

**To: Jewish Electoral Institute**  
**From: The Mellman Group**  
**Re: Survey Shows War With Iran Will Be A Hot Topic At Seder, With Just Over Half Of Jews Disapproving, And Some Feeling Torn**  
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*This analysis is based on the findings of a survey of 800 registered Jewish voters nationally. The survey was conducted using a high-quality online national panel from March 13-23, 2026. The margin of error for the sample as a whole is +/- 3.5% at the 95% level of confidence (higher for subgroups).*

Our new JEI poll shows the majority of American Jews expect the Iran war to be a topic at Seder next week. A third of Jews approve of the war, with a majority disapproving, and some feeling torn. Nearly three-quarters feel President Trump should have sought Congressional approval. There are also concerns about the long-term impact of the U.S. and Israel conducting this as a joint operation.

This is the first release from our survey completed this week. Further results will follow.

### Most Expect The War To Be A Topic At Seder

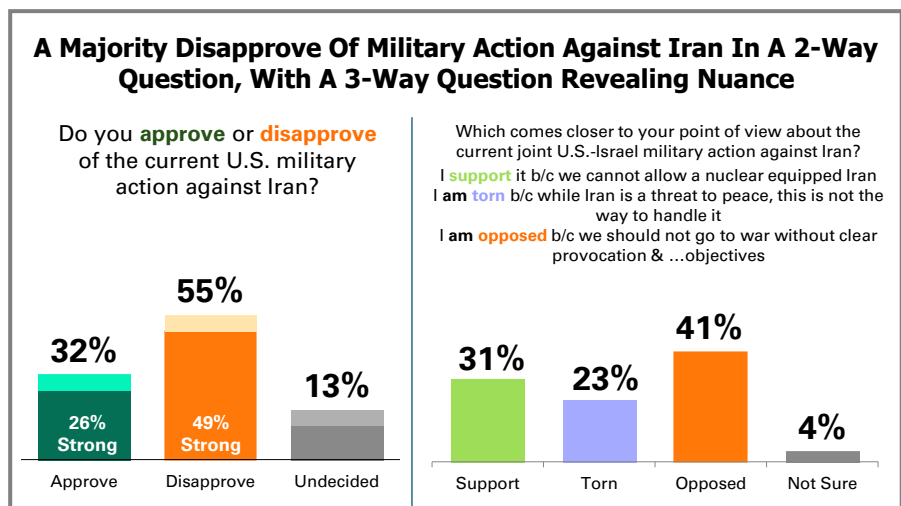
We asked how likely certain topics were to come up at Seder. A 60% majority said the war was very likely to be discussed, including 31% saying it was almost certain to come up. This majority extended across party, age, denomination, and strength of Jewish identification.

A slightly smaller 56% majority feel it is very likely antisemitism in the U.S. will be a topic of discussion, followed by hate crimes in the U.S. (43%) and Gaza and the Palestinians (40%).

### A Majority Disapprove Of Military Action Against Iran, With Some Torn

A 55% majority disapprove of the U.S. action against Iran, compared to 32% who approve. Feelings are intense, with nearly 49% disapproving strongly, and 26% approving strongly.

There is a clear partisan divide, with 74% of Jewish Democrats disapproving and 83% of Republicans



approving. There is also a split on denomination ---with 83% of Orthodox approving, while a plurality of Conservative Jews disapprove (48%) and majority disapproval among reform (67%) and non-denominational (56%) Jews.

Jewish men are more supportive than women. Women disapprove by a 2:1 majority (26% approve, 59% disapprove), while it is a closer split among men (40%/49%).

Given three choices, nearly a third (31%) say they “support the war because we cannot allow a nuclear equipped Iran.” On the other end of the spectrum, 41% say they are “opposed because we should not go to war without clear provocation and clear objectives.” Nearly one in four American Jews (23%) say that they are “torn because while Iran is a threat to peace, this is not the way to handle it”.

Among Jewish Democrats, 28% felt torn. Among all those who disapprove of the war, 24% said they felt torn. And, among the 14% who weren’t sure on the initial approval/disapproval question, over half of them (53%) say they feel torn.

### **A Larger 3:1 Majority Believe Trump Should Have Sought Congressional Approval**

Nearly three-quarters (73%) say President Trump should have sought Congressional approval before launching military strikes on Iran, compared to only 22% who believe he was right to act without Congress. Even among those supporting the war, 29% believe Trump should have gone to Congress, including 22% of Republicans and 30% of the Orthodox.

### **A Majority Are Worried That Conducting The War Jointly With Israel Could Be A Long Term Problem Prompting Concerns About The Role Of Jews In U.S. Foreign Policy**

Nearly a third (32%) believe joint operations are a “good thing because it will be a more effective operation and more likely to accomplish shared goals.” But 54% instead believe that joint operations are “bad because it will be a long-term problem prompting concerns about the role of Israel and American Jews in U.S. foreign policy.” This concern is highest among Democrats (70%) and those against the war (83%).

Supporters of the war are also more positive about joint operations, with overwhelming majorities seeing it as good (81%) rather than bad (12%). But there is still some concern even among Republicans (79% good, 15% bad) and Orthodox Jews (74% good, 21% bad).

As noted at the top, this is the first release from this new poll. More to come after Passover.

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