

1 As you may know, violence has recently erupted in the Middle East between Israel and those located in the Palestinian Gaza Strip. Israeli forces have conducted air and ground military responses to rockets that have been continuously fired into Israeli territory by members of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas for many months. Hamas is also the elected political party for the Palestinian region and does not accept the existence of the State of Israel. How closely have you been following these events? ?

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested  
(5% risk level) - A/B - C/D/E/F - G/H/I

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Base: All Respondents										
Unweighted Base	1000	846	153	73	196	370	353	162	262	469
Weighted Base	1000	826	173	115*	335	326	211	198	292	398
Very Closely	173 17%	150 18%	22 13%	14 12%	50 15%	62 19%	42 20%	19 10%	43 15%	83 21% G
Somewhat Closely	396 40%	332 40%	64 37%	42 37%	126 38%	133 41%	94 45%	76 38%	111 38%	176 44%
Not Very Closely	279 28%	231 28%	47 27%	35 30%	92 27%	98 30%	52 25%	64 32%	86 30%	106 27%
Not at all	147 15%	109 13%	38 22% A	24 21% EF	67 20% EF	32 10%	22 10%	39 20% I	52 18% I	33 8%
Don't know/Refused	5 0	4 0	1 1%	0 -	0 -	1 0	1 0	0 -	0 0	1 0
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY										
Follow (Top3Box)	848 85%	713 86% B	134 77%	91 79%	268 80%	293 90% CD	188 89% CD	159 80%	240 82%	364 91% GH
Don't follow (LowBox)	147 15%	109 13%	38 22% A	24 21% EF	67 20% EF	32 10%	22 10%	39 20% I	52 18% I	33 8%

**2. Based on what you seen read or heard, do you think that the Israelis use of force in responding to the rocket attacks by the Hamas has been excessive or is appropriate given the circumstances?**

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Base: Respondents who follow these events										
Unweighted Base	878	754	123	58	159	337	319	134	221	435
Weighted Base	848	713	134*	91*	268	293	188	159	240	364
Excessive	413 49%	360 51% B	51 38%	35 39%	140 52%	133 45%	102 54% CE	71 45%	122 51%	188 52%
Appropriate	327 39%	265 37%	61 46%	38 42%	89 33%	132 45% DF	61 32%	58 36%	91 38%	141 39%
Don't know/Refused	109 13%	87 12%	21 16%	17 19% E	38 14%	28 10%	25 13%	30 19% I	27 11%	36 10%

**3. And in this current circumstance do you think that Canada should take sides with Israel or take sides with the Palestinians and the Hamas?**

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Israel	305 36%	256 36%	49 36%	22 24%	98 36%	120 41%	63 34%	41 26%	82 34%	159 44%
The Palestinians and the Hamas	111 13%	102 14%	8 6%	11 12%	32 12%	31 11%	36 19%	20 13%	27 11%	49 13%
Neither/Don't know/Refused	432 51%	355 50%	77 57%	58 63%	138 52%	142 48%	89 47%	98 61%	130 54%	157 43%

**4. And who do you believe is most to blame for the current conflict in the region?**

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The Palestinians and the Hamas	363 43%	304 43%	59 44%	30 33%	123 46%	133 45%	73 39%	59 37%	93 39%	179 49% GH
The Israeli's	157 18%	135 19%	22 16%	21 23%	41 15%	55 19%	40 21%	23 15%	47 20%	71 19%
Neither/Don't know/Refused	328 39%	274 38%	53 40%	40 44%	105 39%	105 36%	75 40%	77 48% I	99 41% I	115 31%

**5. Now, do you think Canada should or should not favor creating a Palestinian state?**

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Should favor	367 43%	323 45% B	43 32%	27 30%	91 34%	132 45% CD	115 61% CDE	51 32%	89 37%	183 50% GH
Should not favor	298 35%	248 35%	50 38%	35 38% F	119 44% F	105 36% F	38 20%	70 44% I	91 38%	115 32%
Don't know/Refused	183 22%	143 20%	40 30% A	29 32% EF	59 22%	57 19%	35 19%	38 24%	60 25%	65 18%