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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Israel-Hamas War

Topline Findings

These are the results of a Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted between October 12-13, 2023. For this survey, a sample of 1,003 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents.

For complete results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

Full Annotated Questionnaire

Q3203Y23. How closely, if at all, have you been following news about the fighting that has erupted in the Middle East this month, when Hamas in Gaza launched attacks on Israel, which responded with counter-strikes?

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Very closely	30%	34%	33%	28%
Somewhat closely	39%	44%	37%	39%
Not so closely	16%	11%	19%	18%
Not closely at all	13%	11%	10%	15%
Don't know	3%	*	*	*

Q338Y14. What involvement should the United States have in the conflict between the Israelis and Hamas in Gaza, if any?

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
The U.S. should support Israel	41%	37%	54%	34%
The U.S. should be a neutral mediator	27%	38%	22%	21%
The U.S. should not be involved at all	21%	18%	20%	28%
The U.S. should support the Palestinians	2%	3%	1%	*
None of these	10%	3%	3%	16%





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Q339Y14. Who do you think is most responsible for the current conflict in Israel and Gaza?

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Hamas	49%	52%	52%	50%
The Israeli government	9%	11%	8%	7%
Iran	8%	5%	12%	11%
The Palestinian Authority	5%	7%	4%	5%
The United States	3%	2%	4%	4%
Neighboring Arab nations (Egypt, Jordan and Turkey)	3%	3%	5%	-
The Israeli people	3%	4%	3%	*
The Palestinian people	2%	2%	2%	1%
None of these	19%	14%	11%	22%

Q15_12. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? - Top 3 Box Summary

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Israel	64%	59%	76%	67%
Egypt	45%	48%	50%	39%
Saudi Arabia	28%	26%	36%	25%
Iran	12%	13%	7%	21%

Q15_12. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? - Bottom 3 Box Summary

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Israel	17%	22%	13%	15%
Egypt	29%	30%	30%	28%
Saudi Arabia	48%	54%	47%	48%
Iran	67%	69%	76%	62%





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Q15_12_1. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? - Israel

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Very favorable	23%	20%	36%	11%
Somewhat favorable	19%	15%	16%	33%
Lean favorable	22%	23%	24%	22%
Lean unfavorable	8%	11%	6%	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	4%	5%	3%	6%
Very unfavorable	5%	6%	4%	2%
Don't know	19%	19%	11%	19%

Q15_12_2. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? - Iran

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Very favorable	2%	2%	5%	-
Somewhat favorable	3%	5%	1%	1%
Lean favorable	7%	6%	2%	20%
Lean unfavorable	13%	14%	15%	11%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%	16%	14%	17%
Very unfavorable	39%	39%	47%	34%
Don't know	21%	18%	16%	17%

Q15_12_3. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? - Saudi Arabia

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Very favorable	4%	3%	6%	2%
Somewhat favorable	8%	10%	8%	4%
Lean favorable	17%	13%	21%	18%
Lean unfavorable	19%	19%	20%	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%	22%	15%	12%
Very unfavorable	12%	13%	12%	13%
Don't know	24%	20%	18%	27%



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Q15_12_4. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? - Egypt

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Very favorable	6%	7%	8%	5%
Somewhat favorable	14%	17%	10%	16%
Lean favorable	25%	24%	32%	18%
Lean unfavorable	16%	15%	20%	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	9%	8%	11%
Very unfavorable	3%	6%	2%	*
Don't know	27%	22%	20%	33%

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Q268Y14. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - Top Agree Summary

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Civilians fleeing the fighting in Gaza should be allowed to flee to a safe country	87%	94%	84%	87%
After the recent attacks, it is clear that Hamas is a terrorist organization	83%	90%	88%	77%
Israel should avoid killing civilians in its retaliatory strikes against Hamas	81%	93%	76%	78%
American diplomats should actively be working on a plan to allow civilians fleeing fighting in Gaza to move to a safe country	78%	94%	71%	73%
The United States must support democratic countries when they are attacked	67%	81%	58%	70%
Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in Ukraine	61%	50%	72%	64%
Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in the Middle East	58%	57%	59%	62%
The problems of Ukraine are none of our business, and we should not interfere	44%	31%	50%	52%
The problems of Israel are none of our business, and we should not interfere	41%	39%	38%	46%



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Q268Y14. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? – Total Disagree Summary

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Civilians fleeing the fighting in Gaza should be allowed to flee to a safe country	13%	6%	16%	13%
After the recent attacks, it is clear that Hamas is a terrorist organization	17%	10%	12%	23%
Israel should avoid killing civilians in its retaliatory strikes against Hamas	19%	7%	24%	22%
American diplomats should actively be working on a plan to allow civilians fleeing fighting in Gaza to move to a safe country	22%	6%	29%	27%
The United States must support democratic countries when they are attacked	33%	19%	42%	30%
Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in Ukraine	39%	50%	28%	36%
Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in the Middle East	42%	43%	41%	38%
The problems of Ukraine are none of our business, and we should not interfere	56%	69%	50%	48%
The problems of Israel are none of our business, and we should not interfere	59%	61%	62%	54%

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Q268Y14_1. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - The problems of Ukraine are none of our business, and we should not interfere

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	15%	9%	18%	18%
Tend to agree	29%	22%	32%	34%
Tend to disagree	36%	37%	37%	31%
Strongly disagree	20%	31%	13%	16%

Q268Y14_2. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in Ukraine

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	23%	14%	32%	27%
Tend to agree	38%	37%	40%	37%
Tend to disagree	25%	25%	20%	27%
Strongly disagree	14%	25%	8%	9%

Q268Y14_3. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - The United States must support democratic countries when they are attacked

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	20%	30%	14%	18%
Tend to agree	47%	51%	43%	51%
Tend to disagree	25%	16%	29%	22%
Strongly disagree	9%	3%	13%	9%

Q268Y14_4. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - The problems of Israel are none of our business, and we should not interfere

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	12%	8%	12%	15%
Tend to agree	29%	31%	26%	31%
Tend to disagree	34%	35%	29%	37%
Strongly disagree	25%	26%	33%	18%

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Q268Y14_5. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - Given the current economic climate, the United States cannot afford to be taking military action in the Middle East

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	23%	17%	27%	25%
Tend to agree	36%	40%	32%	37%
Tend to disagree	30%	33%	27%	32%
Strongly disagree	11%	10%	14%	5%

Q268Y14_6. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - Civilians fleeing the fighting in Gaza should be allowed to flee to a safe country

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	39%	53%	35%	30%
Tend to agree	48%	41%	50%	57%
Tend to disagree	9%	5%	9%	11%
Strongly disagree	4%	1%	6%	2%

Q268Y14_7. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - Israel should avoid killing civilians in its retaliatory strikes against Hamas

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	39%	54%	33%	32%
Tend to agree	42%	38%	43%	46%
Tend to disagree	13%	6%	15%	18%
Strongly disagree	5%	2%	10%	3%

Q268Y14_8. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - American diplomats should actively be working on a plan to allow civilians fleeing fighting in Gaza to move to a safe country

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	29%	41%	24%	22%
Tend to agree	50%	53%	47%	51%
Tend to disagree	16%	5%	19%	21%
Strongly disagree	6%	1%	10%	6%

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Q268Y14_9. To what extent do you ... with the following statements? - After the recent attacks, it is clear that Hamas is a terrorist organization

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Strongly agree	51%	51%	62%	44%
Tend to agree	33%	39%	26%	33%
Tend to disagree	11%	8%	6%	19%
Strongly disagree	5%	2%	6%	4%

Q3027Y22_1. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - Fuel and gas prices

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	38%	32%	48%	38%
A fair amount	29%	30%	30%	27%
A little bit	19%	21%	10%	26%
Not at all	11%	14%	9%	8%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	1%

Q3027Y22_2. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - The Israeli people

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	30%	35%	32%	24%
A fair amount	29%	32%	30%	30%
A little bit	23%	21%	20%	32%
Not at all	11%	9%	14%	9%
Don't know	7%	4%	5%	6%

Q3027Y22_3. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - The Palestinian people

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	15%	25%	9%	15%
A fair amount	28%	35%	24%	27%
A little bit	32%	27%	35%	33%
Not at all	16%	8%	24%	17%
Don't know	9%	5%	8%	7%

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Q3027Y22_4. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - The Ukrainian people

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	25%	39%	18%	18%
A fair amount	32%	34%	33%	33%
A little bit	25%	16%	29%	31%
Not at all	12%	8%	16%	14%
Don't know	6%	3%	5%	5%

Q3027Y22_5. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - Civilians being killed during military conflict

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	45%	60%	41%	34%
A fair amount	27%	26%	29%	27%
A little bit	17%	9%	16%	28%
Not at all	7%	2%	10%	8%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%	3%

Q3027Y22_6. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - American military personnel in Europe

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	22%	25%	25%	14%
A fair amount	27%	29%	26%	29%
A little bit	27%	23%	27%	32%
Not at all	19%	19%	18%	21%
Don't know	6%	4%	4%	5%

Q3027Y22_7. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - American military personnel in the Middle East

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	29%	32%	33%	23%
A fair amount	32%	35%	30%	38%
A little bit	23%	21%	25%	22%
Not at all	10%	8%	9%	13%
Don't know	6%	4%	3%	4%



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Q3027Y22_8. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - Escalation of fighting in the Middle East

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	31%	40%	29%	27%
A fair amount	33%	36%	33%	32%
A little bit	20%	13%	20%	30%
Not at all	9%	7%	12%	8%
Don't know	7%	5%	6%	3%

Q3027Y22_9. How much are you worrying, if at all, about the following topics at this moment? - American political division and conflict

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
A great deal	39%	44%	42%	34%
A fair amount	27%	31%	29%	21%
A little bit	21%	14%	17%	36%
Not at all	8%	7%	9%	7%
Don't know	6%	4%	4%	3%

Q3204Y23. Who do you trust more to broker peace in the Middle East?

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Joe Biden	26%	62%	2%	14%
Donald Trump	32%	6%	70%	22%
Neither	33%	29%	21%	55%
Don't know	8%	3%	6%	9%

QPID. With which political party do you most identify?

	Total (N=1,003)	Democrat (N=432)	Republican (N=353)	Independents (N=128)
Republican	35%	-	100%	-
Democrat	36%	100%	-	-
Independents	21%	-	-	100%
Don't know/None/Other	8%	-	-	-





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About the Study

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The sample was randomly drawn from [Ipsos' online panel](#), partner online panel sources, and ["river" sampling](#) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2022 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, education and political party affiliation.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,003, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 5.3 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 5.8 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 6.4 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 10.6 percentage points for independents.

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