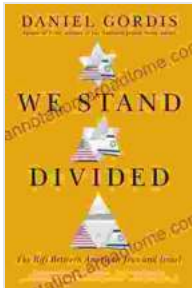


The Rift Between American Jews and Israel: A Complex and Evolving Landscape



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In recent years, the relationship between American Jews and Israel has become increasingly complex and strained. A growing number of American Jews are questioning Israel's policies towards the Palestinians, and some are even calling for a boycott of the country. This article explores the reasons for this rift, and what it means for the future of the Jewish-American community.

Historical Context

The relationship between American Jews and Israel has always been complex. American Jews have a long history of supporting Israel, both financially and politically. However, in recent years, there has been a growing sense of unease among American Jews about Israel's policies towards the Palestinians. This unease has been fueled by a number of

factors, including the Israeli government's continued settlement of the West Bank, the Gaza War, and the Israeli government's crackdown on Palestinian protests.

The Shifting Views of American Jews

A 2018 poll by the Pew Research Center found that 63% of American Jews believe that the Israeli government is not doing enough to achieve a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This is a significant increase from the 48% of American Jews who held this view in 2013.

The poll also found that a growing number of American Jews are open to the idea of boycotting Israel. In 2013, only 18% of American Jews said they would support a boycott of Israel. In 2018, that number had increased to 28%.

The Impact of the Rift

The rift between American Jews and Israel is having a significant impact on the Jewish-American community. A 2017 survey by the American Jewish Committee found that 42% of American Jews feel less connected to Israel than they did five years ago. This is a significant increase from the 28% of American Jews who felt less connected to Israel in 2012.

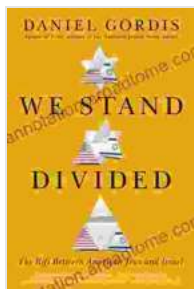
The rift is also having a negative impact on the relationship between Israel and the United States. In 2019, a poll by the Brookings Institution found that 57% of American Jews believe that the United States should not provide military aid to Israel. This is a significant increase from the 34% of American Jews who held this view in 2013.

The Future of the Relationship

The future of the relationship between American Jews and Israel is uncertain. However, there are a number of things that can be done to improve the relationship. These include:

- Israel must take steps to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- The United States must play a more active role in promoting a two-state solution.
- American Jews must continue to engage with Israel, even when they disagree with its policies.

The relationship between American Jews and Israel is a complex and evolving one. However, it is a relationship that is essential to the future of both the Jewish-American community and the State of Israel.



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