

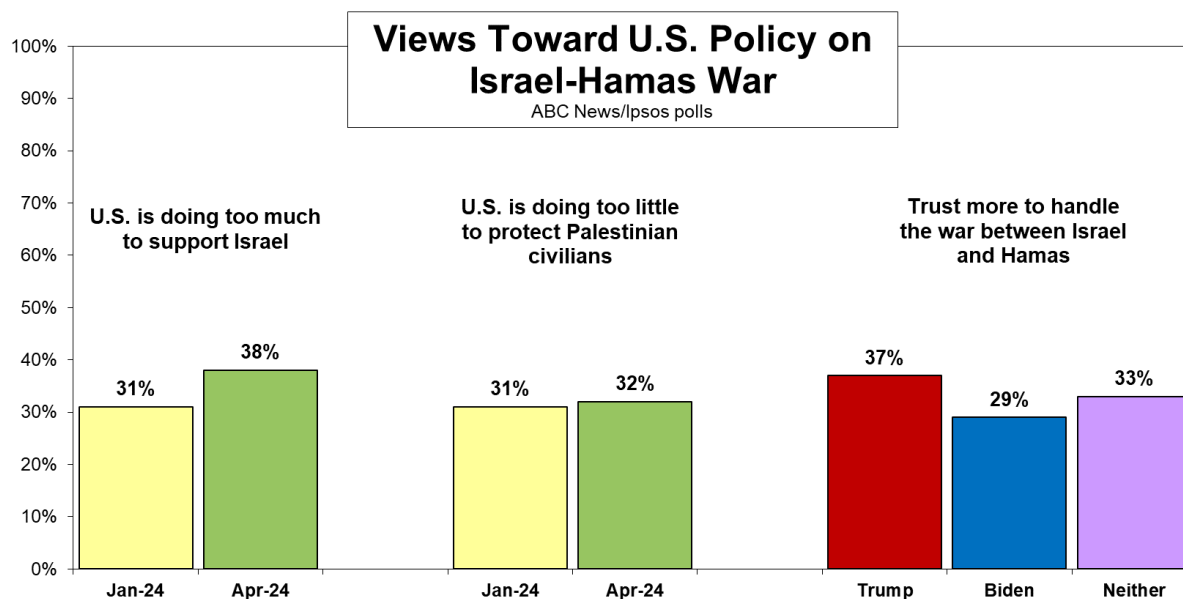
Views are Divided on Israel-Hamas War; More Trust Trump than Biden to Handle it

Nearly four in 10 Americans in a new ABC News/Ipsos poll say the United States is doing too much to support Israel in its war with Hamas, up from about three in 10 in January. And more trust Donald Trump than Joe Biden to handle the issue, though few call it critical in their choice of a candidate.

With protests raging across U.S. college campuses, views on U.S. policy are fragmented. About a third of Americans say the United States is doing too little to help protect Palestinian civilians caught up in the war – yet a quarter say it’s doing too much. The rest, 38 percent, see the U.S. effort in this regard as about right. Those results are little changed from January.

On Israel, there has been a shift: Early this year, 31 percent said the United States was doing too much to support Israel in its war with Hamas, while today 38 percent say so, up 7 percentage points. Twenty percent see too little U.S. support for Israel and 40 percent call this about right.

Ideological gaps are profound on both questions, with liberals far more apt than others to say the U.S. is doing too much to support Israel and too little to protect Palestinian civilians. Notably, given campus protests, views among young people are similar to those among all adults, and it’s older people, not the youngest, who are more likely now than in January to say the United States is doing too much to support Israel in the war.



The survey was produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#), with fieldwork by [Ipsos](#). In terms of domestic politics, it finds that 37 percent trust Trump more than Biden to handle the issue; 29 percent trust Biden more, an 8-point gap. Notably, 33 percent don't trust either Biden or Trump to handle it.

Still, salience is low. Just fewer than half of Americans, 48 percent, say the war between Israel and Hamas will be an important issue to them in the November election, including 12 percent who say it will be one of the single most important issues. As is not uncommon with foreign affairs, it ranks a distant last in importance out of 10 issues tested in the survey. (More results from the survey are to come Sunday, on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos.")

GROUPS – While protests are centered on colleges, it's ideology that most sharply differentiates attitudes on U.S. policy toward the Israel-Hamas conflict. Fifty-one percent of liberals say the United States is doing too much to support Israel in the war; that drops to 38 percent of moderates and 28 percent of conservatives. (It peaks, at 56 percent, among those who call themselves very liberal.)

On civilian casualties in Gaza, the inverse holds true, with even broader gaps. Fifty-nine percent of liberals (including 69 percent of those who are very liberal) say the United States is doing too little to help protect Palestinian civilians. That falls sharply to 29 percent of moderates and 17 percent of conservatives.

Partisanship is a factor as well. Forty-three percent of independents and 40 percent of Democrats say the United States is doing too much to support Israel; this falls to 29 percent of Republicans. Conversely, 47 percent of Democrats say the United States is doing too little to help protect Palestinian civilians. Thirty-six percent of independents share this view, falling off sharply to 15 percent of Republicans.

By age, regardless of the protests on college campuses, views on U.S. policy among adults age 18-24 are largely consonant with those among all adults. Older people, though – especially seniors – are less apt than others to say the United States is doing too much to support Israel.

| | U.S. is doing... | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Too much to support Israel | Too little to protect Palestinians |
| All | 38% | 32% |
| Liberals | 51 | 59 |
| Moderates | 38 | 29 |
| Conservatives | 28 | 17 |
| Democrats | 40 | 47 |
| Independents | 43 | 36 |
| Republicans | 29 | 15 |
| Age 18-24 | 41 | 34 |
| 25-29 | 44 | 37 |
| 30-49 | 44 | 33 |
| 50-64 | 36 | 29 |
| 65+ | 27 | 33 |

CHANGE – The 7-point shift since January in views on policy toward Israel occurred chiefly in the political center and ideological center-left – among independents and people who say they’re “somewhat” liberal. Seeing the U.S. as doing too much to support Israel is up 13 points among somewhat liberals and 11 points among independents, while essentially unchanged among very liberals and conservatives alike. It’s also up more sharply among college graduates (+11 points) than non-graduates (+5) and among women (+10) as opposed to men (+5).

Additionally, the view that the United States is doing too much to support Israel is virtually unchanged since January among 18- to 24-year-olds. It’s among people age 25 and older that this attitude has increased.

| | U.S. is doing too much to support Israel | | |
|------------------|---|---------|---------|
| | Now | January | Change |
| All | 38% | 31% | +7 pts. |
| Very liberal | 56 | 57 | -1 |
| Somewhat liberal | 48 | 35 | +13 |
| Moderates | 38 | 30 | +8 |
| Conservatives | 28 | 26 | +2 |
| Women | 38 | 28 | +10 |
| Men | 38 | 33 | +5 |
| College grads | 43 | 32 | +11 |
| Non-grads | 35 | 30 | +5 |
| Democrats | 40 | 33 | +7 |
| Independents | 43 | 32 | +11 |
| Republicans | 29 | 28 | +1 |
| Age 18-24 | 41 | 39 | +2 |
| 25-29 | 44 | 35 | +9 |
| 30-49 | 44 | 35 | +9 |
| 50-64 | 36 | 28 | +8 |
| 65+ | 27 | 21 | +6 |

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted online via the probability-based Ipsos KnowledgePanel® April 25-30, 2024, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 2,260 adults. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 2 percentage points, including the design effect, for the full sample. Sampling error is not the only source of differences in polls.

The survey was produced by [Langer Research Associates](#), with sampling and data collection by Ipsos. See details on ABC News survey methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

Q1-9, 10 and 11 a-f and h-j, 12-26, 29-31 held for release.

10. Assuming you vote for president in November, how important will each of these issues be in your choice of which candidate to support?

g. The war between Israel and Hamas

| | | ---- More important | ---- | Less important | ---- | |
|---------|-----|---------------------|------|----------------|-----------|------|
| | | One of the | Very | Somewhat | Less imp. | |
| | NET | single most | imp. | imp. | than that | Skip |
| 4/30/24 | 48 | 12 | 36 | 51 | 33 | 18 |
| | | | | | | 1 |

11. Who do you trust more to handle each of these issues, (Biden), (Trump), or do you not trust either of them to handle it?

g. The war between Israel and Hamas

| | | ---- Trust Biden more | --- | Trust Trump more | ---- | | |
|---------|-----|-----------------------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| | | Biden, | Biden, | Trump, | Trump, | Don't trust | |
| | NET | strongly | somewhat | NET | strongly | somewhat | either |
| 4/30/24 | 29 | 12 | 17 | 37 | 24 | 13 | 33 |
| | | | | | | | 1 |

27. Do you think the United States is doing (too much), (too little) or about the right amount to support Israel in its war with Hamas?*

| | | Too much | Too little | About the | Skip |
|---------|--|----------|------------|--------------|------|
| | | | | right amount | |
| 4/30/24 | | 38 | 20 | 40 | 3 |
| 1/8/24 | | 31 | 21 | 43 | 6 |

*Rotated with Q28

28. Do you think the United States is doing (too much), (too little) or about the right amount to help protect Palestinian civilians caught in Israel's war with Hamas?

| | | Too much | Too little | About the | Skip |
|---------|--|----------|------------|--------------|------|
| | | | | right amount | |
| 4/30/24 | | 26 | 32 | 38 | 4 |
| 1/8/24 | | 23 | 31 | 39 | 7 |

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