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Survey of Orthodox Jewish Political Views: Haredi and Modern Orthodox Sectors

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MODERN ORTHODOX ARE CURRENTLY 55%/45% FOR HARRIS; HAREDI JEWS ARE 93%/7% FOR TRUMP; BUT NOTABLE DIFFERENCES BY AGE, GENDER, AND EDUCATION. THERE IS A CONTINUED SHIFT TOWARD TRUMP, FROM 73% OF TOTAL ORTHODOX ONE YEAR AGO, TO CURRENT 77%.

A new survey of 678 Haredi (“ultra-Orthodox”) Jews and 595 Modern/Centrist Orthodox Jews assesses their presidential voting preferences and analyzes attitudes that affect political leanings. The survey, according to David Myers, reveals that “while non-Orthodox Jews continue to vote overwhelmingly for Democratic presidential candidates, Orthodox Jews, for whom Israel and antisemitism are top concerns, vote much more often for Republicans, especially among the Haredim.” Among the key findings:

- **The Presidential Vote Intention** – Modern Orthodox Jews continue to be divided, and they currently lean 55% for Harris and 45% for Trump. Haredi, on the other hand, are overwhelmingly for Trump: 93% vs. 7% for Harris.
- **Shift Toward Trump Continues** – Both the Modern Orthodox and the Haredi have seen a shift toward Trump over the past year. As a result, Trump’s share of the Total Orthodox vote has increased from 73% in September 2023, to 75% in February 2024, to 77% currently.
- **Some Variations Among Groups** – Among the Modern Orthodox, the strongest pro-Harris group (72%) is women under age 50, while the strongest pro-Trump group (54%) is men aged 50 and older. Among the Haredi, all age/gender segments are very strongly (between 88% and 96%) pro-Trump. Among all Orthodox combined, those with post-BA education lean about 6% more to Harris
- **Top Issues** – Israel, antisemitism, and the economy are the top issues driving both Modern Orthodox and Haredi voters. After that, there are notable differences in the priorities: the state of American democracy, foreign affairs (other than Israel), and health care are more important to Modern Orthodox voters; while crime, education (government dealing with Jewish schools, availability of subsidies), religious freedom, and immigration are more important to Haredi voters.
- **Views of Trump Voters** – Reasons given by Modern Orthodox and Haredi are similar, and most often focus on support of Israel, the economy, immigration, perceptions of strength, and a dislike (and distrust) of Harris, the Democratic Party and its liberal ideals.
- **Views of Harris Voters** – Reasons given by Modern Orthodox and Haredi are similar, and most often focus on very strong dislike of Trump as a person and danger to democracy, and Harris’s views, knowledge and demeanor.
- **The Candidates’ Policies Relating to Israel** – Across all of Orthodoxy (Modern Orthodox and Haredi combined), 79% have a positive view of Trump’s policies relating to Israel, 29% have a positive view of Biden’s Israel policies, and 17% have a positive view of Harris’s Israel policies.
- **Local Elections** – Notable majorities of both Modern Orthodox and Haredi see local elections as at least as important as the presidential election. A majority split their local election vote, with the result that both sectors lean more toward Democratic candidates in local elections than they do in the Presidential election. Across a wide range of issues, the Haredi rate local issues as more important factors in driving their vote than do the Modern Orthodox.

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