

# **“Walking in Israel” as the Path to “Talking about Israel”: The Impact of Taglit-Birthright Israel**

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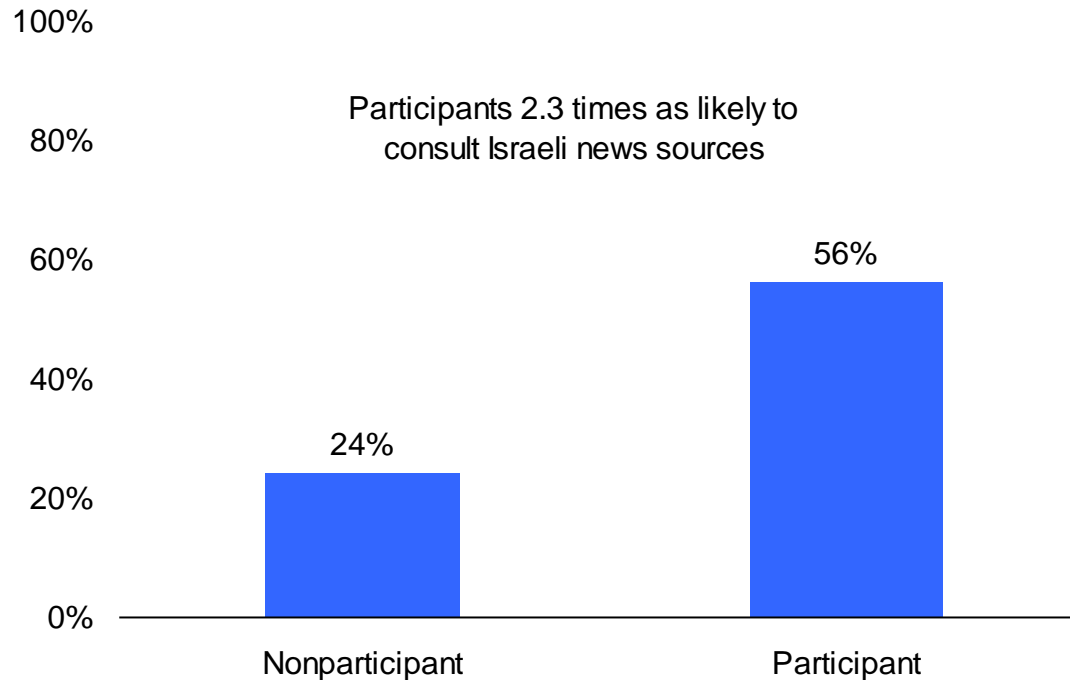
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# Keys to Successful Israel Advocacy

- ***Motivation*** to seek information about Israel;
- ***Means*** – knowledge to understand Israel's political and social reality;
- Passion to advocate for Israel when ***opportunity*** presents.

# Figure 1

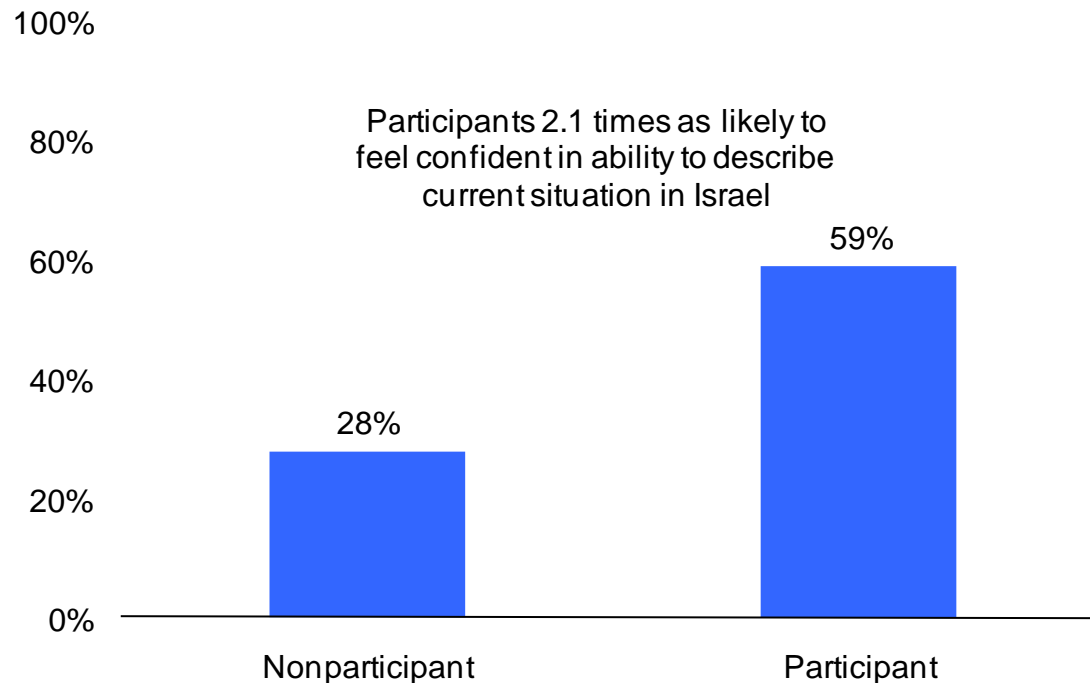
## Consulting Israeli News Sources



*Note.* Estimated probability after controls. See Leonard Saxe, Theodore Sasson and Shahar Hecht, *Israel at War: The Impact of Peer-oriented Israel Programs on Responses of American Young Adults* (Waltham, MA: Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, 2006), 5.

## Figure 2

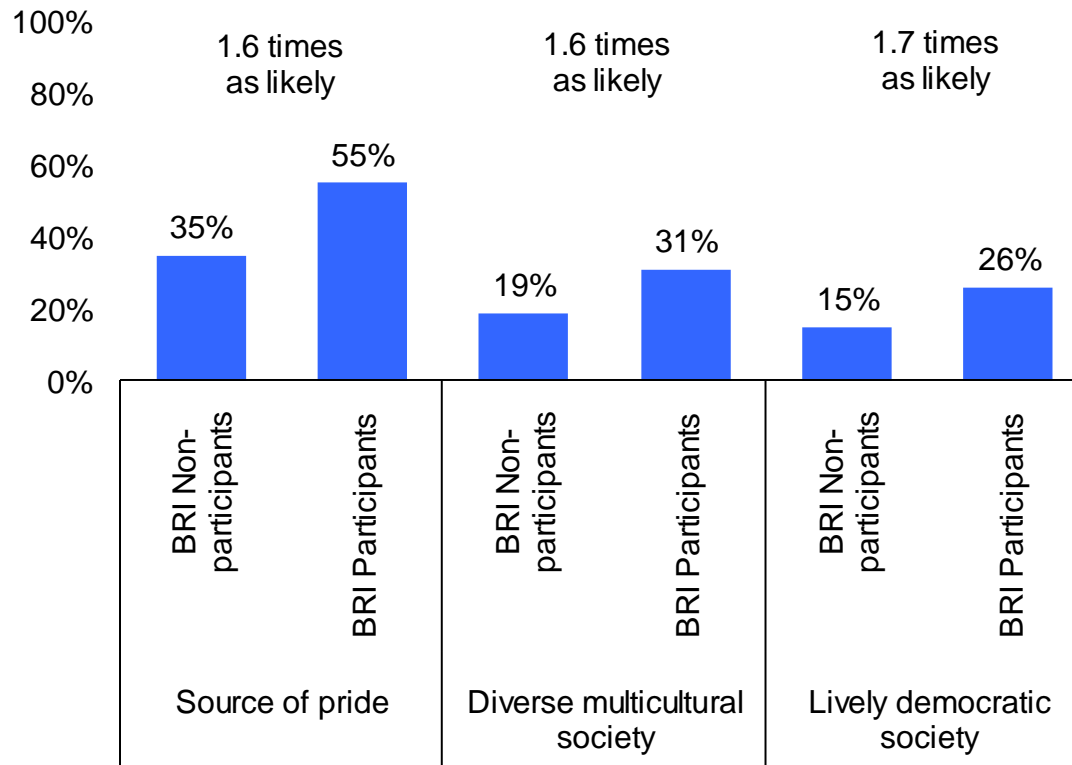
# Confidence Describing Current Situation in Israel



*Note.* Estimated probability after controls. See Leonard Saxe, Benjamin Phillips, Graham Wright, Matthew Boxer, Shahar Hecht and Theodore Sasson, *Taglit-Birthright Israel Evaluation: 2007-2008 North American Cohorts* (Waltham, MA: Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, 2008), 31.

# Figure 3

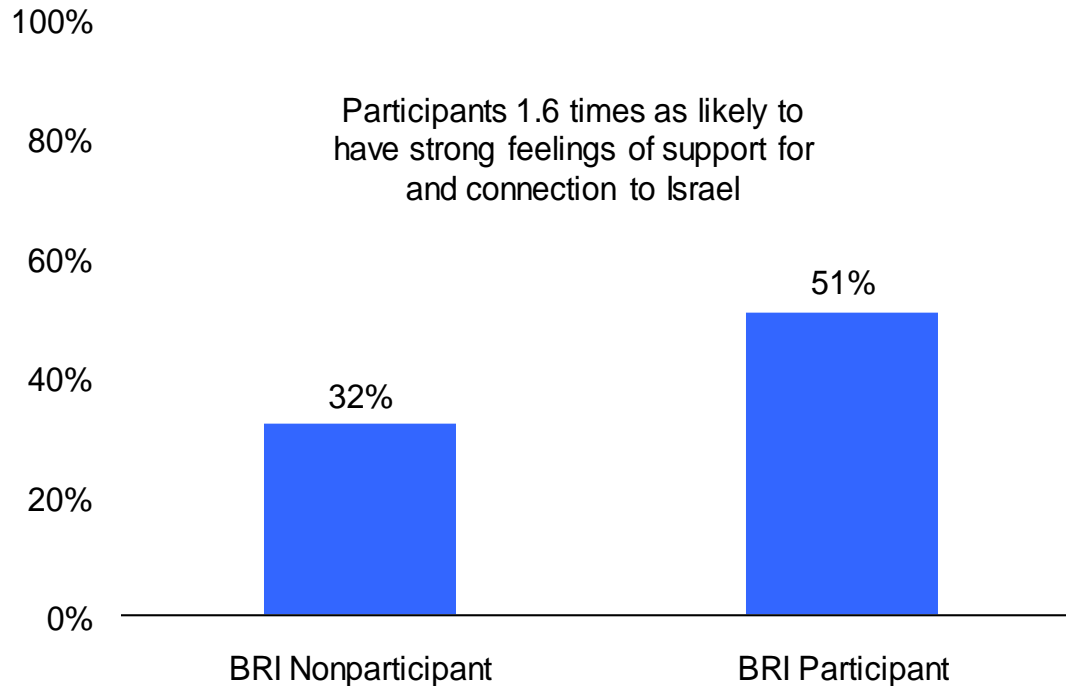
## “Strongly” Agreeing with Descriptions of Israel



*Note.* Estimated probability after controls. See Saxe, Phillips, Wright, Boxer, Hecht and Sasson, 33-34.

# Figure 4

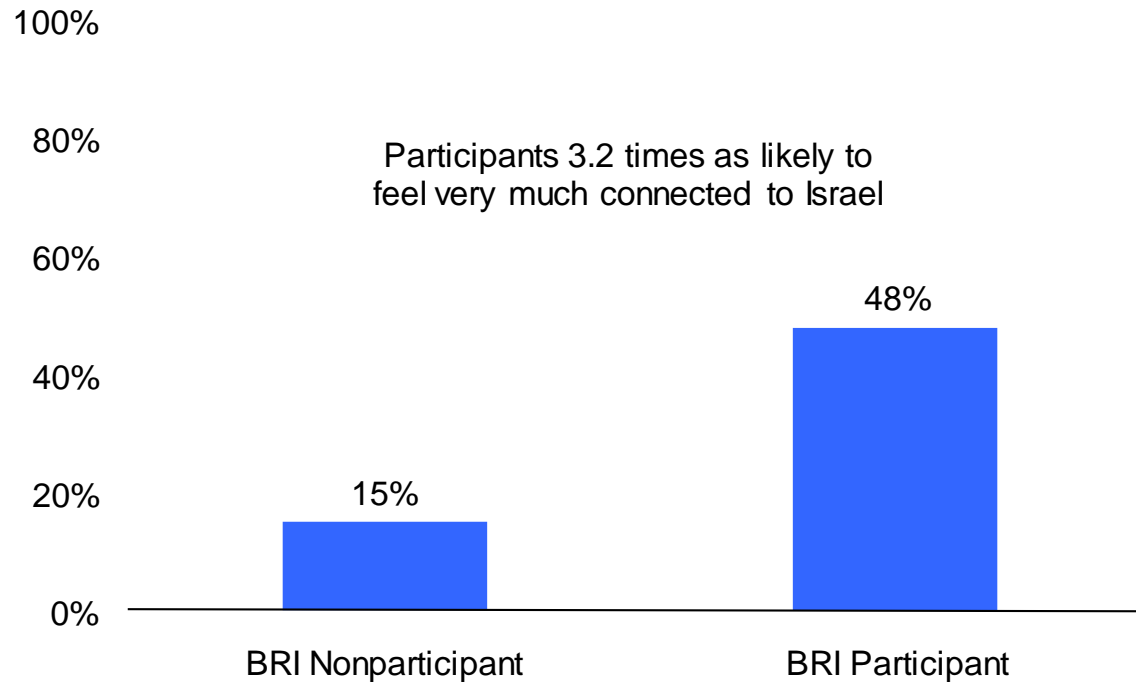
## Strong Feelings of Support/Connection to Israel



*Note.* Estimated probability after controls. See Saxe, Sasson and Hecht, 7. Scale created from battery “Thinking about the conflict, to what extent did you...Feel concern for the lives of Israelis? Feel a connection to Israel? Feel responsibility to help Israelis affected by the war? Feel support for Israel?”

## Figure 5

# “Very Much” Connected to Israel



*Note.* Estimated probability after controls. See Saxe, Phillips, Wright, Boxer, Hecht and Sasson, 24.

