

Mapping Contemporary Views on Israel-Palestine



Part I: The Mainstream Jewish Community



The American Jewish Community



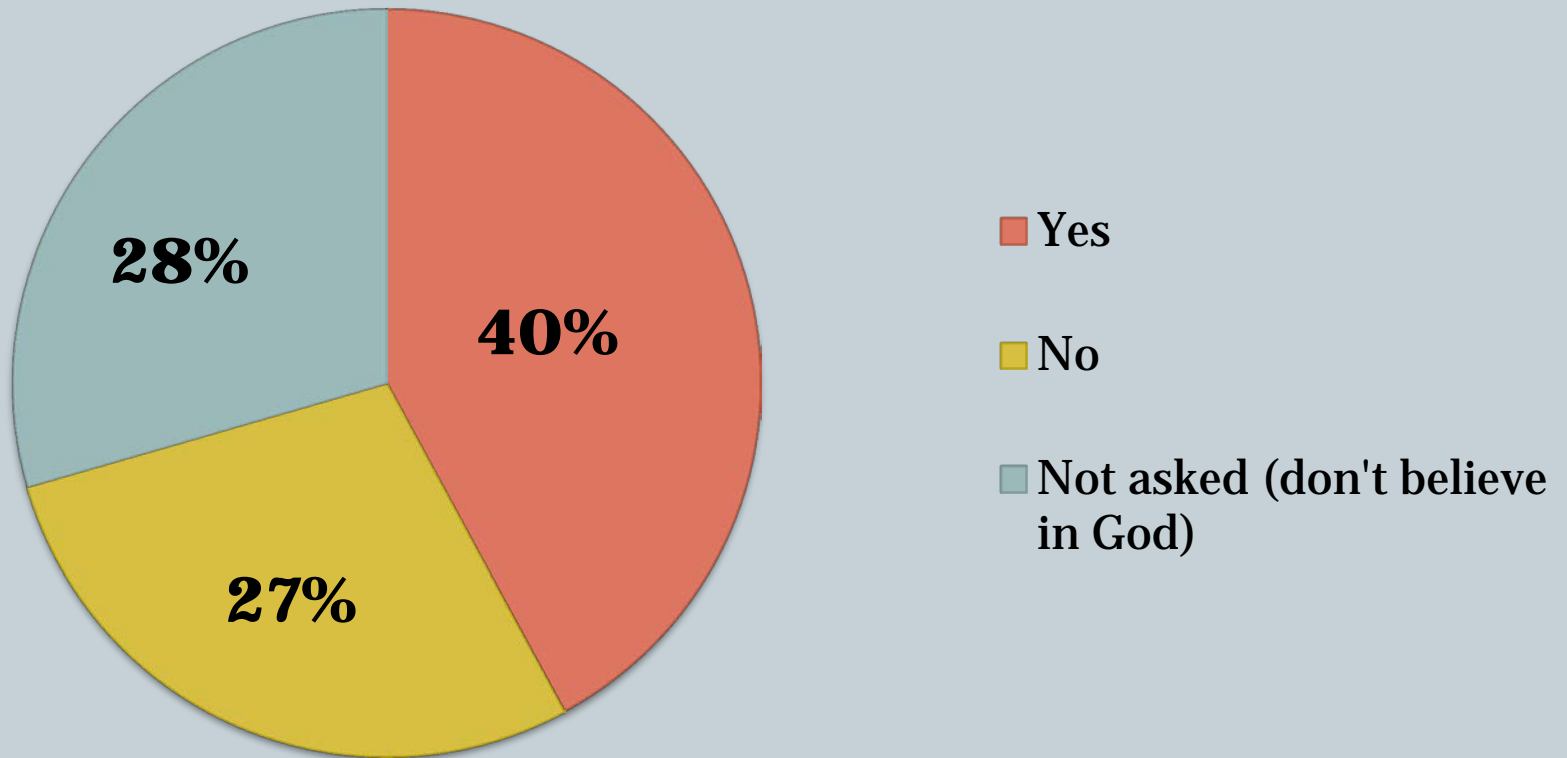
**THE PEW FOUNDATION:
*A PORTRAIT OF JEWISH AMERICANS***



A Portrait of Jewish Americans



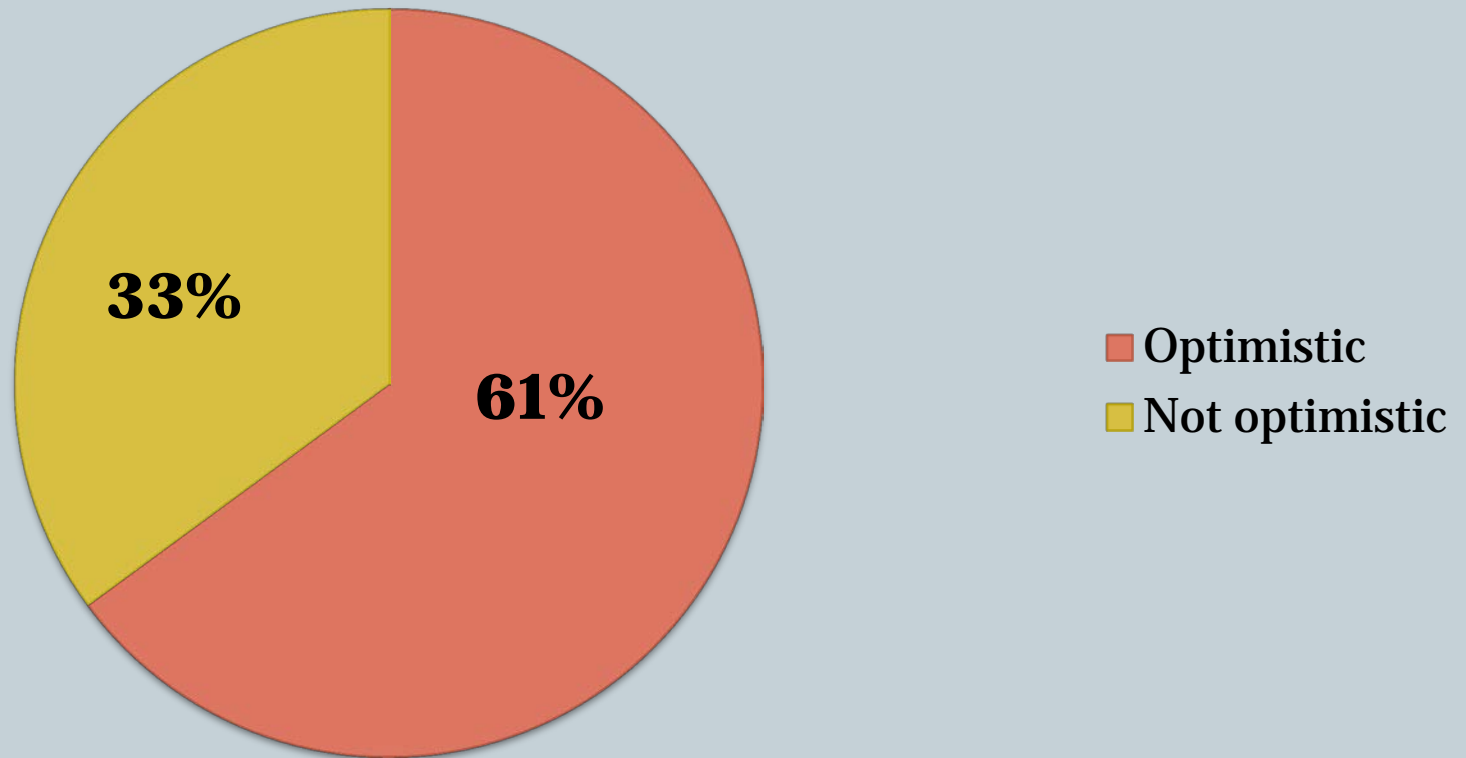
Did God give the Land of Israel to the Jewish People?



A Portrait of Jewish Americans



Is there a way for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully?”



American Jews: Divided



“To AIPAC, J Street is beyond the pale of ‘pro-Israel,’ more critical of Israel’s actions than those of its enemies. To J Street, AIPAC represents an old American perception of pro-Israel, ignorant of the beliefs and sentiments of both the younger generation of American Jews and of the majority of Israelis.”

—Charles Kopel, *Moment Magazine*, 2012

J Street 

 **AIPAC**
America's Pro-Israel Lobby

American Jews: Divided



“In these different perspectives lies the flaw of each lobby group’s repertoire: a deep transgression of omission. AIPAC presents what Israel is on paper, and what the concept of Israel looked like in 1948 (with, of course, a great deal of accolades for the small nation’s start-up miracles and high-tech achievements), but says nothing of the real status of Arabs in Israeli society, of the women who are made to ride in the back of buses in Haredi communities.”

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American Jews: Divided



“J Street presents what is supposedly a liberal Zionist ideal, and a genuine effort to save the soul of Israel. Its narrative seems, however, to include no room to blame anyone but the Likud-led coalition for Israel’s misfortune. No recognition of rocket fire from Gaza on Israeli civilians.”

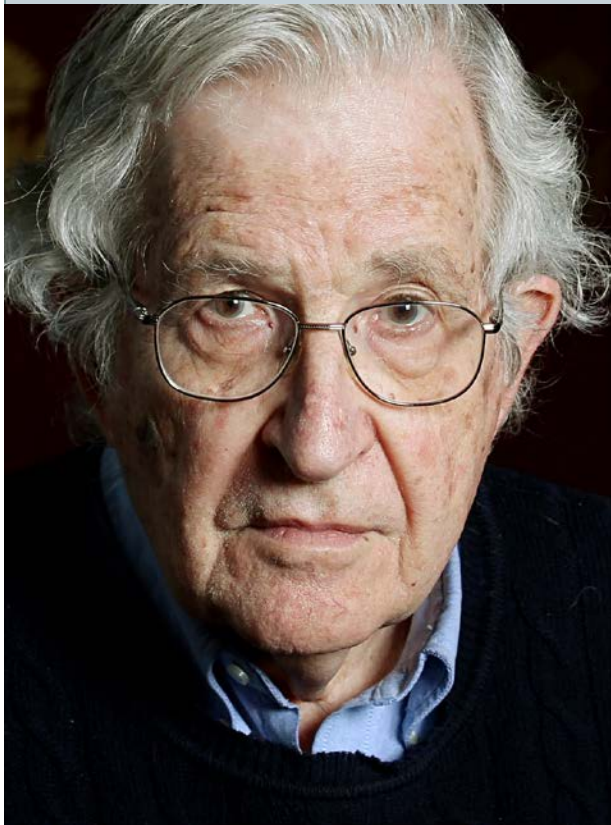
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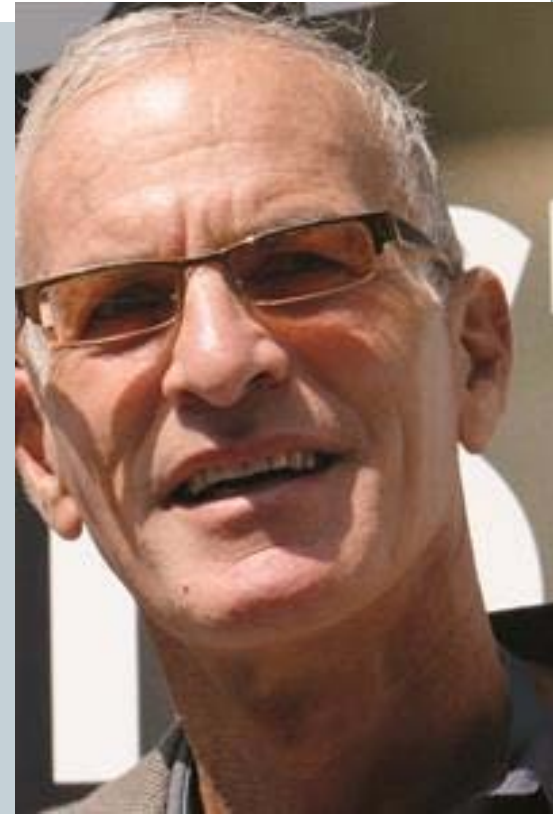
Anti-Zionist Jewish Intellectuals



NORMAN FINKELSTEIN



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The European Jewish Community



**JDC INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR
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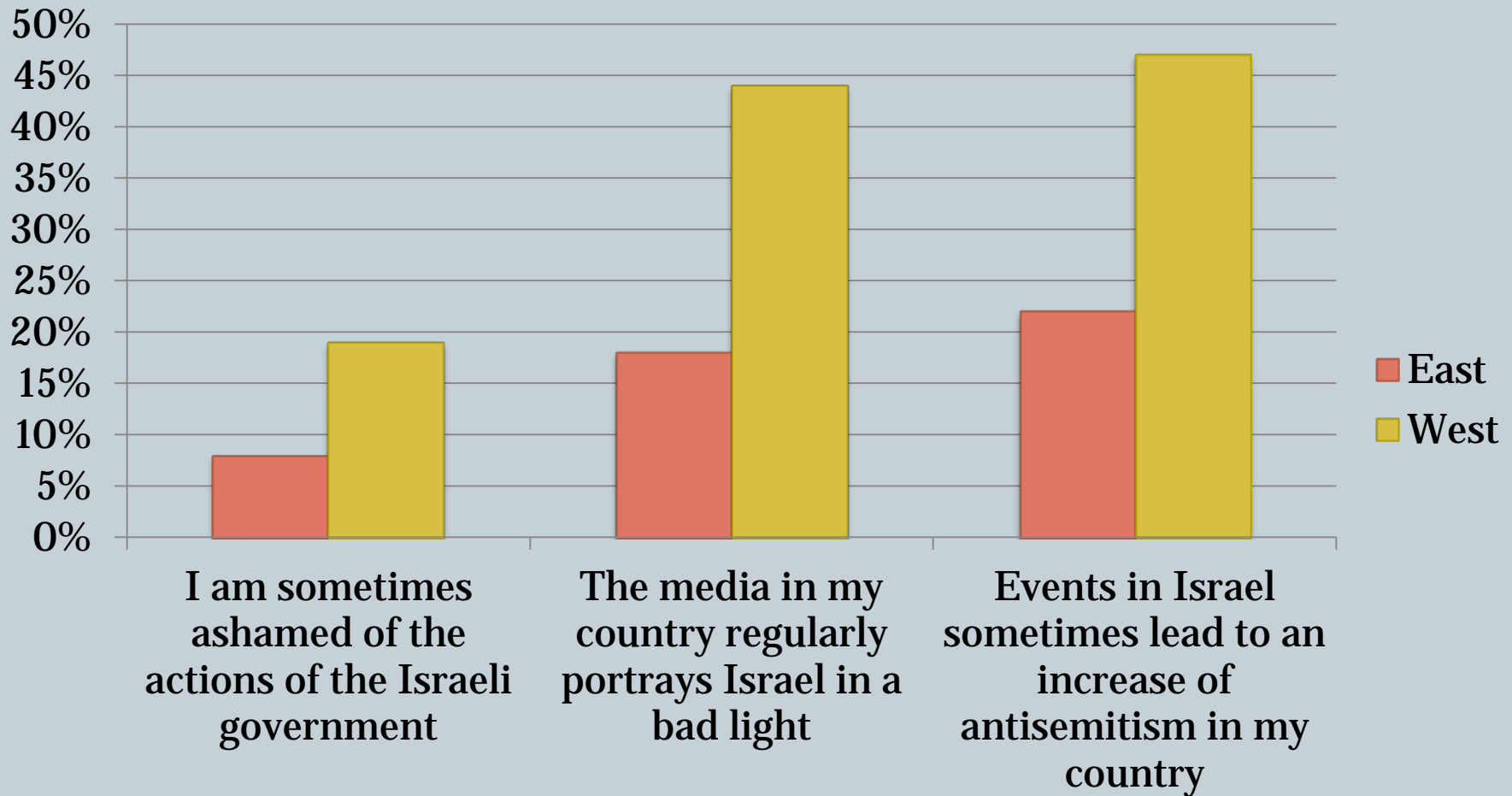
JDC International
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European Jews



“As regards subgroup differences, Eastern Europeans see the main future threats as the alienation of Jews from the Jewish community life and the lack of effective assistance from Jewish organizations abroad. Western Europeans, on the other hand, are more likely to consider anti-Semitism as a threat than are Eastern European (30% vs. 14%).”

European Jews: Strong Agreement?



Israeli Jewish Community



Israeli Jewish Community



“What’s striking is that the Israeli public seems to have lost interest with the Palestinian question — the general feeling is that it’s like the weather, nothing you can do about it.”

— Guy Ben-Porat, Dept. of Public Policy and Administration, Ben Gurion University



Israeli Jewish Community



Oxford Research Group Study, 2006–2009

“The proposals that the group developed were not so much linked to the problems of Gaza and the West Bank, but were more related to what the future state would look like, and the distinction between Jewishness (cultural Jewish identity), Zionism (national Jewish identity) and Judaism (religious Jewish identity). The social fragmentation of Jewish Israeli society became the main concern of the discussion.”

Part II: The Mainstream Palestinian Community



Mainstream Palestinian Views



OXFORD RESEARCH GROUP



**PALESTINIAN CENTER FOR POLICY
AND SURVEY RESEARCH**



THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE



Oxford Research Group (Palestine Strategy Group section)



“The starting point for this report is the near-consensus in the PSG that the option of ending the conflict with Israel through bilateral negotiations — which the Palestinian leadership has pursued for 20 years — is not available given the intransigence of the present Israeli government. . . . “

Oxford Research Group (Palestine Strategy Group section)



Scenarios acceptable to many or most Palestinians are:

- (1) Sovereign Palestinian state, 1967 borders, Jerusalem as its capital**
- (2) Single bi-national state**
- (3) Single democratic state**
- (4) Jordan-Palestinian state confederation**

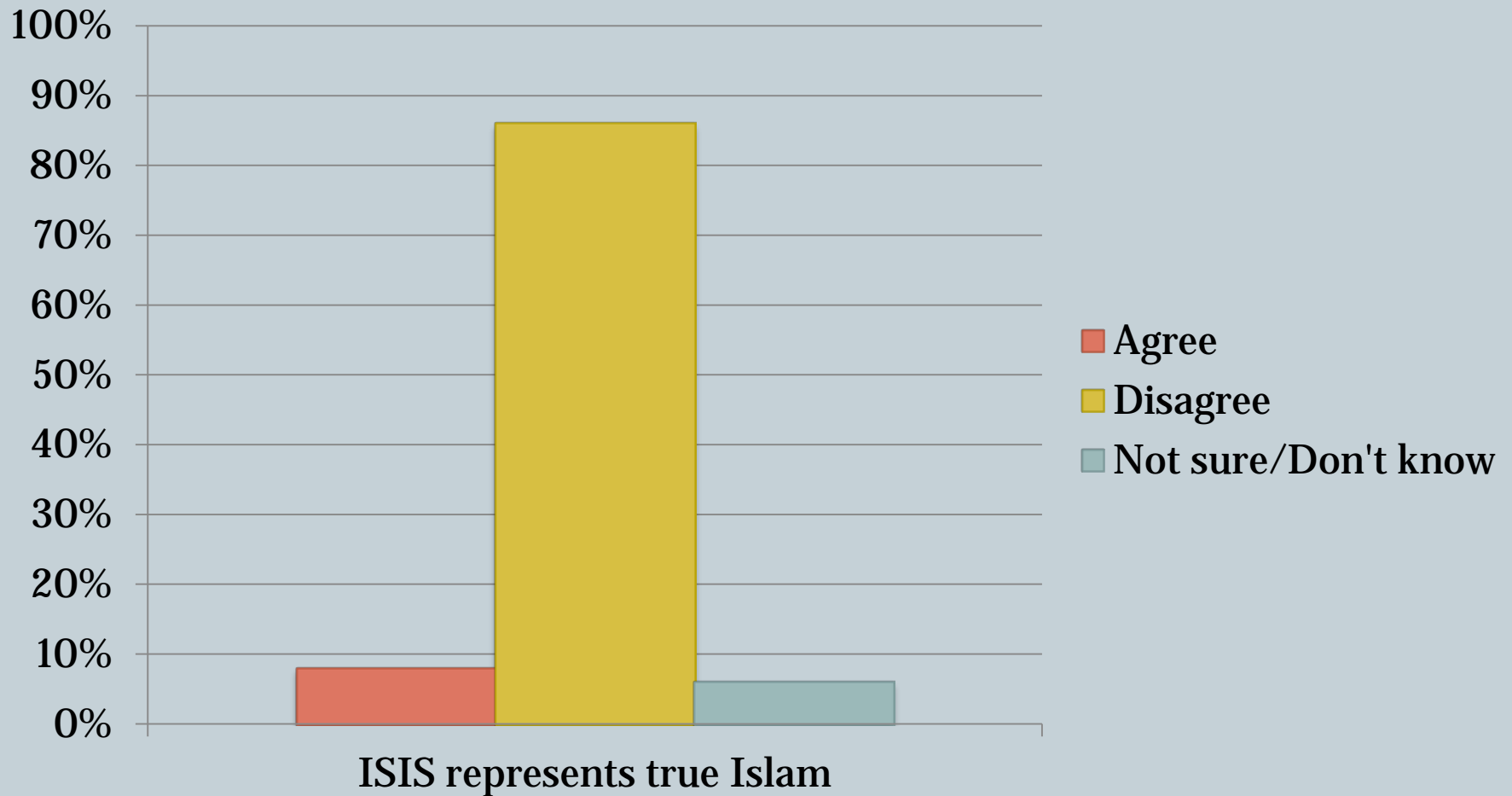
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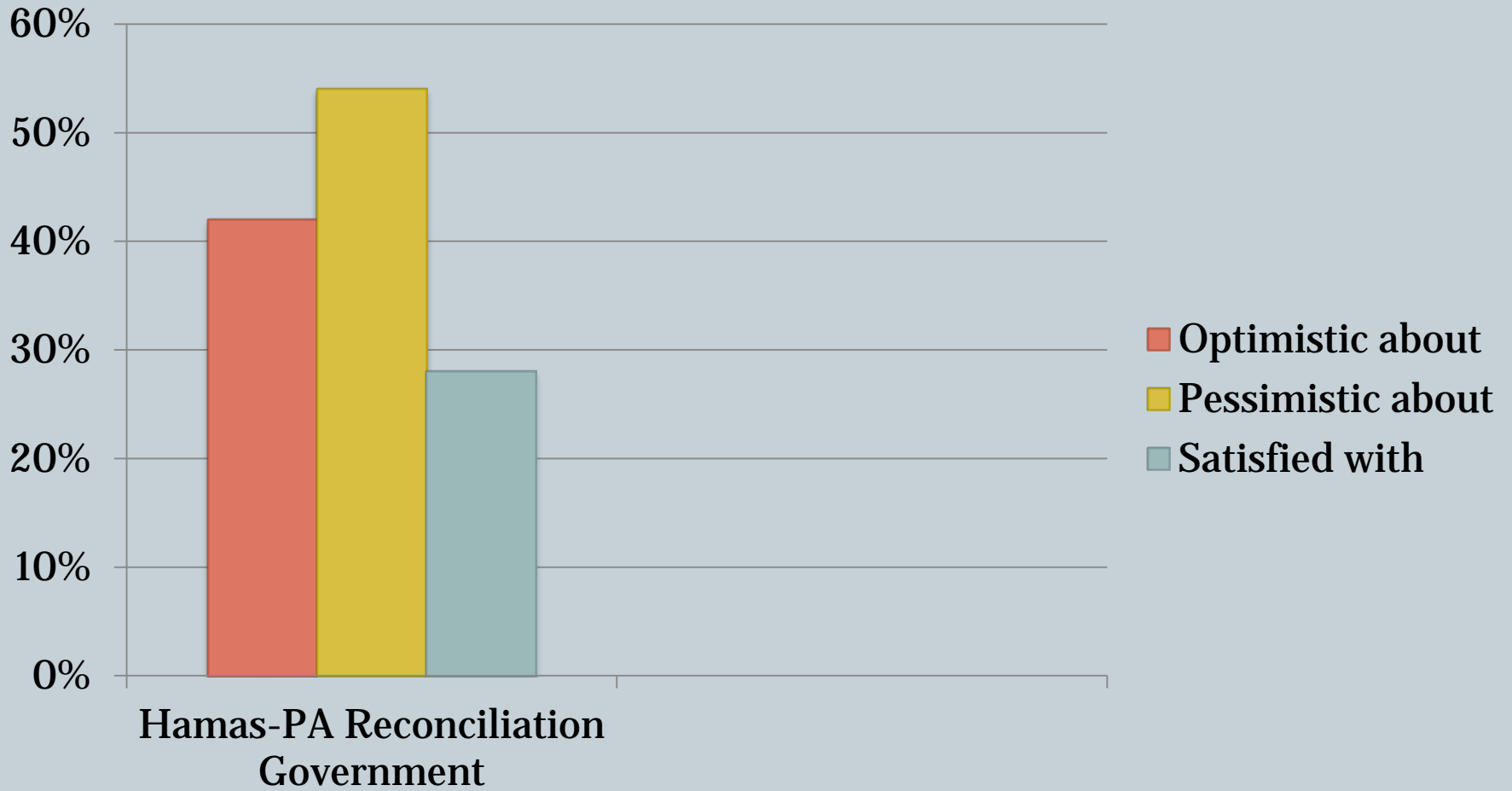
Scenarios *not* acceptable to many or most Palestinians are:

- (1) Status quo
- (2) Palestinian state controlled by Israel
- (3) Unilateral separation by Israel, Palestinians still controlled
- (4) Egypt absorbs Gaza and/or Jordan absorbs West Bank

Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research



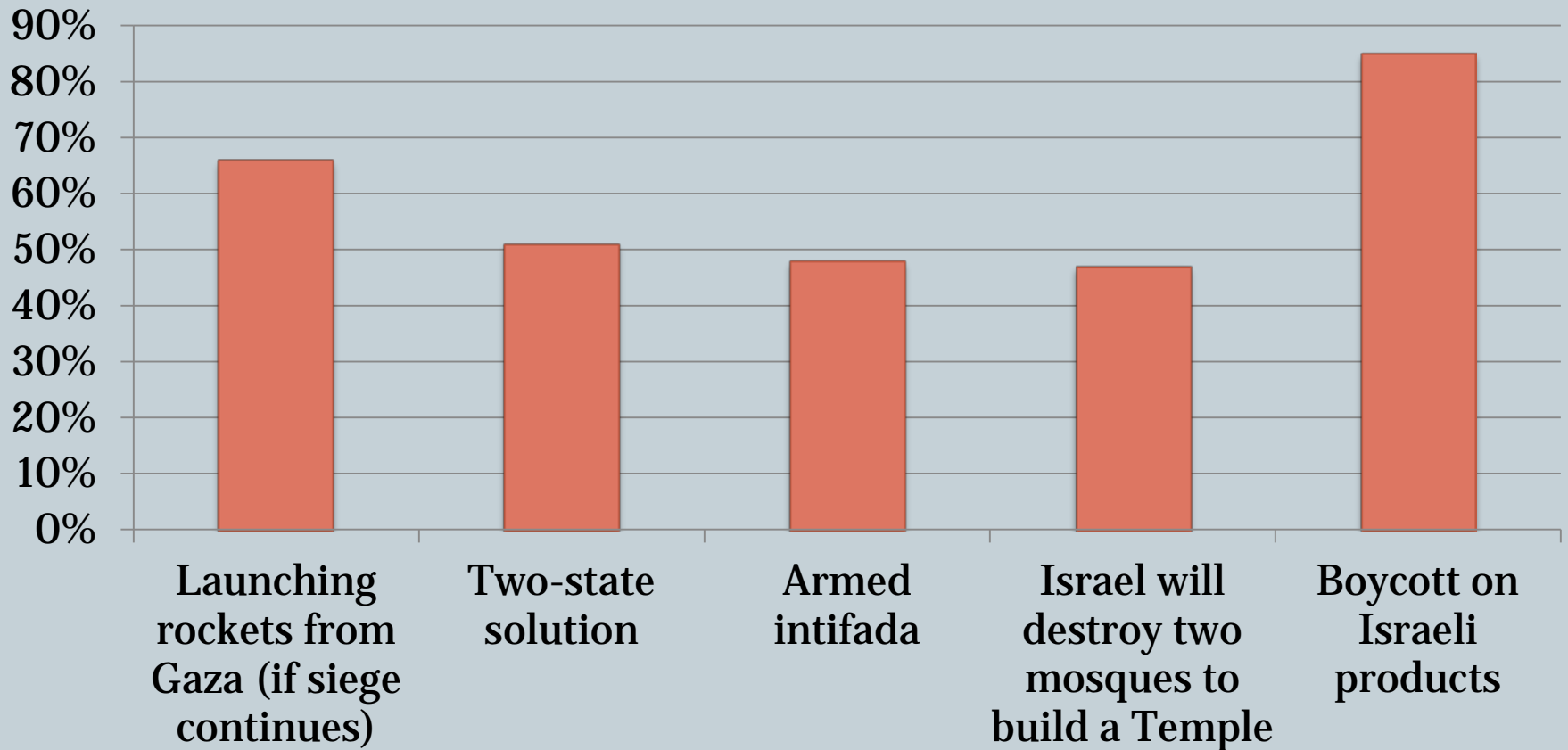
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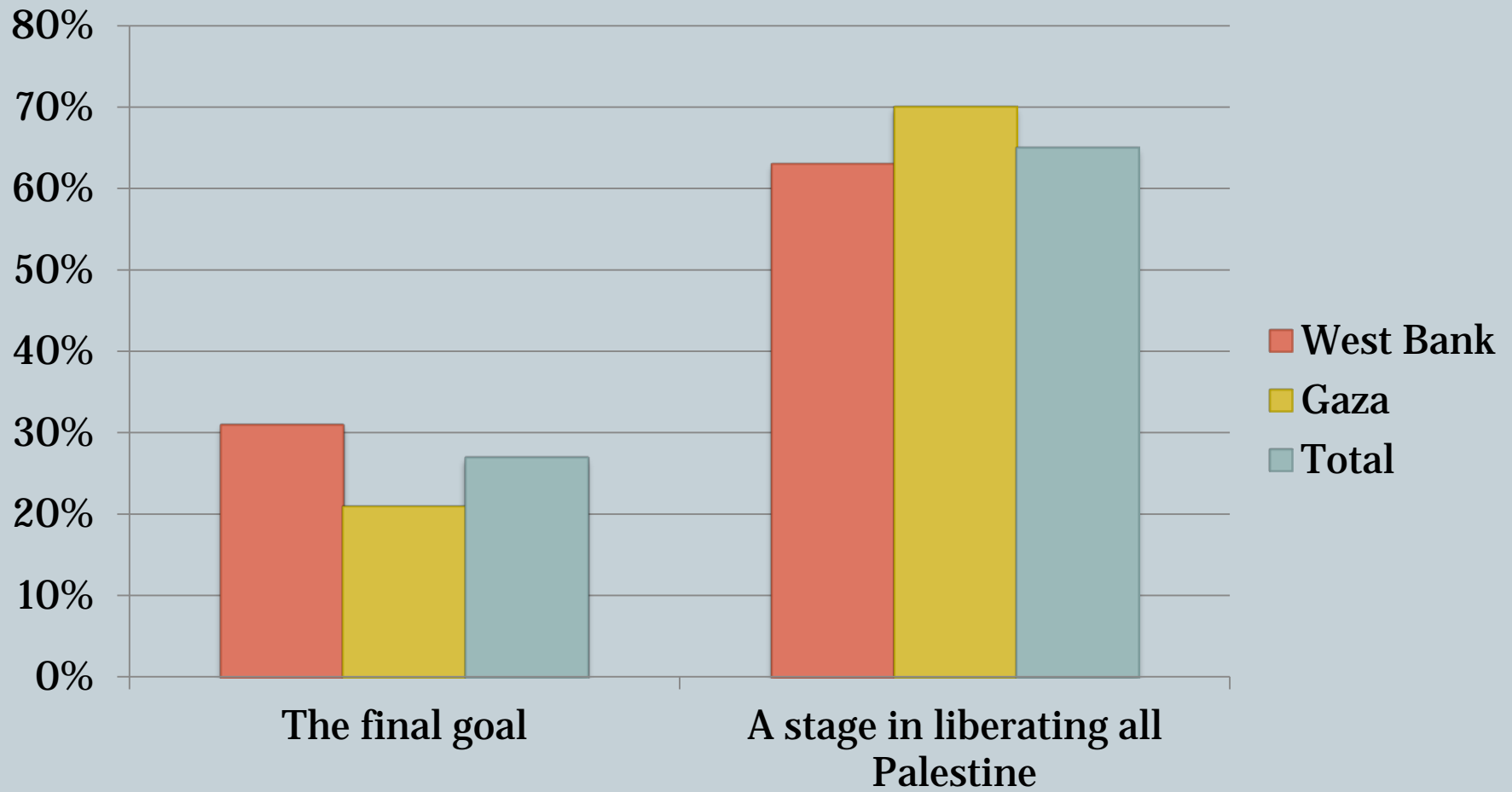


Support or believe



The Washington Institute:

If the Palestinian leadership negotiates a two-state solution with Israel, do you think that will be . . .



Part III: The Christian Community



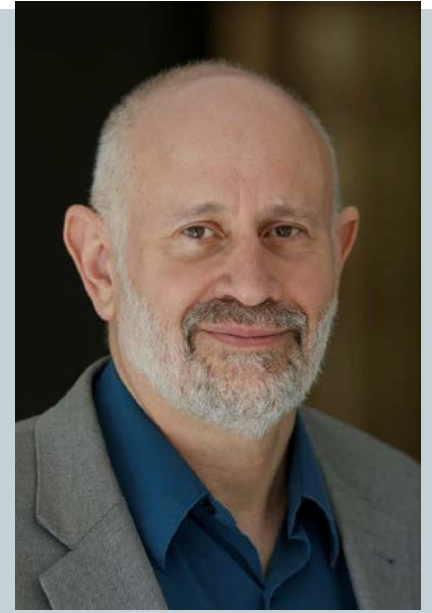
The Christian Community



**PAUL
MERKLEY**

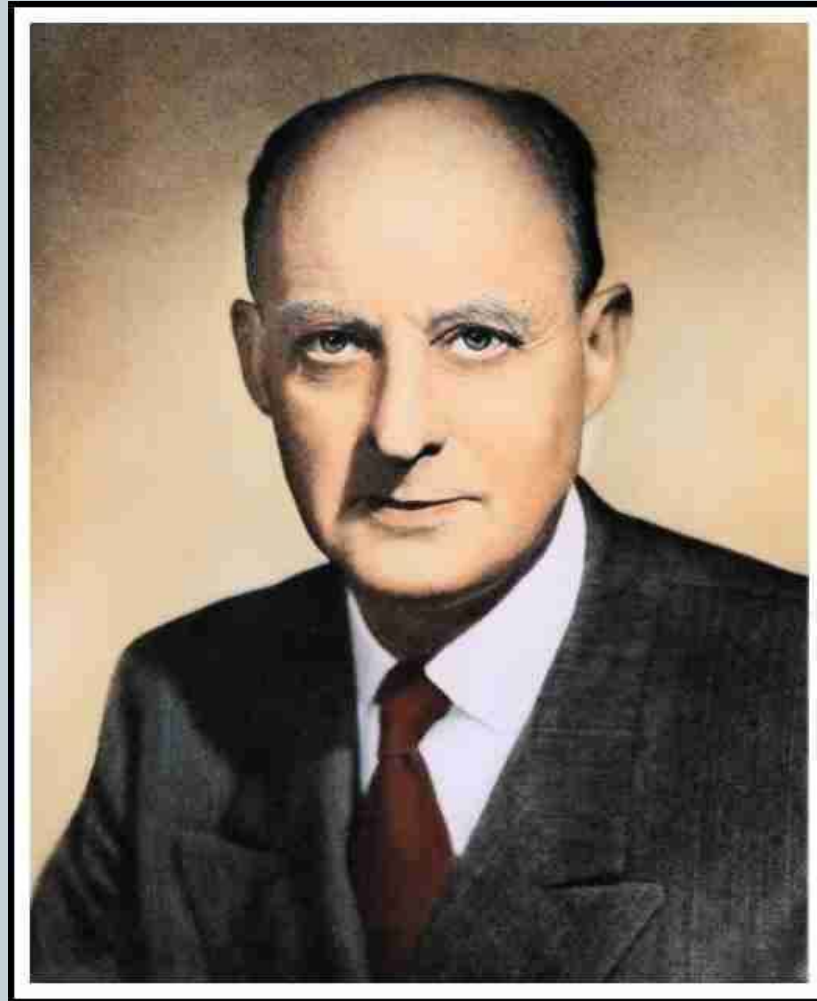


STEPHEN SPECTOR



YAAKOV ARIEL

Key Christian Supporter After 1948: Reinhold Niebuhr



Paul Merkley



In 1947–48, that part of the Church in the West that is today called “fundamentalist” or “evangelical” was overwhelmingly supportive of the Zionist solution to the Jewish problem. The rest of the Protestant church (what is generally spoken of today as “the mainstream”) was mostly well disposed, but with many dissenters. The Roman Catholic church had powerful objections but did not feel able, in the light of the general humanitarian advantage that the Jewish cause briefly held in the immediate wake of the war, to compel nations with Roman Catholic populations to oppose.

Paul Merkley



Yet almost immediately after the initial decisions were taken, these latter two constituencies (mainstream Protestants and Roman Catholic) shifted into the ranks of those denouncing the new state — and eventually became overwhelmingly hostile. Had the voting on the partition of the Palestine Mandate taken place five or ten years later, the Jewish state would not have come into existence.

Paul Merkley



National
Council
of
Churches



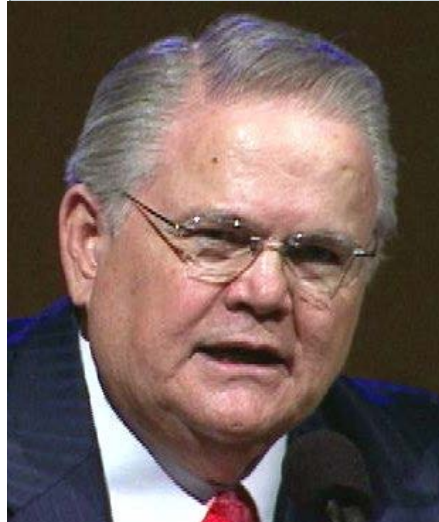
**World Council
of Churches**

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Survey Results: Christian Views of Israel

U.S. Support for Israel

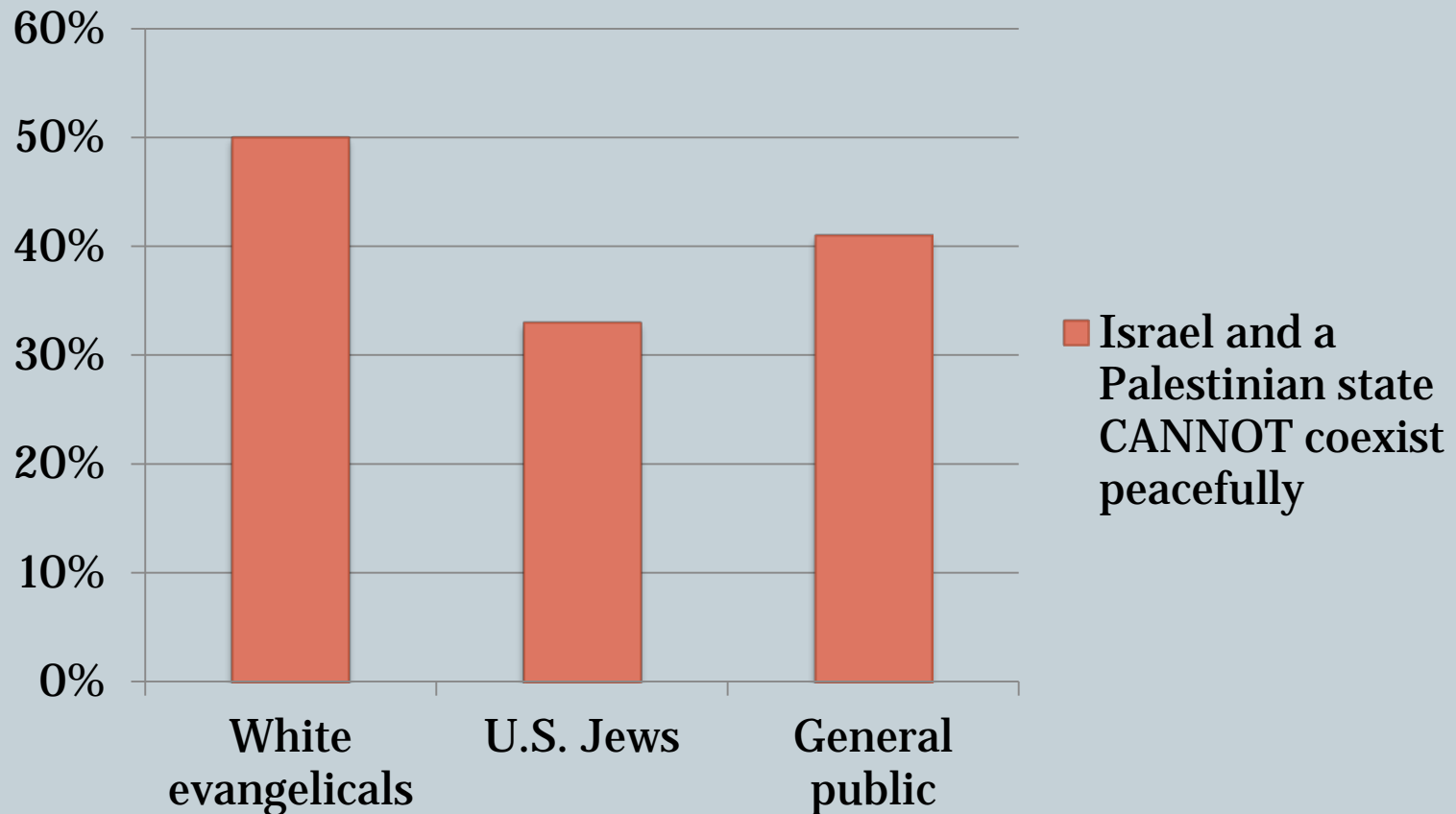
	Too supportive	Not supportive enough	About right	Don't know
	%	%	%	%
U.S. Jews	11	31	54	3=100
U.S. general public	22	25	41	11=100
Christian	18	29	41	12=100
Protestant	17	33	39	11=100
White evangelical	12	46	31	11=100
White mainline	25	26	41	8=100
Black Protestant	16	19	48	18=100
Catholic	22	20	47	11=100
White, non-Hispanic	24	21	46	9=100
Unaffiliated	35	13	41	11=100

Source: Pew Research Center 2013 Survey of U.S. Jews, Feb. 20-June 13, 2013.
 Q.C2. U.S. general public data from October 4-7, 2012, Pew Research Center poll.

Survey Results: Christian Views of Israel

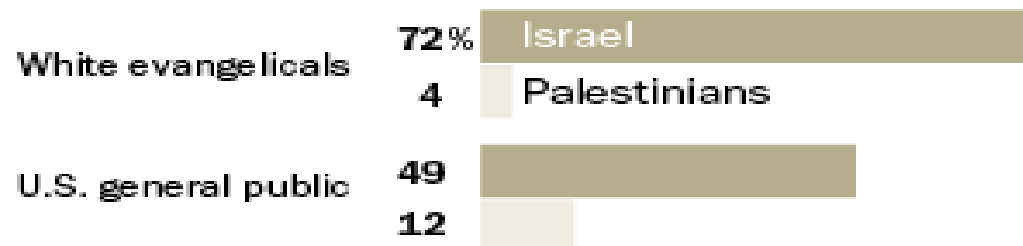


Israel and a Palestinian state **CANNOT** coexist peacefully

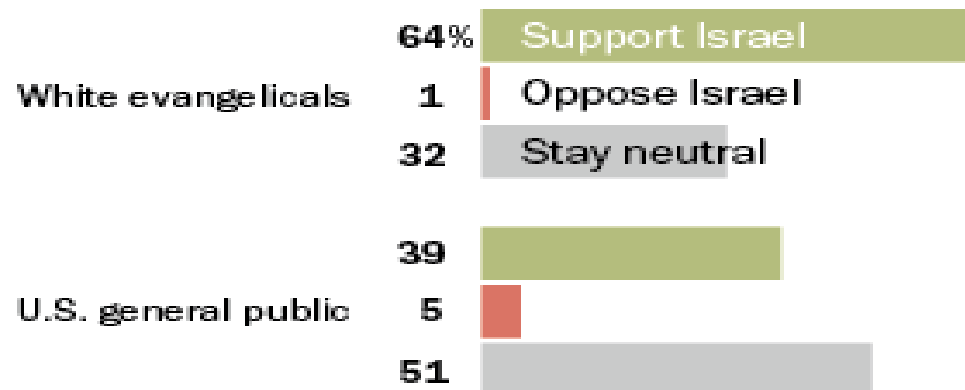


Support For Israel Among White Evangelical Protestants

In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more?



If Israel were to attack Iran to stop its nuclear weapons program, what position should the U.S. take?

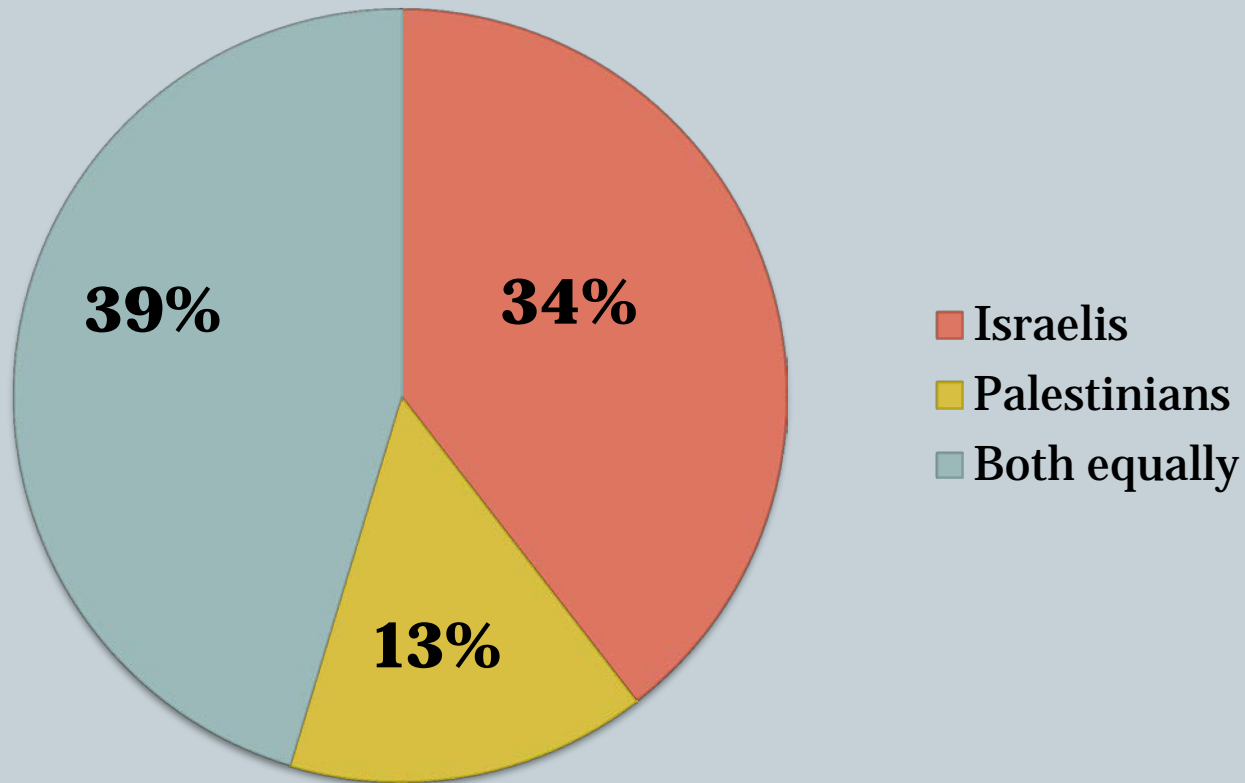


Sources: Pew Research Center surveys, March 2013 and February 2012. On Israel/Palestinians question, those saying "neither" or "both" are not included.

Survey Results: Christian Views of Israel

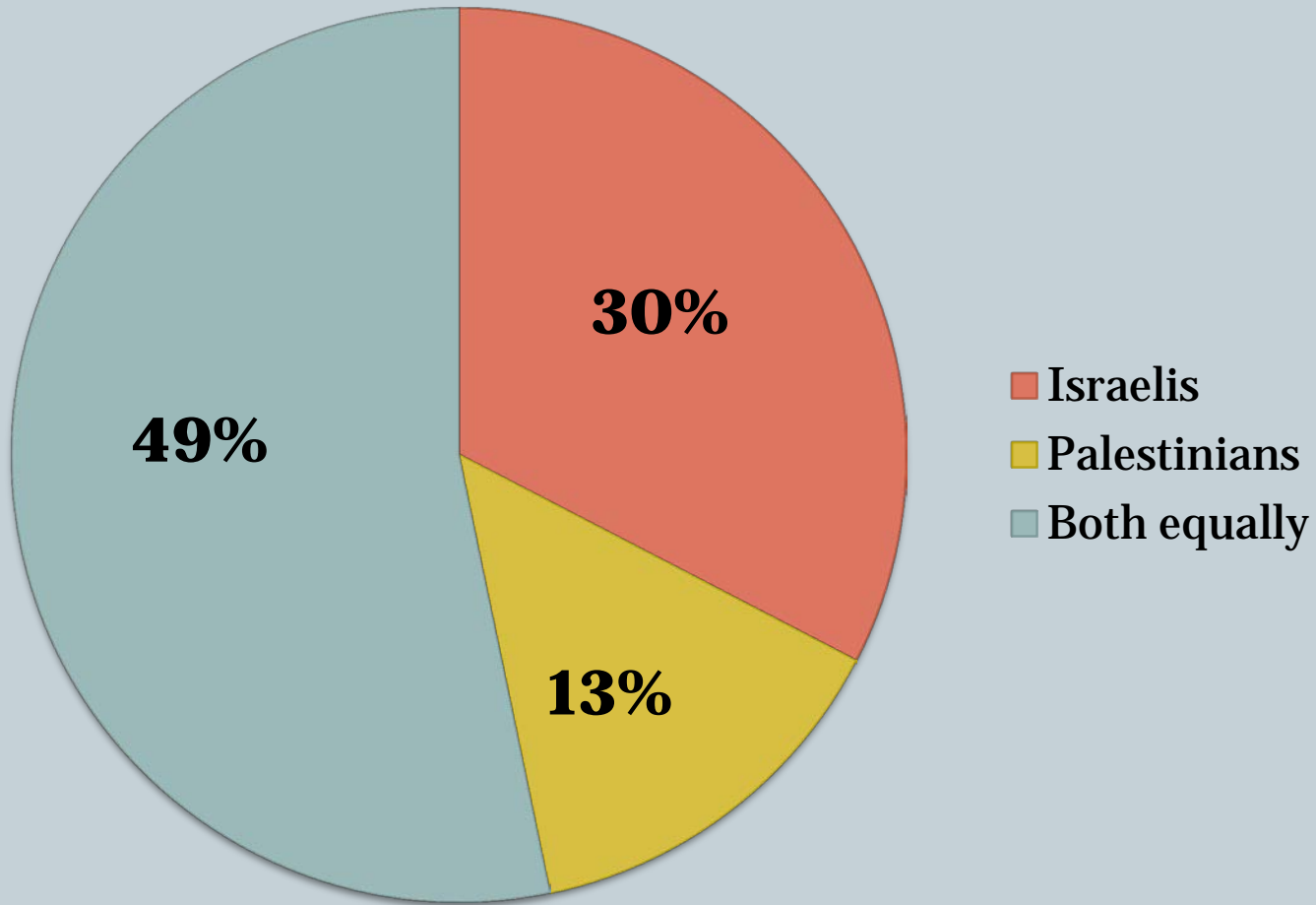
Survey Results: Christian Leaders' Views of Israel

**Who do you side with? (world
leaders)**



Survey Results: Christian Leaders' Views of Israel

Who do you side with (U.S. leaders)



Some anti-(Christian) Zionism evangelical voices



GARY BURGE



**COLIN
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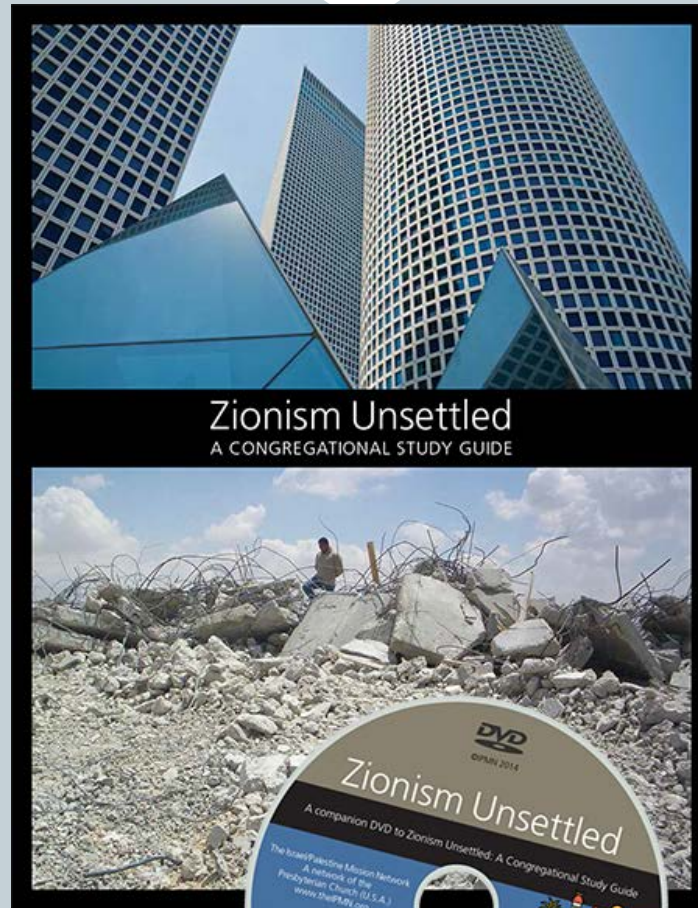


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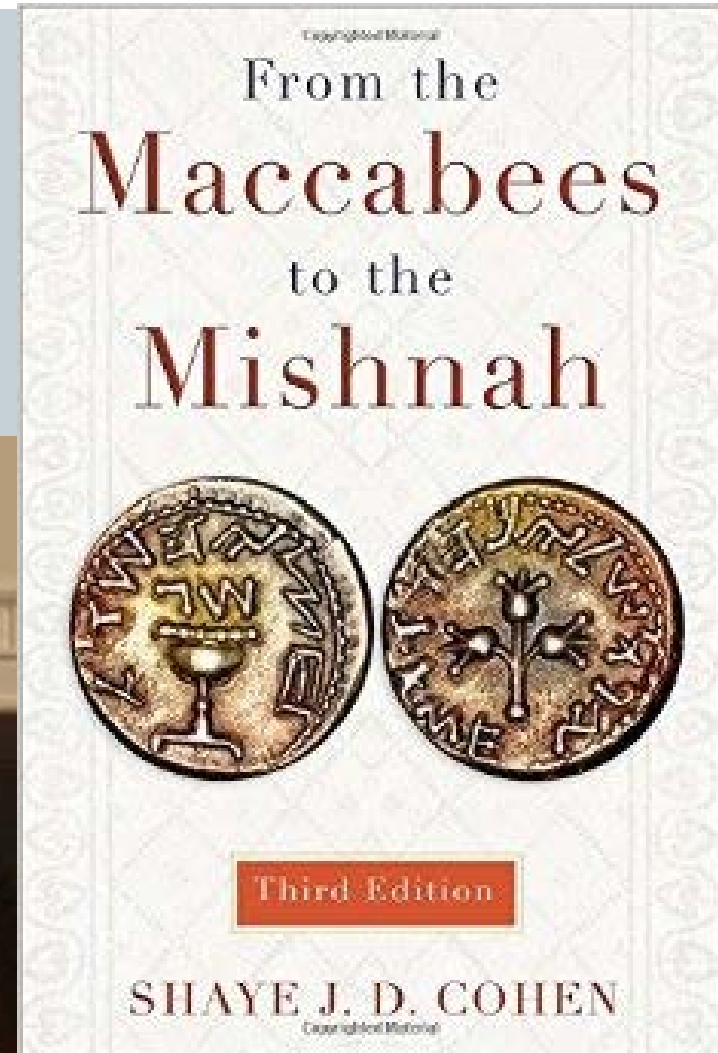
The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BDS)



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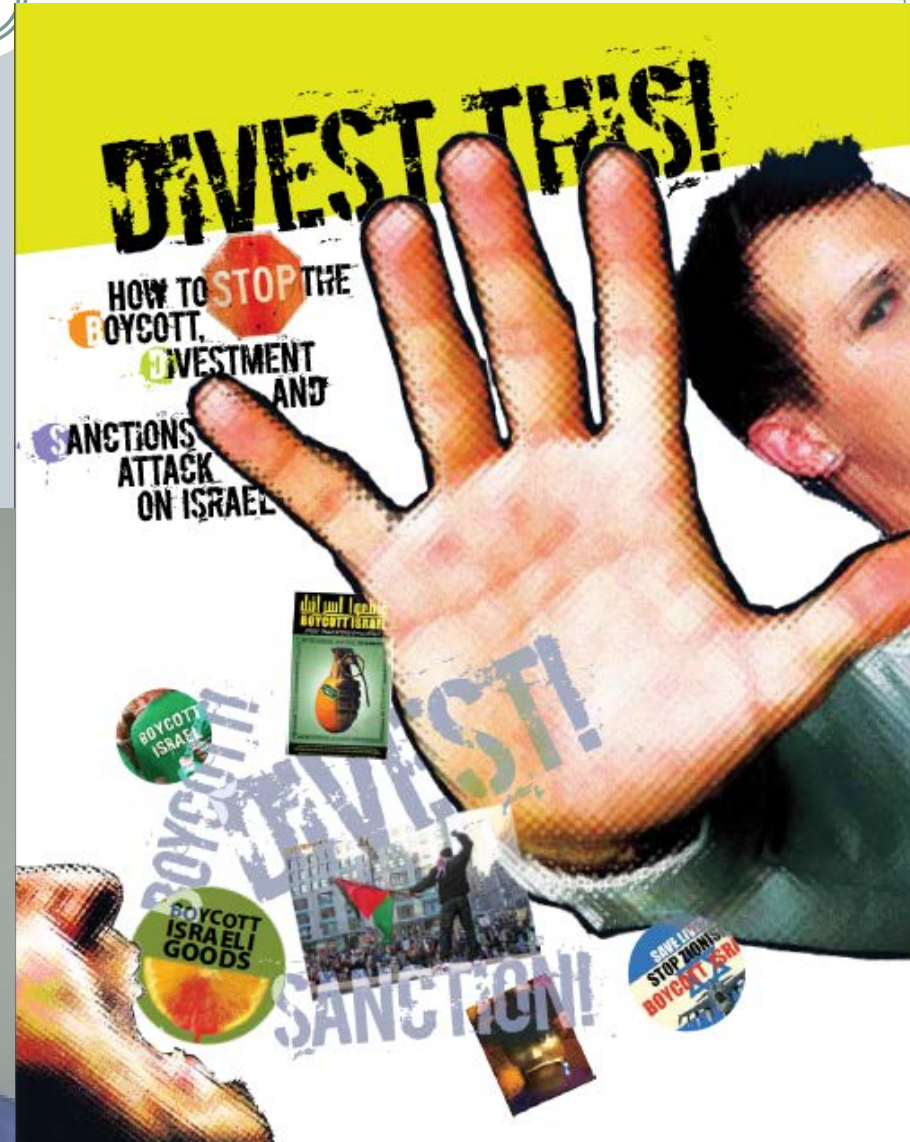
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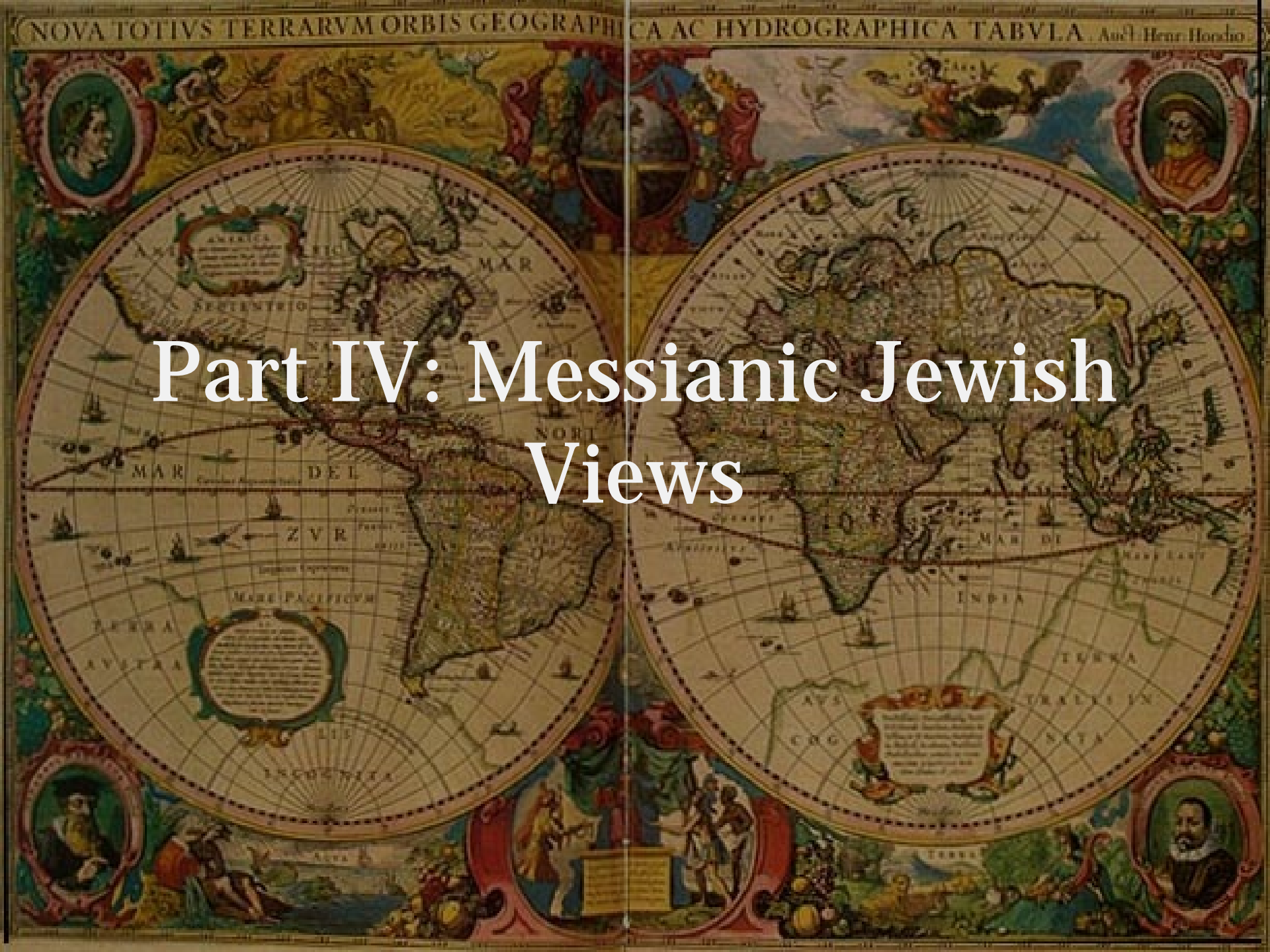


**EVANGELICAL
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CHURCH IN
CANADA**



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CANADA**

Part IV: Messianic Jewish Views

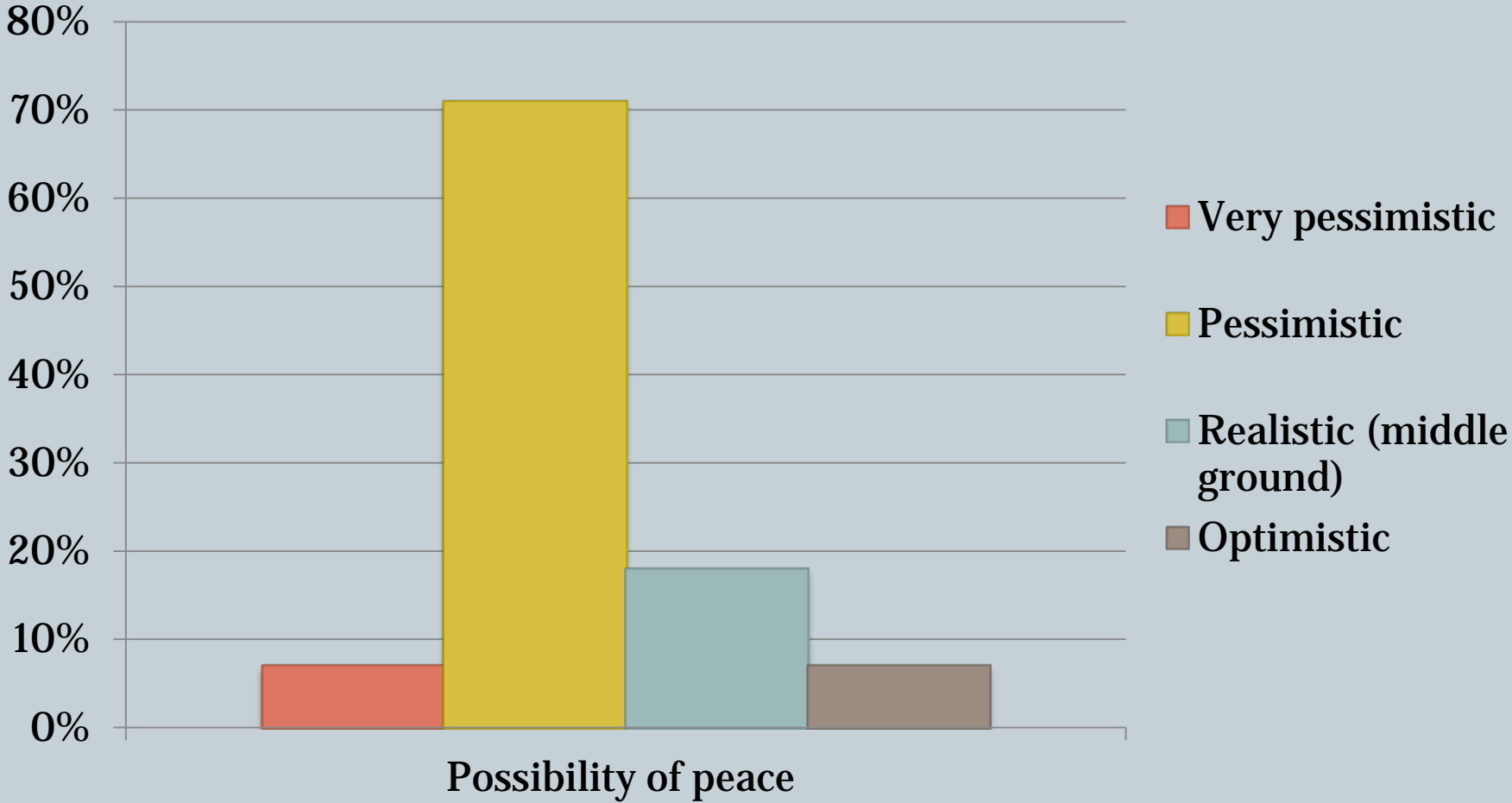


Israeli Messianic Jews

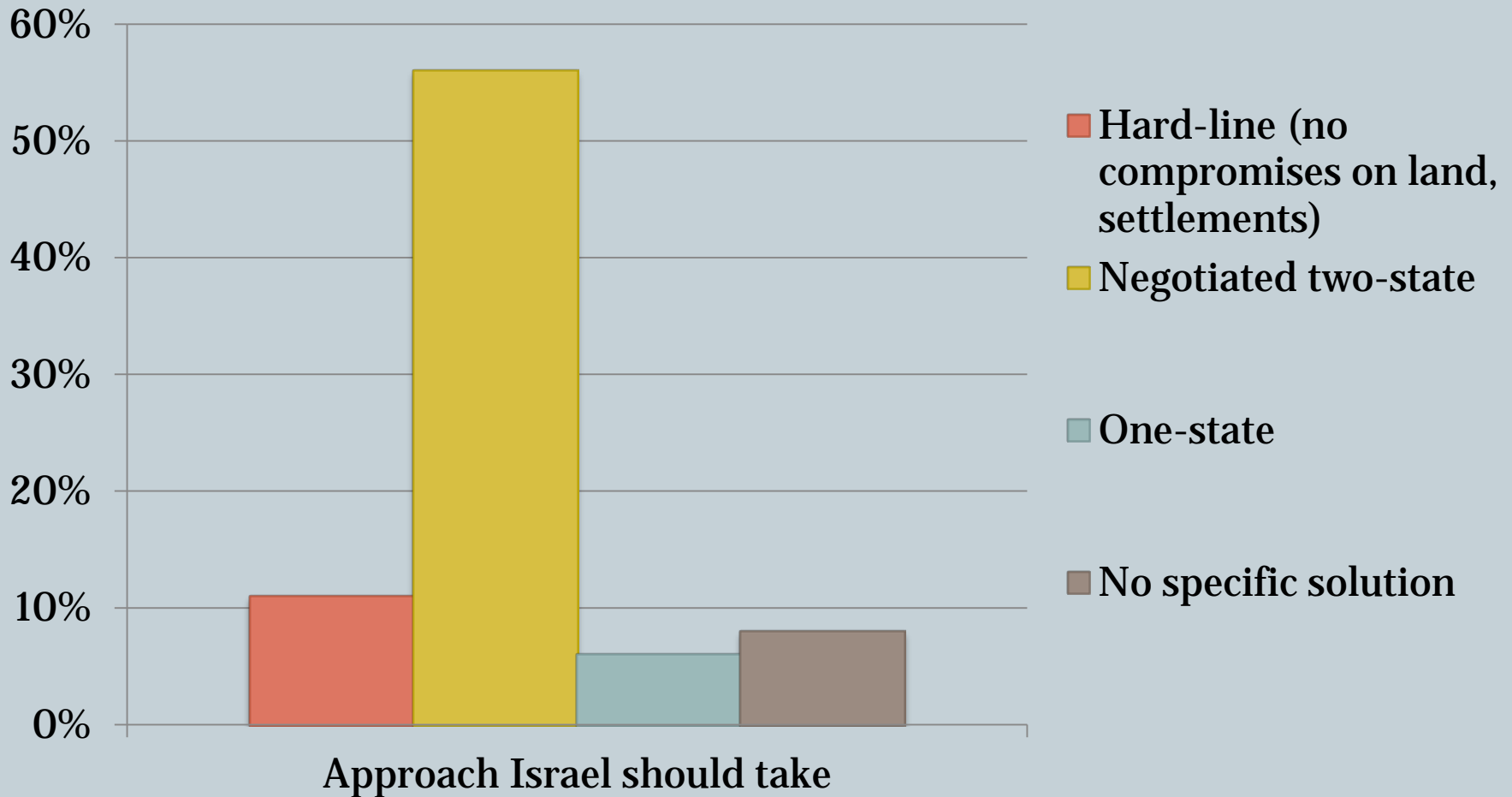


POLL OF 80 ISRAELI MESSIANIC LEADERS

Israeli Messianic Leaders: Possibility of Peace



Israeli Messianic Leaders: Best Solution



North American Messianic Jews



A Messianic Jewish Voice About the Palestinians



**JUDITH
MENDELSON
ROOD, "A
REFLECTION UPON
OUR WITNESS IN
THE MUSLIM
WORLD," *MISHKAN*
(2008)**

Judith Rood



On “the determination of Arab Christians to remain committed to Arab and Palestinian nationalism in the face of radical Islam”:

“It gives one pause to read that Christian Arabs have joined the “Islamic” al-Aqsa Brigade in response to the failure of the Oslo Peace Process to end the occupation of the future Palestinian state. By weakening Palestinian Christians, the policies of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority have drive them away in search of safety and a future — and radicalized those who stay.”

Judith Rood



“Christian Arabism and Christian Zionism thus divide the body and inflame the political conflict . . . In defending the failings of Israel and Palestine, we do not favor any side. It is critically important that we bring these issues to the forefront, so that with prayer and intercession we can find effective ways to fight the rabid anti-Semitic images and rhetoric disseminated throughout the world by the Islamist media, and seek justice for both Palestinians and Israelis.”



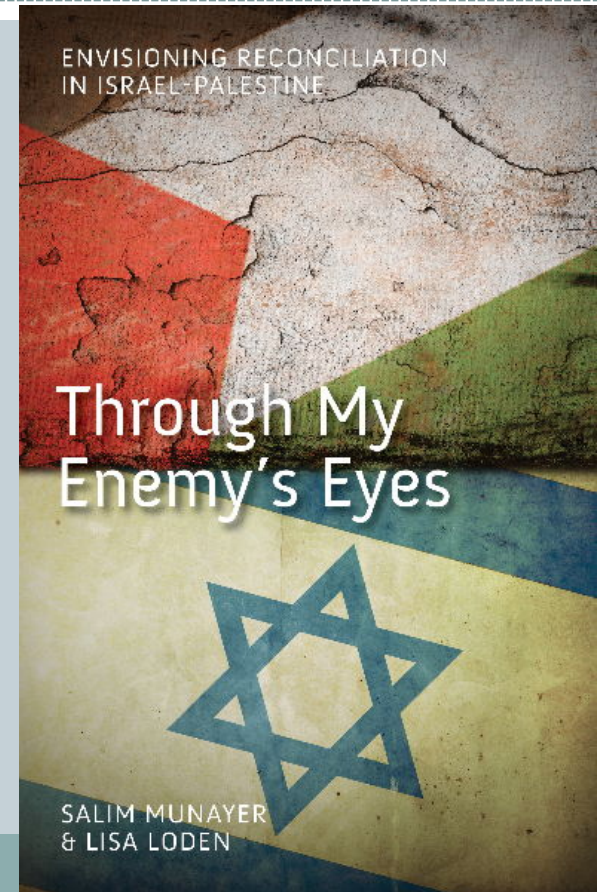
Part V: Arab Christian Views

Voices of Dialogue, Balance and Reconciliation



**AN ARAB CHRISTIAN AND A
MESSIANIC JEWISH VIEWPOINT**

SALIM MUNAYER & LISA LODEN



Salim Munayer: *Through My Enemy's Eyes*



Significant challenges face this [Palestinian Christian] community. First, Palestinian Christians need to find a way of **dealing with the Jewish people and the state of Israel** in a way that does not invalidate the historical and religious attachment the Jewish people have to the Holy Land but that also confidently asserts Palestinians' legitimate attachment.

Salim Munayer: *Through My Enemy's Eyes*



Second, Palestinian Christians need to learn to **relate to Islam** in a way that addresses the differences between Christianity and Islam frankly, but that also avoids 'Islamophobia' and hatred of Muslims.

Salim Munayer: *Through My Enemy's Eyes*



Third, Palestinian Christians need to address **the hermeneutical threat** posed by the Christian Zionist and some Messianic Jewish approaches to the Bible that claim exclusive, ethnically Jewish ownership of the land.

Salim Munayer: *Through My Enemy's Eyes*



Finally, Palestinian Christians need to **re-evaluate their communal identity**, especially in light of the growing numbers of Muslim-background believers and the increasing ethnic diversity of the Christian population in the Holy Land, due to the influx of immigrants from Russia and Ethiopia, along with other foreign national workers.

Lisa Loden: *Through My Enemy's Eyes*



Given the ongoing Israeli–Palestinian conflict, it is understandable that the Messianic community should choose to identify itself as a part of the nation of Israel. The difficulty is that national identity can become confused with the principal spiritual identity of being members of the trans-national, trans-ethnic, trans-cultural body of Messiah of which there are also members from the ‘enemy’ community.

Lisa Loden: *Through My Enemy's Eyes*

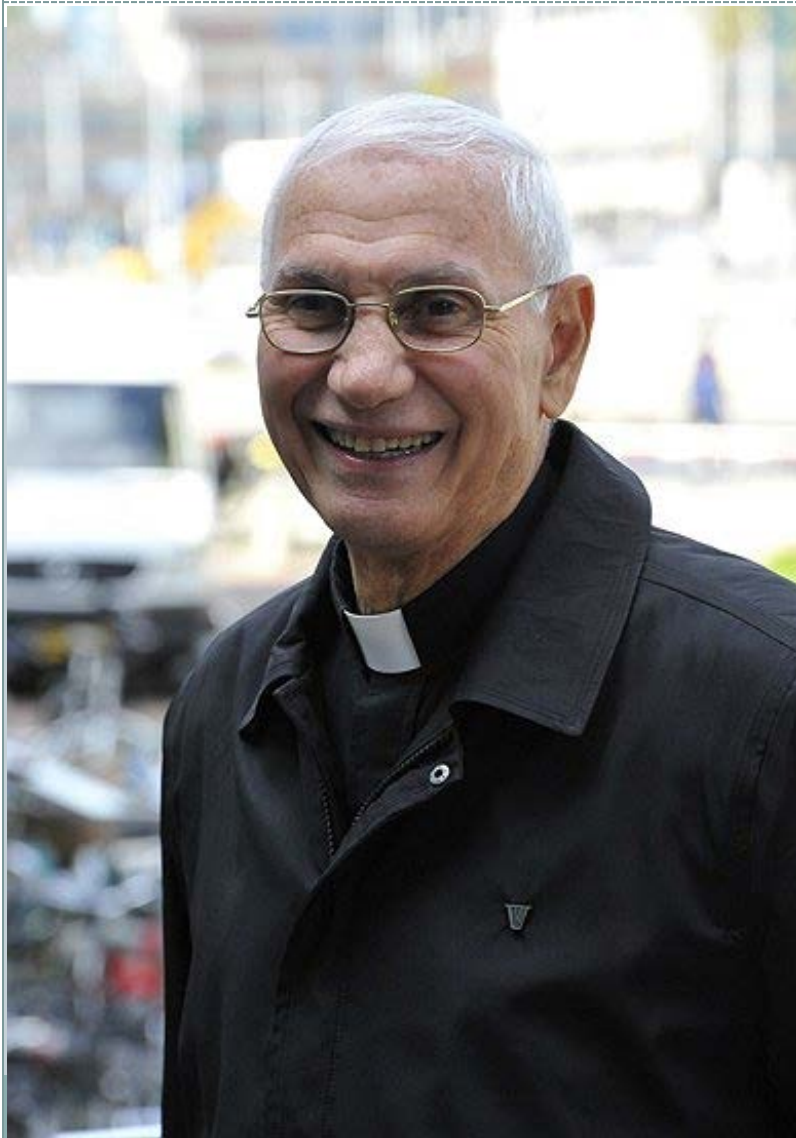


In the main, the Israeli Messianic community is apathetic regarding issues of injustice that are the daily fare of their Palestinian brothers and sisters. Messianic Jews' preoccupation with their own community and its issues tends to overshadow active engagement with the volatile issues of justice, human rights and peace that are vital for their Palestinian brothers and sisters. . . The predominant eschatological understandings of the Israeli Messianic Jew (referred to earlier) can preclude any realistic grappling with difficult issues . . .

An Influential Voice



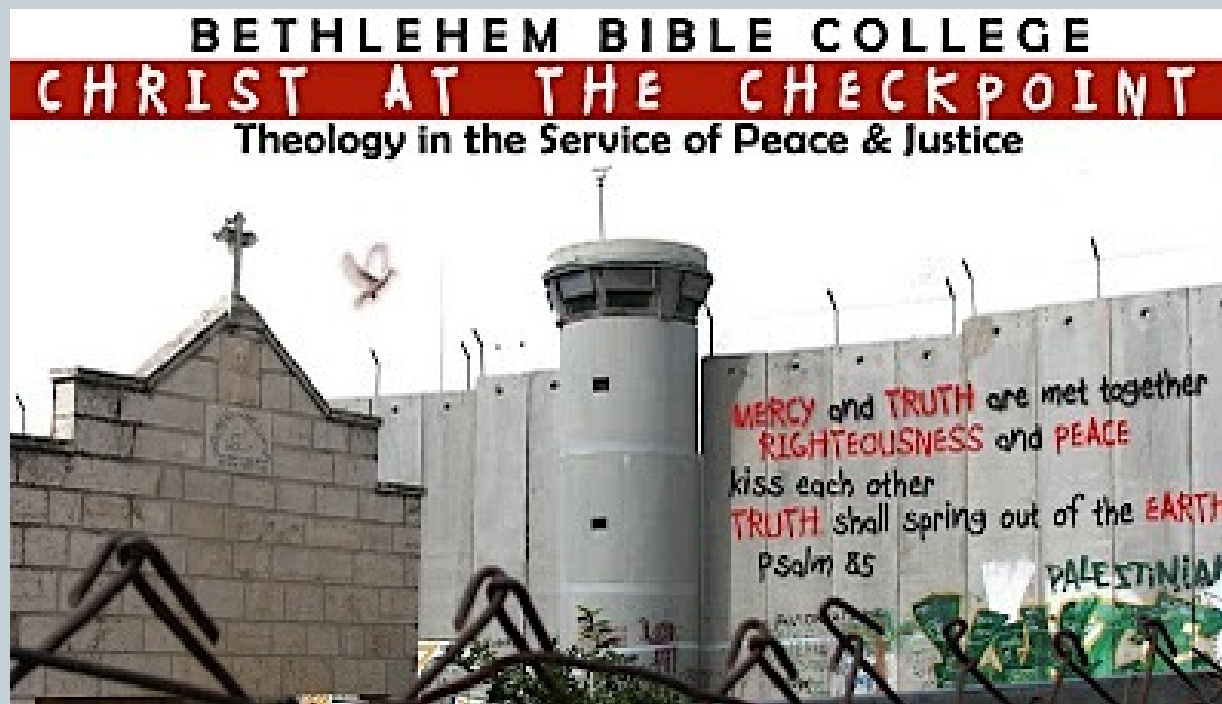
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Christ at the Checkpoint



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Theology in the Service of Peace & Justice

Other Conferences

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Lausanne Initiative for Reconciliation in Israel/Palestine



The
Lausanne
Movement

The logo for The Lausanne Movement features a stylized graphic of two overlapping, flowing shapes. The top shape is a light blue wave-like form, and the bottom shape is a yellow wave-like form. They overlap in the center, creating a purple and blue gradient. Below the graphic, the text "The Lausanne Movement" is written in a blue serif font, with "The" on the first line, "Lausanne" on the second line, and "Movement" on the third line.

Borough Park Symposium



BOROUGH PARK SYMPOSIUM

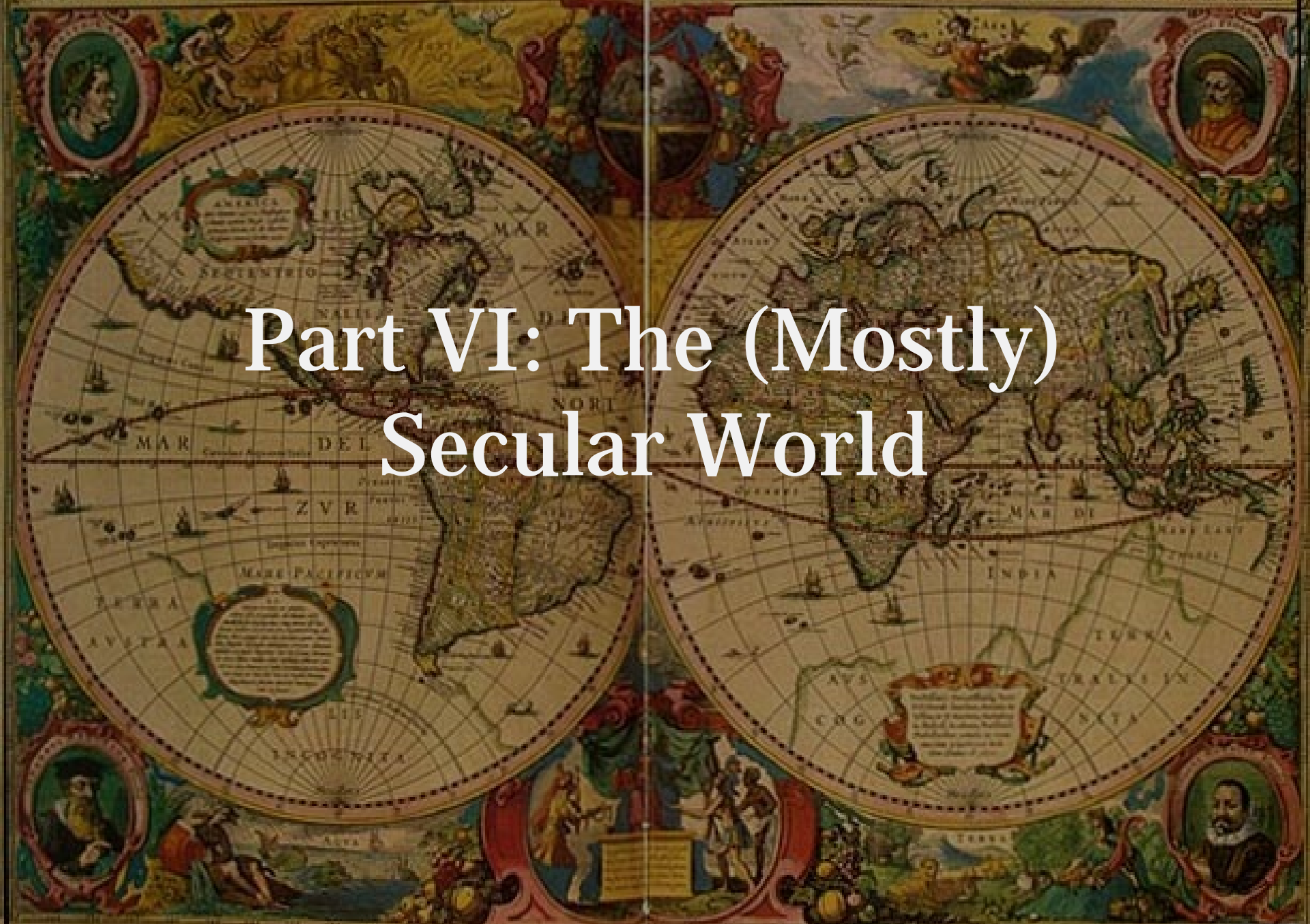
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

נר-לרגלי דברך ואור לנתיבתי

(Psalm 119:105)



Part VI: The (Mostly) Secular World



The (Mostly) Secular World



**FUTURE AMERICAN LEADERS:
SURVEYED BY THE ISRAEL PROJECT**



**THE GERMAN PUBLIC:
SURVEYED BY THE
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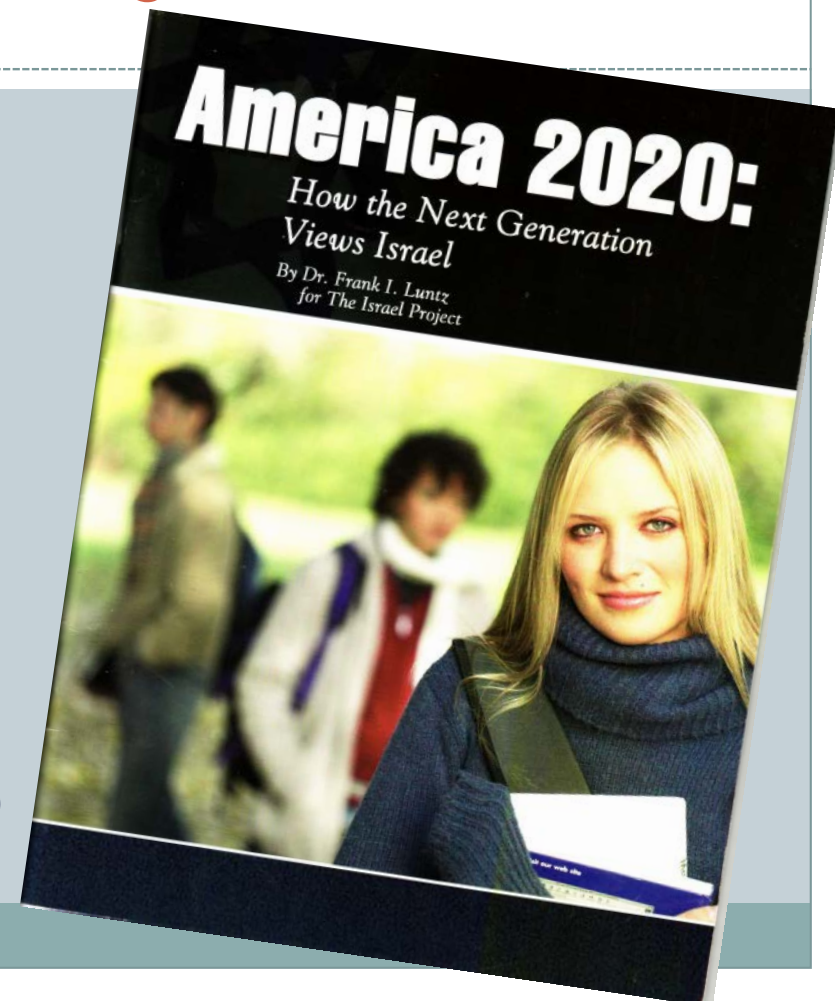
Future American Leaders: The Israel Project

FRANK I. LUNTZ,
*AMERICA 2020: HOW THE
NEXT GENERATION
VIEWS ISRAEL, THE
ISRAEL PROJECT (2005)*



**The Israel
Project**

*Facts for a
Better Future*



The Israel Project: *America 2020*



FRANK I. LUNTZ

“Support for Israel was described as a vestige of one’s upbringing, a sense of allegiance that used to exist widely in American culture.”

“First and foremost, they know nothing about the history of the Middle East. Nothing. . . . The “facts” they do “know” are often wrong and work against Israel.”

The Israel Project: *America 2020*



“Support for Israel is intellectual, while support for the Palestinians is emotional. . . . In the end, the Palestinians are winning hearts and minds because they have humanized the conflict.”

“There is growing support among elite graduate students for a ‘one-state solution’ to the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.”

The Israel Project: *America 2020*



“Israeli spokespeople need to sympathize with the Palestinian people when condemning their leaders. How? Hold them accountable for the lack of freedom, democracy, openness and justice.”

The German Public: The Bertelsmann Foundation

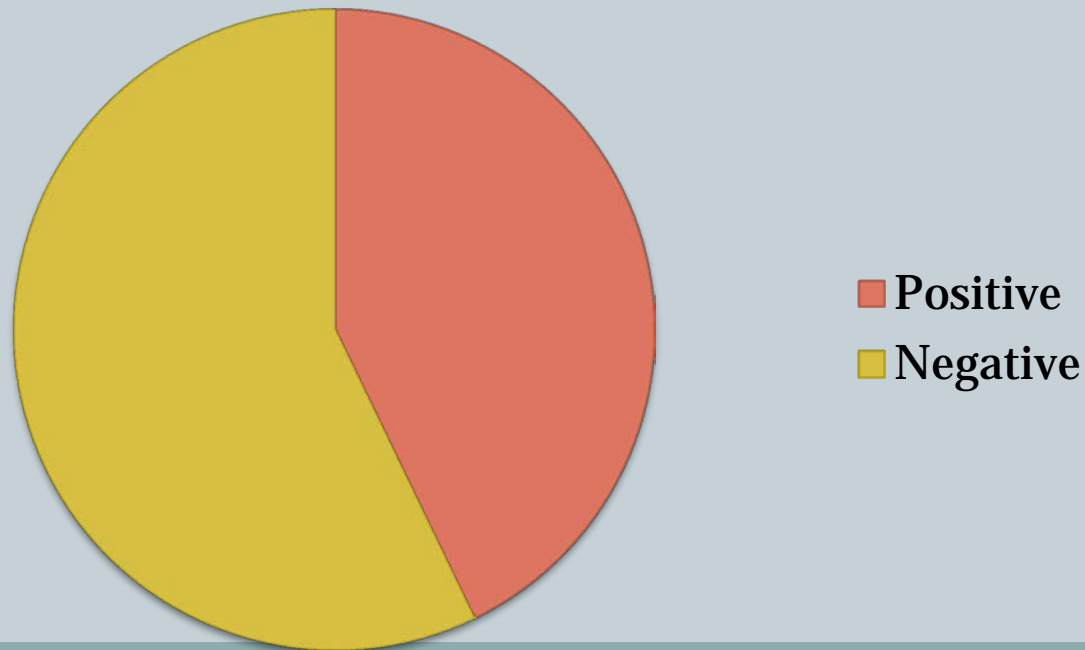


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The German Public: The Bertelsmann Foundation

Opinion of Israel (2013–14 survey)



The German Public: The Bertelsmann Foundation

What the State of Israel is doing to the Palestinians is not different in principle from what the Nazis did to the Jews (2007 survey)

