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Jewish Electorate Institute National Survey Of Jewish Voters

July 2021

n = 800 Jewish registered voters

Conducted June 28 – July 1, 2021 via online web panel and text-to-web

Margin of error = +/- 3.5 percentage points

- **In a polarized American political environment, Jewish voters remain a solidly Democratic and liberal constituency.** Six months into his presidency, Joe Biden has extraordinary approval and personal favorability ratings, Democrats hold a massive advantage in the generic Congressional vote, and there is intense opposition to the Republican Party and its leadership.
- **Concerns about the pandemic have receded, and top tier issues are climate change, voting rights, and the economy.** COVID-19 has become a middle tier priority, along with healthcare and guns. Bottom tier issues include race relations, affordable housing, Israel, Iran, and abortion.

- **Even though Israel is not a high priority for Jewish voters, a majority feel emotionally attached to it.** Only 4 percent cite Israel as 1 of the top 2 issues that Biden and Congress should focus on, but 62 percent say that they are emotionally attached to Israel.
- **There is high importance placed on the US providing aid to Israel, but most Jewish voters also want to restrict aid so it cannot be spent on expanding settlements in the West Bank.**
- **For Jewish voters, it is compatible to be both “pro-Israel” and critical of Israeli government policies (87 percent).**
- **There is some sense (30 percent) that the new Israeli government will strengthen US-Israel relations, while most Jewish voters say they are not sure (32 percent) or it will make no difference (30 percent).**

- **A majority cite a 2-state solution as the best way to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.** Three-in-five Jewish voters want a Jewish State of Israel alongside an independent Palestinian State, and the remaining two-in-five are evenly split between a one-state solution (20 percent) and annexation (19 percent).
- **Biden receives strong support for his handling of the recent conflict between Israel and Hamas, and Jewish voters support the Biden Administration restoring humanitarian aid to the Palestinians that had been cut by the Trump Administration.** Majorities approve of how Biden handled the conflict (62 percent approve/21 percent disapprove) and support the renewal of aid to the Palestinians (62 percent support/28 percent oppose).

- **There is widespread concern about antisemitism in the United States, spanning gender, age, and denomination.** Nearly all Jewish voters are either very concerned (54 percent) or somewhat concerned (36 percent) about antisemitism.
- **Most Jewish voters are more concerned about antisemitism originating from the right wing (61 percent) than from the left wing (22 percent).**
- **Intense criticism of Israel is generally not seen as antisemitic, unless it veers into denying Israel's right to exist.** Two-thirds believe that it is antisemitic to state that "Israel doesn't have the right to exist," compared to stating that "Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinians" (31 percent), "Israel is an apartheid state" (28 percent), and "Israel's treatment of Palestinians is similar to racism in the US." (20 percent). Only 26 percent believe that it is antisemitic to say that "Jews who vote Democratic are disloyal to Israel."

- **Voting rights is a high priority for Jewish voters, and they hold strong feelings about the current debate.** It is the second most important issue cited, and 83 percent say they are concerned about the laws passed in Florida and Georgia.
- **There is strong support for federal legislation that would reverse the impact of the Florida and Georgia laws, and Jewish voters favor eliminating the filibuster to pass the federal legislation.** Expanding voter access, setting a national standard for voting rights, and reversing the impact of Florida's and Georgia's laws receives 76 percent support; and 62 percent eliminating the filibuster to pass this legislation.

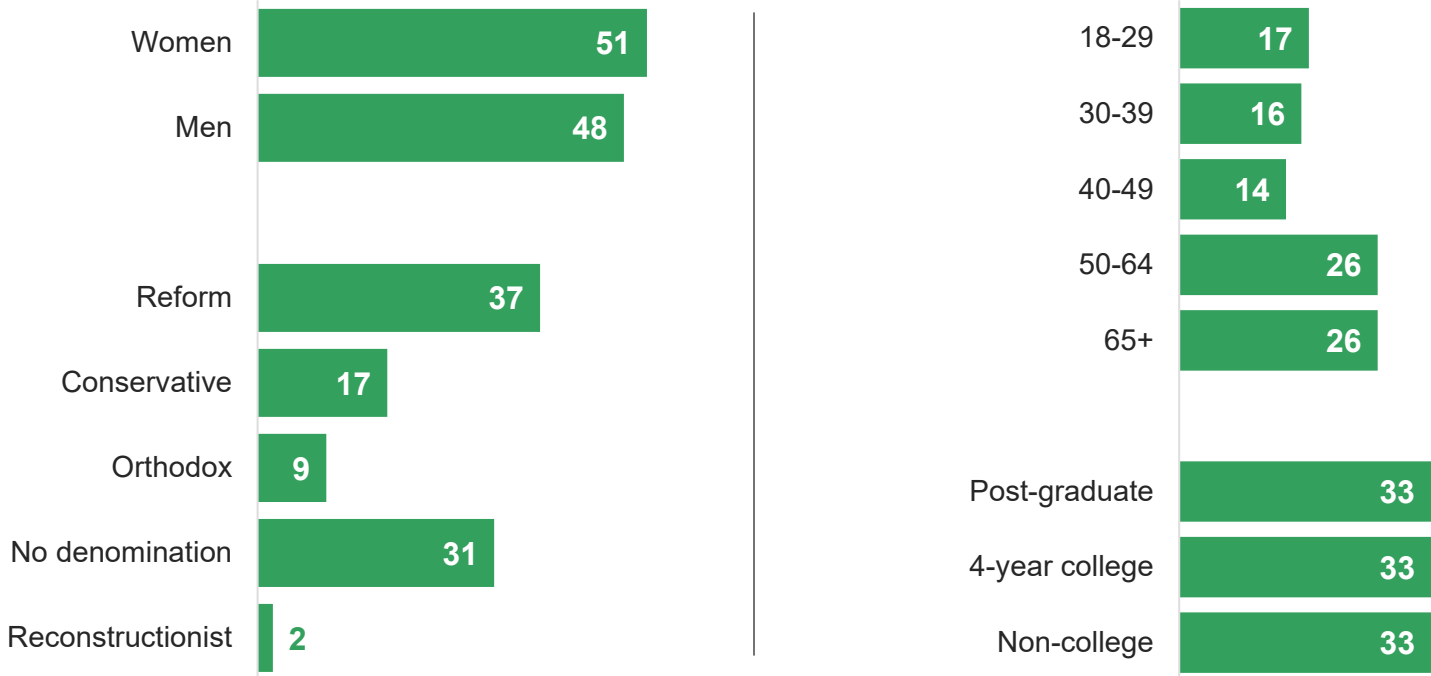


Political Landscape

Jewish Electorate Is Mostly Secular & Highly Educated

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Demographic Overview



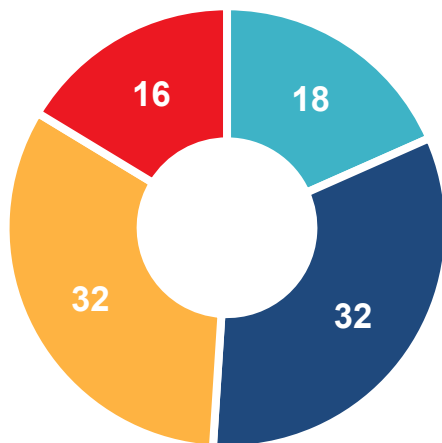
Overwhelmingly Democratic & Liberal/Progressive Constituency

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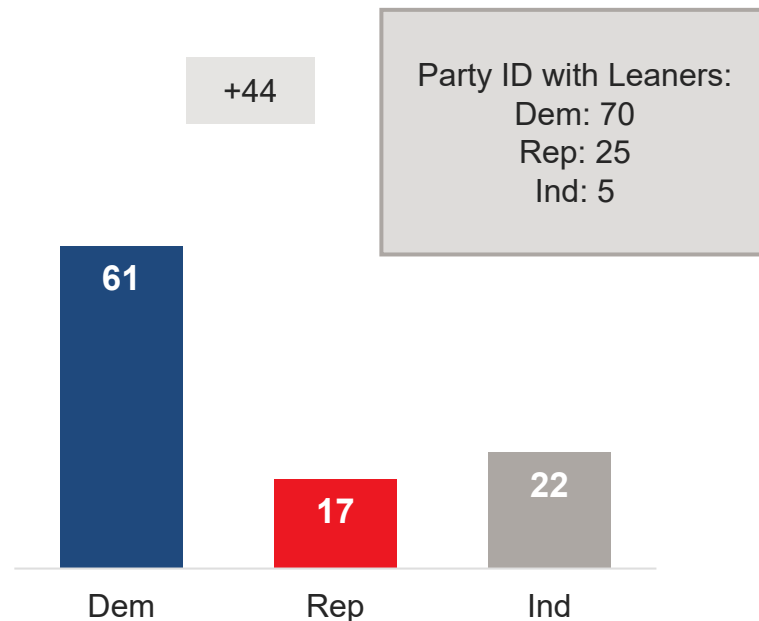
Ideology & Partisanship

Self-Described Ideology

● Progressive ● Liberal ● Moderate
● Conservative



Self-Described Party ID

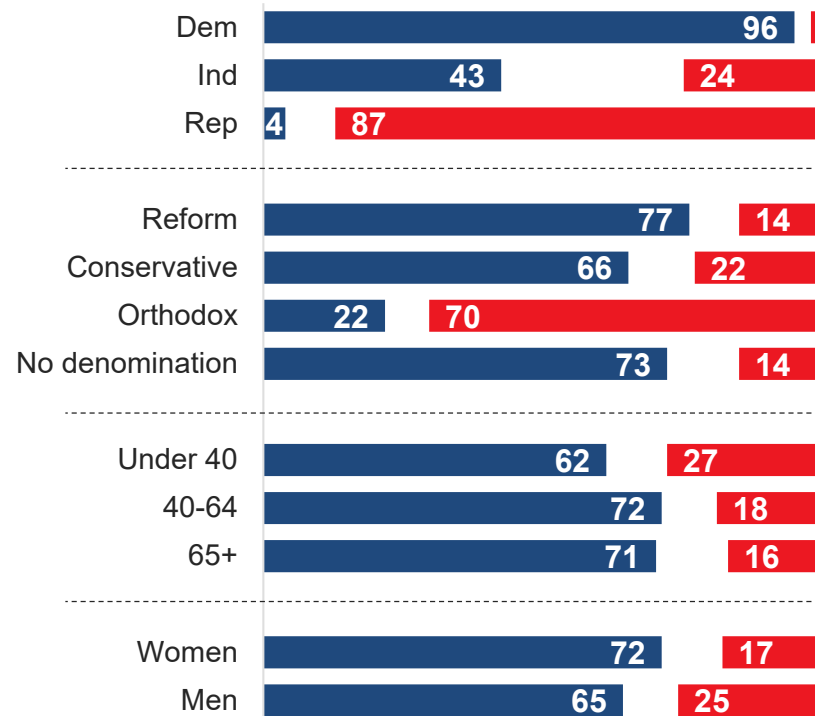
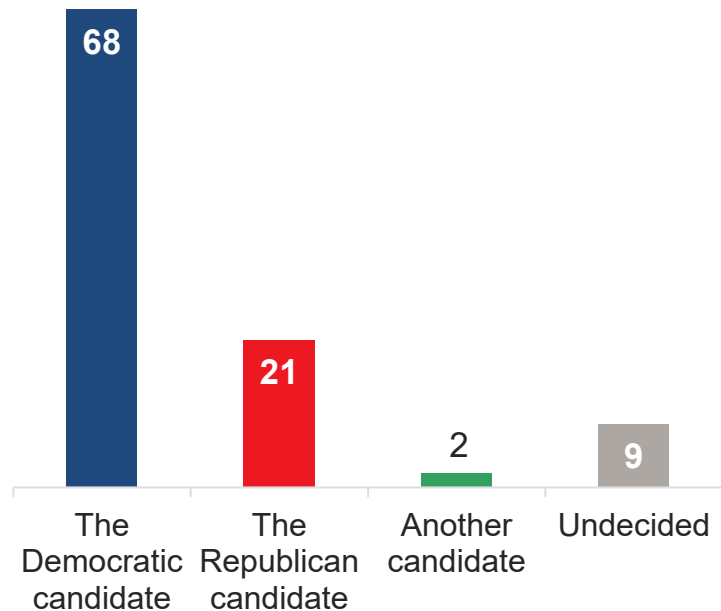


Massive Democratic Advantage In Generic Congressional Vote

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Congressional Vote

Thinking about the elections in 2022, if the general election for US Congress were being held today, for whom would you vote?

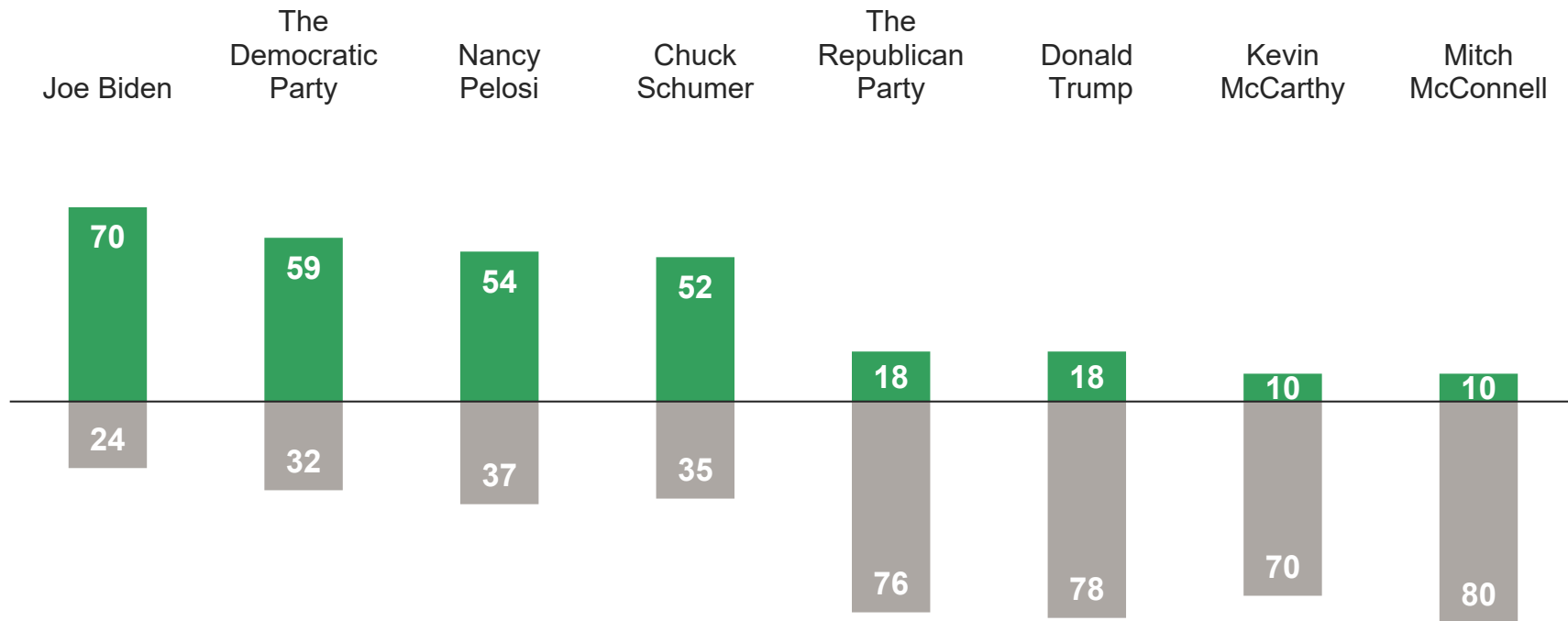


Extraordinary Opposition To Republican Party & Leadership

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Favorability

● Favorable ● Unfavorable

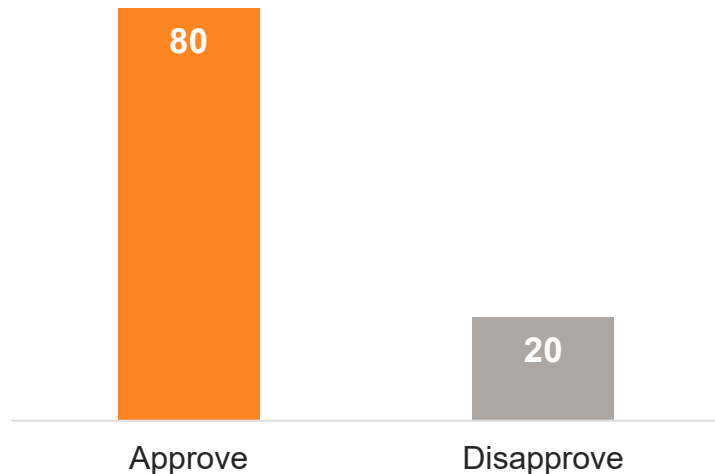


Biden Honeymoon Provides Very Strong Approval Ratings

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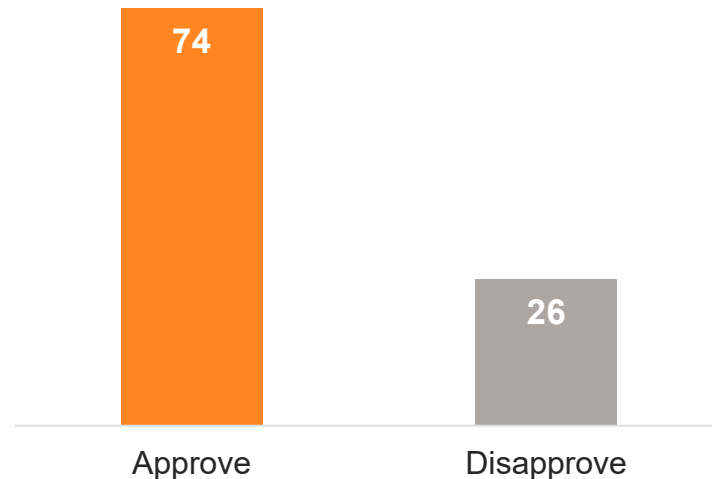
Biden Job Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?



Biden Approval On Israel Relations

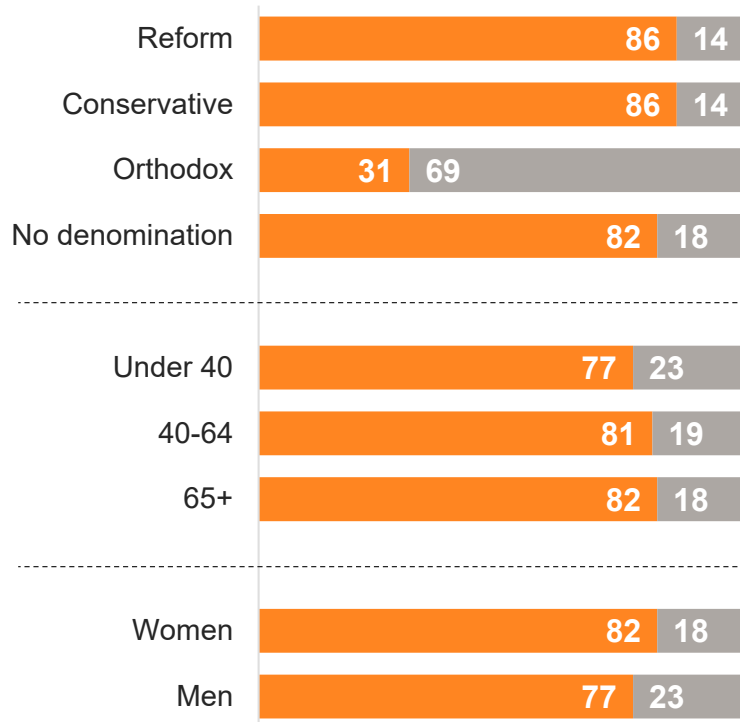
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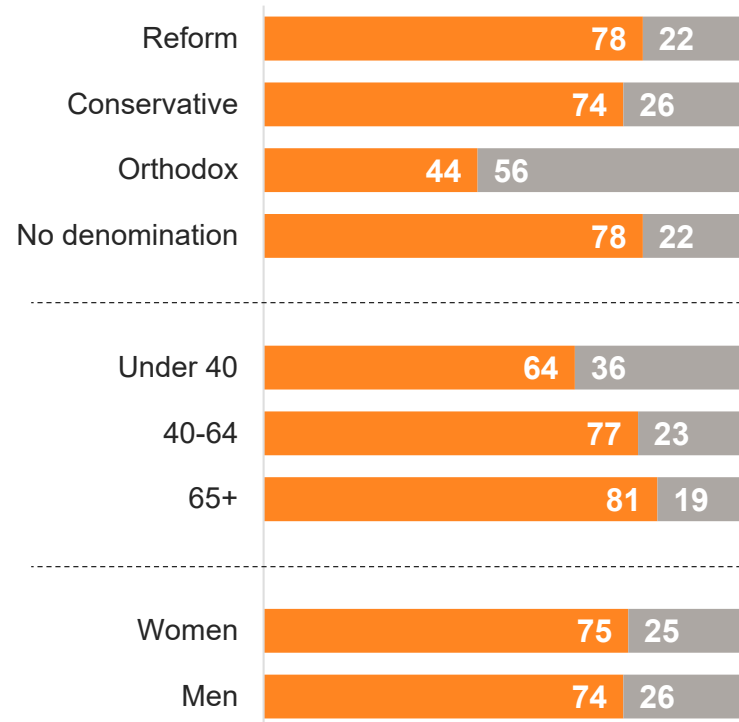
Strong Approval Across Denomination, Age, And Gender

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Biden Job Approval



Biden Approval On Israel Relations

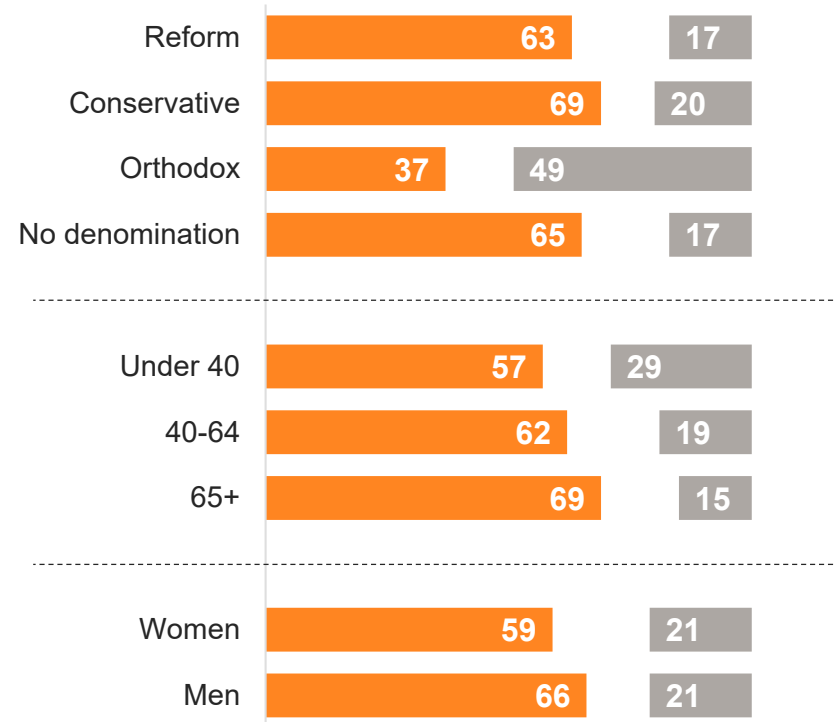
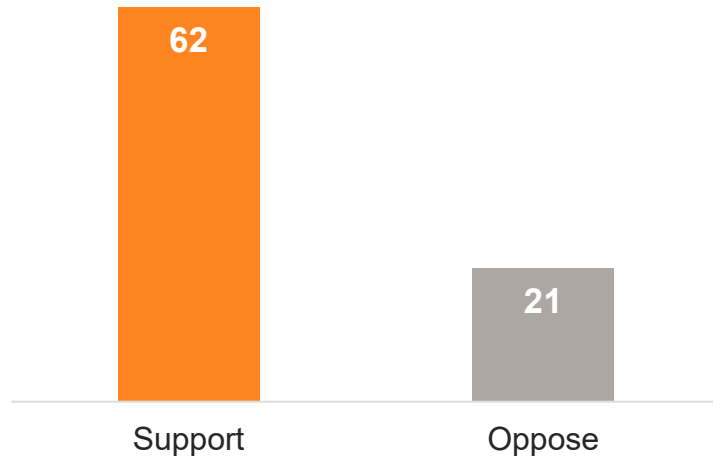


Strong Support For Biden's Handling Of Recent Israel-Hamas Conflict

Figure 14

Biden Approval On Recent Conflict

Thinking about the recent conflict between Israel and Hamas, do you support or oppose how President Biden handled the conflict?



Climate Change, Voting Rights, Jobs Comprise Top Tier Issue Priorities; Orthodox Have Different Priorities

Figure 15

Issue Priorities

Below is a list of issues facing our country today. Please mark which TWO of these issues you want President Joe Biden and Congress to focus on.

	Total Jewish voters	Reform	Conservative	Orthodox	No denomination
Climate change	32	28	22	10	44
Voting rights	26	32	24	6	26
Jobs and the economy	24	23	19	31	27
COVID-19 pandemic	18	20	25	9	16
Health care	17	16	15	6	20
Guns	17	21	16	5	15
Immigration	11	10	15	13	11
Social Security and Medicare	11	11	13	15	9
National Security	10	10	12	27	6
Antisemitism	9	4	10	40	6
Race relations	7	7	7	3	8
Affordable housing	6	6	6	4	6
Israel	4	1	9	18	0
Iran	3	3	2	6	2
Abortion	3	4	5	2	1

Issue Priorities Fairly Consistent Across Age & Gender

Figure 16

Issue Priorities

Below is a list of issues facing our country today. Please mark which TWO of these issues you want President Joe Biden and Congress to focus on.

	Total Jewish voters	Under 40	40-64	65+	Women	Men
Climate change	32	30	31	34	30	33
Voting rights	26	17	29	33	27	25
Jobs and the economy	24	20	30	20	21	27
COVID-19 pandemic	18	23	19	11	20	17
Health care	17	20	18	11	20	13
Guns	17	15	16	20	21	12
Immigration	11	12	9	15	10	13
Social Security and Medicare	11	8	10	17	12	10
National Security	10	9	10	13	9	12
Antisemitism	9	10	9	8	8	9
Race relations	7	8	5	7	6	7
Affordable housing	6	11	4	3	6	6
Israel	4	7	3	2	3	5
Iran	3	5	1	3	1	5
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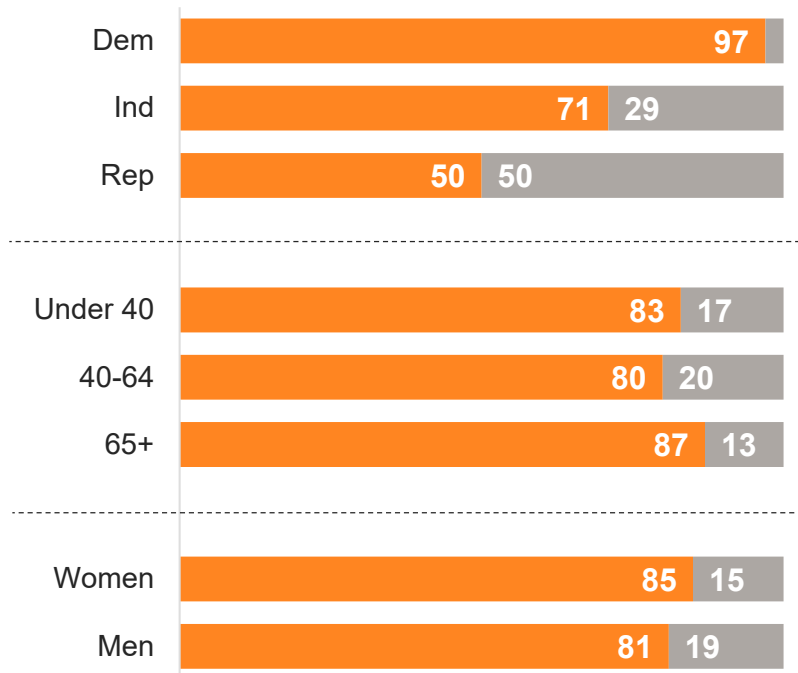
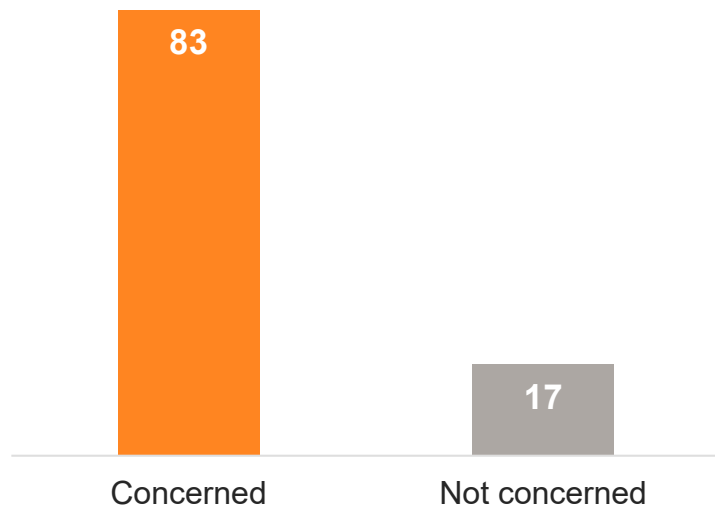
Voting Rights

Major Concerns Over Voting Laws In FL And GA; Even GOP Splits Evenly

Figure 18

FL & GA Voting Laws

As you may know, Republican legislatures in Florida and Georgia have recently passed laws impacting access to voting and changing the way elections are conducted. Democrats say these laws target people of color and make it harder for them to vote. Republicans say these laws are necessary to stop election fraud and ensure election integrity. How concerned are you about the impact of these laws on our elections?

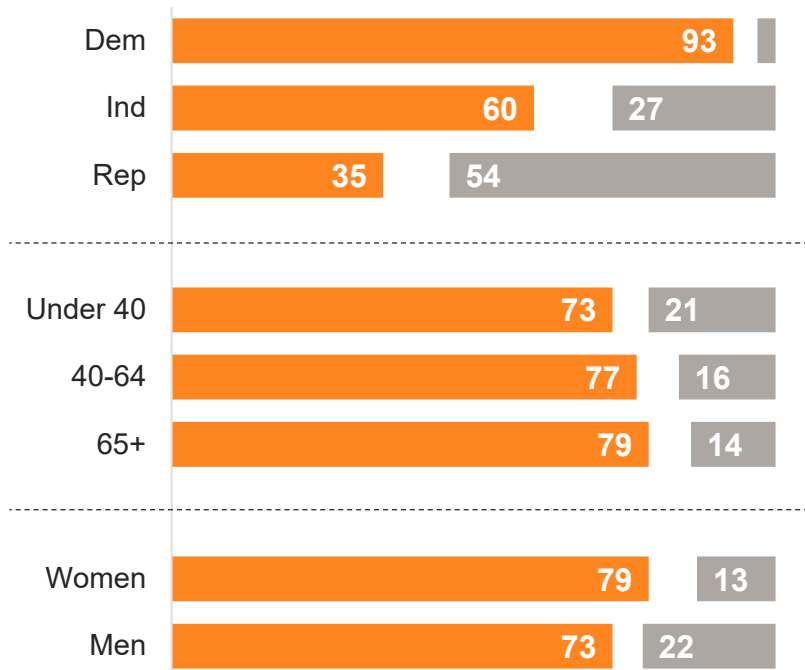
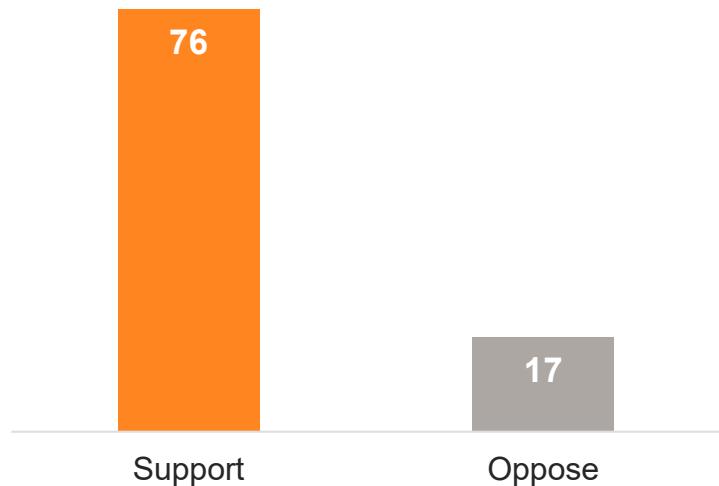


Broad Support For Federal Voting Rights Legislation

Figure 19

Federal Legislation

Do you support or oppose federal legislation that would expand voter access, make a national standard for voting rights across the country, and reverse the impact of the new election laws passed by the Florida and Georgia legislatures?

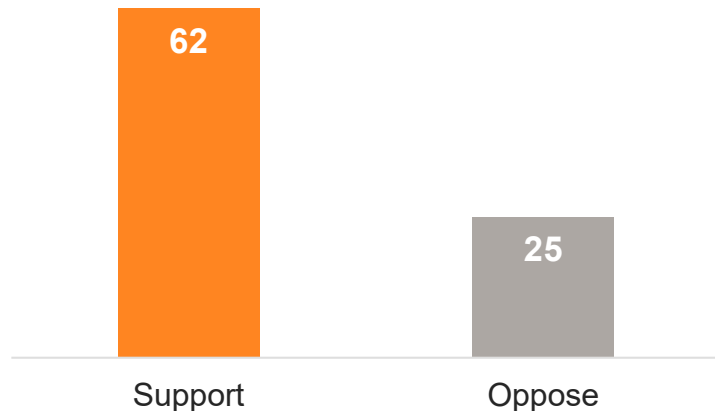


Most Support Ending The Filibuster To Pass Voting Rights Legislation

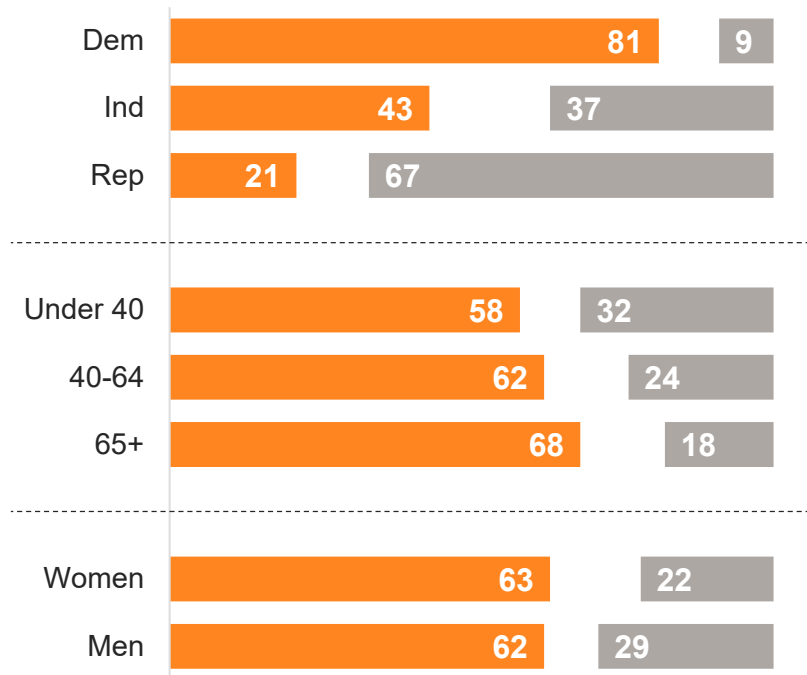
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Filibuster & Voting Rights

(IF SUPPORT) As you may know, the US House of Representatives has passed legislation supported by President Biden that would reverse the impact of the new election laws passed by the Florida and Georgia legislatures, but the legislation does not have the 60 votes in the US Senate to overcome a filibuster. Do you support or oppose eliminating the filibuster in order to pass this legislation?



*Oppose responses include respondents who oppose federal legislation



A photograph of a modern, concrete building with a flat roof and large windows. In front of the building, a row of Israeli flags (white with blue stripes and a blue Star of David) is flying on tall poles. The sky is overcast and grey. A dark blue banner with white text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

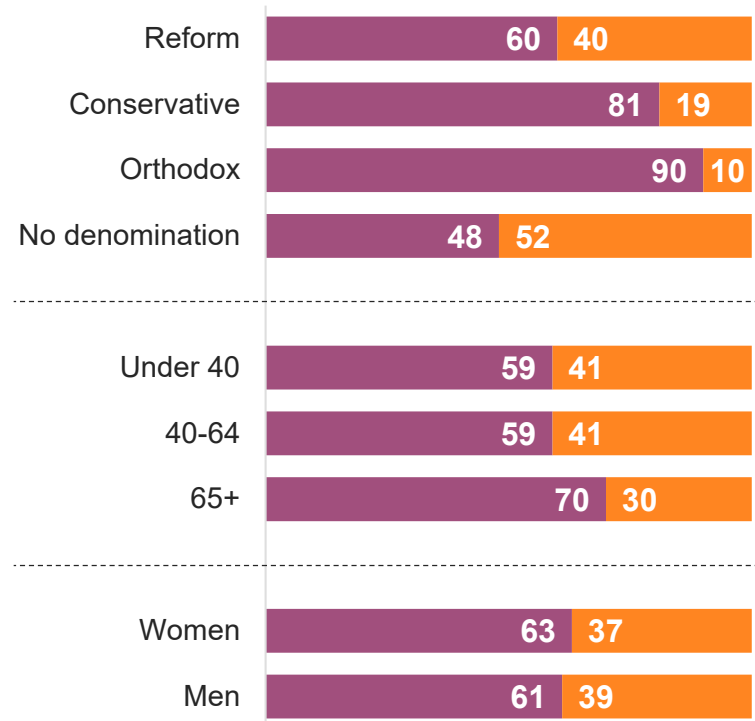
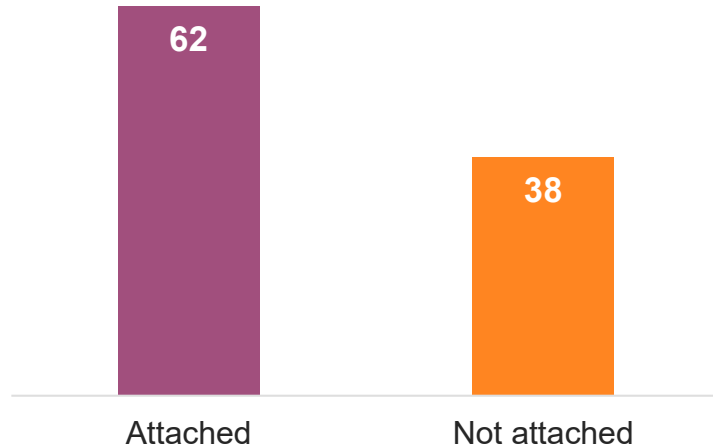
Perspectives On Israel

Strong Attachment To Israel, But Less Among Younger & Less Religious

Figure 22

Attachment To Israel

How emotionally attached are you to Israel?

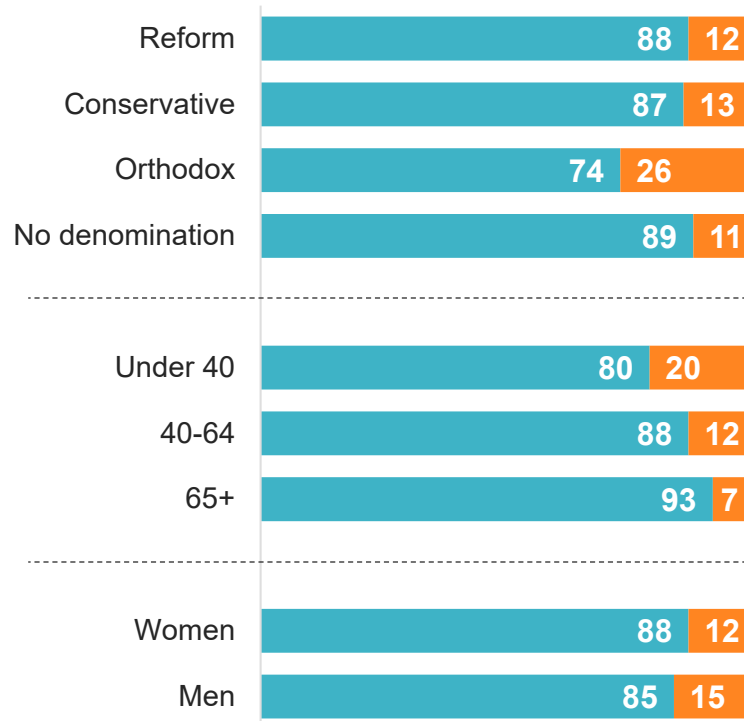
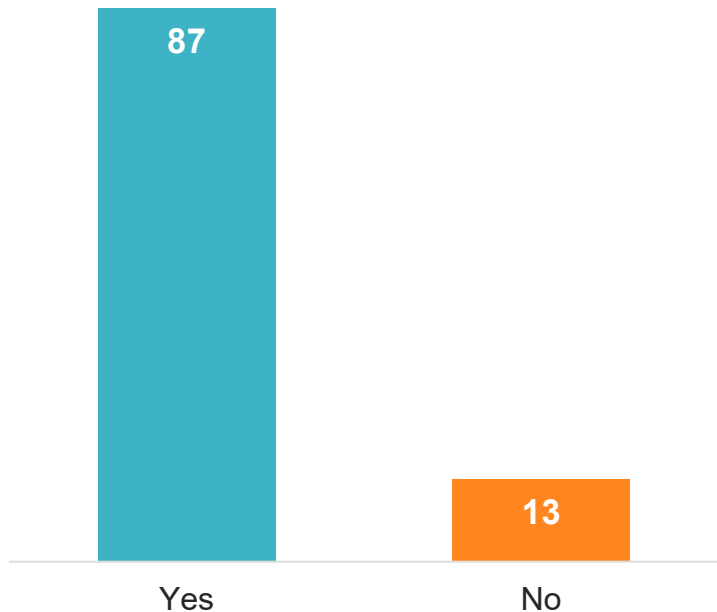


Broad Agrmt That Someone Can Be Pro-Israel & Critical Of Israeli Policy

Figure 23

Pro-Israel Sentiments

People often talk about being “pro-Israel”. Do you think someone can be critical of Israeli government policies and still be “pro-Israel”?

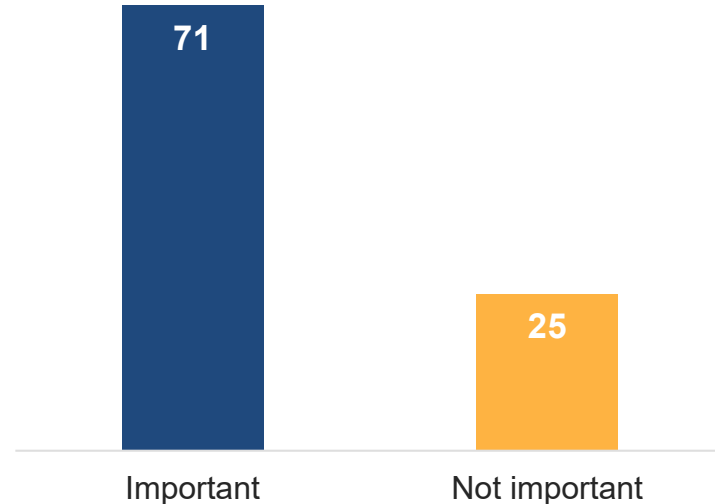


High Importance Placed On Providing US Aid To Israel; Majority Support Restricting Aid So It Doesn't Help Expand Settlements

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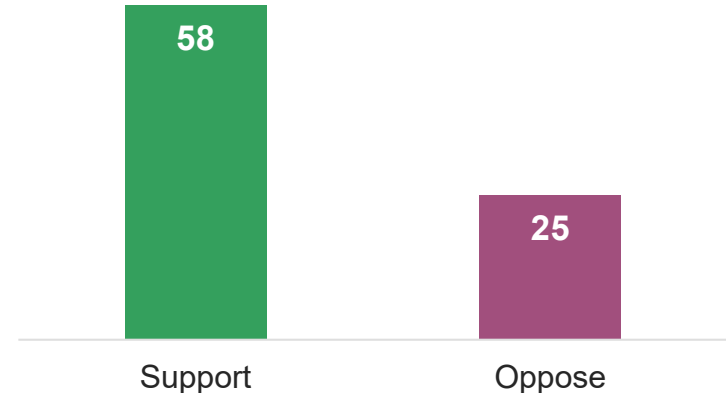
US Aid To Israel

How important is it to you that the US provide financial aid to Israel?



Restricting Aid

Do you support oppose the providing the same amount of financial aid that it gives Israel, but restricting it so that Israel cannot spend U.S. aid on expanding settlements in the West Bank?

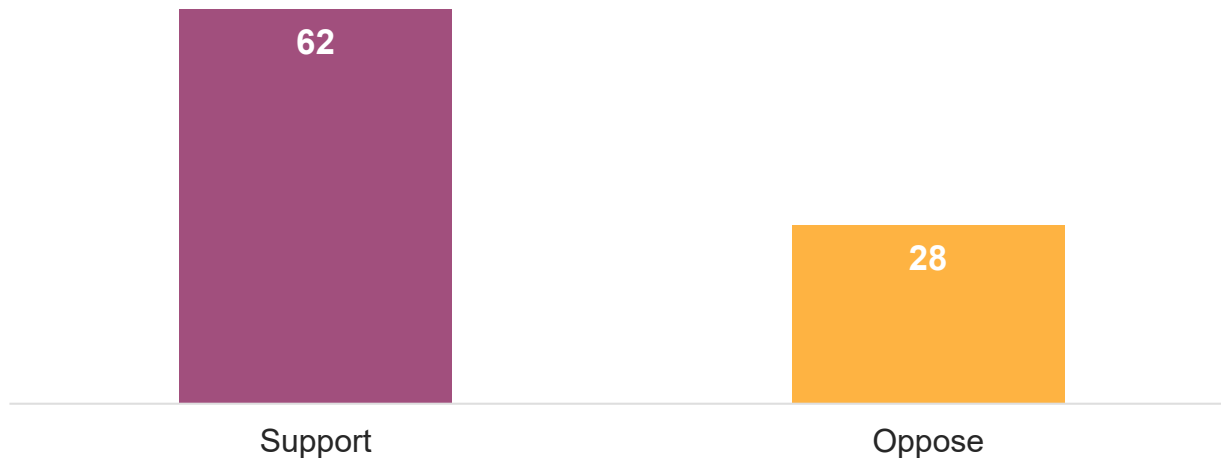


Majority Support Restoring Humanitarian Aid To The Palestinians

Figure 25

U.S. Aid To Palestinians

As you may know, the Trump Administration eliminated humanitarian aid to the Palestinians. The Biden Administration has recently reversed Trump's policy and has renewed humanitarian aid to the Palestinians. Do you support or oppose Biden renewing this aid?



Aid Is Less Important For Younger Jews; Only Orthodox Oppose Palestinian Aid & Restrictions On Israel Aid

Figure 26

U.S. Aid Support

	Total	Reform	Conserv.	Orthodox	No denom.	Under 40	40-64	65+	Women	Men
U.S. aid to Israel (% Important)	71	69	81	91	64	60	71	84	70	73
U.S. aid with restrictions (% support)	58	58	66	29	61	60	54	62	56	60
U.S. aid to the Palestinians (% support)	62	68	61	23	64	59	59	69	61	61

Majority Supports 2-State Solution

Figure 27

2-State Vs. 1-State Options

In your opinion, which of the following would be the best resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

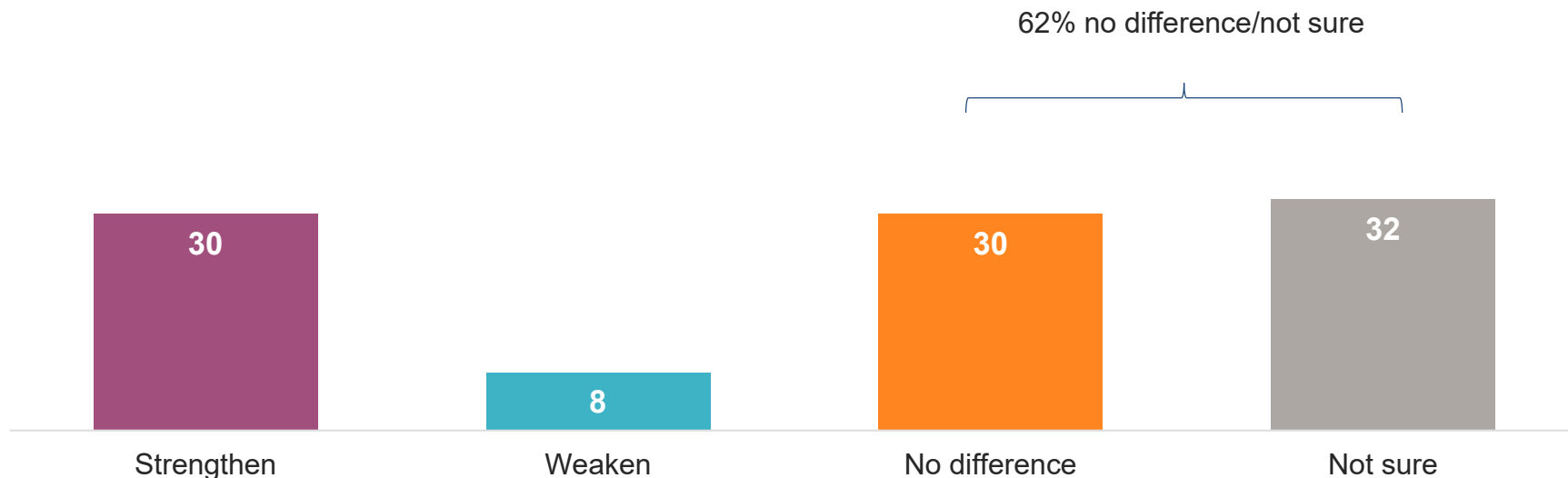


Most US Jewish Voters Lack Strong Feelings About New Israeli Govt

Figure 28

US-Israel Relations

As you may know, Israel recently held an election that resulted in a new government, led by Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid who will rotate as Prime Minister and replace Benjamin Netanyahu who served in this role for the past 12 years. Do you think the new government in Israel will strengthen or weaken relations between Israel and the United States, or will it make no difference?



A photograph of a protest sign that reads 'NO HATE' in bold black letters on a white background, with a red circle and a diagonal red line striking through it. The sign is held up in front of a stone building with an arched doorway and ornate ironwork. A dark blue diagonal banner is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

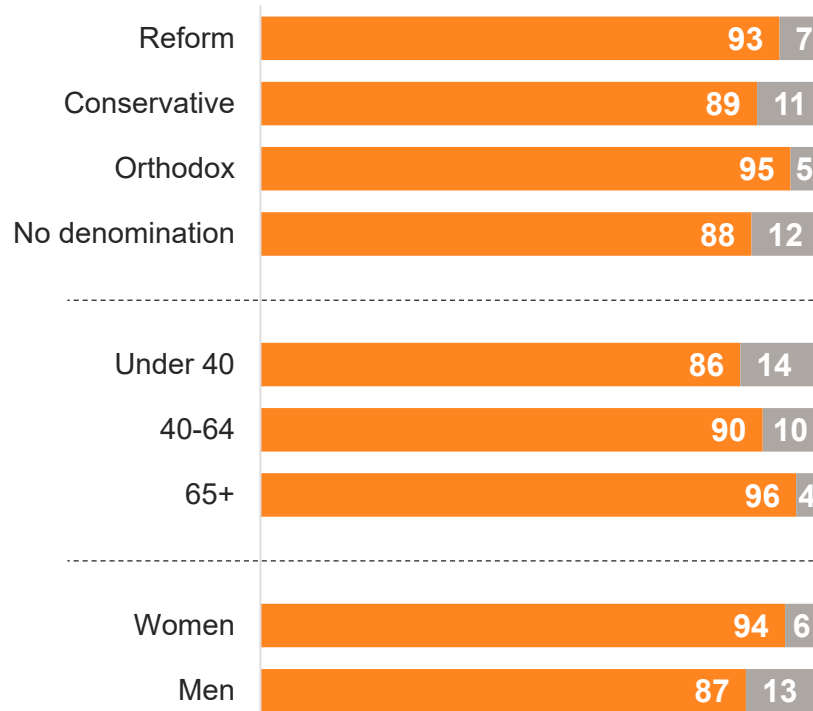
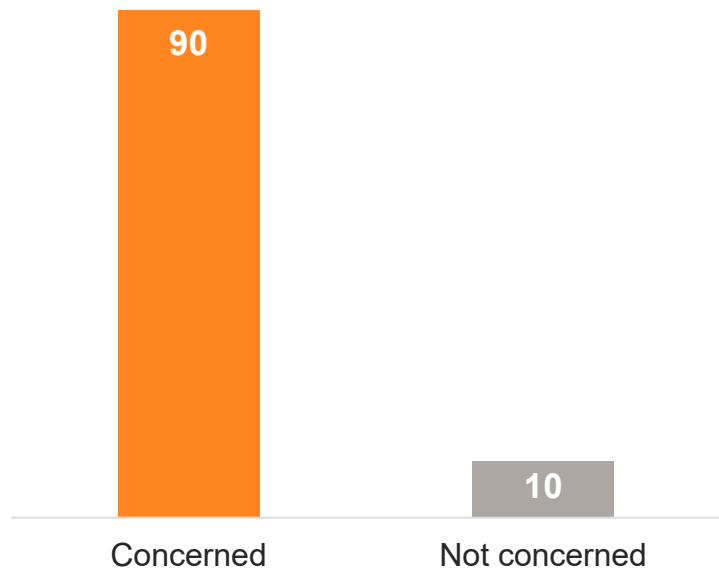
Antisemitism

Concern About Antisemitism Spans Denomination, Age, Gender

Figure 30

Antisemitism

How concerned you about antisemitism in the U.S.?

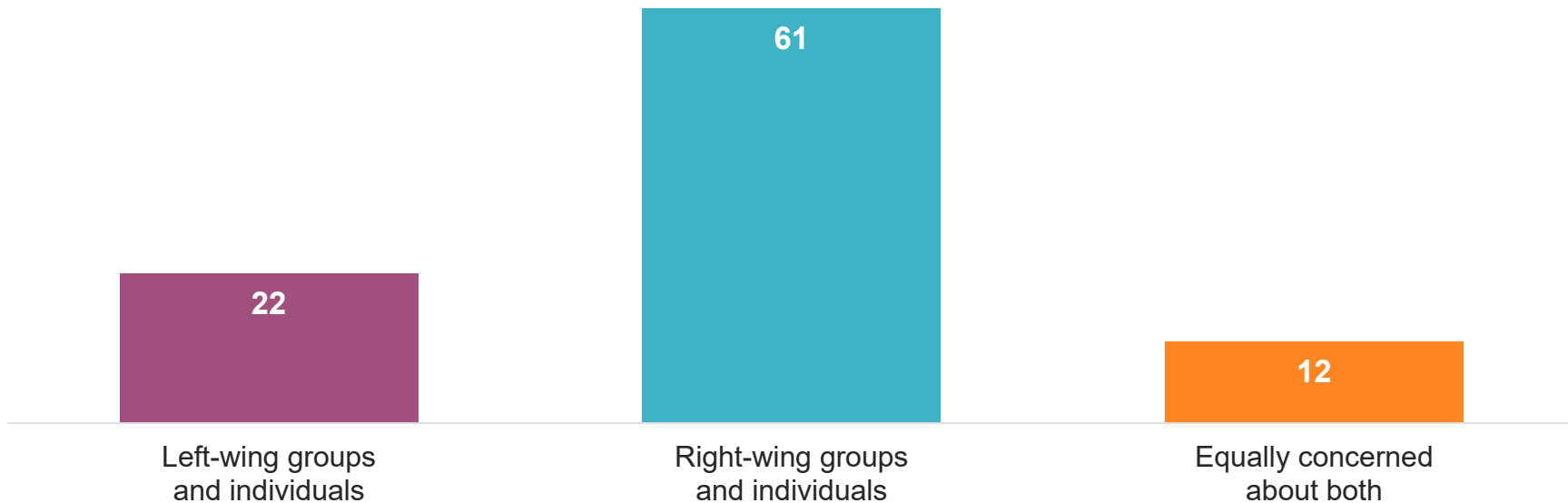


Most Jewish Voters Are More Concerned About Antisemitism Originating From The Right Than The Left

Figure 31

Antisemitism Concerns

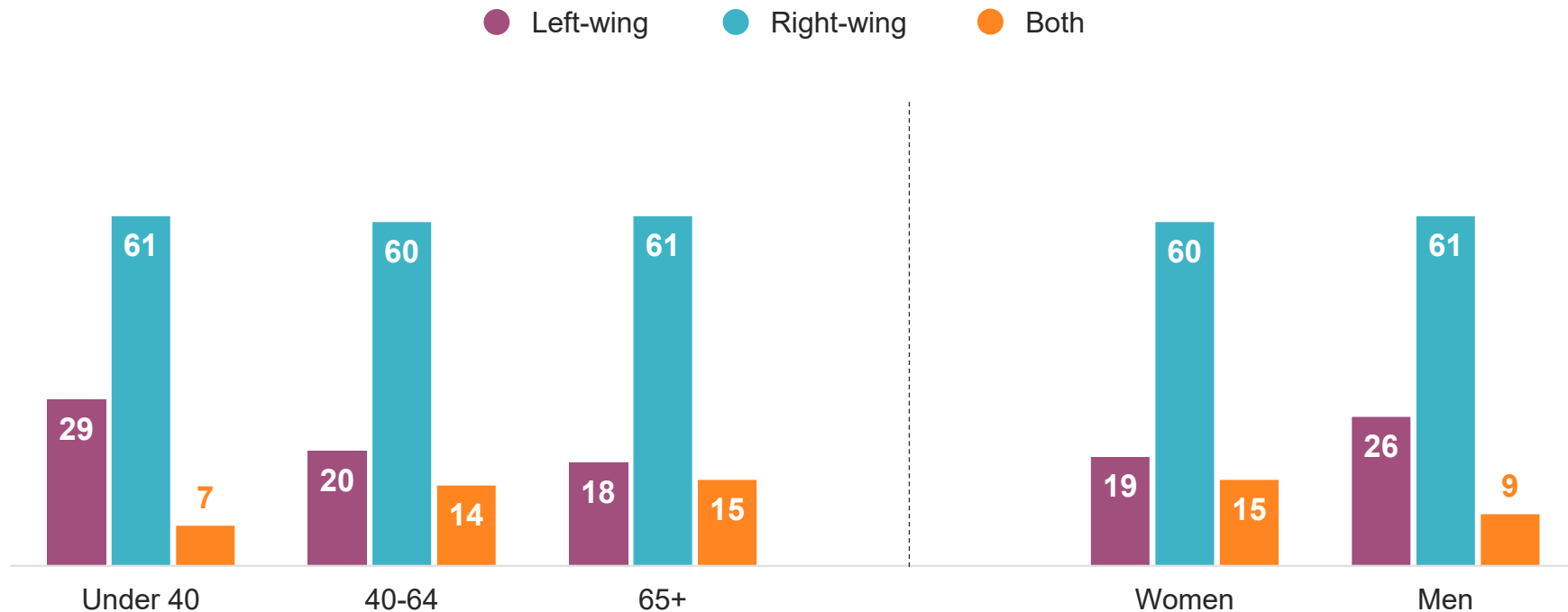
Are you more concerned about antisemitism that originates from left-wing groups and individuals or antisemitism that originates from right-wing groups and individuals?



Concern About Right Wing Antisemitism Spans Age & Gender

Figure 32

Antisemitism Concerns



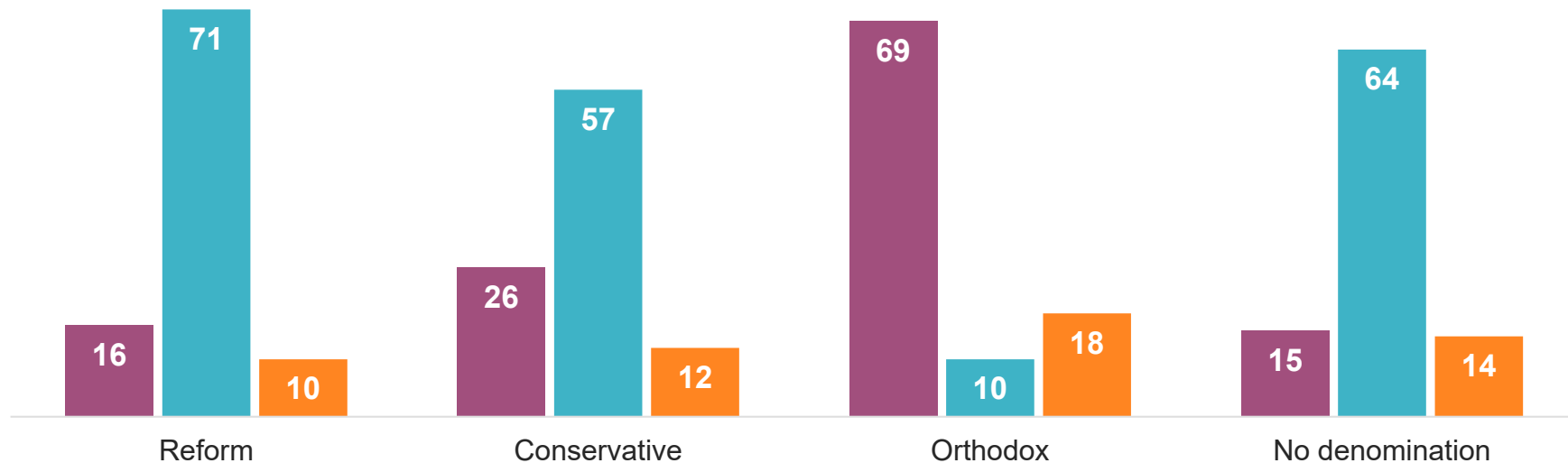
Only Orthodox Jews Are More Concerned About The Left

Figure 33

Antisemitism Concerns

Are you more concerned about antisemitism that originates from left-wing groups and individuals or antisemitism that originates from right-wing groups and individuals?

● Left-wing ● Right-wing ● Both



Biden Makes More Jews Feel More Safe Than Less Safe, But Plurality Feels No Difference

Figure 34

Jewish Safety

Overall, do you feel more safe, less safe, or no difference as a Jewish person living in America since Joe Biden became President?



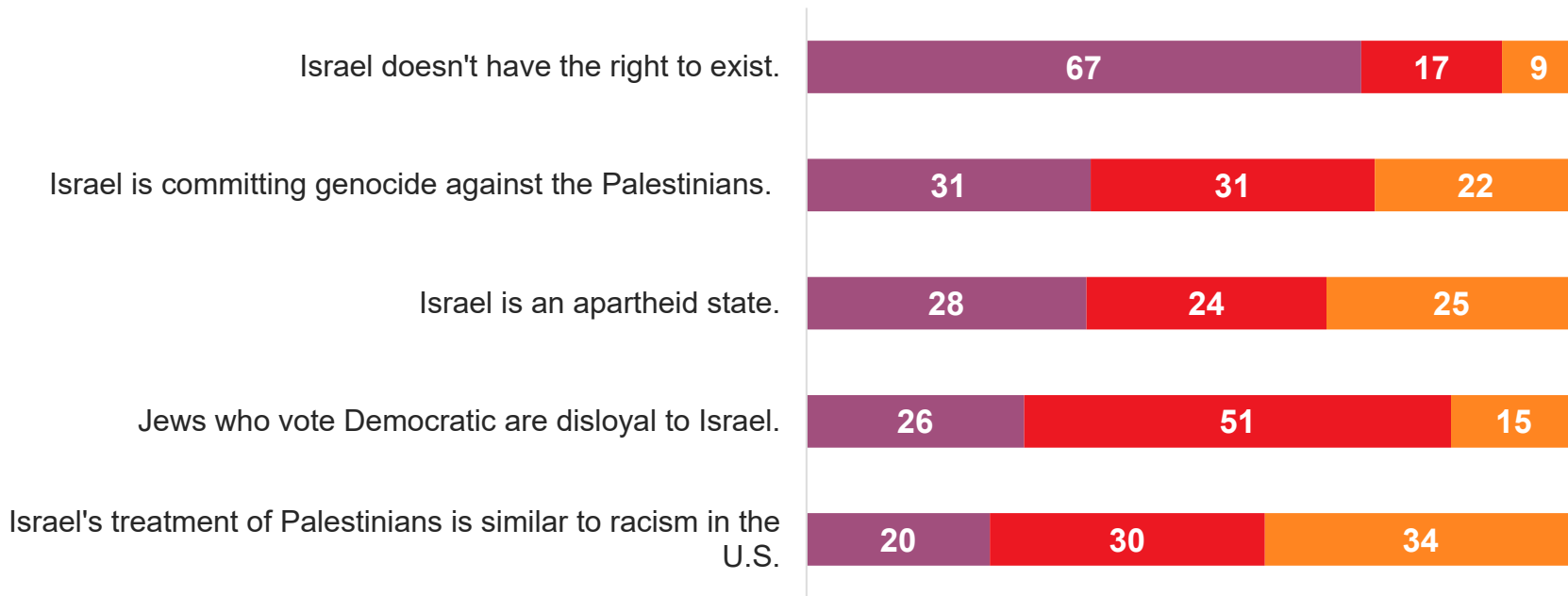
Denying Israel's Right To Exist Is Seen As Antisemitic; Other Sharp Criticisms Are Not

Figure 35

Antisemitism & Israel

Below are some statements about Israel. For each one, do you agree or disagree with the statement? If you disagree, do you believe the statement is antisemitic or is not antisemitic?

● Disagree / it is antisemitic ● Disagree / it is not antisemitic ● Agree

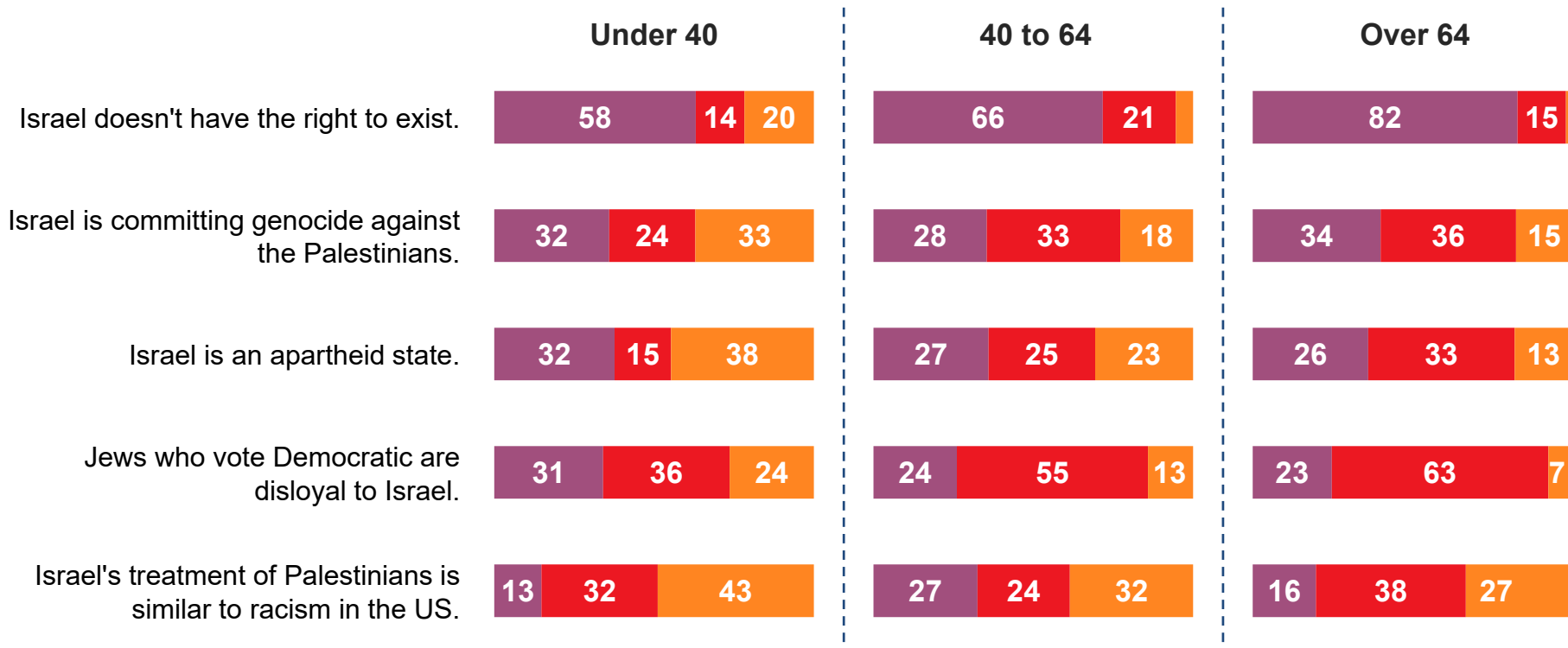


Younger Jews More Likely Than Older Jews To Agree With Sharp Criticisms Of Israel

Figure 36

Antisemitism & Israel

● Disagree / it is antisemitic ● Disagree / it is not antisemitic ● Agree



Biden More Trusted Than Trump To Fight Antisemitism

Figure 37

Biden Vs. Trump Trust

(Split) For each of the following issues, please indicate whether you trust Joe Biden or Donald Trump to do a better job with this issue.

● Biden better ● Trump better

Handling of Iran

65

22

Fighting antisemitism

64

18

Handling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

63

21

Democrats More Trusted Than Republicans To Fight Antisemitism

Figure 38

Party Trust

(Split) For each of the following issues, please indicate whether you trust Democrats in Congress or Republicans in Congress to do a better job with this issue.



Democrats better



Republicans better

Fighting antisemitism

56

17

Handling of Iran

50

26

Handling the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

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