

While the World Turns on Israel, Evangelicals Stand Firm

Despite Israel continually being attacked both physically by their Muslim neighbors and verbally by the broader World community, one constituency has consistently stood apart: Evangelical Christians. Today, even as polling shows support for Israel softening across nearly every demographic in America, that trend has only partially reached Evangelical churches.

There are certainly signs of generational change and debate over President Donald Trump's Iran game plan, but the overwhelming picture remains the same: Bible-believing Evangelicals continue to be Israel's most dependable supporters in America.

The polling tells a fascinating story. While support for Israel has weakened considerably among Americans overall, Evangelicals remain one of the last major constituencies standing firmly with the Jewish state. According to Pew Research, 65% of White Evangelical Protestants hold a favorable opinion of Israel, compared to just 39% of White mainline Protestants, 35% of Catholics, 33% of Black Protestants, and only 22% of religiously unaffiliated Americans. Another Pew survey found that 70% of White evangelicals believe God gave the land of Israel to the Jewish people, while only 30% of Americans overall share that belief.

Those numbers become even more pronounced when contrasted with the broader American public. Pew reported in 2025 that 53% of Americans now hold an unfavorable view of Israel, including 69% of Democrats, while Gallup found in 2026 that, for the first time in its decades of polling, Americans overall now

sympathize more with the Palestinians than the Israelis. Yet Evangelicals have largely resisted that trend, suggesting their support is driven less by political events and more by deeply held biblical convictions.

Gary Bauer, president of American Values, says that biblical conviction remains the defining factor for many Evangelicals.

“As hatred of Israel and Jews grows, Evangelicals remain steadfast in our support for the Jewish people and their homeland. We don’t take polls or embrace lies. We believe in Biblical Truth,” Bauer said.

What’s interesting here is a recent analysis published by The Times of Israel that examined years of research into Evangelical attitudes toward Jews and Israel. They reached a conclusion that challenges one of the most common criticisms leveled against Christian Zionists.



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For years, critics have argued that Evangelical support for Israel is merely transactional and that Christians support the Jewish state only because of end-times prophecy and ultimately hope Jews will convert to Christianity. But researchers studying Evangelical opinion say it’s much more nuanced than that.

According to the authors, religious belief remains the strongest driver of Evangelical support, but that support is rooted less in speculation about the Second Coming than in a deeply held conviction that the Jewish people remain God’s chosen people and that God’s covenant with Israel still matters. The researchers concluded that theology, cultural identity and moral conviction all combine to produce an authentic attachment to the Jewish state rather than supporting Jews just due to end times prophecy.

Tim Barton, president of WallBuilders, echoed that theological argument.

“I think it’s very hard for Christians to read through their Bible and come away with the conclusion that God no longer has a plan for Israel or the Jews, and that Christians have totally replaced them. Romans 11, by itself, would disprove that position,” he said.

There’s more. The Chicago Council on Global Affairs found that white Evangelical Protestants are roughly twice as likely as Americans overall to believe Israel is justified in defending itself militarily. Earlier Pew surveys likewise found Evangelicals substantially more likely than the general public to believe God gave the land of Israel to the Jewish people. Meanwhile, LifeWay Research has found overwhelming Evangelical belief that Israel’s rebirth in 1948 fulfilled biblical prophecy, with large majorities affirming the Jewish people’s historic and biblical connection to the land.

Those numbers do not mean every Evangelical agrees on every Israeli government decision. Many openly criticize Israeli leaders when they believe criticism is warranted. Others disagree over settlement policy, humanitarian concerns in Gaza or Trump’s diplomacy with Iran.

But disagreement over policy has not translated into rejection of Israel’s legitimacy. That remains a defining characteristic separating Evangelicals from much of the broader electorate.

Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, believes the explanation goes far deeper than just politics.

“The erosion of support for Israel among those who identify as Christians largely parallels the erosion of biblical knowledge, biblical authority, and biblical worldview within the church,” Perkins tells ALL ISRAEL NEWS. “At the same time, among Bible-believing Christians who regard Scripture as God’s authoritative Word, support for Israel’s right to exist in its

historic homeland and defend itself remains strong and, in many surveys, stronger than ever.”

Tim Head, president of , said that enduring support also continues to make Evangelicals Israel’s strongest political constituency in the United States:

“Israel remains one of the four core issues for most Evangelical voters in the US, despite inter-party opposition from some Republicans. To be sure, younger conservative, evangelical voters are more ready to call into question American pro-Israel policies than are their older counterparts, but the American conservative, evangelical voter remains the best political ally Israel has in all of global politics today.”

As for the Trump administration’s proposed Iran framework, pro-Israel Christians have deep concerns, but those worries have more to do with whether the administration’s approach adequately protects the Jewish state from a regime that Evangelicals overwhelmingly distrust.

Some Evangelicals remain confident the president is pursuing a long-term strategy to neutralize Iran peacefully, while others worry the agreement grants Tehran too many concessions without sufficiently protecting Israel’s security interests. Yet even among Evangelical critics of the deal, support for Israel itself remains remarkably consistent. The disagreement centers on policy – not on abandoning America’s closest Middle East ally. For the majority of Evangelicals, that simply will never happen. Their Bible won’t allow it.

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