

ATTITUDES INSIDE ISRAEL

JEWISH RESIDENTS OF ISRAEL

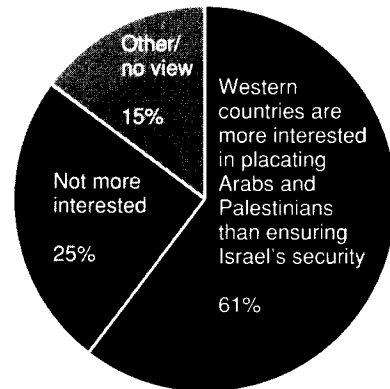
Question: Which of the two options reflects more correctly your position?

- The U.S.A. is a known friend of Israel, and as such there is no doubt that it will defend Israel's interest in any situation
- The tie between Israel and the U.S.A. will eventually bring Israel to decide on detrimental options

November 1988	75%	25%
November 1989	74%	26%
May 1990	75%	25%

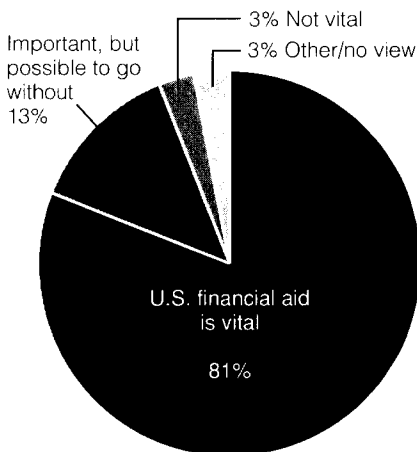
Source: Surveys by Modi'in Ezrachi (Israel), latest that of May 8-22, 1990.

Question: I will introduce several opinions and I will ask you to refer to them and determine whether they are: correct, incorrect, other, no view. Most of the Western countries are more interested in placating the Arabs and Palestinians than ensuring Israel's security.

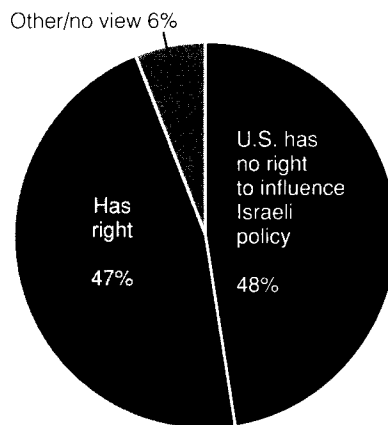


Source: Survey by the Smith Research Center (Israel) for the *New York Times*, March 23-28, 1989.

Question: Is the U.S. financial aid vital to the well-being of Israel's citizens?



Question: Because of the aid it gives Israel, does the U.S. have the right to try and influence Israeli policy?



Source: Survey by the Smith Research Center (Israel) for the *New York Times*, March 23-28, 1989.

Question: Do you think that the next Israeli government should accept the Baker plan?

Acceptance of Baker Plan by next Israeli government

- Positive response should be given
- Negative response should be given
- Unfamiliar with plan/no opinion



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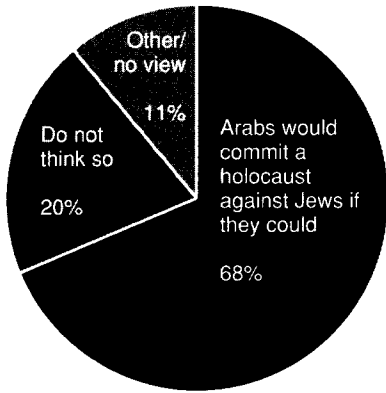


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Opinion in Israel reflects deep divisions, as the above question on the Baker plan shows. Confidence in U.S. friendship is high and stable, and U.S. financial aid is seen as vital. Jews are split on how much influence the U.S. should have in Israel.

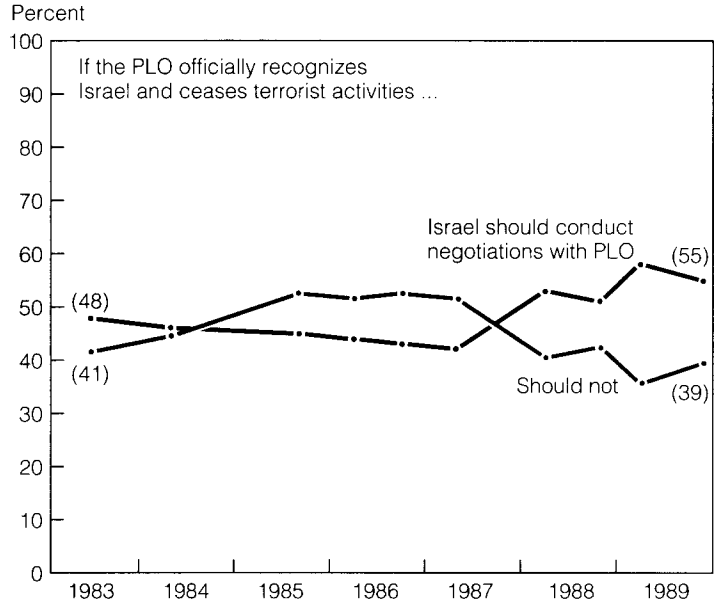
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Question: I will introduce several opinions and I will ask you to refer to them and determine whether they are: correct, incorrect, other/no view. If they could, would the Arabs commit a holocaust against the Jews in Israel?



Source: Survey by the Smith Research Center (Israel) for the *New York Times*, March 23-28, 1989.

Question: I will introduce several opinions and I will ask you to refer to them and determine whether they are: correct, incorrect, other/no view. If the PLO officially recognizes Israel and ceases terrorist activities, should we conduct negotiations with them?

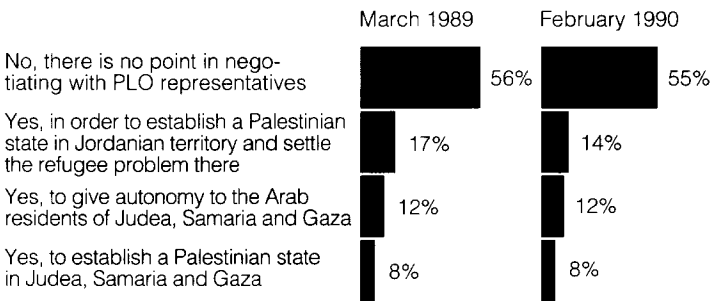


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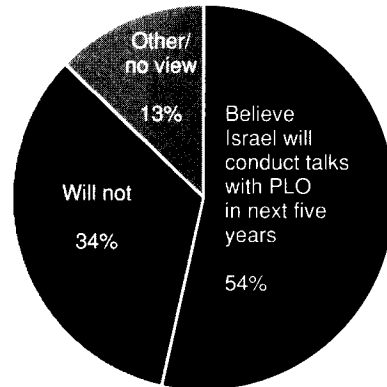
Question: In your opinion, is there reason to conduct negotiations with representatives of the PLO and, if so, for what purpose?

Question: Without taking your own opinions into consideration, do you believe Israel will or will not conduct talks with the PLO in the next five years?

Negotiations with the PLO



Source: Surveys by Modi'in Ezrachi (Israel), latest that of February 14-28, 1990.

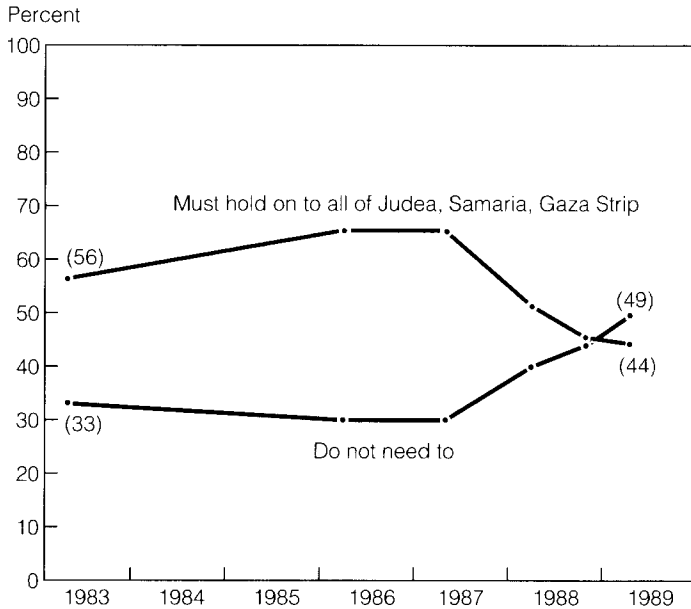


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Underlying Israeli Jews' opinions on negotiations with the PLO is the widespread belief that the Arabs would commit a holocaust against Jews. Support for conditional negotiations with the PLO may be growing.

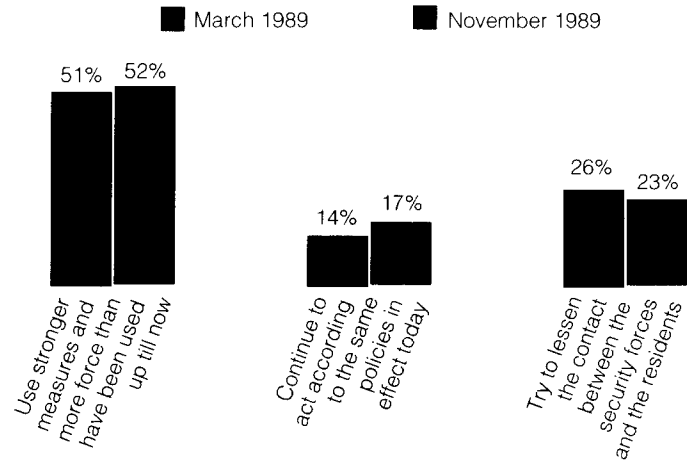
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Question: I will introduce several opinions and I will ask you to refer to them and determine whether they are: correct, incorrect, other/no view. Must we hold on to all of Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip to ensure the country's security?



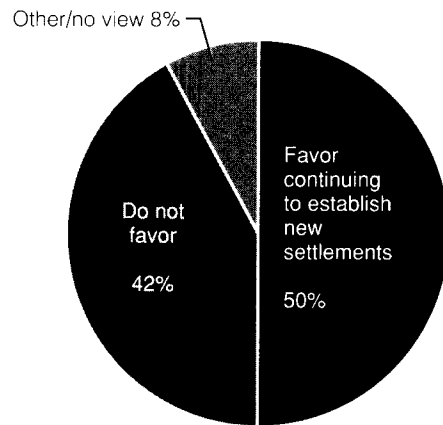
Source: Surveys by the Smith Research Center (Israel), latest that of March 23-28, 1989.

Question: Which of the following possibilities should the Israeli Defense Forces and the security forces employ in dealing with the disturbances in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza?



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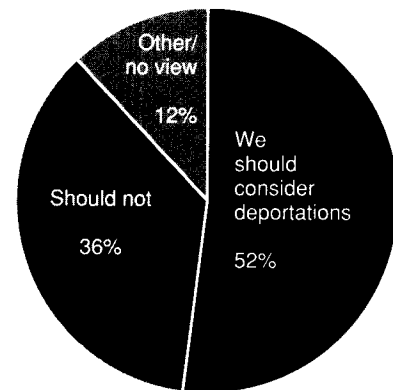
Question: Are you in favor of continuing to establish new settlements in Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip?



Source: Survey by the Smith Research Center (Israel), November 1989.

Question: I will introduce several opinions and I will ask you to refer to them and determine whether they are: correct, incorrect, other/no view. We should consider deporting the Palestinians from Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip in the event that no way for peace is found.

In the event no way for peace is found

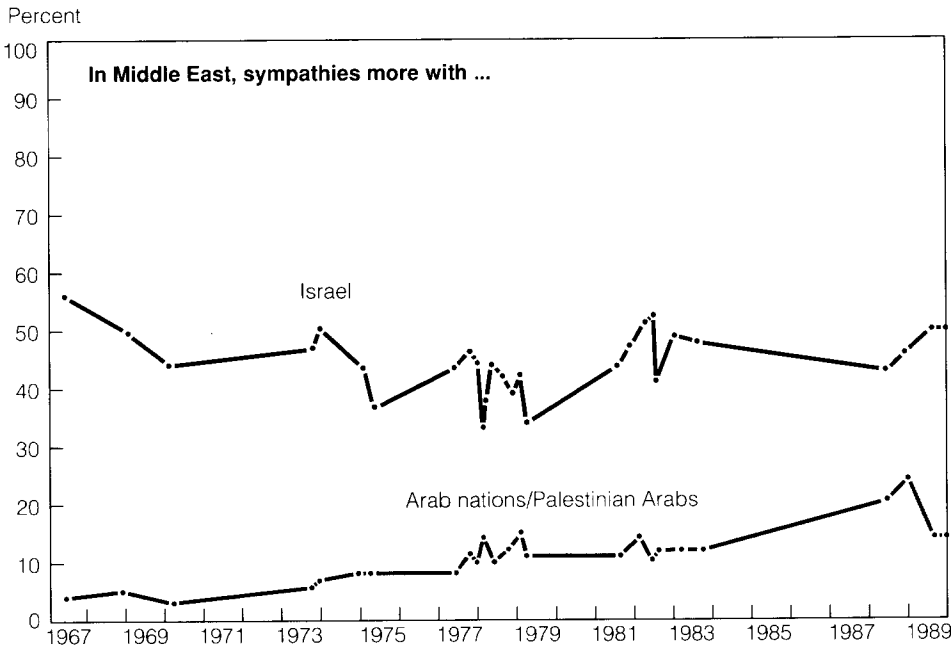


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Jews in Israel favor establishing new settlements, and they would be tougher about them.

U.S. SYMPATHIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Question: In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with Israel or more with the Arab nations?* (Asked of those who had heard or read about the situation in the Middle East)



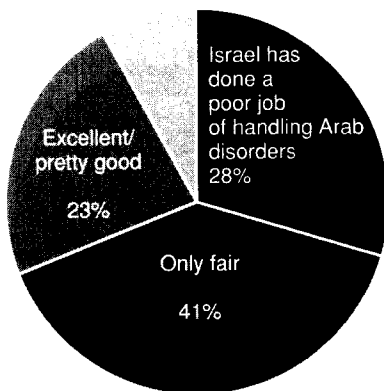
Note: * In 1988, category changed to "Palestinian Arabs".

Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of August 10-13, 1989.

Sympathies more with ...

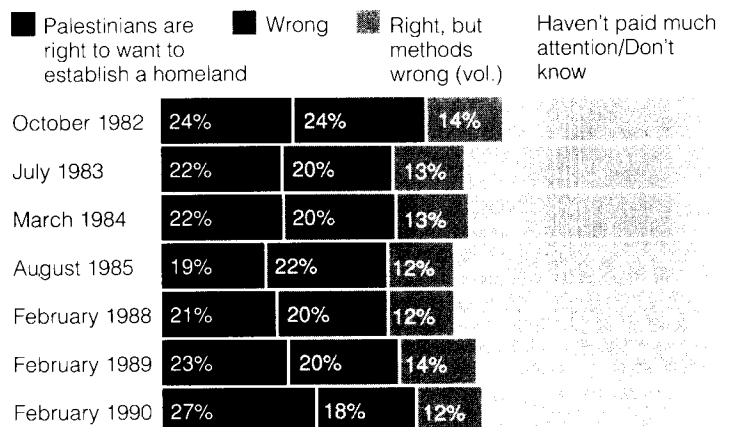
	Israel	Arab Nations	Neither
Jun. 1967	56%	4%	25%
Jan. 1969	50	5	28
Mar. 1970	44	3	32
Oct. 1973	47	6	22
Dec.	50	7	25
Jan. 1975	44	8	22
Apr.	37	8	24
Jun. 1977	44	8	28
Oct.	46	11	21
Dec.	44	10	27
Feb. 1978	33	14	28
Mar.	38	11	33
Apr.-May	44	10	33
Aug.	42	11	30
Sept.	41	12	29
Sept.	42	12	29
Nov.	39	13	30
Jan. 1979	42	15	29
Mar.	34	11	31
Jul.-Aug. 1981	44	11	34
Jan. 1982	49	14	23
Apr.-May	51	12	26
Jun.	52	10	29
Jul.	41	12	31
Jan. 1983	49	12	22
Jul.	48	12	26
May 1988	43	20	20
Dec.	46	24	16
Aug. 1989	50	14	15

Question: All in all, how would you rate the job Israel has done in handling the Arab disorders on the West Bank and Gaza?



Source: Survey by Louis Harris and Associates, March 8-13, 1990.

Question: As you know, the Palestinians in the Middle East want to establish a homeland for Palestinians on territory occupied by Israel since 1967. Do you think the Palestinians are right or wrong in wanting to establish a Palestinian homeland in Israeli occupied territory, or haven't you paid much attention to it?



Source: Surveys by the Roper Organization (Roper Reports 90-3), latest that of February 10-24, 1990.

U.S. public opinion on the conflict between Israel and the Arab states shows long-standing and generally stable support for Israel. Nonetheless, Americans are often critical of specific Israeli actions, as the figure above shows.