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Thinking only of the continuing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, do your own sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

They lie more with the Israelis	19	36	10	13	39	11	33	27	12	8	13	24	30	20	19	20	11	16	20	21	18	20
They lie more with the Palestinians	28	8	44	32	8	39	13	28	29	51	34	20	18	31	25	27	27	41	28	28	34	24
Neither	32	40	29	35	37	31	36	33	31	20	26	41	39	32	32	33	37	25	32	29	32	35
Don't know	20	16	17	19	15	18	18	12	28	21	27	15	13	17	24	20	25	17	20	22	16	21

Thinking about the situation in Israel and Gaza in the last year, the Hamas attacks on October 7th and Israel's military attacks in Gaza, how, if at all, would you say your views have changed?

I have become more sympathetic towards Israel	7	10	5	4	16	5	12	12	3	1	5	11	11	7	8	7	9	7	7	7	6	8
I have become more sympathetic towards Palestine	18	10	28	29	5	26	11	20	17	19	21	17	13	22	13	17	14	27	17	17	23	16
No difference - my sympathies were more towards Israel and they still are	14	28	8	10	30	7	24	17	11	9	8	16	23	14	14	14	9	12	15	15	10	15
No difference - my sympathies were more towards Palestine and they still are	14	2	21	10	5	19	6	13	14	26	16	9	8	14	12	13	16	17	14	11	19	11
None of these	28	31	23	30	32	25	32	27	29	17	27	33	31	26	30	29	30	20	31	29	23	29
Don't know	19	18	15	17	11	18	16	12	26	28	23	14	14	16	23	19	21	16	15	21	19	21

Do you think Israel does or does not have a right to exist?

Does	66	80	66	75	77	66	76	70	62	44	59	75	80	70	62	67	55	65	68	67	63	67
Does not	8	2	9	6	4	8	4	10	7	23	9	4	4	7	9	8	5	12	7	8	15	6
Don't know	26	18	25	19	19	26	20	20	31	32	32	22	16	23	29	25	41	22	25	25	23	26

Do you think the Palestinians do or do not have a right to a state of their own?

Do	70	65	82	79	59	78	65	73	66	71	66	71	73	73	64	70	63	72	72	69	72	68
Do not	6	7	3	3	15	3	10	8	3	1	6	6	7	5	6	6	4	8	5	6	6	5
Don't know	25	28	15	18	26	19	25	19	30	28	28	23	21	21	29	25	32	20	23	25	21	27

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In the last year there have been regular marches in support of Palestine in many of Britain's cities. How have these marches made you feel? Please tick as many or as few as you wish.

Uneasy	30	46	24	26	53	25	41	32	29	17	27	34	39	30	31	31	23	29	31	36	30	29
Worried	21	30	19	18	37	17	29	21	21	14	19	25	25	21	22	22	13	18	24	25	18	21
Angry	16	25	8	7	45	7	29	20	11	8	10	21	23	15	17	16	12	14	15	19	14	16
Supportive	16	3	26	22	3	24	6	16	16	27	20	11	9	18	13	16	16	18	16	13	18	16
Scared	9	12	5	5	22	6	12	8	10	7	7	12	10	8	9	9	7	9	10	11	10	7
Comforted	4	0	5	6	1	6	1	3	4	9	6	2	1	5	3	4	4	6	3	3	4	5
Enthusiastic	4	0	4	5	0	5	1	4	4	8	6	1	0	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	7	4
Happy	3	0	5	3	1	4	1	3	3	8	5	1	1	3	3	3	2	7	2	2	5	3
None of these	31	25	31	33	19	32	28	33	28	28	32	34	27	31	30	30	37	33	32	24	31	31
Don't know	13	10	12	11	8	12	10	8	18	24	15	10	9	12	15	13	17	12	13	14	12	13

In the general election this year several Independent MPs were elected on pro-Palestine platforms.

Generally speaking, do you think this is positive or negative development in British politics?

A positive development	16	2	24	22	4	23	5	15	17	33	22	10	6	18	15	16	16	22	16	13	19	16
A negative development	41	65	34	34	69	33	62	50	34	21	30	52	59	43	39	42	34	37	44	45	37	42
Neither	20	13	20	23	14	22	16	21	18	13	21	19	20	19	20	19	23	22	20	19	17	19
Don't know	23	20	22	20	12	22	17	14	30	32	26	19	16	20	26	23	27	19	20	24	27	23

Thinking about the actions of Hamas and Israel over the last year, do you think the following were or were not justified?

Hamas's actions in Israel on October 7th last year?

Was justified	5	1	5	5	2	4	3	5	4	11	6	2	2	4	6	5	2	6	4	5	7	4
Was not justified	67	80	73	69	75	72	74	74	60	46	62	73	79	73	59	67	60	70	70	63	68	66
Don't know	28	20	22	25	23	24	23	21	36	42	32	25	19	24	35	28	38	24	26	32	25	29

Israel's actions in Gaza since October 7th last year?

Was justified	24	46	14	14	45	14	41	33	15	9	16	30	39	23	25	25	15	21	25	26	24	24
Was not justified	47	31	65	55	29	61	33	45	49	56	53	43	38	53	40	47	44	56	49	43	53	45
Don't know	29	23	21	31	26	25	26	22	35	35	31	27	23	24	35	29	40	23	26	31	23	31

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Thinking about Israel's actions since the Hamas attacks on October 7th, which of the following best reflects your view?

Israel were right to send troops into Gaza and have generally responded in a proportionate way to the Hamas attacks	14	23	8	4	33	7	26	20	8	4	10	17	22	13	15	14	10	12	15	17	12	14
Israel were right to send troops into Gaza initially, but have gone too far and caused too many civilian casualties	38	45	47	50	31	43	38	42	34	33	33	42	45	43	32	38	37	38	39	34	44	37
Israel were wrong to send troops into Gaza or use military force against Hamas	13	3	19	13	5	18	6	12	14	25	17	10	6	14	12	13	7	20	13	13	14	13
None of these	9	7	7	11	10	10	8	8	10	7	11	9	7	9	10	9	13	6	10	8	8	9
Don't know	26	22	19	22	21	22	22	17	34	32	30	22	20	21	31	26	33	24	24	28	21	27

Now looking forward, do you think the following should or should not happen?

Hamas should release the remaining hostages taken on October 7th?

Should do this immediately, without waiting for a deal	64	78	65	69	74	66	71	67	62	45	60	70	75	67	62	65	63	63	66	63	64	65
Should only do this as part of a negotiated deal	16	10	19	17	9	19	12	19	13	23	16	15	13	17	14	16	12	20	17	17	16	14
Should not do this at all	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Don't know	19	12	15	14	17	16	16	13	25	31	23	15	12	16	23	19	25	17	17	20	19	20

Israel should withdraw troops from the Gaza strip?

Should do this immediately, without waiting for a deal	40	23	52	49	22	50	26	37	42	52	44	36	30	43	36	39	38	46	40	36	49	36
Should only do this as part of a negotiated deal	32	50	28	33	43	28	44	39	25	16	24	38	47	34	29	32	27	31	31	35	27	33
Should not do this at all	5	8	3	3	13	2	9	8	3	2	5	6	6	4	7	5	3	6	5	6	3	6
Don't know	23	19	17	15	22	19	22	16	30	30	27	21	17	19	29	23	32	17	24	23	20	24

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Now thinking about the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, a militant group based in Lebanon, to the North of Israel.

Below are some actions that Israel has or is alleged to have carried out against Hezbollah. For each of the following, please say whether you think it is acceptable or unacceptable?

Exploding bombs hidden inside pagers used by Hezbollah

Acceptable	20	32	14	11	42	13	32	30	10	10	14	25	28	20	19	20	17	19	21	23	12	20
Unacceptable	54	43	66	68	34	65	42	50	58	61	56	52	50	56	52	54	52	59	55	52	57	53
Don't know	26	25	20	21	24	22	26	20	32	29	30	22	22	24	29	26	31	22	23	24	31	27

Using airstrikes to kill Hezbollah leaders

Acceptable	31	48	26	26	54	23	47	43	19	14	24	37	45	31	30	31	27	27	32	32	27	33
Unacceptable	37	23	45	45	18	45	25	32	42	51	40	34	29	39	35	37	32	45	37	38	40	35
Don't know	32	29	28	28	28	32	28	25	39	34	36	29	26	30	34	32	41	28	32	30	33	32

Sending ground troops into Lebanon to attack Hezbollah directly

Acceptable	29	43	23	23	50	21	44	40	18	13	23	32	41	28	29	29	23	28	29	32	22	30
Unacceptable	39	25	49	49	19	49	25	36	42	52	42	38	30	41	36	39	30	44	40	38	47	36
Don't know	32	32	28	28	31	30	30	24	40	35	35	30	29	30	35	32	47	28	31	30	31	34

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*