

THE ISRAELI-PLO ACCORD: Israel is Saying Yes

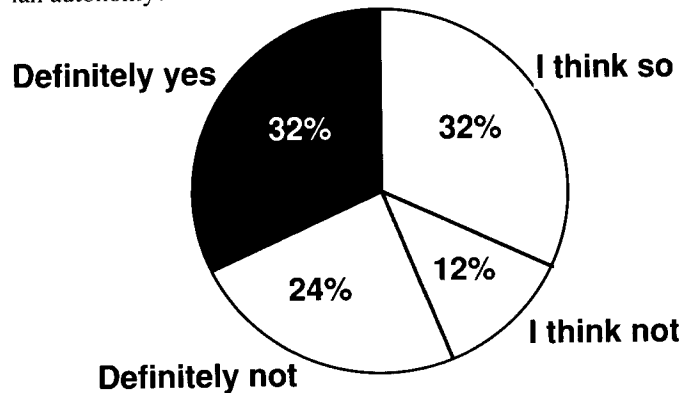
1993 Chronology of the Israeli-PLO Accord

January 19: Israel's Parliament repeals a 1986 law forbidding Israelis to have contact with PLO members. **August 13:** Israel effectively accepts a PLO presence in peace talks. **August 30-31:** Foreign Minister Shimon Peres announces preliminary accord on Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories, reached in secret talks in Norway and Tunisia between the PLO and the Israeli Government. **September 10:** PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin exchange letters of mutual recognition. **September 13:** Peres and PLO negotiator Mahmoud Abbas sign the self-rule draft accord at the White House; Arafat and Rabin, meeting for the first time, shake hands to confirm the accord.

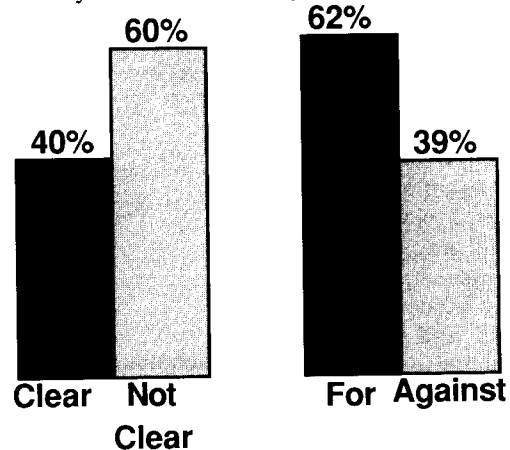
Note: All Israeli data are for the adult Jewish population; Israeli Arabs are not included.

Source: *Facts on File*, September 16, 1993.

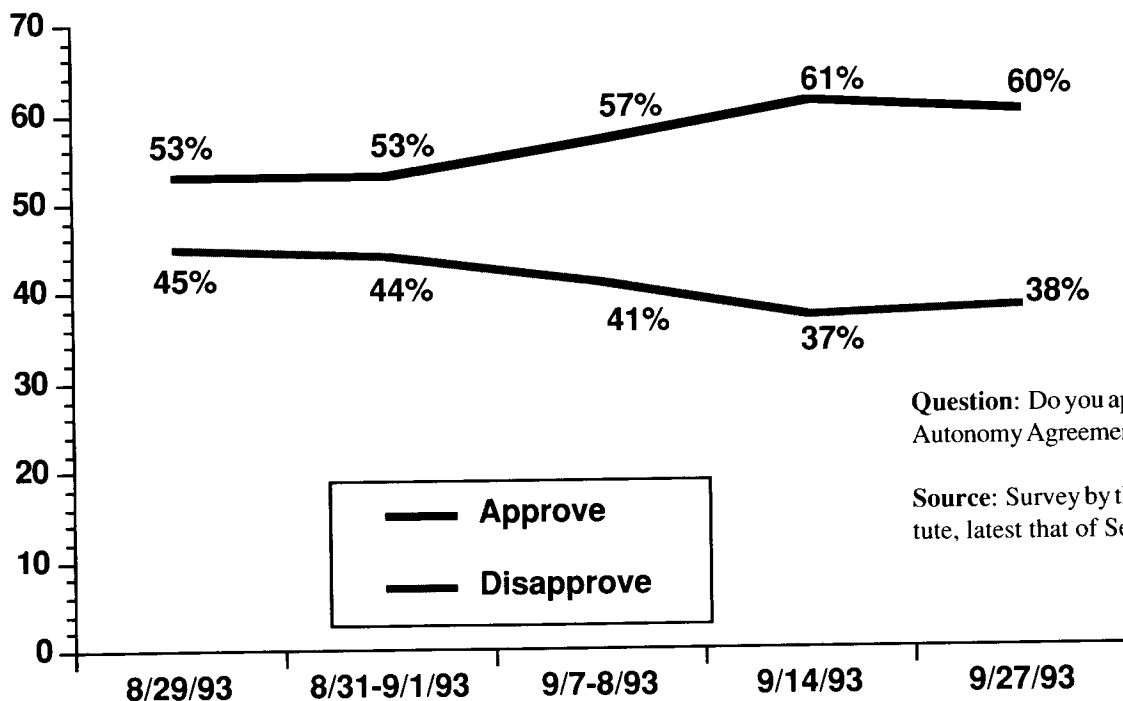
Question: Was the Israeli government correct in opening negotiations with the PLO in order to reach an agreement on Palestinian autonomy?



Question: Israel and the PLO have agreed on a plan for Palestinian autonomy that will begin in Gaza and Jericho, and at a later stage extend beyond that. How clear to you is the agreement with the PLO? From what you know so far, are you for or against this plan?



Source: Survey by the Guttman Institute of Applied Social Research for the American Jewish Committee (AJC), September 7-8, 1993.



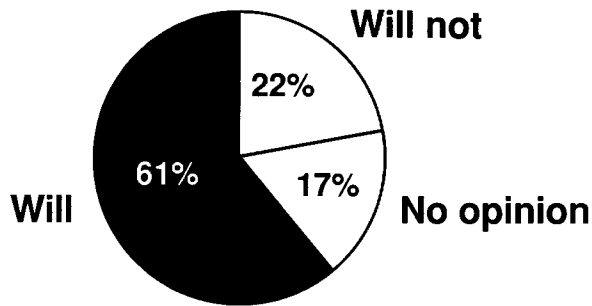
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the Autonomy Agreement, "Gaza and Jericho first?"

Source: Survey by the DAHAF Research Institute, latest that of September 27, 1993.

Distinctions:

Yes, There Will Be an Independent Palestinian State

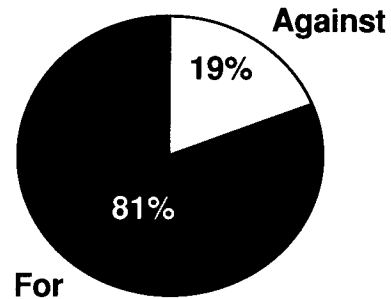
Question: Twenty years from now, do you think there will or will not be an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza?



Source: Survey by Gallup Israel for CNN, September 14, 1993.

Strong Yes to the Autonomy Plan for Gaza

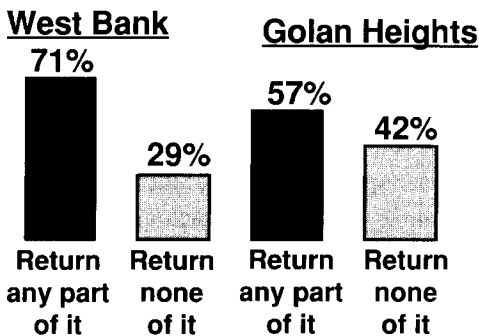
Question: Are you for or against the Palestinian autonomy plan as it applies to the Gaza Strip?



Source: Survey by the Guttman Institute for the AJC, September 7-8, 1993.

Yes to Return of Part of West Bank and the Golan

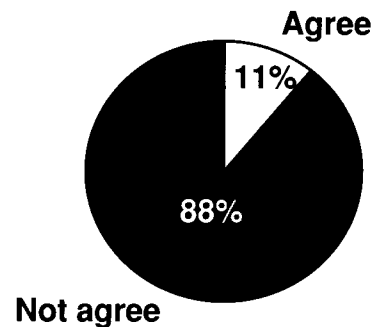
Questions: How much of the West Bank would you be willing to give up in order to reach a peace agreement with the Arab states? How much would you be willing to give up on the Golan Heights in order to reach a peace agreement with the Arab states?



Source: Survey by the Guttman Institute for the AJC, September 7-8, 1993.

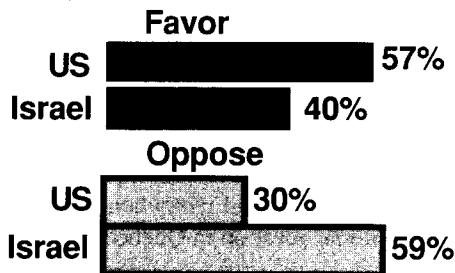
No To Change in Jerusalem's Status

Question: In the framework of a permanent peace with the Palestinians, should Israel agree to an eventual compromise on the status of Jerusalem as a united city under Israeli jurisdiction?



American Jews Less Worried than Israeli Jews About Sweeping Change

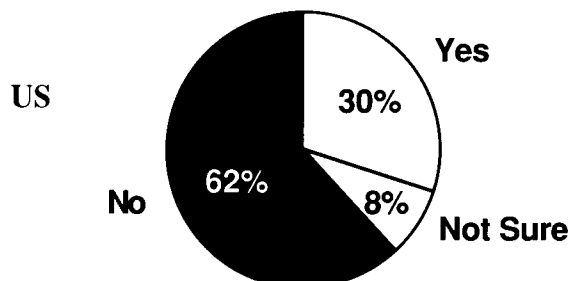
Question: Given the situation that has now been created, do you favor or oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state?



Note: US question wording varied slightly.

Source: Israeli survey conducted by the Guttman Institute for the AJC, September 7-8, 1993. US survey conducted by Market Facts for the AJC, September 20-26, 1993.

Question: In the framework of a permanent peace with the Palestinians, should Israel be willing to compromise on the status of Jerusalem as a united city under Israeli jurisdiction?



Source: Survey by Market Facts for the AJC, September 20-26, 1993.