcoming oppression between Jewish people pursuing the promised land and African Americans pursuing Civil Rights

- Males are more likely to select than Females (29% v. 23%)
- Those in the Northeast (31%) and Midwest (32%) are more likely to select than those in the South (23%)
Which, if any, of the following have positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel today?

Israel is the land God promised to Abraham’s descendants

- Those in the South (29%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (19%)
- Historically Black Protestants (32%) and Other Protestants (31%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (13%)

Scripture saying God is near the broken hearted and the needy

- Those in the West are the least likely to select (5%)
- Those age 65+ (20%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (13%)
- Other Protestants (18%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (9%)
Which, if any, of the following have positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel today?

God promised blessings to those who stand by Abraham and his offspring

- Those in the South (20%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (10%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to select (25%)
- Historically Black Protestants (21%) and Other Protestants (20%) are more likely to select than Nonreligious (9%)

The formation of the State of Israel in 1948 and the re-gathering of millions of Jewish people to Israel were the fulfillment of prophecy regarding the nearing of Jesus’ Second Coming

- No significant differences
Which one of the following has positively influenced your opinions about the country of Israel the most?

- Females are more likely to select “Israel is the land God promised to Abraham’s descendants” than males (16% v. 11%)
- Those in the West (23%) are more likely to select “The historic parallels between the enslavement of Jews in ancient Egypt and blacks in America” than those in the Midwest (12%) and South (13%)
- Those in the Northeast (21%) are more likely to select “The historic parallels of overcoming oppression between Jewish people pursuing the promised land and African Americans pursuing Civil Rights” than those in the South (13%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “The historic parallels between the enslavement of Jews in ancient Egypt and blacks in America” (21%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (16%) or a Graduate Degree (17%) are more likely to select “The historic parallels between the enslavement of Jews in ancient Egypt and blacks in America” than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (8%)
- Catholics (28%) are more likely to select “The historic parallels between the enslavement of Jews in ancient Egypt and blacks in America” than Other Protestants (12%) or Other Religions (13%)
I am concerned for the safety of Christians in areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (63% v. 57%)
- Those age 50-64 (65%) are more likely to Agree than those 35-49 (53%)
- Historically Black Protestants (75%), Other Protestants (64%), and Catholics (76%) are more likely to Agree than Other Religions (50%) or Nonreligious (41%)
The state of Israel denies Palestinians basic human rights

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (47% v. 40%)
- Those age 18-34 (49%) are more likely to Agree than those 35-49 (38%) and 50-64 (41%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (53%) or with a Graduate Degree (52%) are more likely to Agree than those with some college (39%)
- Historically Black Protestants (55%) and Nonreligious (49%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (40%)
The international community denies the state of Israel basic recognition as a nation

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (47%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (46%) are more likely to Agree than those with some college (34%)
- Catholic are the most likely to Agree (59%)
The Palestinian Authority denies the state of Israel basic recognition as a nation

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (50% v. 42%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (59%) are more likely to Agree than those who are High School Graduates or less (44%) or with some college (44%)
- Catholics (60%) are more likely to Agree than Other Religions (34%) or Nonreligious (42%)
Jewish people have too much control of American finances

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (37% v. 24%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to Agree (39%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (38%)
- Catholics (43%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (28%)
The state of Israel has given Palestinians control of too much land within the country of Israel

● Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (34%)
● Catholics (50%) are more likely to Agree than Historically Black Protestants (26%), Other Protestants (24%), or Nonreligious (17%)
The state of Israel has laws that specifically discriminate against the Palestinians people

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (46% v. 36%)
- Those in the Northeast (45%) and Midwest (45%) are more likely to Agree than those in the West (30%)
- Those with a Graduate degree (50%) are more likely to Agree than those who are High School Graduates or less (38%)
- Nonreligious (47%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (38%)
Americans should boycott, divest from and sanction Israel for its treatment of Palestinians

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (38% v. 27%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (41%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (38%) are more likely to Agree than those with some college (28%)
- Catholics (54%) are more likely to Agree than Historically Black Protestants (31%) or Other Protestants (28%)
Jewish people are blocking black progress in the U.S.

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (23% v. 16%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to Agree (28%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (27%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (23%) are more likely to Agree than those with some college (15%)
- Catholics (34%) and Other Religions (32%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (16%)
Martin Luther King, Jr., was a strong supporter of the Jewish people

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (54% v. 44%)
- Those age 65+ (57%) are more likely to Agree than those 35-49 (44%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (57%) are more likely to Agree than those with some college (46%) or with a Graduate Degree (43%)
- Historically Black Protestants (72%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (47%), Other Religions (48%), or Nonreligious (44%)
Jewish people in America were instrumental to advances made in the Civil Rights Movement

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (50% v. 37%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely to Agree (53%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (52%) or with a Graduate Degree (53%) are more likely to Agree than those who are High School Graduates or less (39%)
- Historically Black Protestants (57%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (41%)
Martin Luther King, Jr., was a strong supporter of Israel

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (47% v. 37%)
- Those age 65+ (50%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (40%)
- Nonreligious are the least likely to Agree (32%)
The formation of modern Israel is a fulfillment of God’s covenant with the Jewish people

- Those age 18-34 (46%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (38%)
- Catholics (62%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (43%), Other Religions (31%), or Nonreligious (30%)
I am seeing more black people I know express anti-Semitism than in the past

- Males are more likely to Agree than Females (31% v. 25%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (35%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (31%) are more likely to Agree than those with a Graduate Degree (18%)
- Catholics (45%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (25%) or Nonreligious (29%)
When God promised Abraham and his descendants the land of Israel, the promise was for all time

- Those in the South (67%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Northeast (55%) and West (51%)
- Those age 50-64 (68%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (60%) and 65+ (58%)
- Historically Black Protestants (72%), Other Protestants (67%), and Catholics (64%) are more likely to Agree than Nonreligious (45%)
The state of Israel is regularly attacked with bombs and terrorist acts by Palestinians

- Those age 65+ (57%) are more likely to Agree than those 35-49 (47%)
- Historically Black Protestants (59%) and Other Protestants (52%) are more likely to Agree than Other Religions (37%) or Nonreligious (44%)
Louis Farrakhan once referred to the “tremendous” influence Jewish people in the U.S. have in government saying, “Black people will never be free in this country until they are free of that kind of control.” What is your level of agreement with this view?

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (51%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (47%) are more likely to Agree than those with some college (37%) or a Graduate Degree (30%)
- Catholics (55%) and Nonreligious (47%) are more likely to Agree than Other Protestants (38%)
Were you aware of these positions included in the Black Lives Matter platform?

- Males are more likely to select “Yes” than Females (34% v. 26%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “Yes” (46%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (36%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those with some college (22%) or a Graduate Degree (22%)
- Catholics (53%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Historically Black Protestants (29%), Other Protestants (26%), or Nonreligious (31%)
These specific Black Lives Matter positions...

- Those in the Northeast (28%) and South (24%) are more likely to select “Make me more aligned with the Black Lives Matter movement” than those in the West (12%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “Make me more aligned with the Black Lives Matter movement” (32%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (29%) are more likely to select “Make me more aligned with the Black Lives Matter movement” than those with some college (17%) or a Graduate Degree (15%)
- Catholics (42%) are more likely to select “Make me more aligned with the Black Lives Matter movement” than Historically Black Protestants (18%), Other Protestants (21%), or Nonreligious (22%)
These specific Black Lives Matter positions...

- Males are more likely to select “Make me more sympathetic to Israel” than Females (17% v. 12%)
- Those in the Northeast (17%) are more likely to select “Make me more sympathetic to Israel” than those in the Midwest (9%)
- Those age 18-34 (18%) and 35-49 (16%) are more likely to select “Make me more sympathetic to Israel” than those 65+ (8%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (18%) are more likely to select “Make me more sympathetic to Israel” than those with some college (10%)
- Catholics are the most likely to select “Make me more sympathetic to Israel” (28%)
- Other Protestants are the least likely to select “Make me more sympathetic to Palestinians” (7%)
Which of the following best describes your opinion of Black Hebrew Israelite teachings?

- Males are more likely to select “I agree with most of the core ideas taught by Black Hebrew Israelites” than Females (26% v. 13%)
- Those in the Midwest (22%) and South (20%) are more likely to select “I agree with most of the core ideas taught by Black Hebrew Israelites” than those in the West (11%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “I agree with most of the core ideas taught by Black Hebrew Israelites” (29%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (21%) or with a Bachelor’s Degree (26%) are more likely to select “I agree with most of the core ideas taught by Black Hebrew Israelites” than those with some college (15%) or a Graduate Degree (9%)
- Catholics (35%) are more likely to select “I agree with most of the core ideas taught by Black Hebrew Israelites” than Other Protestants (17%), Other Religions (19%), or Nonreligious (19%)
Do you have any Jewish friends?

● Males are more likely to select “Yes” than Females (38% v. 28%)
● Those in the Northeast (47%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the Midwest (35%) and South (27%)
● Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (50%) or with Graduate Degree (50%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who are High School Graduates or less (26%) or with some college (31%)
● Catholics (44%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Nonreligious (27%)
In future Congressional and Presidential elections, if a candidate supported pro-Israel policies, would you be:

- Males are more likely to select “More likely to vote for that candidate” than Females (29% v. 22%)
- Those in the South (28%) are more likely to select “More likely to vote for that candidate” than those in the Midwest (19%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “More likely to vote for that candidate” (37%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (28%) are more likely to select “More likely to vote for that candidate” than those with some college (21%)
- Catholics (47%) are more likely to select “More likely to vote for that candidate” than Other Protestants (25%), Other Religions (22%), or Nonreligious (20%)
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