

American Public Opinion on West Bank Settlements

April 30, 2009

Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: March 25-April 6, 2009
Sample Size: 1004

Margin of Error: +/- 3.2 % (full)
Margin of Error: +/- 3.7 % (3/4)
Margin of Error: +/- 4.5 % (1/2)

Q1-Q30 released separately.

[FULL SAMPLE]

STATEMENT: Now we're going to ask you some questions about the Israel-Palestinian conflict in the Middle East

[ASK ALL]

Q31-IPC1. How closely are you following the news about recent efforts to restart the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians?

	3/09	5/03
Very closely	4%	6%
Fairly closely.....	25	26
Not too closely	38	41
Not closely at all	31	28
Refused/Don't know	*	*

[3/4 SAMPLE: A,B,D]

Q32-IPC2. How high a priority is it for the US to make efforts to resolve the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians?

	3/09	5/03
One of the highest priorities.....	8%	12%
A high priority.....	45	47
A low priority.....	32	30
Not a priority.....	14	9
Refused/Don't know	2	4

[3/4 SAMPLE: A,C,D]

Q33-IPC3. In the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, how much sympathy do you have for each side in the conflict? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 meaning no sympathy at all and 10 meaning a great deal of sympathy.

Q33a-IPC3a. Israelis

3/09 **5/03**

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0.....	13%	11%
1.....	3	1
2.....	4	3
3.....	5	3
4.....	6	6
5.....	27	25
6.....	5	8
7.....	6	9
8.....	7	9
9.....	5	4
10.....	15	15
Refused/Don't know	4	5
Mean	6.0	5.5

Q33b-IPC3b. Palestinians

	3/09	5/03
0.....	19%	18%
1.....	7	2
2.....	7	6
3.....	8	7
4.....	7	7
5.....	30	28
6.....	4	7
7.....	4	6
8.....	4	6
9.....	2	1
10.....	4	6
Refused/Don't know	4	6
Mean	4.5	3.9

STATEMENT: A highly controversial issue is that Israel has built villages for Israelis, called settlements, in the Palestinian territories in the West Bank.

[HALF SAMPLE: A,B]

Q34-IPC4. Do you think it is all right for Israel to build settlements in the Palestinian Territories, or do you think they should not?

	3/09	5/02
All right to build.....	20%	35%
Should not build.....	75	52
Refused/Don't know	5	14

[3/4 SAMPLE: B,C,D]

STATEMENT: Here are two statements, one in support of the Palestinian position and one in support of the Israeli position. Please tell me if you find them convincing or unconvincing.

Q35-IPC5. UN resolutions 242 and 338, which were endorsed by nearly all members of the UN, including the US, called for Israel to withdraw from territories it invaded in the 1967 war. Thus, for Israel to build new settlements in these areas is illegal under international law.

	3/09	5/02
Very convincing.....	20%	27%
Somewhat convincing.....	42	30
Somewhat unconvincing.....	19	18
Very unconvincing.....	11	15
Refused/Don't know	7	11

Q36-IPC6. Israel has a right to build settlements in the West Bank because Jews have lived in these areas for centuries and have legitimate historical claims to property there.

	3/09	5/02
Very convincing.....	18%	27%
Somewhat convincing.....	36	27
Somewhat unconvincing.....	27	20
Very unconvincing.....	14	16
Refused/Don't know	6	11

[HALF SAMPLE: C,D]

Q37-IPC7. Do you think it is all right for Israel to build settlements in the Palestinian Territories, or do you think they should not?

	3/09	5/02*
All right to build.....	31%	32%
Should not build.....	60	54
Refused/Don't know	7	14

Q38-Q41 released separately.

* In May 2002, respondents were asked "Now, having heard these statements, do you think it is all right for Israel to build settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, or do you think they should not?" after hearing a larger set of arguments.

[FULL SAMPLE]

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. Age

18-29	22%
30-44	27
45-59	28
60+	24

D2. Education

Less than high school	14%
High school	32
Some college	28
BA+	28

D3. Race

White, Non-Hispanic	69%
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	5
Hispanic	14
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	1

D4. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52

D5. What religion do you follow?

Christian	73%
Muslim	*
Jewish	2
Buddhist	*
Some other religion	7
No religious preference/atheist	16
Refused/Don't know	2

[ASK ONLY THOSE WHO SAY CHRISTIAN (01) ON D3]

D5a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born- again' or evangelical?

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Yes	26%*
No.....	37
No opinion	10
Refused/Don't know	*

D6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican	28%
Independent.....	20
Democrat.....	37
Other	1
No preference.....	14
Refused/Don't know	1

[ASK ONLY IF INDEPENDENT (02), OTHER (04) OR NO PREFERENCE (05) ON D7]

D6a. Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

Republican Party.....	9%†
Democratic Party	10
Neither.....	16
Refused/Don't know	*

METHODOLOGY

The poll of 1004 respondents was fielded March 25-April 6, 2009 with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points. It was fielded by Knowledge Networks, a polling, social science, and market research firm in Menlo Park, California, with a stratified random sample of its large-scale nationwide research panel. This panel itself has been randomly recruited from the national population of households having telephones; households without internet access are subsequently provided with free web access and an internet appliance. Thus the panel is not limited to those who already have home internet access. The distribution of the sample in the Web-enabled panel closely tracks the distribution of United States Census counts for the US population on age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, geographical region, employment status, income, education, etc. Upon survey completion, the data were weighted by gender, age, education, ethnicity, and partisan identity. For more information about the online survey methodology, please go to: www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp.

* Percent of total

† Percent of total