



Expert Discussion

# **Israeli Expectations from Trump and the Vision of Israel's Future**

December 18, 2024

Tel Aviv

## Roundtable Agenda

15:30-16:00	Meeting and Light Refreshments
16:00-16:30	Opening of the Round Table and Presentation of Research Findings by the Dor Moriah Analytical Center
16:30-17:00	Sociology Expert Presentation “Polarization in Israeli Society and its Global Positioning”
17:00-17:30	A Report on the Polarization of Israeli Society and Strategies for Influencing Political Decisions to Foster Consolidation
17:30-18:00	Lobbying and Financial Cooperatives as Tools for Solidarity
18:00-18:15	Round Table Summary
18:00-18:45	Event Closing and Informal Networking

Research Methodology	
In-Depth Interviews with Experts	National Sociological Survey
November 2024	December 2024

Sample	1007 Respondents
Охват	все сектора израильского общества
Margin of Error	±3.09% at a 95% Confidence Level

## Positive expectations of Israelis from Trump's policies



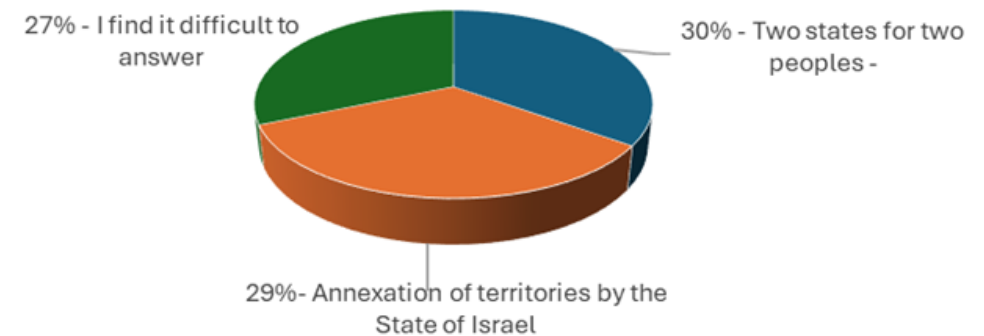
## Uncertainty About Opinions on Trump's Plans

30% - Support the 'Two States for Two Peoples' Model  
29% - Support Annexation of Territories  
27% - Unable to Define Their Position

## Key Expectations of Israelis

54% Believe in Strengthening Israel's Sovereignty  
50% Expect Improved Relations with Saudi Arabia  
40% Expect the Destruction of Iran's Nuclear Facilities

## What model for resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict does President D. Trump prefer?



"Israeli Society Faces Strategic Uncertainty Regarding the Intentions of Its Key Ally on the Fundamental Question of the State's Future Structure."

"Trump will have to balance between Israel's interests and the religious ambitions of Muslims..."

"...'Brutal' military activity in the Middle East, which disrupts the long-standing balance of power, could negatively impact U.S. interests."

**On December 16, 2024**, U.S. President-elect Donald Trump stated that under the current conditions, he does not support the annexation of the West Bank. Such steps, he argued, could complicate relations with key allies, including Saudi Arabia and the UAE, affecting regional stability and joint efforts to contain Iran.

## The Eastern Vector: Relations with BRICS

Relations with Russia	Relations with China
18% - Expect Improvement 21% - Expect Deterioration 23% - See Ambiguous Impact	16% - Expect Improvement 20% - Expect Deterioration 22% - See Ambiguous Impact

## Roots of the Conflict: Key Factors

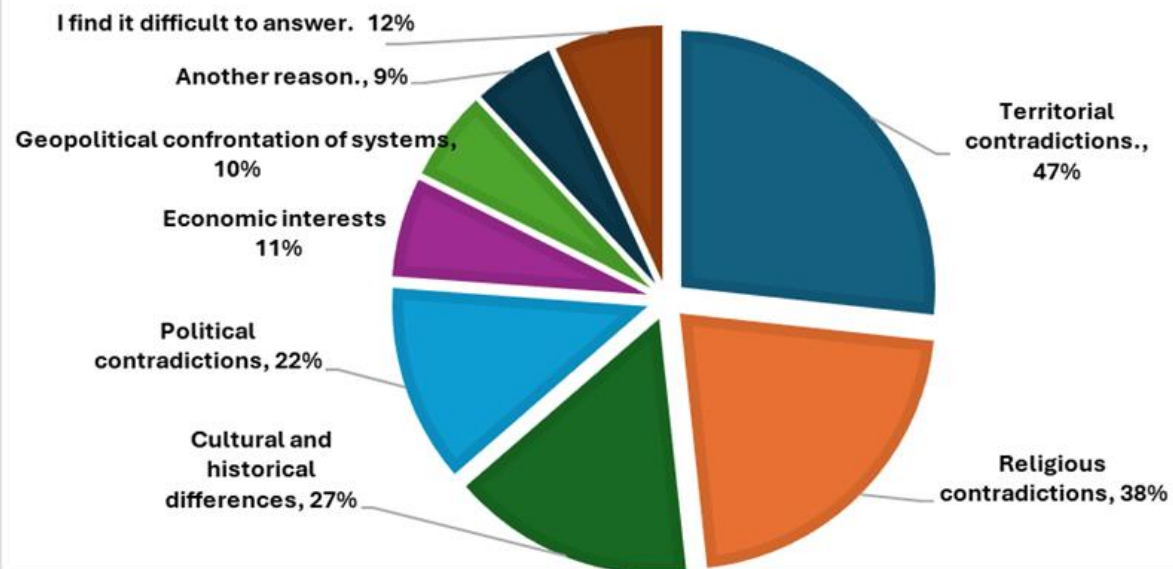
Territorial Disputes - 47%

Religious Contradictions - 38%

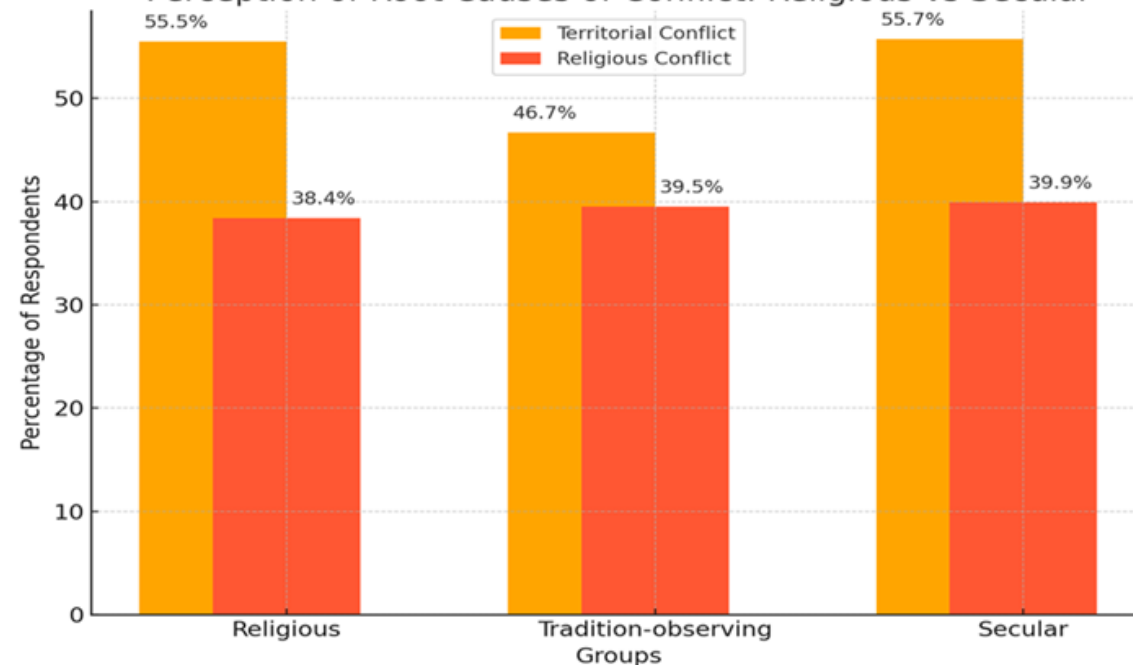
Cultural and Historical Differences - 27%

Political Disagreements - 22%

### WHAT IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT?



### Perception of Root Causes of Conflict: Religious vs Secular

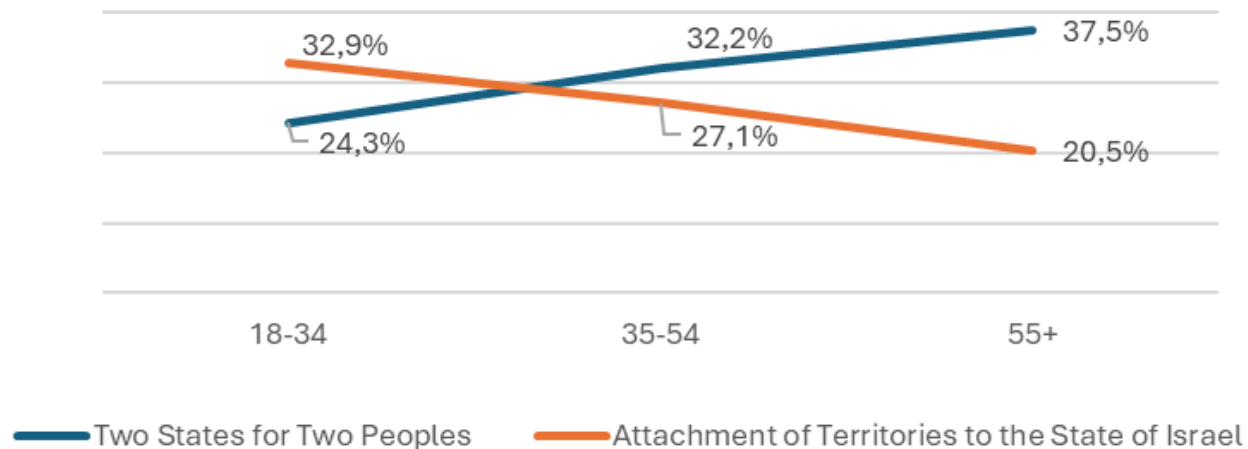


## The Religious Paradox

**Religious Citizens:** 55.5% View It as a Territorial Conflict

**Secular Israelis:** 55.7% See It as Religious Contradictions

## How does Donald Trump prefer to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict?



## Gender Differences

**Women:** Focus on the Territorial Aspect (52%)

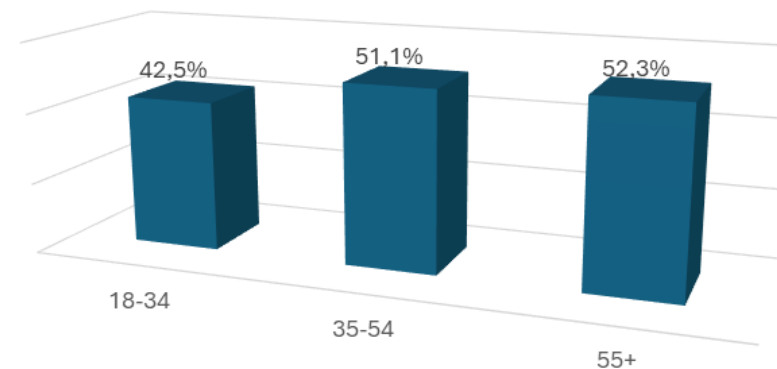
**Men:** Greater Emphasis on Religion (42.7%)

## Generational Differences

**Older Generation (55+):** More Optimistic About Trump's

**Diplomacy (34.7%)**  
**Youth:** Tend to Support Annexation of Territories (32.9%)

## The role of the territorial factor as the root cause of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict (age distribution)



## Recommendations

Strategic Autonomy	Internal Stability	International Positioning
Development of Technological Potential	Balancing Between Religious and Secular Populations	The Role of Mediator in the 'Clash of Civilizations'
Strengthening the Role of a Regional Technology Hub	Fostering Inclusive Dialogue	Maintaining Partnership with the U.S. While Preserving Sovereignty



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State of Halacha	Secular State
One State for Two Peoples	Two States for Two Peoples
Move Toward the Collective West	Move Toward the Global South
Has a Unique Mission in the World	Has No Unique Global Mission
Religious Zionism	Secular Zionism
Chosen People	One of Ancient Peoples

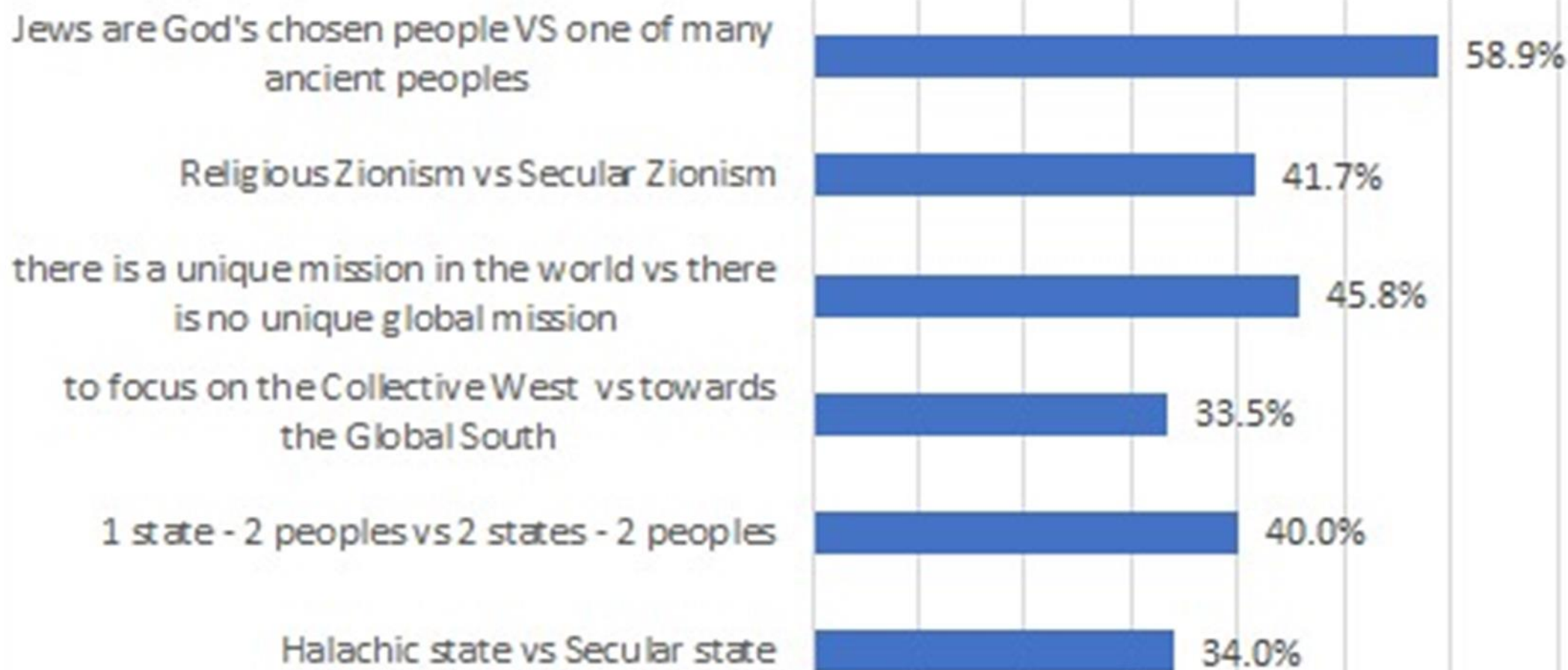
## Recognition of the West-South Conflict

A Total of 54.7% Acknowledge the Existence of the Conflict(Including 16.3% - Definitively)

10.7% Are Confident There Is No Such Conflict(Including 2% - Definitively)

34.6% Were Unable to Answer the Question

## Emotional charge of the topic



Instruments of Influence for a (Solidary) Social Group	
Elections	Integration of Group Representatives into Legislative and Executive Authorities
Lobbying	Influence on Political Decision-Making Between Elections
Social Mobilization	Organizing Public Pressure and Electoral Processes

Foundations of a Solidary Group	
Lack of a Political Base	Insufficient Representation in the Knesset and Government Bodies
Weak Economic Base	Lack of Consolidated Support from Big Business and Absence of Mass Funding for Socio-Political Movements of the Solidary Group
Presence of a Significant Social Base	Low Electoral Activity, Lack of Effective Lobbying, and Low Level of Social Mobilization

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