



## New Poll Shows MAJOR DECLINE in Americans' Israel Support

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**Glenn Greenwald (GG):** We've seen it from all corners; this attempt to panic, this kind of panicked attempt to get a stranglehold reimposed on American discourse, and it's just not working. And now we're seeing some truly extreme measures being undertaken. I'm not saying with the exclusive intent of reimposing a pro-Israel consensus, certainly it seems part of the intent, and at the very least it will definitely be the effect if it ends up working. So let's just go to the basics of what has been happening here. Basically, Paramount, which is the parent company of CBS, the corporate parent of CBS, which has not just CBS entertainment properties, but CBS News, 60 Minutes, all the flagship programmes of CBS, the morning show that had been influential in the United States for many decades is up for sale and the entity which is attempting to purchase it, to purchase Paramount and all the entities that go with it, including CBS News, is being led by the son of one of the world's richest people. The world richest person being Larry Ellison, the multi-multi-billionaire, net worth of something like 60, 70 billion dollars, who founded Oracle, the Silicon Valley company back in the 1990s, became one of top ten richest people on the planet. As a result, he is a fanatical supporter of Israel. And his little boy, his son, is now inheriting the fortune. He's an heir to the fortune, like a little princeling. Which is how so much of our world works, even though we thought we had liberated ourselves from that with British aristocracies and landed gentry and the like. You see this everywhere. And the son's name is David Ellison and he is at least as fanatical of a supporter of Israel as his father is. They're both American citizens, but Israel, the foreign country, Israel is their focus.

Here from the Jerusalem Post, and Israeli media describes things in this way, in a way that American media can't for obvious reasons, but the Jerusalem Post is a very mainstream newspaper in Israel. July 31st, 2024, there's the headline: *Jewish business leaders transform the media landscape with an \$8 billion deal.* Quote, "In a groundbreaking strategic move reshaping the US media market, Brandon Korff, heir to the Paramount empire, has decided to sell control of the media and film empire to David Ellison, heir to Larry Ellison's media empire". So you have two pro-Israel heirs, two billionaire fortunes, doing a little game with each other, selling Paramount from one to the other. "The deal valued at eight billion dollars

stands out as one of the most significant and intriguing transactions in the US media market, showcasing the next generation of the world's most influential Jewish business leaders". Again, this is not anyone saying this other than the Jerusalem Post. "Korff and Ellison grew up in families with economic empires, but have built independent and dominant business worlds that are now culminating in a massive deal". Oh yeah, they're also incredible meritocrats, all done on their own, through their hard work, just through sweat and blood and tears. Quote, "'This is the next generation of global Jewish leadership', says a source familiar with the details. Quote, 'These two young men love Israel, are connected to their Judaism, have Zionist values, and it's very encouraging to see that in such successful families, the values are passed on to the younger generations. Both quietly donate quite a bit to the state of Israel and the IDF. It is positive news for the Jewish world that Korff and Ellison are the next generation of global Jewish leadership connected to Israel and holding Zionist values.'" and then bizarrely the article ends with this phrase: This article was written in cooperation with SkyDance.

SkyDance is the corporate entity that was formed by the Ellisons to buy Paramount. So I don't know what this arrangement was exactly, but according to the Jerusalem Post, the article that they reported on these two Jewish billionaires in their plan to transfer the control of Paramount and CBS News from one to the other with all of their pro-IDF and pro-Israel values was an article written in cooperation with the company itself, almost like an ad or press release. The significance of that is obvious, the article itself makes that clear. And just to give you the background – we've gone over this point many times, there's a lot of it – from Pew Research Centre, April 8, 2025: Negative views of Israel have risen in the United States. And what's always so interesting about this chart and ones like it, is that negative views of Israel are rising in every demographic group. Here's Republicans, ages 18 to 49. All Republicans 50 and under; I mean, to say that pro-Israel, the pro-Israel position was a borderline religious view or at least an unquestioned argument in Republican politics is to put that mildly. Although you can actually make the case that it's more so in the Democratic Party, I would make that case actually. The last two presidents who really challenged Israel were Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Although Obama did to a little bit of an extent. But it's a bipartisan consensus, that's been the key to the whole thing the whole time.

And here you see that negative views of Israel among Republicans ages 18 to 49 are at 50%. 50%, so a majority. 50% of Republicans under 50 have an unfavourable view of Israel. That's the exact question that was asked. Through all US adults, ignore their demographic characteristics, it's gone up from 42% in 2022 to 53% in 2025. A majority, an absolute majority of American citizens now disapprove of or have an unfavourable view of Israel. And you see how much it's increased since 2022. And obviously, a major reason is the reaction to what people have been seeing and watching Israel do in Gaza. Among Democrats, it's gone from 53 to 69%. And among young Democrats, Democrats under 50, 71%. 71% have a negative view of Israel. This is a massive sea change.

And if you're Israeli or the large numbers of loyalists to Israel who live in the United States and have American citizenship and you see this, of course you're going to panic. I don't think

American support is key to Israel's existence. I think Americans' support, though, is key to Israel's ability to dominate the region and bully the region and take and do what they want. They could coexist peacefully with their neighbours, but that's not what that country has opted to do, especially over the last couple of decades. And it's able to get away with it because the United States, under both parties – it doesn't matter who you vote for, you can vote for a Democrat, you can vote a Republican, none of it will change, exactly the same outcome – the US government under either party will force you to subsidise Israel, to pay for Israel, to go to war for Israel, to arm it, to deploy our own service members in harm's way in order to protect it.

And here's the snapshot I mentioned earlier. This is from Dave Weigel, the political reporter at Semaphore, summarising a new poll that came out just today on the opinion of Democrats in New York City; where, of course, they're on Mamdani, despite being accused of being an anti-Semite, over and over and again, easily destroyed one of the most powerful political families in Democratic Party history, which is the Cuomo family, when he crushed Andrew Cuomo. Here is Dave Weigel's summary of the polling data that came out today. Quote, "Two-thirds or more of New York City Democratic primary voters agree with Zohran, agree with his positions on Israel, including arresting Bibi. 57% say that they might oppose Democrats who don't endorse Mamdani for mayor. That includes the party's two Brooklyn-based leaders in Congress", meaning Hakeem Jeffries and Chuck Schumer. And actually, the comments were even, the polling data was even more amazing in that, including the fact that a plurality of Jews overall in New York support Mamdani for mayor.

Remember, the narrative has been endless: Mamdani will make New York dangerous for Jews, Jews are going to have to leave New York. What is Zohran Mamdani going to do to make New York dangerous for the Jews? But that's been the attack, the sinister smear campaign, the fear-mongering campaign. Meanwhile, the actual Jewish people who live in New York, by at least a plurality, and among young people, by a large majority, support Zohran Mamdani. So you see the kind of change in our politics that's going on, not just in New York City, but all over the country. Just this week, Marjorie Taylor Greene came out and said, what Israel is doing in Gaza is a genocide, joining people like Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and others in the Democratic Party. Both Marjorie Taylor Greene and Thomas Massie want to cut off American funding for all-Israeli military aid, which not even AOC is willing to do. She wants to continue to fund Israel's defensive systems and its defensive missiles. We went over that already. But you see the sea change that's happening. It's very significant. And inevitably, it's going to have to manifest into public policy. You can only maintain a breach between the D.C. class and American public opinion that large for so long. It's inevitable.

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