

YouGov / PIPD Survey Results

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How much, if anything, would you say that you know about issues affecting Palestinians and their rights?

A great deal	6	8	8	4	6	4	7	4	17	5	4
A fair amount	29	31	21	25	27	34	37	21	41	29	24
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / A FAIR AMOUNT	35	39	29	29	33	38	44	25	58	34	28
Not very much	40	29	40	38	38	44	36	44	29	40	43
Nothing at all	22	28	27	30	25	15	17	28	10	23	25
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	62	57	67	68	63	59	53	72	39	63	68
Don't know	4	3	5	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	4

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose Belgium doing each of the following?
Banning trading arms with Israel, including export and import

Strongly support	37	42	43	39	33	35	35	40	38	38	35
Tend to support	25	19	23	25	27	27	22	29	23	27	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	62	61	66	64	60	62	57	69	61	65	58
Tend to oppose	10	1	11	8	10	12	15	5	14	9	10
Strongly oppose	9	10	7	4	10	10	12	5	11	6	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	19	11	18	12	20	22	27	10	25	15	22
Don't know	19	27	17	24	20	16	17	21	14	20	19

Seeking the prosecution of Israeli officials for war crimes in relation to the current conflict

Strongly support	30	33	36	29	28	27	30	29	37	28	30
Tend to support	31	23	30	32	29	33	30	32	25	33	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	61	56	66	61	57	60	60	61	62	61	59
Tend to oppose	10	5	9	8	11	11	13	7	15	11	7
Strongly oppose	9	7	7	5	13	9	12	5	9	6	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	19	12	16	13	24	20	25	12	24	17	20
Don't know	21	32	17	26	19	19	15	27	13	22	22

Imposing economic sanctions on Israel

Strongly support	23	26	33	22	21	20	25	22	34	24	19
Tend to support	29	29	25	28	27	31	28	30	23	32	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	52	55	58	50	48	51	53	52	57	56	44
Tend to oppose	13	5	14	10	12	16	16	10	13	12	14
Strongly oppose	11	7	8	8	15	12	14	7	12	8	15
TOTAL OPPOSE	24	12	22	18	27	28	30	17	25	20	29
Don't know	25	32	21	32	26	21	17	32	18	25	27

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To what extent, if at all, do you think it is or is not accurate to use the following terms to refer to Israel's policies and actions in Palestine?

Colonialism

This is definitely accurate	19	27	23	16	18	17	25	14	34	16	20
This is probably accurate	22	21	22	15	21	27	23	22	25	20	26
TOTAL ACCURATE	41	48	45	31	39	44	48	36	59	36	46
This is probably not accurate	14	9	12	13	15	16	17	12	11	16	12
This is definitely not accurate	11	9	12	11	12	12	15	8	13	12	11
TOTAL NOT ACCURATE	25	18	24	24	27	28	32	20	24	28	23
Don't know	33	34	31	46	35	28	21	45	18	36	32

Apartheid

This is definitely accurate	17	19	21	17	15	16	19	15	23	18	13
This is probably accurate	20	19	20	14	22	23	20	20	18	22	18
TOTAL ACCURATE	37	38	41	31	37	39	39	35	41	40	31
This is probably not accurate	16	20	13	15	14	17	18	13	22	14	16
This is definitely not accurate	12	8	10	8	13	15	16	7	10	10	15
TOTAL NOT ACCURATE	28	28	23	23	27	32	34	20	32	24	31
Don't know	35	35	36	47	36	31	26	45	26	36	38

Some people say that Israel is instituting apartheid against the Palestinian people. Before doing this survey, were you aware of this claim, and from what you have seen or heard do you think it is true or false?

I was aware of this claim and I think it is true	25	27	30	22	20	25	28	21	32	29	16
I was aware of this claim and I think it is false	13	11	13	12	17	12	20	6	19	12	12
I was not aware of this claim before doing this survey	36	36	31	34	37	40	33	40	32	26	57
Not sure	26	26	26	32	27	23	19	32	17	33	16

Some people say that Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza. Before doing this survey, were you aware of this claim, and from what you have seen or heard do you think it is true or false?

I was aware of this claim and I think it is true	43	56	49	42	38	40	41	45	44	46	37
I was aware of this claim and I think it is false	17	9	16	13	20	21	27	8	19	16	19
I was not aware of this claim before doing this survey	17	22	13	19	19	16	14	20	25	11	26
Not sure	22	13	22	26	23	23	17	27	13	27	17

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To what extent, if at all, do you think Palestine and Palestinian rights are issues linked with each of the following:

Opposing racism

Very closely linked	17	26	23	16	14	14	18	16	24	16	16
Fairly closely linked	28	32	26	27	29	29	27	29	32	27	30
TOTAL LINKED	45	58	49	43	43	43	45	45	56	43	46
Not really linked	16	13	13	18	15	17	18	14	15	18	13
Not linked at all	14	5	12	9	19	16	18	9	14	12	18
TOTAL NOT LINKED	30	18	25	27	34	33	36	23	29	30	31
Don't know	25	24	26	29	24	24	19	31	16	28	22

Fighting for equality

Very closely linked	25	29	28	27	23	23	25	25	34	26	21
Fairly closely linked	31	24	31	30	27	35	31	32	26	30	35
TOTAL LINKED	56	53	59	57	50	58	56	57	60	56	56
Not really linked	13	18	13	9	15	14	17	10	13	13	14
Not linked at all	9	9	7	7	10	10	10	7	13	7	10
TOTAL NOT LINKED	22	27	20	16	25	24	27	17	26	20	24
Don't know	22	20	21	27	24	19	17	26	14	24	20

Fighting climate change

Very closely linked	3	1	3	4	4	2	3	2	1	3	2
Fairly closely linked	5	7	6	3	6	4	5	5	8	4	5
TOTAL LINKED	8	8	9	7	10	6	8	7	9	7	7
Not really linked	22	26	18	20	21	24	21	23	25	24	19
Not linked at all	47	39	46	46	47	50	53	41	52	43	52
TOTAL NOT LINKED	69	65	64	66	68	74	74	64	77	67	71
Don't know	23	27	27	27	21	20	17	29	15	26	22

Freedom

Very closely linked	35	38	44	35	30	32	37	33	43	35	32
Fairly closely linked	30	34	19	26	29	35	28	31	25	28	35
TOTAL LINKED	65	72	63	61	59	67	65	64	68	63	67
Not really linked	8	3	8	7	13	8	11	5	7	8	9
Not linked at all	6	5	7	6	7	6	8	4	11	6	5
TOTAL NOT LINKED	14	8	15	13	20	14	19	9	18	14	14
Don't know	21	20	21	27	21	19	16	26	14	24	18

As far as you are aware, is your Government currently more supportive of Israel or of Palestine, or is it taking a balanced stance?

More supportive of Israel	16	9	17	13	13	19	22	10	21	15	15
More supportive of Palestine	19	36	25	19	14	15	19	19	24	20	17
Taking a balanced stance	30	13	22	30	31	38	35	26	27	31	29
Don't know	35	42	36	37	42	29	24	45	28	34	39

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And still thinking about your Government's stance towards the situation in Gaza at the moment, do you think...

They have taken the right stance	12	10	11	10	10	14	14	10	12	12	12
They should be more supportive of Israel	6	6	4	4	6	7	9	2	14	5	5
They should be more supportive of Palestine	20	37	30	17	18	13	22	17	32	17	19
They should take a balanced stance	25	10	13	23	24	35	29	22	17	26	26
I don't have an opinion	19	15	18	19	23	19	14	25	10	19	22
Don't know	18	22	24	27	18	12	13	23	16	20	16

Thinking about how the situation in Gaza is generally being reported in the media in this country, which of the following comes closest to your view?

Media reports are generally heavily biased in favour of Israel	10	12	12	9	8	9	13	7	14	7	13
Media reports are generally slightly biased in favour of Israel	13	14	17	9	12	13	15	10	21	11	14
TOTAL BIASED IN FAVOUR OF ISRAEL	23	26	29	18	20	22	28	17	35	18	27
Media reports are generally impartial	24	26	19	23	22	27	28	20	20	28	19
Media reports are generally slightly biased in favour of Palestine	13	10	14	14	11	14	11	15	6	15	12
Media reports are generally heavily biased in favour of Palestine	8	8	8	7	10	8	10	6	12	8	8
TOTAL BIASED IN FAVOUR OF PALESTINE	21	18	22	21	21	22	21	21	18	23	20
Don't know	32	30	31	38	37	29	23	41	28	31	35

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How often, if at all, do you think social media companies restrict or censor posts that are...
...from Palestinian people?

All the time	6	8	12	6	5	5	7	6	5	7	6
Most of the time	13	8	18	6	16	14	14	13	24	11	14
TOTAL ALL / MOST OF THE TIME	19	16	30	12	21	19	21	19	29	18	20
Sometimes	28	30	23	31	26	30	34	23	26	27	32
Never	8	7	8	6	12	8	10	7	11	7	9
TOTAL SOMETIMES / NEVER	36	37	31	37	38	38	44	30	37	34	41
Don't know	44	48	38	51	42	43	36	51	34	47	40

...criticising the actions of Israel?

All the time	6	5	9	5	7	6	8	5	9	7	5
Most of the time	16	18	18	14	15	15	17	14	24	13	18
TOTAL ALL / MOST OF THE TIME	22	23	27	19	22	21	25	19	33	20	23
Sometimes	27	18	23	29	28	31	31	24	22	27	30
Never	8	12	13	2	9	8	9	8	13	7	9
TOTAL SOMETIMES / NEVER	35	30	36	31	37	39	40	32	35	34	39
Don't know	42	47	37	51	40	40	35	49	32	45	39

From what you have seen or heard, do you think Israel's actions in Palestine do or do not undermine Palestinian people's ability to express their opinion online?

Israel's actions DO undermine Palestinian people ability to express their opinion online	42	53	45	36	38	43	44	41	53	41	41
Israel's actions DO NOT undermine Palestinian people ability to express their opinion online	13	5	14	10	14	16	18	8	18	11	15
Don't know	45	41	41	54	48	42	38	51	30	47	44

How much, if anything, have you heard about 'Nakba'?

I have heard of this, and know a lot about it	4	4	4	4	5	4	6	3	15	3	3
I have heard of this, and know something about it	11	10	15	6	11	10	14	7	22	8	12
TOTAL HEARD OF AND KNOW AT LEAST SOMETHING ABOUT IT	15	14	19	10	16	14	20	10	37	11	15
I have heard of this, but do not know anything about it	14	13	14	13	15	15	14	15	10	15	14
I have not heard anything about this	71	72	67	77	69	71	67	75	52	74	72
TOTAL HEARD OF, KNOW NOTHING / NOT HEARD OF	85	85	81	90	84	86	81	90	62	89	86