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# Israeli public attitudes towards the Iran campaign

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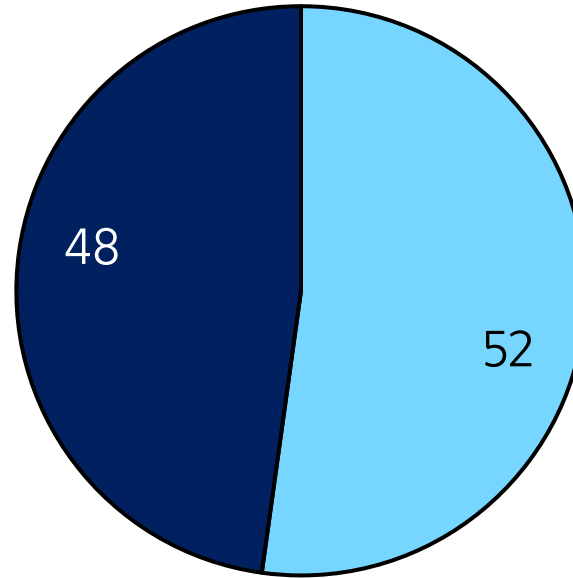
# Background

-  This document summarizes preliminary findings from a study conducted on a representative sample of Israeli society in the context of the recent military attack on Israel by Iran.
-  The sample was collected by iPanel at April 14-15, 2024, and included 1,466 Jewish Israeli citizens respondents aged 18+.
-  The sample represents adult Israeli-Jewish society in terms of gender, age, degree of religiosity, ethnicity, region of residence, and voting pattern in the elections for the 25th Knesset.
-  The margin of error is +4.2 with a 99% confidence level.

# Key Findings

- The Israeli public is divided as to an Israeli military response to the Iranian attack
- 28% support military action even if it leads to an all-out war. A third are opposed
- Only 30% of Israelis believe that Israel is well prepared for a military campaign against Iran
- Less than half of Israelis perceive the government as strong in the face of the Iranian threat
- About 75% of Israelis oppose a counterattack if it undermines Israel's security alliance with its allies
- Less than a third support military action even without backing from Israel's allies. 45% believe that one should respond only if supported by its allies (compared to 27% who believe otherwise)
- Over half of Israelis believe that Israel should respond to security demands from its allies, compared to 12% who oppose it. Nearly 60% believe that American aid against Iran's attack obliges Israel to coordinate security with it
- Less than half of Israelis support military action in Rafah if it will exact a price on Israel-US relations

# Should Israel respond to the Iranian attack on Saturday night?

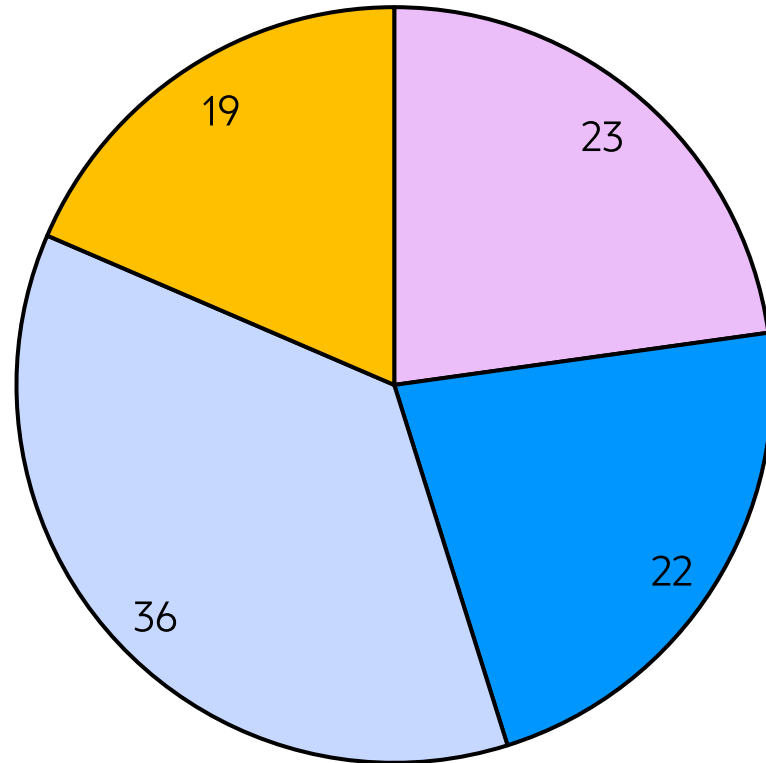


- Not to respond, in order to end the current round of confrontation
- To respond, even at the cost of extending the current round of confrontation

**The Israeli public is divided as to the military response to the Iranian attack**

# How should Israel respond to the Iranian attack that took place on Saturday night?

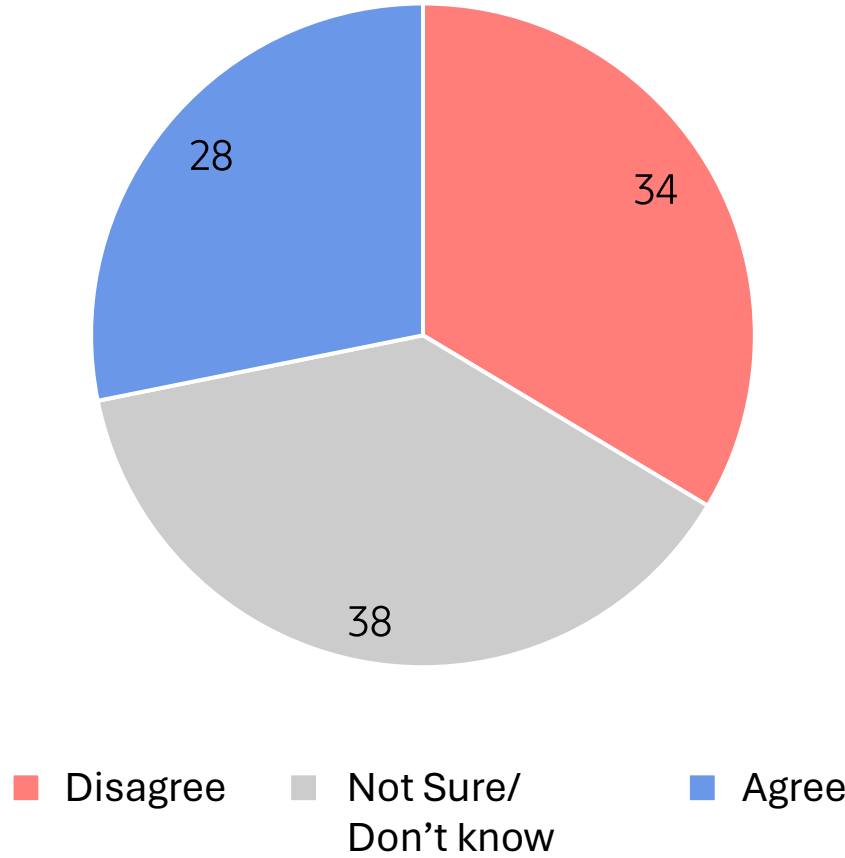
(Among the respondents who support a military response)



- A tactical attack against Iranian targets and its affiliates throughout the Middle East
- A tactical attack against military targets on Iranian soil
- To embark on a strategic move to remove the nuclear threat from Iran
- To launch a comprehensive move against Iran with the aim of overthrowing the regime

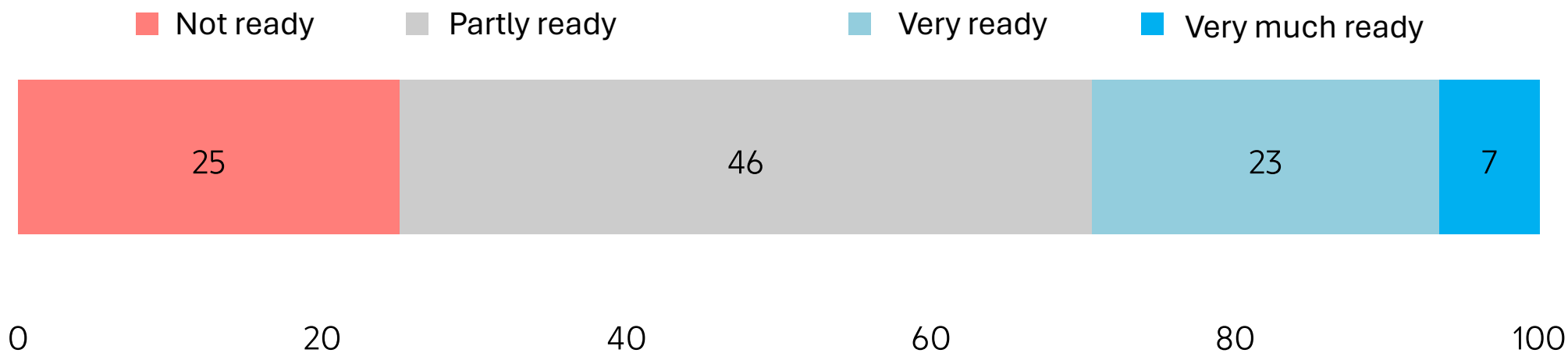
**Among the 48% who support a military response, a quarter support action on Iranian soil while over a third support a strategic move to remove the nuclear threat posed by it**

**Military action must be taken against Iran until the threat is removed from its side, even if there is a chance that this will lead to an all-out war in the Middle East**



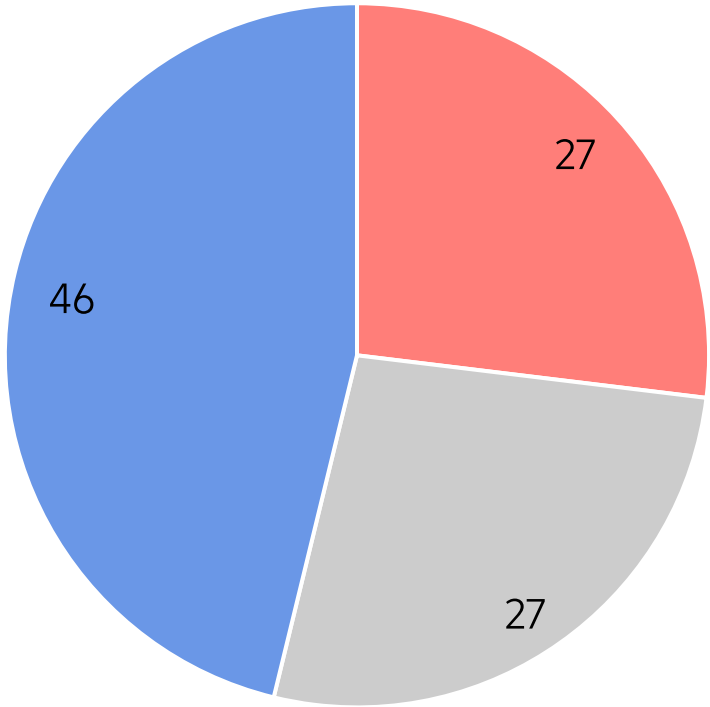
**28% support military action even if it leads to an all-out war. Thirds are against it.**

# To what extent do you think Israel is militarily prepared for a military campaign against Iran?



**Only 30% of Israelis believe that Israel is well prepared for a military campaign against Iran**

# Is the Israeli government strong or weak toward Iran?

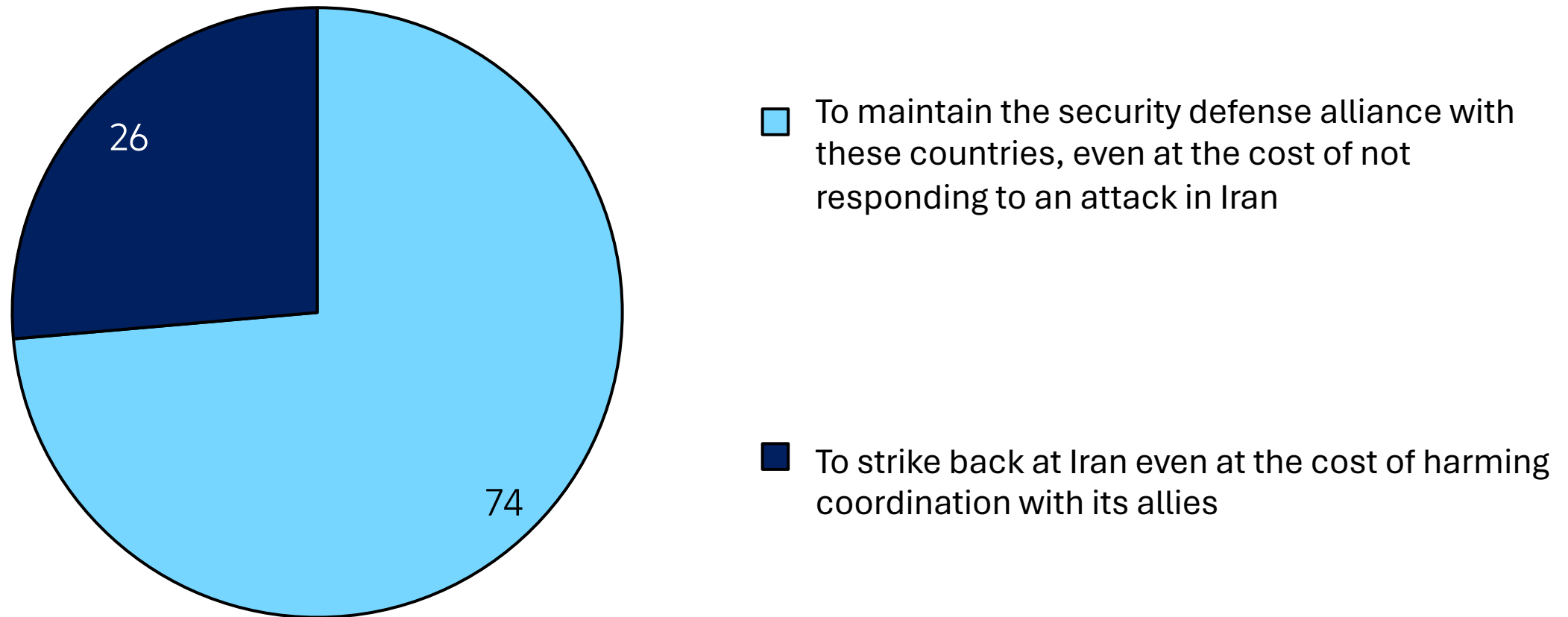


Weak    Neither weak nor strong    Strong

**Less than half of the public perceives the government as strong in the face of the Iranian threat**

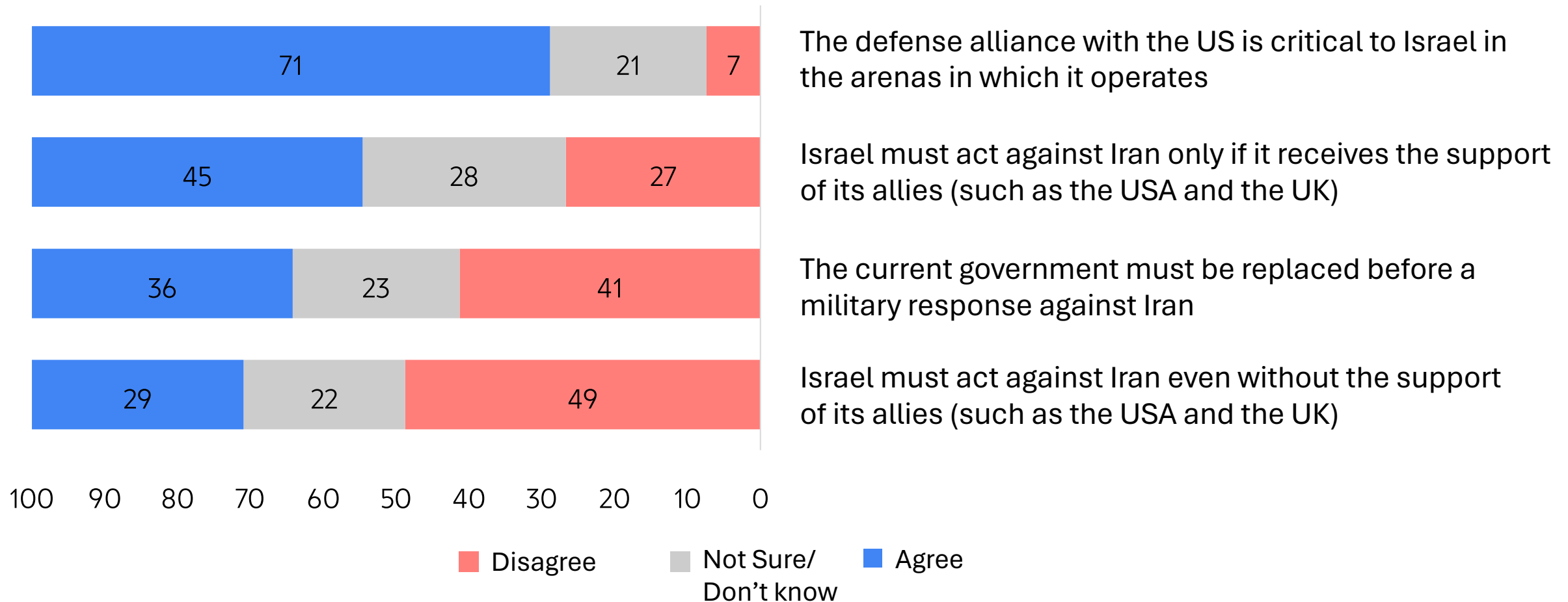


**The USA, UK and the moderate Arab countries assisted in curbing the attack of the Iranian missiles and drones. If a demand arises on behalf of these countries not to attack Iran again without prior coordination with them, what do you think Israel should do?**



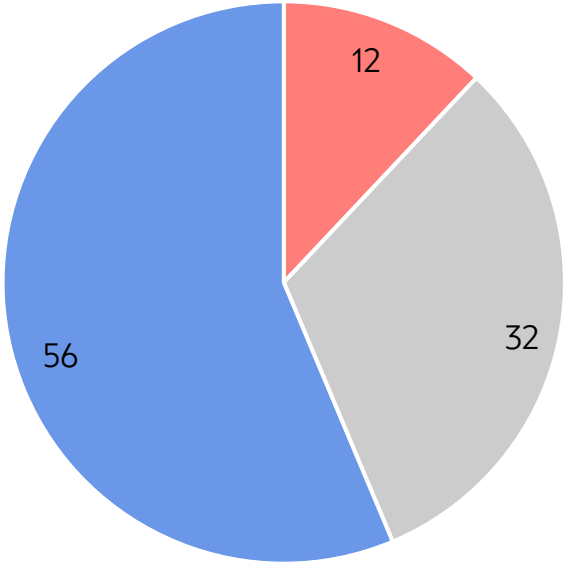
**About 75% of the public opposes a counterattack if it undermines Israel's security alliance with its allies**

# How much do you agree with each of the following statements?



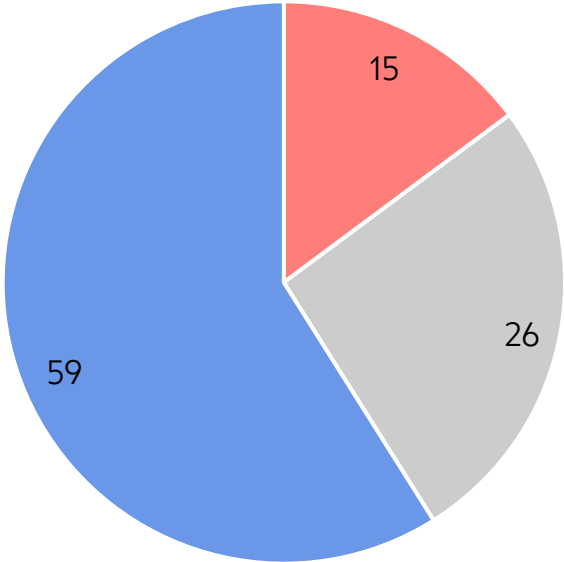
**Less than a third support military action even without backing from Israel's allies. 45% believe that one should respond only if supported by its allies.**

**Should Israel respond to political and military demands from Israel's allies, in order to ensure a sustainable defense system over time?**



Disagree    Not Sure/Don't know    Agree

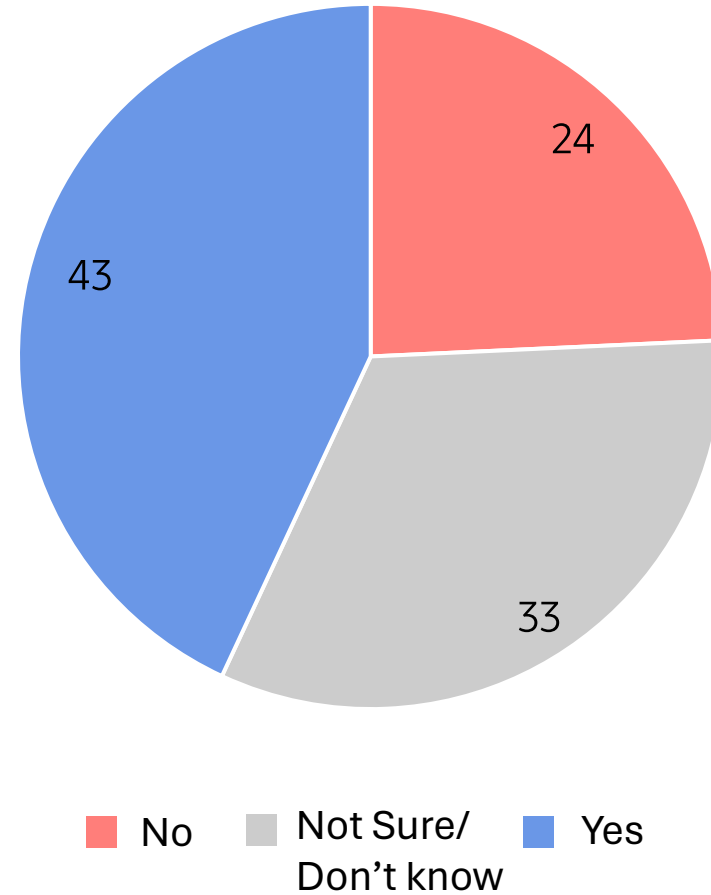
**Does American aid to Israel against the Iranian attack oblige Israel to coordinate security operations with the US down the road?**



No    Not Sure/Don't know    Yes

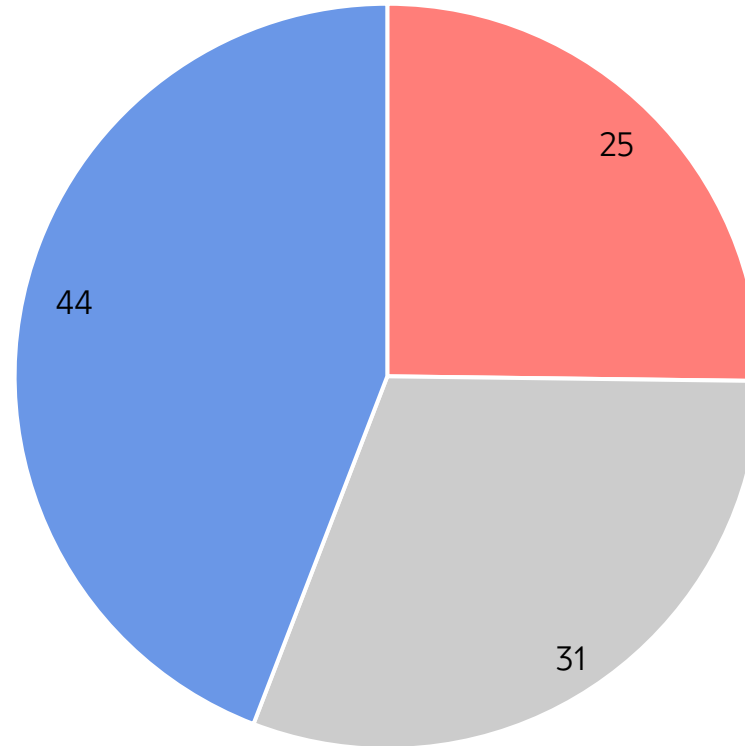
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# Should Israel rely on its allies also in the future settlement of the issue of the day after (interim/permanent solutions for the administration on Gaza and Israel)?



**43% believe that Israel's allies should also be trusted in the regulation of the security campaign against the Palestinians - compared to about a quarter of those who oppose**

# To what extent do you support the operation in Rafah, even at the cost of a crisis in Israel's foreign relations, and damage to its relations with the US?



Disagree Not Sure/ Don't know Agree

**Less than half of the Israeli public supports military action in Rafah if it exacts a price on Israel-US relations**

# If Israel responds militarily to the Iranian attack, to what extent do you fear a counter-reaction that includes a combined attack in the various arenas?

