



Palestine Congressional Scorecard:

2026 AJP ACTION CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD

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METHODOLOGY

For our third Palestine Congressional Scorecard, Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action) has tracked how every Member of Congress has aligned on a comprehensive set of Palestine-focused bills, resolutions, votes, and public letters. Unlike the 2024 edition, which assessed only Democrats, the 2026 scorecard assesses both Democrats and Republicans.

After more than two and a half years of genocide in Gaza, expanding annexation in the West Bank, mass starvation, and the destruction of nearly every civilian institution in Palestine, the question of where each Member of Congress stands is no longer narrowly partisan. Every Member has had repeated, public opportunities to use the tools of their office through sponsorship, votes, and letters to either advance Palestinian rights and humanitarian protections, or to entrench the policies that sustain apartheid, military aggression, settler colonialism, and genocide. This scorecard records what they did with those opportunities.

Our methodology includes every item that Members had an opportunity to act on, and could be publicly verified. This includes sources such as roll-call votes, cosponsorship records, and publicly released letters. Items are coded as either more supportive of Palestinian rights and humanitarian protections (positive points) or more supportive of policies opposed to those goals (negative points). A Member's total score is the simple sum of their item-level positions. This is a different approach to 2024, in which we scored only post-October 7 items and rolled them into a weighted percentage

score based on votes, Dear Colleague letters, public statements, and cosponsorships. House Members were judged mostly on votes and letters, while Senators were judged more heavily on statements, because there were fewer legislative opportunities in the Senate.

We did not grade Members who were sworn into Congress during 2026 — Christian D. Menefee (D-TX), Analilia Mejía (D-NJ), and Fuller Clay (R-GA) — because they took office after the legislative record covered by this scorecard. We also did not grade Members who left Congress before the end of the 119th term (through retirement, resignation, death, or assumption of an executive-branch role) or who have publicly withdrawn from re-election. These Members appear in our underlying data but are not assigned a letter grade, because they are not the Members voters will be deciding on in 2026.

Because freshmen sworn into the 119th Congress did not have an opportunity to vote on or cosponsor the items from the 118th Congress that make up roughly half of this scorecard's record, we apply two grading scales per chamber: one for Members who served in both the 118th and 119th Congress, and one for Members whose service began with the 119th. The underlying scoring system — the points awarded per action — is identical across both cohorts. Only the grade-letter cutoffs differ, scaled to the smaller set of actions a first-term Member could have acted on. This prevents new Members from being structurally locked out of high marks (or low marks) simply because most items predate their swearing-in.

LEGISLATION AND LETTERS

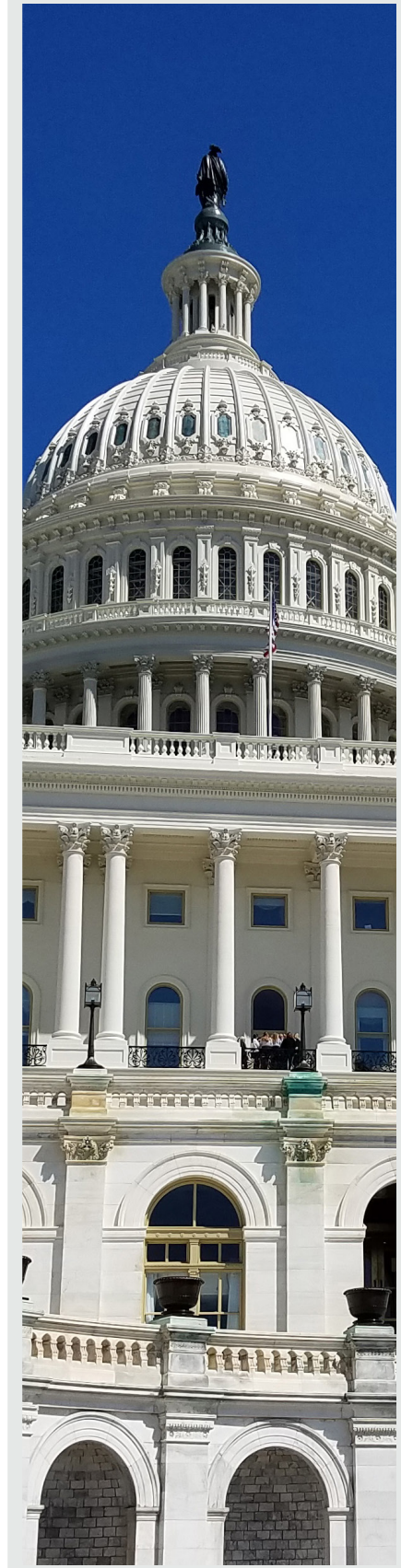
We evaluated Members by looking at their support or opposition to 17 pieces of legislation and 18 public letters:

Pro-Palestine Measures (House and/or Senate)

- **H.R. 3565 – Block the Bombs Act**
 - Prevents the sale of bombs to Israel.
- **H.Res.473 and S.Res.224**
 - Calling for urgent humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza.
- **H.Res.876**
 - Recognizes the genocide of the Palestinian people in Gaza.
- **S.J.Res.34**
 - Joint resolution of disapproval blocking the proposed foreign military sale of defense articles and services to the Israeli government.
- **S.J.Res.41**
 - Joint resolution of disapproval blocking the proposed export of defense articles to the Israeli government.
- **S.J.Res.32**
 - Joint resolution of disapproval blocking the sale of Caterpillar D9 bulldozers to the Israeli government.
- **S.J.Res.138**
 - Joint resolution of disapproval blocking the sale of 12,000-pound bombs to the Israeli government.
- **S.Res.504**
 - Requires a State Department human-rights review under §502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act.

Anti-Palestine Measures

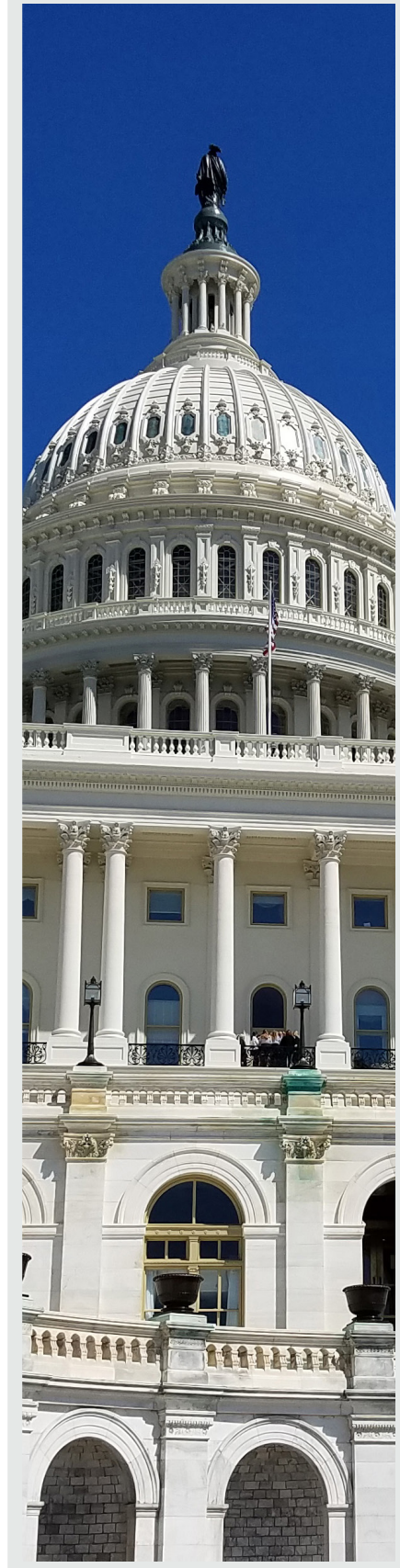
- **H.R.1007 and H.R.6090**
 - Antisemitism Awareness Acts of 2025 and 2023
 - Conflate criticism of Israel with antisemitism.
- **H.R.23**
 - Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act
 - Sanctions the International Criminal Court for investigating Israeli war crimes.
- **H.R.5917**
 - Strengthening Tools to Counter the Use of Human Shields Act.



- **H.R.6408**
 - Terminates the tax-exempt status of organizations labeled “terrorist supporting” by the Treasury.
- **H.R.7217 and H.R.8034**
 - Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Acts
 - Authorize additional weapons funding.
- **H.Res.883**
 - Declares “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free” is antisemitic.

Congressional Letters

- **Pro-Palestine Positions**
 - Defend Palestinian rights and humanitarian access
 - Push back against West Bank annexation (House and Senate versions)
 - Oppose the displacement of Gazans
 - Call for aid to infants in Gaza
 - Support sanctions on settler violence
 - Oppose Trump’s ethnic-cleansing statements
 - Demand answers on Mohsen Mahdawi’s arrest
 - Demand answers on the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation
- **Anti-Palestine Positions**
 - Seek to sanction UNRWA employees
 - Threaten the United Nations over Israeli accountability
 - Attack South Africa for its ICJ case
 - Accuse pro-Palestine protesters of being foreign agents
 - Accelerate weapons shipments to the Israeli government



SCORING SYSTEM

This year's scorecard uses a simple point system that reflects the relative significance of different actions. The same point weights apply to both chambers and to both cohorts:

- 1. Sponsorship or cosponsorship of legislation or resolutions: 3 points.** Sponsoring a pro-Palestine measure is worth +3 points, since it's the strongest action a Member can take. Conversely, cosponsoring an anti-Palestine measure is worth -3 points.
- 2. Floor votes: 2 points.** A vote aligned with Palestinian human rights is worth +2 points, whereas a vote against is worth -2 points. Missed votes are not factored into a Member's score.
- 3. Public letters: 1 point.** Signing a Dear Colleague letter or other public letter is a meaningful position, so a signature on a pro-Palestine letter is worth +1 point. In contrast, a signature on an anti-Palestine letter is worth -1 point. Members whose offices had no opportunity to sign — for example, Senators on a House-only letter — are not penalized.

A Member's total score is the sum of their item-level points. Grades are assigned on absolute point thresholds, and the thresholds differ between the House and the Senate (to reflect the different items that applied to each chamber) and between Members who served in both the 118th and 119th Congress and Members whose service began with the 119th (to reflect the smaller set of actions a first-term Member had the opportunity to take).

House of Representatives Grading Scale

For Members who served in both the 118th and 119th Congress:

- "A" requires 20 or higher (up to a theoretical maximum of +35).
- "B" requires 12 to 19.
- "C" requires -2 to 11.
- "D" requires -12 to -3.
- "F" requires -13 or lower (down to a theoretical minimum of -29).

For Members sworn into the 119th Congress only:

- "A" requires 13 or higher (up to a theoretical maximum of +19).
- "B" requires 10 to 12.
- "C" requires 4 to 9.
- "D" requires 0 to 3.
- "F" requires -1 or lower (down to a theoretical minimum of -6).

Senate Grading Scale

For Members who served in both the 118th and 119th Congress:

- "A" requires 20 or higher (up to a theoretical maximum of +29).
- "B" requires 13 to 19.
- "C" requires -2 to 12.
- "D" requires -8 to -3.
- "F" requires -9 or lower (down to a theoretical minimum of -29).

For Members sworn into the 119th Congress only:

- "A" requires 15 or higher (up to a theoretical maximum of +19).
- "B" requires 11 to 14.
- "C" requires 4 to 10.
- "D" requires 0 to 3.
- "F" requires -1 or lower (down to a theoretical minimum of -10).

KEY FINDINGS

AJP Action analyzed the records of 545 Members across more than 19,000 individual position-codings. Of those, 533 received letter grades — 433 in the House of Representatives and 100 in the Senate. The remaining Members are not graded because they were sworn in during 2026 or have left Congress before the end of the 119th term. The data reveals a Congress that remains dominated by anti-Palestine voting, but in which a significant and growing bloc of Members are becoming more pro-Palestinian.

House of Representatives

Grade	Members	% of House
A	30	6.9%
B	26	6.0%
C	89	20.6%
D	73	16.9%
F	215	49.7%

The House A-grade list now numbers 30 Members, a more than sevenfold expansion from the four Democrats who reached an A in 2024 (Tlaib, Bush, Omar, and Ramirez). This list includes members like: Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Al Green (D-TX), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), James McGovern (D-MA), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), Becca Balint (D-VT), André Carson (D-IN), Greg Casar (D-TX). Every Squad member who returned to this Congress, every member of the Progressive Caucus's senior leadership, and every Member named in the 2024 scorecard's A or B tier (other than the two who lost their primaries — Cori Bush and Jamaal Bowman) has either held or improved their grade. Maxine Dexter (D-OR) is the only Member sworn in solely to the 119th Congress to reach A under the freshman scale, at +19.

The B-grade tier expanded to 26 Members. This includes most of the House Democratic Caucus' progressive and Congressional Black Caucus leadership, and one Republican: Thomas Massie (R-KY), the only Republican in either chamber to earn a B grade.

The largest single tier in the House is now in failing territory: 73 Members received a D and 215 received an F, together accounting for roughly two-thirds of the chamber. The bottom of the House is shared by Democrats and Republicans. The lowest possible score of -26 was earned by Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Michael Lawler (R-NY), and Claudia Tenney (R-NY). They are followed at the very bottom by Jared Moskowitz (D-FL) at -25; Don Bacon (R-NE), Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN), Thomas Kean (R-NJ), and Ritchie Torres (D-NY) at -24. In total, 36 House Democrats received an F.

By party, 25.7 percent of House Democrats earned an A or B (55 of 214), 38.3 percent earned a C (82), and 36.0 percent earned a D or F (77). The Democratic caucus's median House score of +3 places the typical Democrat in the C tier. House Republicans, by contrast, earned 0 A grades, 1 B (Massie), and a median score of -15, putting the typical Republican firmly in the F band. House Democratic leadership remains middling on Palestine: Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Minority Whip Katherine Clark (D-MA), and Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar (D-CA) all landed below the A-B tier.

U.S. Senate

Grade	Members	% of House
A	4	4.0%
B	13	13.0%
C	22	22.0%
D	7	7.0%
F	54	54.0%

Four senators earned an A grade in 2026 — Bernie Sanders (I-VT) at +24, Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Peter Welch (D-VT) tied at +23, and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) at +20. Every Senator named in the 2024 scorecard's B tier — Sanders, Warren, Merkley, Van Hollen, and Welch — has either held or risen, and every Senator placed in C or D in 2024 also improved their grade.

Thirteen senators earned a B: Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) at +19; Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Edward Markey (D-MA) at +18; Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), and Brian Schatz (D-HI) at +17; Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Raphael Warnock (D-GA) at +14; and Tim Kaine (D-VA), Patty Murray (D-WA), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) at +13. Alsobrooks is the only Member sworn in solely to the 119th Congress to clear the freshman-scale B threshold. Twenty-two senators received a C, including Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Angus King (I-ME), and Mark Kelly (D-AZ).

The bottom of the Senate is overwhelmingly — but not entirely — Republican. Seven senators received a D: Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), and Chuck Schumer (D-NY) at -5; Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) at -6; and Rand Paul (R-KY) at -8. Paul is the only Senate Republican to escape a failing grade. Fifty-four senators received an F. The lowest scores in the chamber belong to two Republicans — Jim Banks (R-IN) at -25 and John Curtis (R-UT) at -23 — along with the only two Democrats in failing territory: John Fetterman (D-PA) at -12 and Adam Schiff (D-CA) at -9. Fetterman's record on Palestine exceeds the floor of most Senate Republicans, who cluster between -11 and -13.

By party, 36.2 percent of Senate Democrats earned an A or B (17 of 45). Including the two Independents who caucus with Democrats (Sanders with an A, and King with a C), the Democratic caucus's A-or-B share comes to 37.2 percent. Among Senate Republicans, 0 earned an A, 0 earned a B, 1 earned a D (Paul), and 52 (98.1 percent) received an F.

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CONCLUSION

The 2026 scorecard documents the obvious trend that Israel's genocide has caused a backlash. Whether reluctant or not, Members of Congress are far less pro-Israel than they have ever been, with several dozen standing out as staunch pro-Palestine supporters. An unmistakable bloc of Members, which includes 56 in the House and 17 in the Senate, has materially supported Palestine, backing humanitarian access, weapons-transfer disapprovals, accountability for settler violence, and recognition of the genocide. That bloc is significantly larger than it was two years ago, and is even more meaningful when considering that many of the very Members now signing humanitarian letters also voted to fund and provide cover for the genocide of Palestinians.

Two and a half years into the Gaza genocide that the International Court of Justice is investigating, that UN bodies have repeatedly documented, and that an overwhelming majority of Americans now oppose, this scorecard serves as a documentation of Members of Congress and their complicity in genocide.





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