



CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

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American Public Attitudes on the Middle East

Survey Methodology

The survey was carried out June 22-28, 2022 online from a nationally representative sample of Nielsen Scarborough's probability-based panel, originally recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of adults. The national poll was conducted among 2,208 respondents, with a margin of error of +/- 2.09%. Overall, the sample was adjusted to reflect population estimates (Scarborough USA+/Gallup) for Americans. The survey variables balanced through weighting were: age, gender, race/ethnicity, household income, level of education, census regional division, and political party affiliation.

Note: These questions were fielded as part of a larger poll on foreign and domestic issues. Participants in this study were provided by Nielsen from Nielsen's sample of respondents.

Q5. In general, what role do you want the United States to play in mediating the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Should the United States: [RANDOMIZE]

	Rep	Ind	Dem	Total
1. Lean toward Israel	59%	13%	13%	33%
2. Lean toward Palestine	2	7	19	10
3. Lean toward neither side	40	80	68	57

[PN: Experiment, three groups split evenly]

[Group 1] Q6. As you may have heard, President Biden is planning a high profile visit to the Middle East region, including to Israel and Saudi Arabia. What is your view of the president making this visit?

	Rep	Ind	Dem	Total
1. I approve	14%	15%	36%	24%
2. I neither approve nor disapprove	38	29	45	40
3. I disapprove	41	24	10	25
4. I don't know	7	32	9	12

[Group 2] Q6. As you may have heard, President Biden is planning a high profile visit to the Middle East region, including to Israel and Saudi Arabia. In explaining his visit to Saudi Arabia, President Biden said: "It happens to be a larger meeting taking place in Saudi Arabia. That's the reason I'm going. And it has to do with national security for them -- for the Israelis." What is your view of the president making this visit?

	Rep	Ind	Dem	Total
1. I approve	12%	12%	39%	24%
2. I neither approve nor disapprove	30	40	32	32
3. I disapprove	45	26	17	31
4. I don't know	13	21	12	13

[Group 3] Q6. As you may have heard, President Biden is planning a high profile visit to the Middle East region, including to Israel and also to Saudi Arabia, a country important to the global energy market but one that Biden had pledged to "make them, in fact, the pariah that they are."

What is your view of the president making this visit?

	Rep	Ind	Dem	Total
1. I approve	9%	14%	36%	23%
2. I neither approve nor disapprove	25	34	35	31
3. I disapprove	54	31	16	33
4. I don't know	13	21	13	14