

How Israelis Are Feeling One Year After October 7

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One year after the bloodiest day in its history, [Israel](#) is at war on multiple fronts. The country's military has diminished Hamas in Gaza, but in the process killed almost 42,000 people in Gaza, including more than 10,000 children, and reduced much of the territory to rubble. Responding to Hezbollah's provocations on its northern border, Israel has [assassinated most of the group's leadership](#), launched an invasion of southern Lebanon, and [continued to barrage Beirut](#) and its suburbs with bombs, killing at least 2,000 people there. And it has escalated tensions with Iran, its ultimate regional enemy and the driving force behind Hezbollah. Now, the world waits to see how Israel will respond to Iran's recent missile attacks on its cities and towns.

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However, when you give people different options — like whether there should be a limited strike only on Hezbollah positions in a way that avoids escalation, or increments that move all the way to the other end of the spectrum, which is a massive blow against Hezbollah, the risk of regional war and even occupying southern Lebanon — when you give options like those, in surveys that have been conducted by the **Institute for National Security Studies**, then attitudes are much more divided. And you see that people break down almost half and half for the two escalatory responses versus two more limited responses.

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