



[Recent Gallup Poll Unveils That Americans' Support Towards Israel is at a Record Low](#)

Less than half of Americans now sympathize more with Israelis than with Palestinians, according to a recent Gallup poll that was released late last week. This is the first time in Gallup's quarter of a century of annual tracking regarding this measure that the percentage has dipped to below 50%, as only 46% of respondents expressed that their sympathies lie more with Israelis. Prior to this year's poll results, the previous 51% low point was recorded both last year and back in 2001. Meanwhile, the 33% that indicated their sympathies lie more with Palestinians is the highest that this figure has ever been, and thus, the 13% overall gap this year in 2025 between the "more sympathy with Israelis" and "more sympathy with Palestinians" percentages is the smallest in the 25 years of tracking this phenomenon. The recent trend in the data demonstrates that support for Israelis has continued to drop over the preceding years, while conversely, support for Palestinians has steadily increased. In addition to measuring where Americans' sympathies lie as it relates to Israelis and Palestinians, the recent poll also gauged American views towards the idea of establishing an independent Palestinian state – something which is still supported by a majority of survey respondents.

The margins between the overall percentage findings in recent years vastly differ from those during the first 15-18 years that the data was collected. While the "more sympathy with Israelis" numbers from 2001 until 2020 ranged between 50% and 65%, over the last five years since then, there has been a consistent and notable decline. On the other hand, the "more sympathy with Palestinians" percentages ranged between 10% and 20% during a similar time frame from 2001 until 2018, when at that point they began increasing and have now reached a record high 33%. The gaps between the annual percentages sat anywhere from 30% to around 50% for a long time, but following 5+ years of steep drops in one figure combined with rises in the other, the margin has significantly dwindled down to its current lowest level of only 13 percentage points this year in 2025.

The evident shift in sympathies over time is even more pronounced among Americans affiliated with the Democratic Party. The number of Democrats who sympathize more with Palestinians has been growing at a considerable rate since 2013, with the total increase during this period of time standing at a whopping 40 percentage points. This almost identically mirrors the decline that has been seen in the same timespan among those who sympathize more with Israelis. The end result is a near exact reversal in numbers between 2013/2014 and 2025 whereby support for Palestinians over Israelis now sits at a ratio of close to 3-to-1, 59% to 21%. Up until 2022, the percentage of Democrats who sympathized more with Israelis was higher, but since then, the percentage that sympathize more with Palestinians has been. Of particular note are the respective changes in the numbers from last year to this year, which saw a 16% jump in one and a 14% drop in the other.

The respective percentages of Americans who are in favor or opposed to the idea of establishing an independent Palestinian state have remained steadier in recent years than the fluctuating aforementioned "sympathy" numbers. Since Gallup first began ascertaining views on this back in 1999, more Americans have consistently supported the notion rather than oppose it. In the most recent 2025 poll, 55% were in favor while only 31% opposed. Over the past 26 years, the percentage in favor has always ranged between 40% and 60%, and this figure has never been less in any given year than the percentage who oppose. The number of those in favor has also been an outright majority for the last several years.

When breaking down the views towards the idea of Palestinian statehood along partisan lines, a majority of both Democrats and Independents are in favor. Over three-fourths of Democrats support this, with the most recent 2025 data showing this figure to be at 76%. With respect to those who identify as Independents, slightly more than half are in favor of this as well at 53%. Only 41% of Republicans support the idea, however, even with this number sitting nearly 10 percentage points below a majority, there has been a noteworthy increase of 15 percentage points from 26% to 41% since last year. It is also worth pointing out that Democrats' support is at an all-time high, as the number has been climbing substantially for the past 6 years. Despite the Republican percentage being the lowest among the 3 partisan affiliations, the 2025 level of 41% is near the highest that it has been during the 13-year period that the data has been collected. Compared to Democrats and Republicans, the percentages for Independents over the course of this timeframe has been more stable – especially in recent years – as it has remained anywhere between 48% and 56% since 2017.

One of the main driving forces behind the shift in U.S. domestic public opinion that is demonstrated in the recent Gallup poll findings is the impact of the devastating Gaza War. The array of documented evidence regarding egregious Israeli war crimes and human rights violations throughout the conflict in conjunction with the war being so front and center in the news cycle for the past 17 months has certainly played a major role. In fact, Gaza was such a key issue for a significant number of American voters that [other polls have shown](#) the consequential effect it had on the drop-off in Democratic support during the 2024 presidential election. Additionally, the deviation of many Americans, particularly among the younger generation, from “legacy media” to non-traditional information sources such as TikTok and Instagram has also had an impact on the public opinion shift. This has meant that more people are now getting their news directly and unfiltered from entities like investigative and independent journalists themselves, rather than relying on “legacy media” outlets that might skew coverage in a specific way. According to a study conducted back in September of last year by [Pew Research Center](#), 45% of young adults from ages 18-29 use TikTok as their primary source for news, while Reddit and Instagram occupy the second and third positions. Another Pew Research Center poll from November of 2024 found that [21% of young adults](#) aged under 30 receive their news via influencers. Most younger Americans (65%) say that they get their information from these sources because they help them understand current events and civic issues, and find them more trustworthy and unfiltered. As a result, views towards Israel and Palestine seem to be [changing the most](#) among this demographic of society – largely propelling the overall shift that we see in the recent Gallup poll and others.