

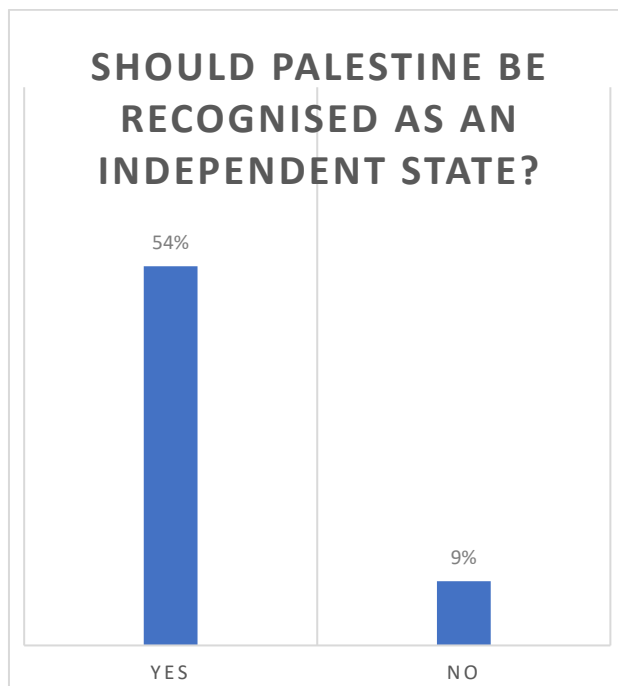
Poll result shows strong support for Palestine

A recent YouGov poll showed a majority of Australians support recognition of Palestine, an immediate end to the occupation and siege of Gaza by Israel and support the International Criminal Court (ICC) investigating war crimes in Palestine.

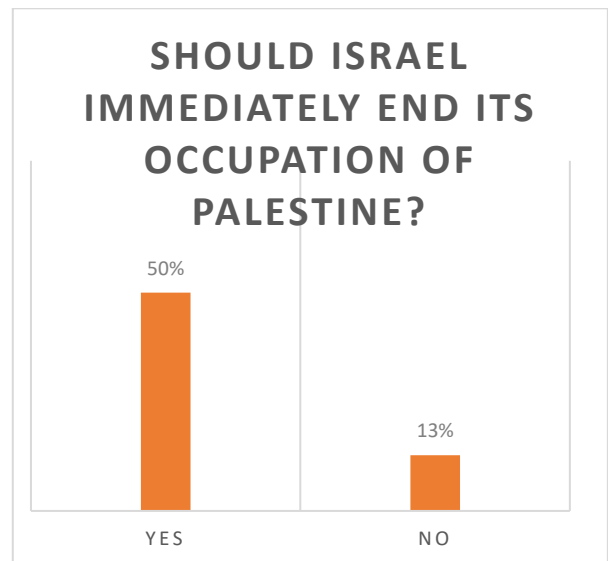
The poll by respected international polling agency YouGov (who also produce newspann) is weighted to be representative of the Australian adult population.

The results

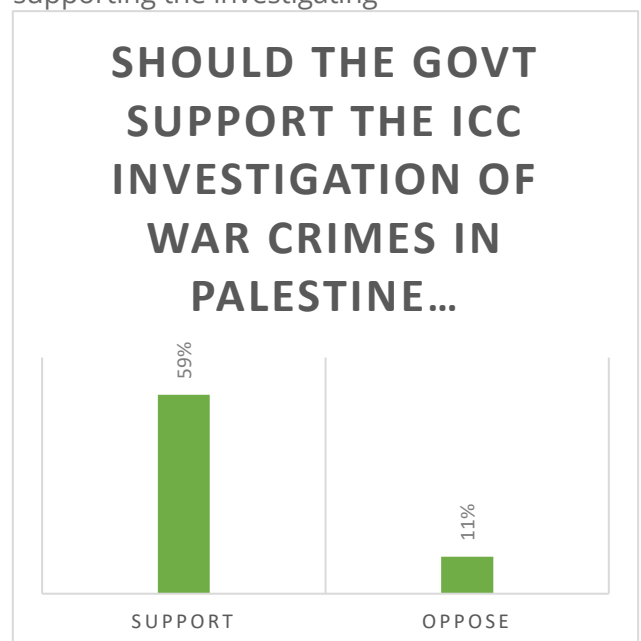
54% of Australians believe the government should join **139 other nations** and recognise Palestine as an independent state, while only **9%** oppose recognition



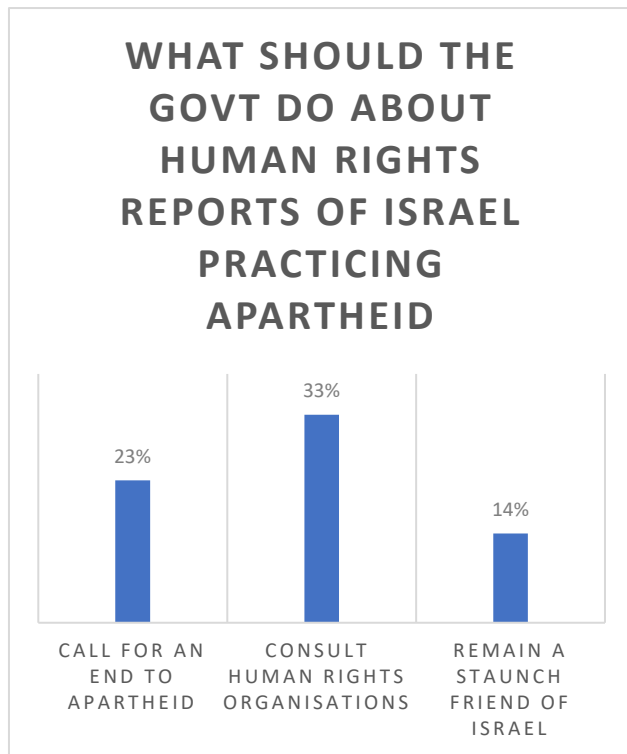
50% of Australians believe Israel should immediately end its occupation of Palestine, while just **13%** think the occupation should continue.



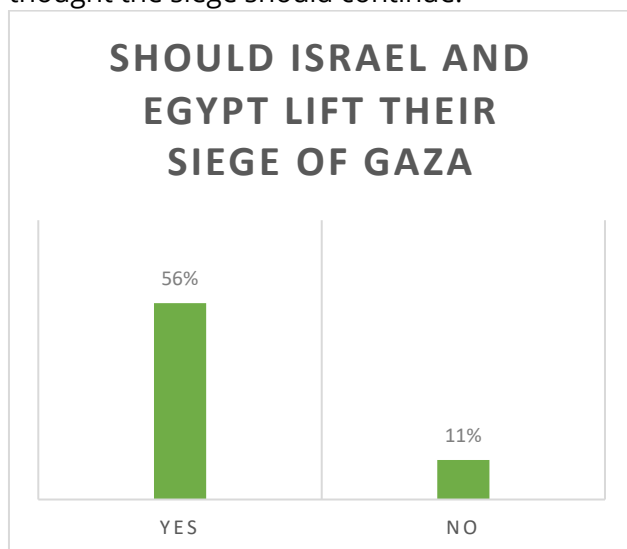
59% of Australians want the government to support the ICC to investigate war crimes in Palestine while only **11%** oppose them supporting the investigating



A majority of Australians including voters for Labor (62 percent), Coalition (54 percent), and Greens (79 percent) believe the Australian Government should call on Israel to end its apartheid policies & practises, or work with international human rights groups for a solution.



56% of Australians thought that Israel and Egypt should end their siege on Gaza that limits food, medicines, travel and trade. Only **11%** thought the siege should continue.



The poll has a margin of error of + or - 3.5%

Other findings

Settlements

More than **twice as many Australians** (42% to 18%) were opposed to Israeli settlement on stolen Palestinian land than supported them. **50% more Australians** opposed the Australian government's refusal to acknowledge these settlements as illegal than supported the government.

The May 2021 attacks on Gaza

A majority of Australians, **51%**, thought the force used and damage done by Israeli attacks on Gaza in May 2021 were not justified while just **16%** thought the attacks were justified.

Boycotts of Israel

49% of Australians thought that calls for boycotts of Israel were reasonable while only **14%** thought such calls were unreasonable.

What does the poll tell us?

The poll tells us that the current policies of the Coalition parties are completely out of kilter with the views of the Australian public. The views of the ALP are more aligned but in important respects are still lagging behind the views of the public.

The fact that successive Australian governments have been so committed to a largely uncritical friendship with Israel, which ignores the human rights of Palestinians, is at odds with the views of the Australian public.

What should happen now?

All political parties should re-examine their policies in the light of the reports of Human Rights organisations finding Israel is practising apartheid and align their policies with the views of the Australian people. Australia can play a positive role in providing Palestinians with self-determination, freedom, and dignity only if they will call out breaches of international law and human rights abuses happening in Israel and Palestine and take action to bring these to an end.