

AI Pulse: Finding a Shared Path Forward

Americans perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at a crossroads (September 2025); Polling conducted by Prolific

🔗 Representative sample of 900-927 Americans +/- 3.2% margin of error at 95% confidence

Why This Matters?

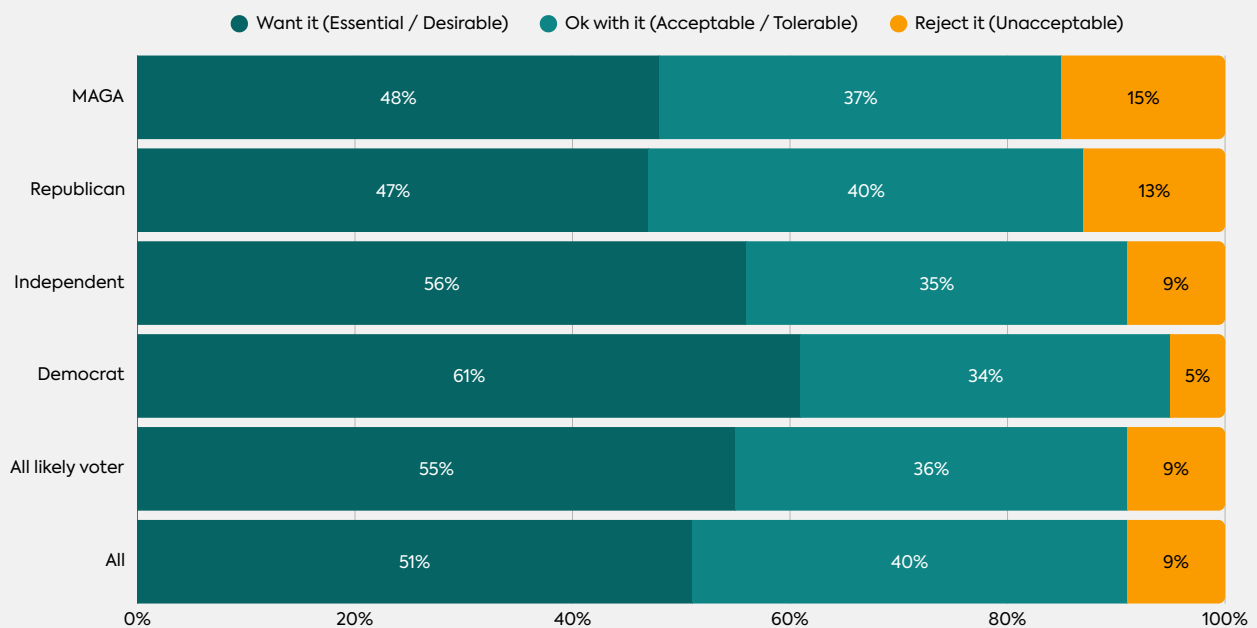
As the UN General Assembly prepares to revisit the two-state framework later this month, there is an opportunity to end the war in Gaza, bring the hostages home, and restart a sustainable peace process. However, recent actions by the Israeli government in the West Bank have raised concerns about shifts away from this framework. At this crossroads, U.S. choices will be decisive. Our latest AI Pulse survey shows that across party lines—including likely voters and even self-identified MAGA voters—**Americans want the United States to play an active role in ending the war**, ideally through a **multilateral process** with Arab partners and the EU. They also want U.S. leaders to **push back on annexation** and **invest in Israeli-Palestinian peacebuilding**.

These findings mirror our Israeli public opinion series—including a new study now in processing—which shows that most Israelis believe annexation would backfire and that there is a strong baseline of support for a regional deal that includes a Palestinian state. Consistently across our April, May, and September waves, roughly 73% of Israelis remain at least open to a regional normalization agreement that recognizes a Palestinian state. While we do not yet have directly comparable data on the Palestinian side, other recent research in the region indicates that support for a state along the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital has been rising in recent months—suggesting strong Palestinian public backing for the two-state framework.

Key Findings

- **The Israeli-Palestinian issue matters, including for U.S. security.** 8 in 10 U.S. likely voters say it's at least moderately important (vs. the economy, immigration, etc.). 8 in 10 also believe peace would reduce demands on the U.S. military.
- **American voters want U.S. diplomatic engagement with allies.** 81% of likely voters want the U.S. to help end the Gaza war and secure peace. 82% want the US involved with an Arab world/EU peace process.
- **Support for a regional deal with a Palestinian state.** A majority of American voters want a U.S.-backed regional normalization deal that includes a Palestinian state. In all, 91% would support or accept such an arrangement.

Q: How would you feel about a potential U.S.-backed peace agreement that includes creating full diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between Israel, Saudi Arabia, and other Arab countries as well as recognizing a Palestinian state?



- **Strong bipartisan support for funding peacebuilding continues.** 72% of likely voters want the U.S. to continue funding Israeli-Palestinian peacebuilding initiatives. In fact, 93% of likely voters suggest increased funding, saying peacebuilding should get as much or more funding as weapons.
- **President Trump's role is seen as critical.** Most voters (including 52% of independents and 78% of MAGA) believe President Trump's leadership is critical to brokering peace.
- **Trump's reward for two-state peace: Greater support from independents and Democrats.** If Trump helps broker a long-term peace with a secure Israel and viable Palestinian state, he would get more support across the political spectrum, including from 53% of independent likely voters and even 1 in 3 Democrats.
- **Broad opposition to West Bank annexation.** 2/3 of likely voters and most MAGA voters say the U.S. should push back against Israel unilaterally annexing the West Bank.

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This study is part of a series of dialogues and surveys exploring public perspectives on peace and conflict resolution in Israel and Palestine. To learn more about our different studies, visit our website [here](#).