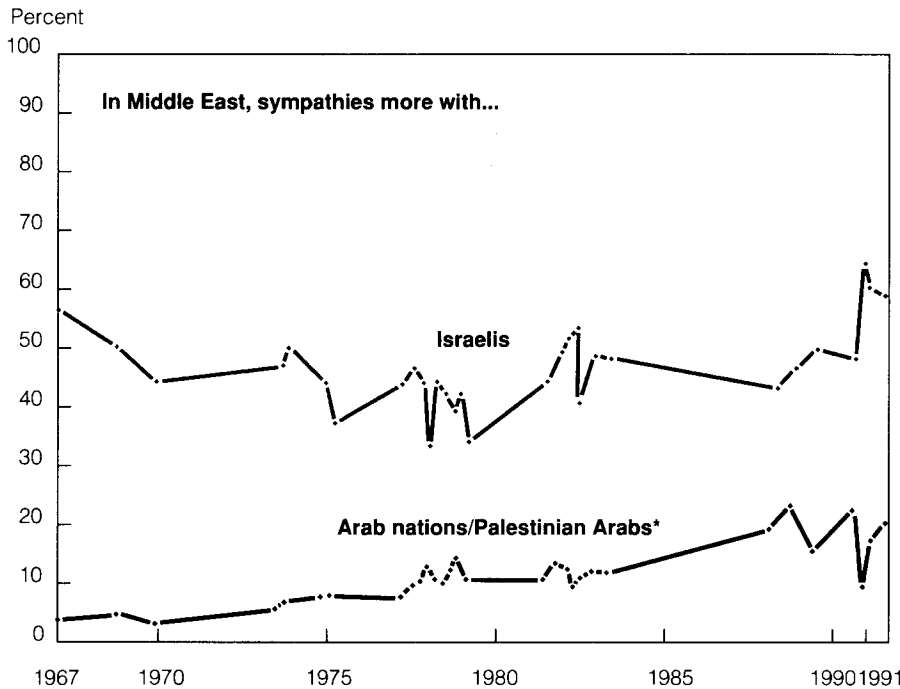


# SYMPATHIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

American sympathies in the Middle East, historically pro-Israel, were reinforced by the Gulf War. Americans are split, though, over whether Israel or the Arab nations poses the biggest obstacle to peace in the region. Seven in ten approve of President Bush's handling of the situation in the Middle East.

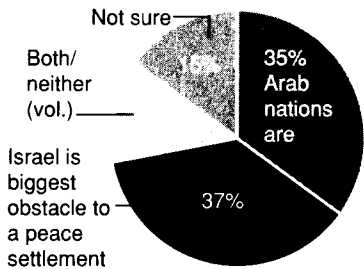
Question: **In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies with the Israelis or more with the Palestinian Arabs?\***



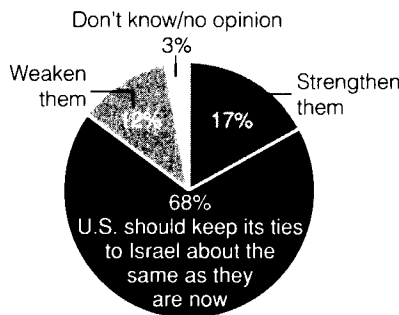
	Israel	Arab nations/ Palestinian Arabs	Both/neither
Jun. 1967	56%	4%	25%
Jan. 1969	50	5	28
Mar. 1970	44	3	32
Oct. 1973	47	6	22
Dec.	50	7	25
Jan. 1975	44	8	22
Apr.	37	8	24
Jun. 1977	44	8	28
Oct.	46	11	21
Dec.	44	10	27
Feb. 1978	33	14	28
Apr.-May	44	10	33
Aug.	42	11	30
Nov.	39	13	30
Jan. 1979	42	15	29
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
Oct. 1990	48	23	19
Feb. 1991	64	8	19
Mar.	60	17	16
Aug.	59	21	12

**Note:** Based on group that says it is following the situation in the Middle East very or fairly closely. \* In 1988, category changed to "Palestinian Arabs."  
**Source:** Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of August 8-11, 1991.

Question: **In general, who do you think is currently the biggest obstacle to finding a peace settlement in the Arab-Israeli dispute ... ?**

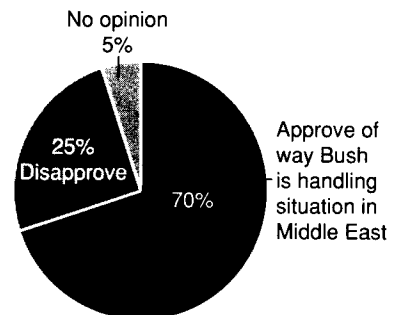


Question: **Do you think the United States should strengthen its ties to Israel, weaken its ties to Israel or keep its ties to Israel about the same as they are now?**



**Note:** This question has been asked five times since January 1987, and responses have been consistent.  
**Source:** Survey by ABC News, September 13-15, 1991.

Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling the situation in the Middle East?**



**Note:** In a September 1991 Gallup survey, 58% of respondents approved of the way President Bush is handling relations with Israel, 26% disapproved.  
**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, August 8-11, 1991.

**Source:** Survey by Peter Hart and Robert Teeter for NBC News/Wall Street Journal, July 26-29, 1991.

# FEMINIST LABEL

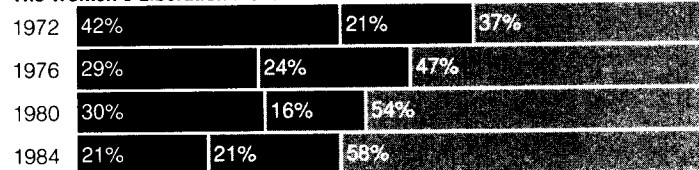
Women with postgraduate educations and those with high incomes are most likely to consider themselves strong feminists. With one notable exception (perceptions of the women's movement), the views of women who consider themselves feminists and those who do not are strikingly similar on a wide range of issues.

Question: I'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people (groups) who are in the news these days. I'll read the name of a person and I'd like you to rate that person using something we call the feeling thermometer. Ratings between 50° and 100° mean that you feel favorable and warm toward that person. Ratings between 0° and 50° mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person and that you don't care too much for that person. You would rate the person at the 50-degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the person.

Very/somewhat unfavorable feeling toward (0°-49°)      Midpoint 50°      Somewhat/very favorable (51°-100°)

## All women

### The Women's Liberation Movement



### Feminists



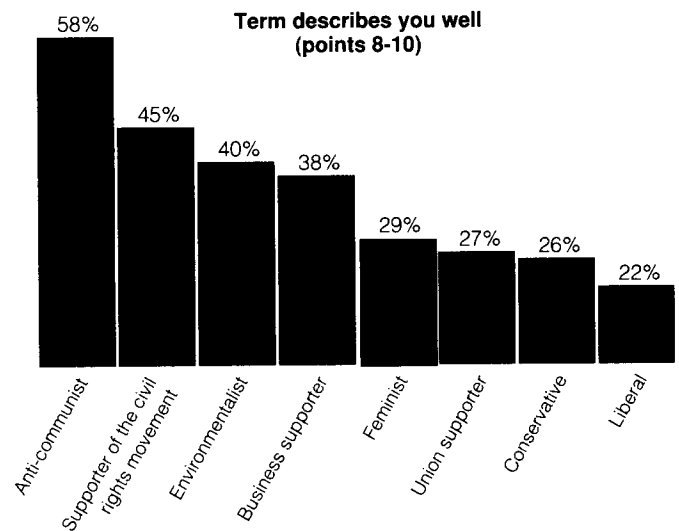
### The Women's Movement



Source: Surveys by the Center for Political Studies of the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, American National Election Study, latest that of November 7, 1990-January 26, 1991.

Question: On a scale from 1 to 10—with "1" being a description that is totally wrong for you and "10" being perfect, how well do the following describe you?

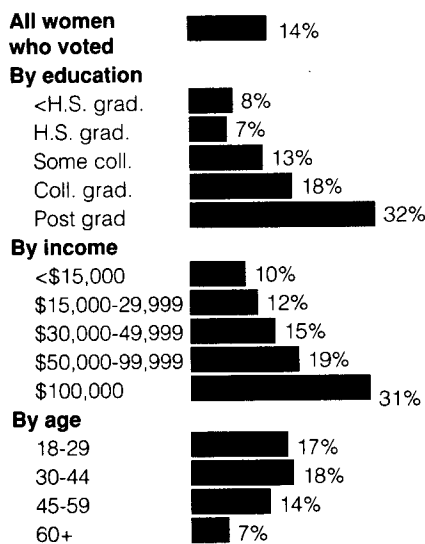
## All women



Source: Survey by Princeton Research Associates for the Times Mirror Center for The People and The Press, May 1-31, 1990.

Question: Are you any of the following?

## Consider self a "strong feminist"



Note: Sample = 9,001 voters as they left voting booths. Of women voters: 12% of Protestants, 16% of Catholics, 29% of Jews, and 25% claiming no religious faith considered themselves "strong feminists". Eight percent of Republican women voters, compared to 18% of Independent and 18% of Democratic women voters considered themselves "strong feminists."

Source: Survey by Voter Research and Surveys, November 6, 1990.

Consider self a feminist      Do not

## Very often/Sometimes wish you could stay home and be a homemaker or mother\*



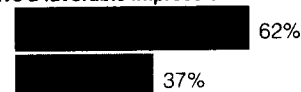
## Society looks down on women who do not hold paid jobs



## Abortion should be legal in some cases



## Have a favorable impression of NOW



## Women's movement today has helped women become more independent



## Job discrimination is a very important issue for women today



## Things are going very/fairly well for the average American woman today



## The women's movement today accurately reflects the views of most women



Note: \*Asked of women who work full or part time.

Source: These are abbreviated versions of questions taken from a survey conducted by Yankelovich Clancy Shulman for Time and CNN, October 23-25, 1989.