

# USA TODAY/Gallup Poll

Results are based on telephone interviews with 1,005 National Adults, aged 18+, conducted July 21-23, 2006.

Do you think there will or will not come a time when Israel and the Arab nations will be able to settle their differences and live in peace?

	Yes, there will come a time	No, there will not	No opinion
2006 Jul 21-23	27	68	4
2006 Feb 6-9	32	65	3
2005 Feb 7-10	49	48	3
2004 Nov 19-21	37	60	3
2003 May 19-21	51	46	3
2002 Apr 5-7	36	61	3

2002 Feb 4-6	37	_____	59	4
2001 Aug 10-12	32	_____	64	4
2001 Feb 1-4	41	_____	56	3
2000 Jan 25-26	49	_____	45	6
1999 Jul 22-25	49	_____	47	4
1998 Dec 4-6	40	_____	56	4
1997 Aug 12-13	36	_____	56	8

Do you think the Bush administration has a clear and well-thought out policy on the situation in the Middle East, or not?

	<b>Yes, does have</b>	<b>No, does not</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	27	67	7
2002 Jun 21-23	35	60	5
2002 Apr 5-7	48	47	5

How closely have you been following the news about the attacks going on in Israel and Lebanon?

	<b>Very closely</b>	<b>Somewhat closely</b>	<b>Not too closely</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	28	43	22	6	*

**Trends for Comparison:** *How closely would you say you have followed the recent situation in the Middle East involving Israel and the Palestinians -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?*

	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too closely	Not at all	No opinion
2003 Jun 12-15	25	49	21	5	*
2003 May 19-21	24	48	21	7	--
2002 Apr 5-7	34	45	18	3	*
2000 Oct 13-14	30	39	18	11	2

How much do you blame for the current attacks in Israel and Lebanon?

2006 Jul 21-23 (sorted by "great deal")	Great deal	Great deal/ moderate amount	Not very much/ not at all
Hezbollah	53	76	12
Iran	39	70	19
Syria	29	65	19
Lebanon	27	65	24
Israel	15	45	44

## **Full Results**

### **A. Israel**

	<b>Great deal</b>	<b>Moderate amount</b>	<b>Not very much</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	15	30	21	23	11

**Trends for Comparison:** *How much do you blame the Israelis for the current violence in the Middle East?*

	<b>Great deal</b>	<b>Moderate amount</b>	<b>Not very much</b>	<b>None at all</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2003 Oct 10-12	20	48	18	10	4
2002 Mar 22-24	26	46	14	10	4

**B. Hezbollah**

	<b>Great deal</b>	<b>Moderate amount</b>	<b>Not very much</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	53	23	7	5	12

**C. Iran**

	<b>Great deal</b>	<b>Moderate amount</b>	<b>Not very much</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	39	31	13	6	10

**D. Syria**

	<b>Great deal</b>	<b>Moderate amount</b>	<b>Not very much</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	29	36	13	6	15

**E. Lebanon**

	Great deal	Moderate amount	Not very much	Not at all	No opinion
2006 Jul 21-23	27	38	15	9	11

Do you approve or disapprove of the military action Israel has taken in Lebanon?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2006 Jul 21-23	50	38	12

Do you [approve/disapprove] strongly or only moderately?

**COMBINED RESPONSES**

	Approve strongly	Approve not strongly	Disapprove not strongly	Disapprove strongly	No opinion
2006 Jul 21-23	28	22	23	15	12

Do you approve or disapprove of the military action Hezbollah has taken in Israel?

	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	11	76	13

Do you [approve/disapprove] strongly or only moderately?

**COMBINED RESPONSES**

	<b>Approve strongly</b>	<b>Approve not strongly</b>	<b>Disapprove not strongly</b>	<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	3	8	24	52	13

Which comes closest to your view of Israel's current military action in Lebanon?

	<b>Justified in all military action taken</b>	<b>Justified, but gone too far</b>	<b>Not justified in any military action taken</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	33	50	7	9

Do you favor or oppose the use of Israeli ground troops in an invasion of southern Lebanon?

	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	40	47	12

In the current conflict, do you think the United States should take Israel's side, take the side of Hezbollah, or not take either side?

	<b>Israel's side</b>	<b>Hezbollah's side</b>	<b>Not take either side</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
2006 Jul 21-23	31	*	65	4

As far as you are concerned, should the development of a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli situation in the Middle East be a very important foreign policy goal of the United States, a somewhat important goal, not too important, or not an important goal at all?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	No opinion
2006 Jul 21-23	50	35	8	7	1

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***In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.***