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Turning now to events in the Middle East, do you think that the actions now being taken by the Israeli armed forces in Lebanon and Gaza will...?	
Make Israel a more secure country	10
Make Israel a less secure country	40
Not make any difference either way	35
Don't know	16

Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

Israel would best secure its own future by taking over the whole of the West Bank and Gaza (the traditional 'land of Israel')	14
Israel would best secure its own future by withdrawing behind its original frontiers and also withdrawing Israeli settlements from the West Bank	51
Don't know	35

As you probably know, the recent violence followed the kidnapping of three Israeli soldiers, one in Gaza and two in southern Lebanon. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

Israel has the right to defend itself and the Israeli attacks in Gaza and the Lebanon have been an appropriate and proportionate response to the kidnappings	17
Israel has the right to defend itself but the Israeli attacks in Gaza and the Lebanon have been an inappropriate and disproportionate response	63
Neither/ Don't know	20

The Israeli government says that its aim is to destroy once and for all the capacity of militant groups such as Hizbollah and Hamas to attack Israel and Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

It IS possible for Israel to destroy once and for all the capacity of militant groups to attack Israeli targets	9
It is NOT possible for Israel to destroy once and for all the capacity of militant groups to attacks Israeli targets	71
Don't know	21

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Some people say the Israelis have brought the present violence on themselves by refusing to withdraw behind their original borders and by taking over Palestinian land in the West Bank. Do you think that the Israelis have, to any extent, brought the present violence on themselves?

Yes, there would be fewer attacks and a real chance for peace if Israel withdrew behind its original borders	40
No, the opponents of Israel will always attack Israel and try to destroy it, no matter where its borders are	35
Don't know	25

Which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

The Lebanese and Palestinian governments could prevent terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians if they want to	27
Whether or not they would like to prevent such attacks, they have no power to prevent militant groups carrying them out	53
Don't know	21

Which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

Israel's attacks into Lebanon will weaken support in the Arab world for Hizbollah and other militant organisations	12
Israel's attacks into Lebanon will strengthen support in the Arab world for Hizbollah and other militant organisations	54
Don't know	35

The Israeli government says its only aim in Lebanon is to destroy Hizbollah fighters and the Hizbollah infrastructure and that it is doing everything it can to avoid civilian casualties. Do you think Israel is, or is not, doing everything it can to avoid civilian casualties?

Yes, it is	15
No, it is not	59
Don't know	26

Some people say Israel is using 'disproportionate' force in the current conflict and is, in effect, targeting the whole Lebanese nation and not just Hizbollah. From what you know, does that judgement seem to you to be fair or unfair?

Yes, it is fair: Israel seems to be attacking Lebanon as a whole	49
No, it is not fair: Israel is concentrating its attacks on Hizbollah	23
Don't know	28

Leaving Lebanon aside and thinking only of the continuing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, do your own sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

They lie more with the Israelis	20
They lie more with the Palestinians	18
Neither	48
Don't know	14

How would you rate the American administration's performance in the current crisis?

Excellent	1
Good	4
Fair	18
Poor	32
Very poor	27
Don't know	18

How would you rate the British government's performance in the current crisis?

Excellent	1
Good	5
Fair	24
Poor	35
Very poor	18
Don't know	17

Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

Tony Blair in the current crisis gives the impression of making up his own mind and taking his own line	15
Tony Blair in the current crisis gives the impression of siding with the Americans, whatever the Americans say	64
Don't know	21

Looking further ahead, what do you think the position of Israel will be like in 10 or 15 years' time?

It will be a peaceful country with secure borders	4
It will be subject to repeated attacks, as now	55
It will become an almost intolerable country in which to live	17
Israel will have ceased to exist	4
Don't know	21