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American Zionist Emergency Council, Roper poll - Palestine,
1946.

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If the reply was in the affirmative, the second question was posed: What is your opinion of the issue. The result:

Favoring	76%
Favoring if the Jews wish it	4
Against	7
Favoring leaving the question up to the British	1
Favoring leaving the question up to the Arabs	1
Miscellaneous	3
Do not know	8
	<u>100%</u>

The poll conducted by Elmo Roper among the Jewish population of the country last Sept disclosed that of every ten American Jews polled, eight favored a Jewish state in Palestine, one was opposed, and one was undecided. A cross section of American Jewry throughout the United States, covering all economic strata and all groups, was polled on two proposals:

1. A Jewish state in Palestine is a good thing for the Jews and every possible effort should be made to establish Palestine as a Jewish state, or commonwealth, for those who want to settle there.
2. Jews are a religious group only and not a nation and it would be bad for the Jews to try to set up a Jewish state in Palestine or anywhere else.

Replies showed 80.1 per cent in the affirmative on the first proposal, 10.5 per cent in the affirmative on the second, and 9.4 per cent undecided.

The Roper Poll also reported that "decision for or against a Jewish state in Palestine seems to be taken with a high degree of firmness." The analysis revealed "pro-Palestine voters are nearly evenly distributed through all economic levels; the percentage of people in the upper economic brackets is high among the anti-Palestine voters."

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