To: **Jewish Electorate Institute**
From: **The Mellman Group**
Re: **The Jewish Vote Was Overwhelmingly Democratic, Though Down Slightly, As Concerns About Antisemitic Rhetoric In Both Parties Continues**
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This analysis is based on the findings of a national survey of 800 Jewish registered voters who voted in the November 2026 election. The survey was conducted using a high-quality online national panel from October 29–November 6, 2026. The margin of error for the sample as a whole is +/- 3.5% at the 95% level of confidence (higher for subgroups).

Our post-election poll shows two divergent but equally important stories on the 2026 Jewish vote. First, in this bluest of blue wave, American Jews are still among the most Democratic demographics, with over two-thirds support. This was even as Israel and American Jews themselves were part of the debate in an unprecedented and often alarming way.

This leads to another story: while Jews voted overwhelmingly Democratic, support was down from the last Trump midterm, and there are continuing concerns about the party's direction. Over one in four (28%) of Jewish Democratic voters say they voted for candidates whose views on Israel concern them, but "supported them because of other factors."

These concerns are not isolated to the Democratic Party. Jewish voters, even Jewish Republicans, also have concerns about the GOP and President Trump. This may have helped keep many Jews in the Democratic column this year.

But in the wake of this historic landslide, the story starts with the Democratic vote.

Jews Voted Overwhelmingly Democratic, But Below Previous Blue Wave Highs

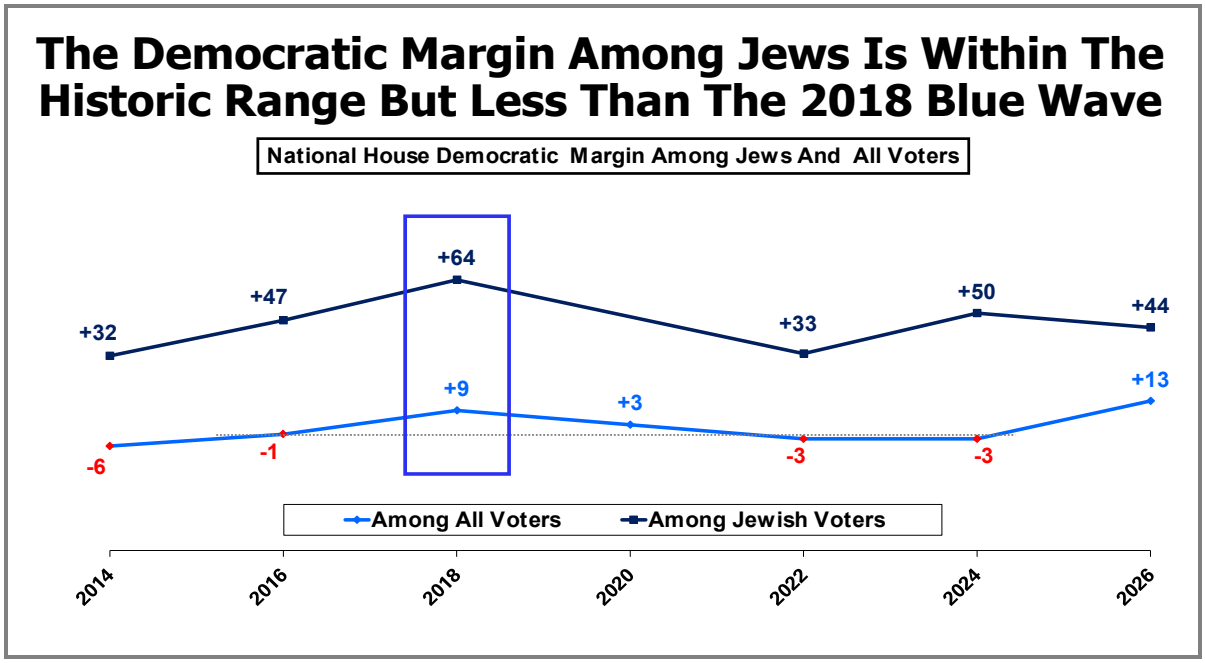
The Jewish vote in our poll was nearly 3:1 Democratic in the race for Congress: 69% Democrat – 25% Republican. The national exit polls show the Jewish vote at 68% Democrat, with only voters of color, 18-29 and LGBT voters with higher Democratic support.

The Jewish vote among Democrats was unified with 91% support – with nearly two-thirds of Democrats (60%) deciding before September.

While national exit polls show the Jewish vote for Democrats remains high, it dropped from 74% in 2024 to 68%. At the same time, Democrats made significant gains among many demographic groups including double-digit increases with younger voters (+17) and Latinos (+10), and meaningful gains among tougher groups such as White non-college (+7) and men (+8).

Democratic Vote in CNN exit polls		Change from '24
18-29	73%	+17
Voters of color	72%	+7
Jewish	68%	-6
30-44	62%	+11
White college	60%	+9
Women	59%	+7

As the chart below shows, a 44-point Jewish margin for Democrats is within the range of the last decade. However, the Democratic margin is down slightly from 2024 and 20 points down from the 2018 blue wave in the previous Trump midterm.



The Jewish Democratic Vote Was About Trump, Democracy, And Prices More Than Israel Or Antisemitism

The overriding factor for Jewish Democratic support was intense antipathy for President Trump, with 94% seeing him *very* unfavorably. Among these Jewish Democratic voters, the most important issues in their vote were protecting democracy (54% saying it was one of the most important), healthcare (53%), rising prices (52%), and corruption (46%). For all these issues, over 80% said they were at least very important.

Only 27% said fighting antisemitism was one of the most important issues in their vote, though 64% said it was at least very important. Support for Israel was an even lower priority, with only 14% saying it was one of the most important factors in their vote and 41% saying it was very important.

Jews voting Republican had completely different priorities, with fighting antisemitism at the top (42% saying it was one of the most important issues in their vote). Right behind were illegal immigration and stopping Iran from getting nuclear weapons at the top (both at 41%).

Concerns About Where Both Parties Are Headed On Israel and Antisemitism Continue; With Some Supporting Candidates Despite Worries About Their Position On Israel

Jewish voters in both parties are concerned about where their parties are headed. But for some those concerns are not enough to override partisanship.

- One in four (25%) Jews who voted Republican see the Party as "too accepting of antisemitic rhetoric within the Party" and 34% see it as "becoming too much of a home for White nationalists and the far right".

- Over a third (36%) of Jewish Democratic voters see the Party as "too accepting of antisemitic rhetoric within the Party" and 24% see it as "becoming too much of a home for socialists and the far left"

More than a quarter (28%) of Jewish Democratic voters say they voted for candidates whose views on Israel concern them, but "supported them because of other factors." Among Republican Jewish voters, 16% said they voted for a candidate despite concerns about their views on Israel.

In this historic landslide, the Jewish vote – always largely Democratic – was driven in great part by national concerns that swept the country. Even as Israel, antisemitism and the Jewish community itself became campaign issues, they were overwhelmed by the larger referendum on Trump, rising costs, and democracy. But these underlying potential flash points have not gone away and will be key factors to consider as we move away from the midterms and into the complete reshaping of Congress and the presidential primaries.

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