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2026 Election Survey Findings
National Survey of Jewish Voters

The Democratic landslide election of 2026 included massive support among American Jews who chose the Democratic Congressional candidate in their district over the Republican candidate by a 48-point margin (72 to 24 percent).[1] Jewish voters overwhelmingly repudiated Donald Trump and the Republican Party, giving Trump a 24 percent job approval rating (and 74 percent **strong disapproval)** and a personal favorability rating of 21 percent favorable / 77 percent unfavorable.

American Jews are a base Democratic constituency with firmly held political beliefs and values, and their voting behavior remains remarkably consistent despite controversial issues that evolve each year. Conventional wisdom about the impact of Jewish concerns over antisemitism and what it means to support Israel often misses the mark on how Jews process these issues in America's political context. The reality is that Jews express nuanced thinking on these issues that is frequently missing in the extensive media coverage of the Jewish community.

Jewish voters do worry about antisemitism, they do care deeply about Israel, and they do connect certain types of criticism of Israel to antisemitism. But they also oppose Netanyahu, believe Israeli actions in Gaza and the West Bank have increased antisemitism in the United States, and say Jewish organizations that condemn harsh criticism of Israel as antisemitic are exploiting concerns over antisemitism in order to defend unpopular Israeli policies. A large majority (87 percent) say support by AIPAC's Super PAC would make them less likely to vote for the candidate (39 percent) or would make no difference (48 percent).

In addition to oversimplifying Jewish views on Israel and antisemitism, punditry also overstates the relative importance of these issues when it comes to voting. The future of democracy (44 percent) and the cost of living (34 percent) were the top concerns for Jewish voters in this election, compared to antisemitism (21 percent) and Israel (14 percent).

As Democrats across the nation celebrate the 2026 landslide, the vast majority of American Jews are part of this celebration as they sent an unmistakable message of support for a Democratic House and Senate.

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[1] GBAO conducted a national survey of 800 American Jews who voted in the 2026 election. The survey was conducted October 28-November 3, 2026, and included voters who cast their vote on Election Day or before Election Day. The methodology for this survey is detailed at the end of this memo. The full survey results can be accessed at www.jstreet.org.

Key Findings – 2026 Vote

- **American Jews voted in line with their historical partisan patterns and gave the Democrats a 72 to 24 percent margin despite widespread Republican efforts to malign Democrats on Israel and antisemitism.** The Republican playbook simply does not work on Jewish voters, and the perennial claim that Jews are abandoning Democrats continues to be nonsensical. The generic Congressional vote among Jews since 2010:
    - 2026: 72 Democratic / 24 Republican
    - 2024: 72 Democratic / 26 Republican
    - 2022: 74 Democratic / 25 Republican
    - 2020: 78 Democratic / 21 Republican
    - 2018: 76 Democratic / 19 Republican
    - 2016: 70 Democratic / 29 Republican
    - 2014: 69 Democratic / 28 Republican
    - 2012: 69 Democratic / 30 Republican
    - 2010: 66 Democratic / 31 Republican

- **While America rejected Trump in 2026, Jewish voters are particularly antagonistic toward him and the Republican Party.** Trump has an anemic 24 percent job approval rating, and 74 percent of Jewish voters ***strongly disapprove*** of his performance as President. The Republican Party's horrible favorability rating (19 percent favorable / 75 percent unfavorable) continues to make it extraordinarily difficult for Republicans to gain any traction with American Jews.

- **The future of democracy and the cost of living dominate Jewish voters' issue concerns.** Democracy continues to be on the ballot for American Jews, and is cited as the most important issue (44 percent) for the third consecutive election. Concerns over the cost of living (34 percent) rose significantly in this election, and costs are the second most important issue for Jews in the 2026 election. Antisemitism (21 percent) and Israel (14 percent) have also risen in importance over the past four years, but remain much lower priorities than the top-tier issues.

Key Findings – Israel

- **American Jews express a strong emotional attachment to Israel, as well as holding nuanced views.**
    - 39 percent feel more sympathy toward Israelis, compared to 23 percent feeling more sympathy toward Palestinians, and 38 percent feeling sympathy toward both equally.
    - A plurality (39 percent) believe the U.S. should condition its support to Israel on it acting in ways that are consistent with U.S. interests and values, while there are comparable numbers who believe the U.S. should stop supporting military aid to Israel (31 percent) and who believe support should be unconditional (30 percent).

- **People are split on whether the U.S. should continue subsidizing Israeli purchases of American weapons, while most Jews believe Israel should be able to purchase U.S. weapons.**
    - 51 percent support providing the $4 billion in subsidies / 49 percent want to end the subsidies
    - 79 percent support Israel purchasing weapons, either with conditions (44 percent) or without conditions (35 percent) / 21 percent support an arms embargo

- **When asked the best way to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a large majority support an agreement that includes Palestinian statehood.**
    - 65 percent support either a regional agreement (39 percent) or a bilateral agreement (26 percent) that results in a Palestinian State
    - 18 percent support Israeli annexation of the West Bank and Gaza that eliminates the possibility of a Palestinian State
    - 17 percent support a single state that includes the territory of Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank, and is neither Jewish nor Palestinian

- **Attitudes toward Prime Minister Netanyahu have declined even further since the 2024 election, and American Jewish opposition to Netanyahu is stunning.** Two years ago, Netanyahu's favorability rating had fallen to 32 percent favorable / 63 percent unfavorable, which marked a low in our Election Day polling. In 2026, Netanyahu stands at 20 percent favorable / 72 percent unfavorable (including 65 percent **very unfavorable)**.

- **Whether it is individual criminals, government ministers who allow the violence, or those who build the settlements, there is a high level of support for U.S. sanctions related to settler violence against Palestinians and companies supporting Jewish settlements in the West Bank.**
    - 76 percent support imposing sanctions on Jewish settlers who commit violence against Palestinians (including 60 percent strongly support).
    - 76 percent support imposing sanctions on Israeli government ministers who aid and abet settler violence against Palestinians (including 57 percent strongly support).
    - 59 percent support imposing sanctions on companies and individuals who help build or finance Jewish settlements in the West Bank (including 41 percent strongly support).

Key Findings – Antisemitism

- **American Jews are concerned about rising antisemitism, but they see certain efforts by Trump and actions by Jewish individuals who purport to fight antisemitism as counterproductive.** Nearly all respondents (94 percent) believe that prominent Jews canceling events with public figures or blocking recent college graduates from getting jobs because they harshly criticize Israel increases antisemitism (63 percent) or has no effect (31 percent). And a large majority (87 percent) believe that the Trump Administration's funding cuts to universities that they say are not doing enough to combat antisemitism are actually increasing (51 percent) or having no impact on antisemitism (36 percent).

- **Specific actions taken by Israel and some of its supporters are viewed as increasing antisemitism in the United States.**
    - 80 percent think Israel's actions in Gaza and the West Bank increase antisemitism.
    - 66 percent think that AIPAC funding a Super PAC that runs campaign ads against candidates who criticize Israel increases antisemitism.

- **Even though American Jews feel emotionally attached to Israel and are concerned about antisemitism, they question the motives of some Jewish organizations that link harsh criticism of Israel with antisemitism.** A considerable majority (60 percent) think that Jewish groups that condemn harsh criticism of Israel as antisemitic are exploiting concerns over antisemitism to defend unpopular policies. Among Jews under 35 years old, the number rises to 74 percent.

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J Street's survey of Jews who voted in the 2026 election provides a comprehensive look with a large sample to assess the political beliefs and values of Jewish voters. This survey differs from exit polls that do not ask the range of critical Jewish demographic questions, such as denomination and synagogue membership, that are necessary to ensure a representative sample. The survey reflects the demographic composition of the Jewish population as extensively examined by the Pew Research Center.

The survey sample was drawn from a national voter file, consisting of all registered voters in the United States. Respondents with a likelihood of being Jewish based on their name or geography were contacted by text, and then took the survey on their phone or computer. At the beginning of the survey, respondents were asked whether they consider themselves Jewish, using the same question wording as the 2020 Pew Research Center's study, "Jewish Americans in 2020."

The survey was conducted October 28-November 3, 2026, and included interviews with 800 self-identified Jewish voters who cast their ballots on Election Day or prior to Election Day. The survey is subject to a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.

The survey results, including question wording and crosstabs, are available at www.jstreet.org.