

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

MIDDLE EAST

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,016– national adults, aged 18+, conducted July 22-23, 2014. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2013 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2013 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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.

Next, as you may know, in recent days, there has been increased violence between the Israelis and the Palestinian group Hamas in the Middle East.

Q.1-2 ROTATED

1. Do you think the Israeli actions in the current conflict with the Palestinian group Hamas over the past few days have been – [ROTATED: mostly justified (or) mostly unjustified]?

	<u>Mostly justified</u>	<u>Mostly unjustified</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jul 22-23	42	39	20

For comparison: Do you think the Israeli actions in the current conflict with the Palestinians over the past few days have been -- [ROTATED: mostly justified (or) mostly unjustified]?

	<u>Mostly justified</u>	<u>Mostly unjustified</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 Apr 5-7 ^	49	41	10
2002 Apr 3	44	34	22

^ Asked of a half sample

2. Do you think the actions of the Palestinian group Hamas in the current conflict with Israel over the past few days have been -- [ROTATED: mostly justified (or) mostly unjustified]?

	<u>Mostly justified</u>	<u>Mostly unjustified</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jul 22-23	11	70	20

For comparison: Do you think the Palestinian actions in the current conflict with Israel over the past few days have been -- [ROTATED: mostly justified (or) mostly unjustified]?

	<u>Mostly justified</u>	<u>Mostly unjustified</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 Apr 5-7 ^	22	66	12
2002 Apr 3	17	62	21

^ Asked of a half sample

3. Do you think the current conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians is more serious than past conflicts between them, less serious, or about the same as past conflicts?

	<u>More serious</u>	<u>Less serious</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jul 22-23	45	3	43	10

4. 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?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Somewhat closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jul 22-23	22	37	23	17	2