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The IPS Saudi Arabia Survey Results Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) Prof. Alex Mintz Eli Mograbi June 2015

Background

The IPS survey of public opinion in Saudi Arabia on the Iranian nuclear program, the Arab Peace Initiative, Security concerns, and other key issues, was conducted in the past two weeks.

Background (cont'd)

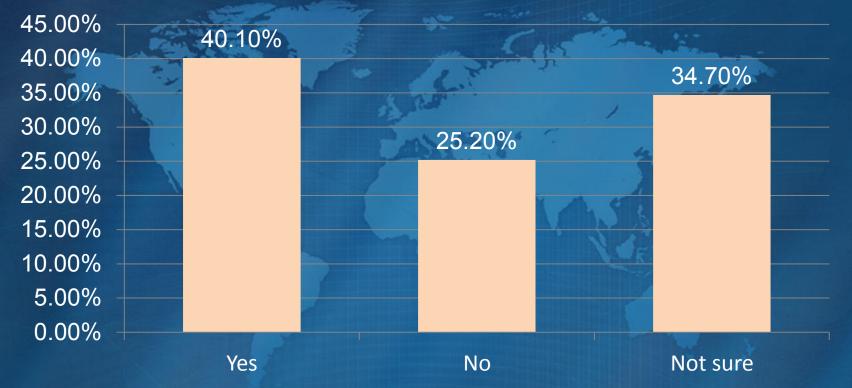
The survey, which was conducted in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, included a random sample of 506 respondents who use cell phones and landlines.

The survey results have appeared over the weekend in Fox News, NYT, ABCNews, and close to 200 other media outlets.

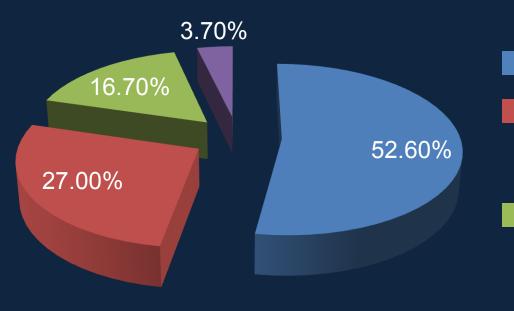
Who is the biggest enemy of Saudi Arabia?



Do you believe that a nuclear deal between Iran, the US, and Europe will stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons?



Assuming Iran will obtain nuclear weapons, what should Saudi Arabia do?



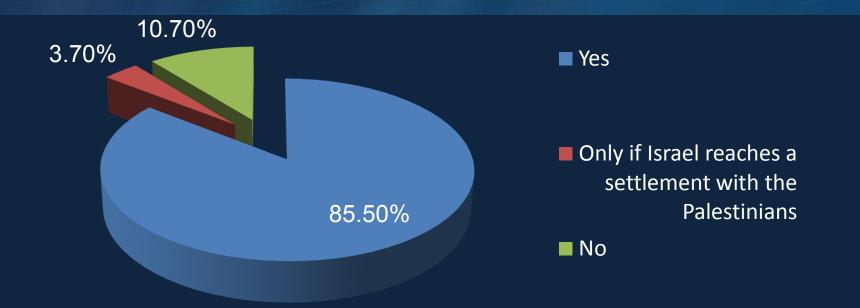
Obtain its own nuclear weapons

Attempt to receive a nuclear umbrella from the US, and only if the US doesn't agree, Saudi Arabia should

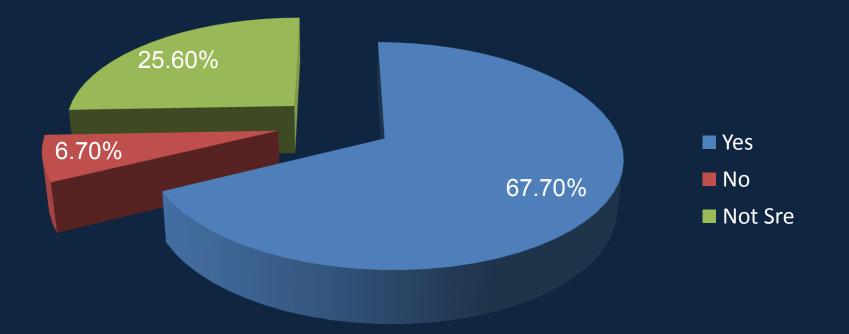
Attempt to receive a nuclear umbrella from the US and if the US doesn't agree, then no nuclear weapon

Do nothing

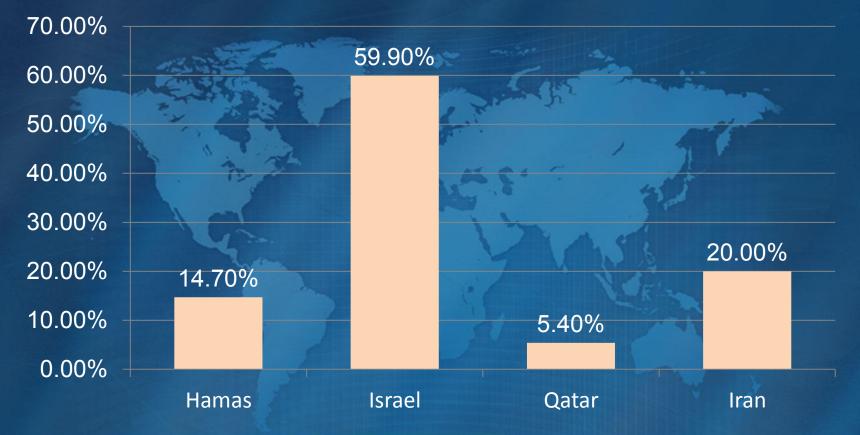
Do you support the Saudi-Arab Peace Imitative?



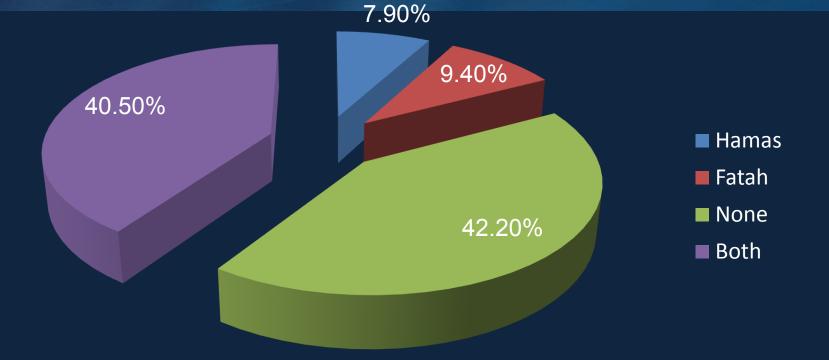
Do you think the rise of the Houthis in Yemen was brought about by Iran?



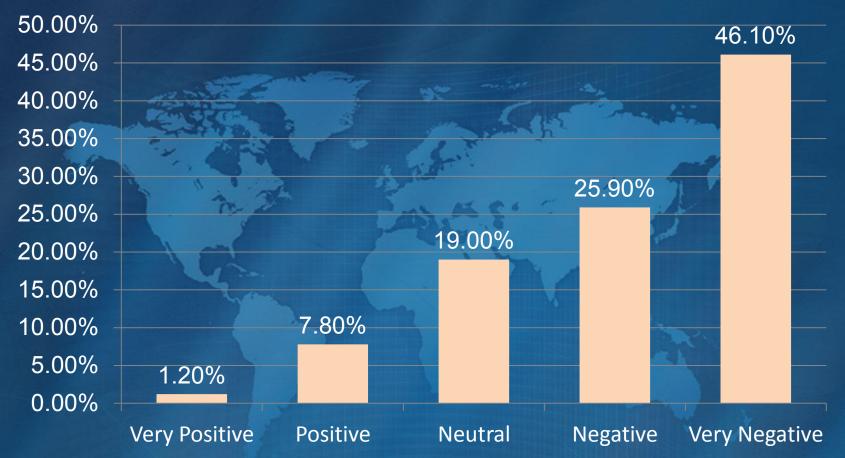
Who is responsible for the repeating wars between Israel and Hamas?



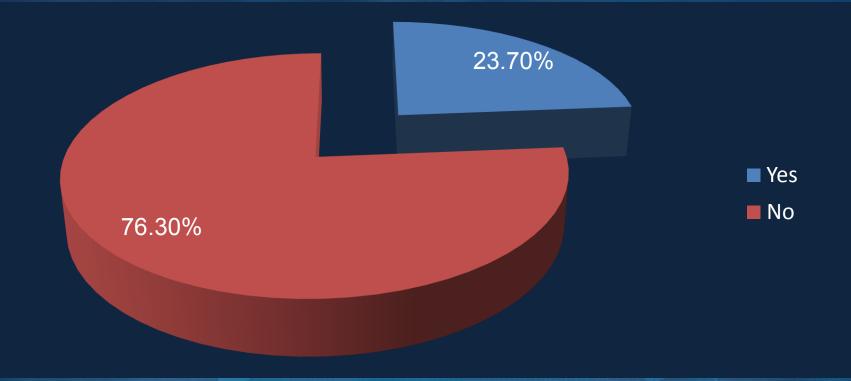
Which Palestinian camp should Saudi Arabia support financially?



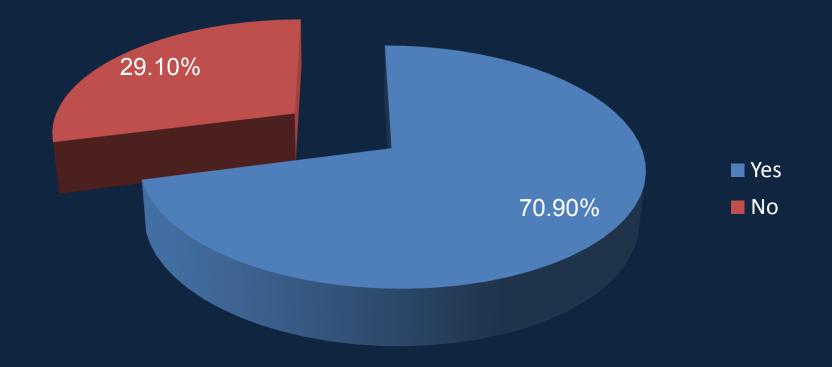
What are your attitudes towards the Islamic state?



Should Saudi Arabia and Israel fight Iran together?



Is Iran a threat to the sovereignty of Saudi Arabia?



Another Survey Conducted by IPS in Israel

N=501 Conducted by Mina Zemach and the Midgam Company Last week

Israeli Public Opinion On the Peace Process

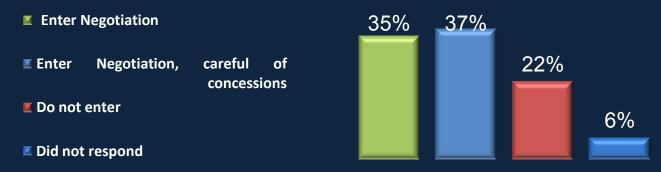


What should Israel do with regard to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

- More than two thirds of respondents think that Israel should be active and offer a peace proposal or renew negotiation
- Only 28 percent claim that Israel should not enter a peace process
- Jews support negotiation more than Arabs
- Secular respondents are more supportive of negotiation than religious ones

Public Opinion on the Peace Process

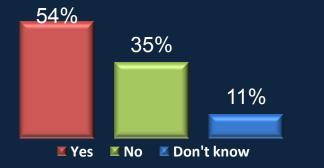
Should Israel enter negotiation with the Arab League based on the Arab Peace Initiative?

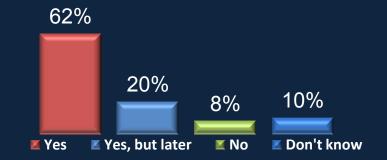


- A majority of supporters of most parties, including of Likud and Bayit Yehudi think Israel should enter negotiation with Arab States.
- Whereas a small majority of the Zionist Camp (52%) and Meretz (58%) do not condition entering peace negotiation, supporters of other parties, including Yesh Atid and Kulanu, condition their support on refraining from many concessions.
- Among Ultra Orthodox parties there is no support for entering negotiation
- The proportion of those who oppose negotiation increases as a function of religious values. From only 17% percent opposition among secular respondents to 57% among Haredi Jews.

Expectations of WARS

- Do you expect or do not expect a third Lebanese war in the next three years?
- Do you expect or do not expect another round of military campaign vis a vis the Hamas in the next three years?





More people expect war with Hamas than with Hezbollah More than half respondents expect war with both Hamas and Hezbollah in the next three years