



[Washington Post Poll Finds That Many American Jews Sharply Disapprove of Israel's Conduct in Gaza](#)

A recent poll conducted by The Washington Post has found that many American Jews are strongly critical of Israel's actions in Gaza. The survey – which was taken in early September and published this week as the Gaza War surpassed its two-year mark – sheds light on several notable areas of denunciation regarding Israel's military conduct, its government, and its policies. The poll is merely the latest one demonstrating the evident trend of growing disapproval toward Israel, something that has manifested both domestically and internationally across a wide array of demographic groups. Thus, The Washington Post's findings on the subject are part of a broader shift in public opinion that has been well documented by multiple reputable research institutions, pollsters, human rights organizations, and others.

One of the poll's most significant findings was that an overwhelming majority of American Jews believe that Israel has committed war crimes against Palestinians in Gaza. The margin of difference on this question was a whopping 32%, with 61% expressing that this was the case compared to only 29% who stated that it was not. Additionally, nearly 4 in 10 respondents even contended that Israel has committed the heinous crime of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. This is a noteworthy proportion and falls in line with the ever-increasing number of human rights organizations, United Nations bodies, civil society groups, and genocide scholars who have reached the same determination – particularly in recent months. The list includes a plethora of reputable groups such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the International Association of Genocide Scholars, Jewish Voice for Peace, Oxfam, B'Tselem, Doctors Without Borders, and many more.

On top of the high levels of condemnation towards Israel's actions in Gaza, there was also a striking uptick in criticism regarding Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's leadership of the country. Back in 2020, 40% of survey respondents in a Pew Research Center poll rated his leadership as "excellent/good" while a combined 54% rated it either "only fair" or "poor." Now, in 2025, the "excellent/good" number has dropped to 32%, the "only fair" number sits at 20%, and a near flat-out majority of 48% deem his leadership to be "poor" – a huge 20% increase from only 5 years ago. In total, the combination of the current "only fair" and "poor" figures leave 68% of respondents with a negative perception of Netanyahu – that is more than two-thirds of the total number of those who took part in the survey.

The poll also revealed a substantial increase in American Jews who believe that the United States is too supportive of Israel. Compared to only 5 years ago in 2020, this percentage has jumped 10 percentage points – from 22% to 32%. Furthermore, when looking back a bit further to data from 2013, it is clear that this figure has continued to significantly climb over the past 12 years – from just above 10% to 22% and now to 32%. During this same time period, the proportion of American Jews who contend that the United States is not supportive enough of Israel has dropped by more than 10 percentage points as well and now sits at only 20%. Additionally, the fact that there has also been a dip in those who feel that the level of U.S. support for Israel is about right – from 54% in 2020 to 47% in 2025 – which comes in conjunction with the rise in the sentiment that the United States is too supportive of Israel, further crystalizes the evident growing belief that the level of American support for Israel is not appropriate overall.

Lastly, The Washington Post poll highlighted that an undeniable distinction exists in American Jews' views of the Gaza War based on factors such as partisanship, age, gender, and education. Democrats were much more critical of Israel's military actions in Gaza, with 63% disapproving compared to only 31% who approved. On the flip side, among Republicans, 10% disapproved while 85% approved. There was a notable age discrepancy as well, as younger American Jews disapproved of Israel's military actions at higher levels than their older counterparts. As a whole, women were also more critical of Israel's actions than men – with 55% of women survey respondents disapproving while an almost identical percentage (56%) of men expressed their approval. One final trend in the data that was apparent involved education – as those with higher education levels were in totality much more critical of Israel's military actions in Gaza.