

American Foreign Policy

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Survey Methodology

The survey was conducted May 19-22, 2017 with a panel consisting of a probability-based representative sample. The panel was recruited by Nielsen Scarborough from its larger probability-based national panel, which was recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of households provided by Survey Sampling International. A total of 2,616 panelists completed the survey. Responses were weighted by age, gender, income, education, race, and geographic region using benchmarks from the US Census. The survey was also weighted by partisan identification. The margin of error is 2.08%

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American Politics

First, we're going to ask you about American politics.

Q50. President Trump recently fired FBI Director James Comey. How do you feel about the president's action?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Approve	76	8	34	40
2. Disapprove	21	92	62	58
Refused	3	1	4	2

Q51. The U.S. Justice Department has decided to appoint former FBI Director Robert Mueller as a special counsel to investigate possible collusion between President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign team and Russia as well as alleged Russian interference in the U.S. election. Do you:

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Approve	62	87	70	74
2. Disapprove	37	13	26	24
Refused	2	1	4	2

Q52. Reports indicate that President Trump shared with Russia some highly classified information. Based on what you have read or heard, how do you feel about the President's sharing such information?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Pleased	3	<1	2	2
2. Not concerned	60	4	29	31
3. Somewhat concerned	21	14	28	19
4. Very concerned	15	81	38	48
Refused	1	0	3	1

Middle East

Q8. Of the following Arab countries, which do you think is the closest U.S. ally?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Jordan	21	19	20	20
2. Egypt	10	11	16	11
3. Saudi Arabia	33	40	25	35

4. Qatar	3	2	2	2
5. Palestine	3	2	5	3
6. United Arab Emirates	12	10	12	11
7. Morocco	3	4	4	4
8. Tunisia	<1	<1	1	<1
9. Lebanon	2	1	1	1
10. Kuwait	9	8	9	9
Refused	5	3	5	4

Q9. President Trump has many issues to discuss with Middle Eastern leaders on his trip to the region. Which of the following should, in your opinion, be his **top two** priorities? Please select two?

Percent selecting each option as one of the top two priorities

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
Q9a. Fighting ISIS and similar militant groups	84	66	69	74
	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
Q9b. Seeking resolution of Israeli-Palestinian conflict	17	31	25	24
	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
Q9c. Seeking end to Syria conflict	37	60	39	48
	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
Q9d. Seeking end to Yemen conflict	3	8	7	6
	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
Q9e. Seeking coalition to confront Iranian power and influence	36	12	19	23
	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
Q9f. Seeking favorable trade deals for U.S.	18	16	27	18
	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
Q9g. Other	5	6	11	6

Q10. One stated aim of President Trump's Middle East trip is to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace diplomacy. In his efforts, do you believe Trump should:

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Lean toward Israel	57	16	22	34
2. Lean toward the Palestinians	1	9	6	5
3. Lean toward neither side	41	74	70	60
Refused	1	1	2	1

Q11. On a scale of 1-4, what is your impression of the following countries:

Q11a. Israel

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Very favorable	59	27	25	40
2. Somewhat favorable	22	39	39	32
3. Somewhat unfavorable	9	21	18	16
4. Very unfavorable	5	9	7	7
Refused	5	4	11	6

Q11c. Saudi Arabia

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Very favorable	9	9	7	9
2. Somewhat favorable	43	35	33	38
3. Somewhat unfavorable	27	34	28	31
4. Very unfavorable	13	17	19	15
Refused	7	6	14	7

Q11d. Egypt

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Very favorable	9	15	9	12
2. Somewhat favorable	45	40	44	43
3. Somewhat unfavorable	31	32	26	31
4. Very unfavorable	8	8	11	8
Refused	7	5	12	7

Q11e. Jordan

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Very favorable	18	21	14	19
2. Somewhat favorable	43	47	45	45
3. Somewhat unfavorable	24	21	21	22
4. Very unfavorable	7	5	7	6
Refused	8	6	14	8

Q53. It's been more than five weeks since the United States fired missiles at a Syrian air force base. What's your impression of the conflict in Syria since?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Changed for the better	28	5	7	15
2. Changed for the worse	6	17	11	12
3. Has not changed	64	77	79	72
Refused	2	1	3	1

Q15. In the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, which of the following outcomes would you most prefer?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Maintain the occupation of the territories Israel captured in 1967 but allow the Palestinians to inhabit them indefinitely.	22	8	15	15
2. Annexation without equal citizenship: Israel would annex the Palestinian Territories, but keep a majority-Jewish state by restricting the citizenship rights of Palestinians.	13	4	7	8
3. A one-state solution: A single democratic state in which both Jews and Palestinians are full and equal citizens, covering all of what is now Israel and the Palestinian Territories.	30	36	36	34
4. A two-state solution, Israel and a Palestinian state side by side. The Palestinian state should be established on the territories that Israel has occupied since 1967.	28	48	35	38

Refused	7	5	7	6
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Q16. If a two-state solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians were not possible, meaning the West Bank and the Gaza Strip had to be under Israeli control indefinitely, which of the following would be closer to your view?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. I would favor Israel's democracy more than its Jewishness: I would support a single democratic state in which Arabs and Jews would be equal, even if that meant Israel would no longer be a politically Jewish state.	51	78	65	65
2. I would favor the Jewishness of Israel more than its democracy: I would support preserving Israel as a politically Jewish state, even if that meant that a majority of the people living under its authority would not have full citizenship and rights.	43	17	26	29
Refused	7	5	9	6