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**84% OF VOTERS CONCERNED THE U.S. WILL BE DRAWN INTO MILITARY  
CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
CONCERN ABOUT PREJUDICE AGAINST JEWISH PEOPLE IN U.S.  
HITS RECORD HIGH**

An overwhelming majority of voters (84 percent) are either very concerned (43 percent) or somewhat concerned (41 percent) that the United States will be drawn into a military conflict in the Middle East, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today. Sixteen percent are either not so concerned (10 percent) or not concerned at all (6 percent).

The degree of concern varies by party. Fifty-two percent of Republicans say they are very concerned, while 30 percent of Democrats say they are very concerned, and 47 percent of independents say they are very concerned.

“American voters watching the cauldron of the Middle East reaching a furious boiling point are fearful the war, so far confined to Israel and Gaza, will metastasize to include U.S. troops,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

**ISRAEL’S RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 7 ATTACK**

Half of voters (50 percent) approve of the way Israel is responding to the October 7<sup>th</sup> Hamas terrorist attack, while 35 percent disapprove, and 15 percent did not offer an opinion.

There are wide gaps among party and age groups.

Republicans (75 – 14 percent) and independents (46 – 39 percent) approve, while Democrats (49 – 33 percent) disapprove.

Voters 65 years of age and over (59 – 27 percent), voters 50 – 64 years old (58 – 26 percent), and voters 35 – 49 years old (48 – 38 percent) approve of the way Israel is responding to the October 7<sup>th</sup> Hamas terrorist attack, while voters 18 – 34 years old (52 – 32 percent) disapprove.

**MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL**

A slight majority of voters (51 percent) support the United States sending more military aid to Israel for their efforts in the war with Hamas, while 41 percent oppose it.

Republicans (65 – 30 percent) and Democrats (49 – 43 percent) support sending more military aid to Israel. Independents are divided, with 46 percent supporting it and 47 percent opposing it.

There are big differences by age.

Voters 18 – 34 years old (65 – 29 percent) oppose sending more military aid to Israel, while voters 50 – 64 years old (63 – 31 percent) and voters 65 years of age and over (69 – 23 percent) support sending more military aid to Israel. Voters 35 – 49 years old are divided, with 50 percent opposing sending more military aid to Israel and 44 percent supporting sending more military aid.

### **MILITARY AID TO UKRAINE**

A slight majority of voters (53 percent) support the United States sending more military aid to Ukraine for their efforts in the war with Russia, while 42 percent oppose it.

Democrats (77 – 20 percent) and independents (52 – 44 percent) support sending more military aid to Ukraine, while Republicans (63 – 33 percent) oppose it.

There are big differences by age.

Voters 18 – 34 years old (51 – 42 percent), voters 50 – 64 years old (56 – 39 percent), and voters 65 years of age and over (69 – 26 percent) support sending more aid to Ukraine. Voters 35 – 49 years old (59 – 40 percent) oppose sending more aid to Ukraine.

“With winter descending on Eastern Europe and the war with Russia grinding on, the majority of American voters are not wavering in holding off Putin’s aggression, though Republican support is showing cracks,” added Malloy.

### **HUMANITARIAN AID TO CIVILIANS IN GAZA**

Voters 71 – 24 percent overwhelmingly support the United States providing humanitarian assistance to help Palestinian civilians in Gaza.

### **SECURING U.S. – MEXICO BORDER**

Voters 73 – 22 percent overwhelmingly support the United States providing more funds to help secure the U.S. border with Mexico.

Republicans (94 – 4 percent), independents (71 – 24 percent), and Democrats (59 – 34 percent) all support providing more funds to help secure the U.S. border with Mexico.

### **PREJUDICE AGAINST JEWISH AND MUSLIM AMERICANS**

Three-quarters of voters (75 percent) think that prejudice against Jewish people in the United States today is either a very serious problem (38 percent) or a somewhat serious problem (37 percent), while 23 percent think it is either a not so serious problem (14 percent) or not a problem at all (9 percent). This is the highest percentage thinking that prejudice against Jewish people in the United States is a serious problem since the Quinnipiac University Poll began asking the question in 2017.

Sixty-eight percent of voters think prejudice against Muslim people in the United States today is either a very serious problem (30 percent) or a somewhat serious problem (38 percent), while 28 percent think it is either a not so serious problem (18 percent) or not a problem at all (10 percent).

“For Jewish and Muslim Americans there is the chilling recognition that in November 2023, hate and bigotry are knocking at the door,” added Malloy.

## **GUN VIOLENCE**

Forty-six percent of voters personally worry about being the victim of a mass shooting, while 53 percent do not. This matches a July 2022 record high of voters expressing personal worry about being the victim of a mass shooting since the Quinnipiac University Poll began asking the question in 2017.

Voters 52 – 44 percent support a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons. This is a change from February 2023 when voters were split, with 47 percent supporting a ban and 48 percent opposing it, which was an all-time low for support of a ban.

In today’s poll, Democrats 89 – 10 percent support a ban on the sale of assault weapons, while Republicans 75 – 21 percent oppose it. Fifty percent of independents oppose a ban, while 45 percent support it.

Fifty-three percent of voters think the United States would be less safe if more people carried guns, while 39 percent think the United States would be safer if more people carried guns, very similar to a June 2022 Quinnipiac University poll.

Nearly 7 in 10 voters (68 percent) do not expect lawmakers in Washington D.C. to take action on reducing gun violence within the next year, while 28 percent do.

1,610 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from October 26th – 30th with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Israel is responding to the October 7th Hamas terrorist attack?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	50%	75%	33%	46%	56%	44%	51%	62%
Disapprove	35	14	49	39	32	38	36	24
DK/NA	15	11	18	15	12	18	13	14

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	32%	48%	58%	59%	64%	52%	58%	29%	39%
Disapprove	52	38	26	27	26	31	29	58	39
DK/NA	16	14	16	14	10	17	14	12	22

23. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the United States?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	57%	22%	91%	56%	46%	67%	67%	46%
Oppose	40	74	8	41	50	31	30	50
DK/NA	3	4	1	3	4	3	4	5

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	59%	52%	55%	65%	41%	65%	54%	80%	59%
Oppose	37	46	40	31	54	31	42	18	40
DK/NA	3	2	4	4	5	4	4	2	1

24. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	92%	88%	98%	90%	89%	95%	94%	91%
Oppose	7	10	2	10	10	5	6	7
DK/NA	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	2

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	90%	91%	92%	95%	89%	95%	92%	95%	91%
Oppose	7	9	7	4	10	4	7	5	9
DK/NA	3	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-

25. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	52%	21%	89%	45%	37%	65%	63%	42%			
Oppose	44	75	10	50	60	30	34	53			
DK/NA	4	4	2	5	3	4	3	5			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom					
	Support	44%	46%	50%	69%	32%	66%	50%	80%	50%	
Oppose	52	52	46	25	64	30	46	16	48		
DK/NA	4	2	3	6	4	4	4	4	2		

26. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	56%	28%	88%	54%	42%	68%	68%	45%			
Oppose	41	68	11	44	55	29	29	51			
DK/NA	3	4	1	2	3	3	3	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom					
	Support	49%	52%	55%	68%	41%	66%	54%	81%	51%	
Oppose	48	47	42	28	57	29	42	19	47		
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	2	4	3	-	2		

27. As you may know, there is a law that gives gun manufacturers broad immunity from being sued by victims of gun violence and their relatives. Do you support or oppose repealing this law?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	47%	23%	72%	44%	38%	54%	54%	38%			
Oppose	47	70	23	49	56	39	39	55			
DK/NA	6	6	5	7	6	7	7	7			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom					
	Support	51%	47%	44%	49%	38%	50%	44%	66%	46%	
Oppose	41	49	51	42	58	41	49	29	49		
DK/NA	8	4	5	9	5	9	7	5	5		

28. If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer or less safe?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Safer	39%	73%	7%	41%	51%	29%	31%	51%
Less safe	53	17	91	51	41	64	64	40
DK/NA	8	10	2	8	8	7	6	9

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Safer	36%	47%	44%	26%	57%	31%	43%	17%	39%
Less safe	57	45	50	66	36	61	49	79	54
DK/NA	7	8	6	8	7	8	8	4	7

29. Do you expect lawmakers in Washington D.C. to take action on reducing gun violence within the next year, or not?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Expect	28%	25%	28%	32%	22%	34%	23%	28%
No	68	70	70	64	74	62	75	68
DK/NA	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	4

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Yes/Expect	37%	27%	25%	24%	20%	32%	26%	32%	33%
No	59	68	71	72	76	65	70	67	60
DK/NA	3	5	3	4	4	3	3	1	7

30. Is being the victim of a mass shooting something you personally worry about, or not?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Worry	46%	29%	62%	47%	35%	57%	43%	35%
No	53	70	38	52	65	43	57	65
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Yes/Worry	57%	49%	40%	40%	25%	50%	38%	76%	58%
No	43	50	60	59	74	50	62	24	41
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

32. Do you support or oppose the United States sending more military aid to Israel for their efforts in the war with Hamas?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	51%	65%	49%	46%	53%	50%	58%	59%
Oppose	41	30	43	47	41	42	34	35
DK/NA	7	5	8	7	6	9	8	5

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	29%	44%	63%	69%	59%	59%	59%	40%	38%
Oppose	65	50	31	23	36	34	35	53	54
DK/NA	6	6	7	8	6	7	6	8	8

33. Do you support or oppose the United States sending more military aid to Ukraine for their efforts in the war with Russia?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	53%	33%	77%	52%	48%	58%	68%	46%
Oppose	42	63	20	44	48	36	28	49
DK/NA	5	4	4	5	4	6	4	5

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	51%	40%	56%	69%	49%	59%	55%	61%	53%
Oppose	42	59	39	26	47	35	41	33	44
DK/NA	6	1	4	6	4	5	4	6	3

34. Do you support or oppose the United States providing humanitarian assistance to help Palestinian civilians in Gaza?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	71%	51%	88%	74%	68%	75%	78%	64%
Oppose	24	43	8	23	27	20	19	32
DK/NA	5	6	4	4	5	5	4	4

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	80%	66%	73%	72%	64%	74%	69%	78%	82%
Oppose	16	29	23	23	32	22	27	16	12
DK/NA	4	4	5	5	4	3	4	6	6

35. Do you support or oppose the United States providing more funds to help secure the U.S. border with Mexico?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	73%	94%	59%	71%	80%	67%	73%	82%
Oppose	22	4	34	24	17	26	22	16
DK/NA	5	2	7	5	3	7	5	2

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	49%	72%	84%	84%	84%	74%	78%	66%	60%
Oppose	42	26	12	10	14	22	18	28	31
DK/NA	8	2	4	7	2	4	3	6	9

36. Does President Biden's recent trip to Israel make you think more favorably of President Biden, less favorably of President Biden, or doesn't it have an impact on your view of him?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
More favorably	18%	10%	34%	11%	14%	21%	25%	14%
Less favorably	21	29	15	20	20	22	14	22
No impact	60	60	48	68	65	56	60	62
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
More favorably	11%	17%	18%	25%	14%	23%	18%	23%	18%
Less favorably	29	19	21	15	23	15	19	20	24
No impact	59	63	60	58	62	60	61	55	58
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	3	-



37. Given what you know about the situation in the Middle East, how concerned are you that the United States will be drawn into a military conflict in the Middle East; very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very concerned	43%	52%	30%	47%	42%	43%	37%	44%
Somewhat concerned	41	34	51	41	39	43	45	41
Not so concerned	10	8	13	7	10	9	12	9
Not concerned at all	6	5	5	4	8	3	5	5
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very concerned	38%	41%	46%	46%	40%	42%	41%	43%	42%
Somewhat concerned	42	41	39	44	39	45	42	41	45
Not so concerned	14	11	9	6	11	10	10	10	8
Not concerned at all	6	7	5	3	8	2	5	4	5
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	-

38. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against Jewish people is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	38%	32%	46%	35%	32%	43%	40%	38%
Somewhat serious	37	36	38	38	38	36	43	36
Not so serious	14	18	7	18	18	11	11	16
Not at all	9	10	6	8	11	6	4	8
DK/NA	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very serious	32%	28%	42%	50%	31%	46%	39%	46%	35%
Somewhat serious	32	43	38	36	38	38	38	33	39
Not so serious	16	20	12	6	18	10	14	9	17
Not at all	17	7	7	4	10	3	6	10	9
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	2	3	2	3	-

39. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against Muslim people is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	Yes
Very serious	30%	11%	45%	33%	24%	36%	31%	23%
Somewhat serious	38	35	42	39	37	40	41	38
Not so serious	18	32	7	18	22	15	18	24
Not at all	10	17	3	8	16	5	7	12
DK/NA	3	4	3	2	2	4	3	3

AGE IN YRS..... WHITE.....

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very serious	44%	25%	25%	31%	19%	33%	26%	49%	41%
Somewhat serious	35	38	43	41	37	41	39	36	34
Not so serious	11	25	19	16	27	17	22	7	13
Not at all	8	9	12	8	16	5	10	2	11
DK/NA	2	3	2	4	2	4	3	5	1