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Recognition of Palestinian state does little to modify Canadians dim view of prospects for Peace between Israelis and Palestinians

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Methodology

The findings are based on surveys conducted via web panel by the firm Leger for the Association for Canadian Studies between October 5 and 7, 2025 with 1564 Canadians. While no margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample of 1564 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 2.52\%$, 19 times out of 20

Most Canadians think that the recognition by Canada of the right of Palestinians to have a country will make no difference in the pursuit of lasting peace; Albertans most pessimistic

Do you think that Canada's recognition that the Palestinian people have a right to their own country will make a lasting peace in the Middle East more likely, less likely or not make any difference to the chances of a lasting peace?	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
More likely to lead to peace	15%	13%	14%	17%	10%	9%	16%
Less likely to lead to peace	20%	19%	14%	18%	21%	36%	22%
Make no difference	42%	41%	46%	41%	41%	41%	43%
I don't know	23%	27%	26%	25%	28%	14%	18%

Canadians over 55 are more likely to think that the recognition of Palestinian nationhood will make no difference in the pursuit of peace

Do you think that Canada's recognition that the Palestinian people have a right to their own country will make a lasting peace in the Middle East more likely, less likely or not make any difference to the chances of a lasting peace?	Male	Female	Between 18 and 24	Between 25 and 34	Between 35 and 44	Between 45 and 54	Between 55 and 64	65+
More likely to lead to peace	17%	12%	19%	19%	14%	11%	12%	15%
Less likely to lead to peace	24%	15%	28%	25%	24%	17%	14%	16%
Make no difference	45%	40%	27%	32%	41%	44%	50%	50%
I don't know	14%	32%	25%	24%	21%	28%	24%	19%

Most Canadians believe that in the long term the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is irreconcilable with Quebecers most likely to concur

Do you think that in the longer-term Israelis and Palestinians can coexist peacefully with each other or do you think that the conflict between them is irreconcilable? by	Total	Atl.	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC
Can co-exist peacefully	27%	24%	21%	29%	24%	34%	29%
Conflict is irreconcilable	43%	40%	49%	42%	43%	35%	46%
I don't know	30%	36%	30%	29%	33%	30%	25%

Most Canadians think that the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is irreconcilable with youngest and oldest cohort most likely to concur

Do you think that in the longer-term Israelis and Palestinians can coexist peacefully with each other or do you think that the conflict between them is irreconcilable? by	Total	Male	Female	Between 18 and 24	Between 25 and 34	Between 35 and 44	Between 45 and 54	Between 55 and 64	65+
Can co-exist peacefully	27%	32%	23%	30%	32%	32%	20%	26%	25%
Conflict is irreconcilable	43%	47%	39%	49%	36%	40%	42%	44%	49%
I don't know	30%	21%	38%	21%	33%	28%	38%	30%	26%

Most Canadians agree that it was Hamas and not Palestinians that were principally responsible for the terrorist acts on Israel on October 7th, 2023

Do you agree or disagree that it was Hamas and not Palestinians that were principally responsible for the terrorist acts on Israel on October 7th, 2023?	Total	Male	Female	Between 18 and 24	Between 25 and 34	Between 35 and 44	Between 45 and 54	Between 55 and 64	65+
NET AGREE	59%	66%	52%	54%	51%	52%	48%	61%	75%
Strongly agree	35%	40%	30%	21%	26%	30%	30%	37%	51%
Somewhat agree	24%	26%	22%	34%	25%	22%	18%	24%	23%
NET DISAGREE	9%	12%	7%	15%	10%	11%	10%	10%	5%
Somewhat disagree	6%	6%	5%	13%	8%	6%	5%	5%	2%
Strongly disagree	4%	6%	2%	2%	2%	5%	4%	5%	3%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	32%	22%	42%	30%	39%	37%	42%	29%	21%

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