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## **NEW POLL: JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE DOES NOT REPRESENT VAST MAJORITY OF U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY**

### *Data Reveals Strong, Consistent Stance Against Anti-Zionists*

**Washington, DC, February 12, 2025:** A new poll, conducted by nationally renowned Public Opinion Strategies and released for the first time today, reveals the vast majority of U.S. Jews strongly disagree with Jewish Voice for Peace's (JVP) extremist views and tactics. The poll was commissioned by The Jewish Majority.

JVP has been [described](#) by Cong. Ritchie Torres (D-NY) as a “hate group that advocates for violence against Israel,” while Cong. Mike Lawler (R-NY) has [called](#) them “pro-Hamas agitators.” Cong. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) has [written](#) that the group “seeks to end Israel as a Jewish & democratic state.”

JVP, however, which played a central role in the campus anti-Israel protests last spring, repeatedly claims to represent the Jewish community. This new data makes clear that activists, funders and politicians who associate with JVP or its positions are offensively engaging in [tokenism](#) by elevating a fringe organization that intentionally misrepresents the views of the Jewish community.

#### **Key Findings:**

##### **1. Jewish Americans Strongly Reject Anti-Zionists:**

85% believe Hamas wants to commit genocide against Jews and Israel.

- Jewish Voice for Peace [blamed Israel and America](#) for Hamas' attacks on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

70% think anti-Zionist movements are antisemitic by definition. Only 9% strongly disagree.

- Jewish Voice for Peace is anti-Zionist, [calls](#) for “Death to Israel” and [says all of Israel is Palestinian](#).

76% believe that the 2024 anti-Israel campus protests were antisemitic. Only 6% believe they were not.

- Jewish Voice for Peace played a [significant role](#) in in the 2024 campus protests.

10% strongly oppose U.S. aid to Israel.

- Jewish Voice for Peace [strongly opposes](#) U.S. aid to Israel, including funding for the Iron Dome missile defense system.

##### **2. Jewish Americans find many of the tactics used by JVP to be unacceptable:**

75% believe blocking traffic is unacceptable; only 9% strongly believe it is acceptable.

60% believe that demonstrating at the homes of government officials is unacceptable; only 12% strongly believe it is acceptable.

55% believe that wearing a mask to conceal your identity is unacceptable; only 18% strongly believe it is acceptable.

- Jewish Voice for Peace regularly [blocks traffic](#), demonstrates at the [homes of government officials](#) and [wear masks](#) to conceal their identity.

### 3. Jewish Americans Express Staunch Support for Jewish Zionist Organizations:

79% are members of or generally support the policies of the Anti-Defamation League.

79% are members of or generally support the policies of the Jewish National Fund.

74% are members of or generally support the policies of the American Jewish Committee.

73% are members of or generally support the policies of the Jewish Federations of North America.

- Jewish Voice for Peace shows their marginality by opposing the [Anti-Defamation League](#), [Jewish National Fund](#), [American Jewish Committee](#), and [Jewish Federations of North America](#).

“Plain and simple, Jewish Voice for Peace is an extremist group that does not represent the views of the overwhelming majority of American Jews,” stated Jonathan Schulman, Executive Director of The Jewish Majority. “American Jews share a strong and consistent stance against anti-Zionists as well as a deep concern over rising antisemitism and the tactics used by organizations like JVP. It is high time people see through the charade: JVP is not representative of anyone but a marginal fringe, even if a few radical Jews are involved in their movement.”

Additional Findings:

### 4. The Role of Jewish Organizations:

71% of respondents believe that for an organization to credibly speak for Jewish Americans, it must be comprised almost entirely of Jews. Only 7% strongly disagree.

- While describing itself as a Jewish organization, Jewish Voice for Peace has never released information on how many of their members are actually Jewish. In their [membership FAQ](#) they make clear that they are trying to recruit well beyond the American Jewish community. Some JVP chapters have been [founded by non-Jews](#), while others are at least [50% non-Jewish](#).

### 5. Strong Views on Anti-Zionist Movements and Antisemitism:

92% believe that antisemitism has either stayed the same or worsened in the past two to three years, with a significant portion of this group citing both an increase in antisemitic views and that more people feel free to express their antisemitism.

- Jewish Voice for Peace [legitimize antisemitic tropes](#), contributing to the rise in antisemitism.
- Jewish Voice for Peace places political ideology above public safety, which is why it [downplays antisemitism](#).
- Jewish Voice for Peace opposes [defining](#) antisemitism in order to shield the anti-Israel movement.

### 6. Social Media and Its Impact on Jewish Communities:

91% of respondents are concerned that social media amplifies the opinions of fringe movements, making them seem more widespread than they actually are.

- Despite Jewish Voice for Peace’s positions being on the fringe of the Jewish community, they have grown on [social media](#) and may appear more widespread than they are in reality.

The poll was conducted from December 16-24, 2024 on 800 Jewish adults. The margin of error is  $\pm 3.95\%$ . The survey’s executive summary and interview schedule can be found at [www.jewishmajority.org/polling](http://www.jewishmajority.org/polling).

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