

ASSET TEST

By Michael Eisenstadt and David Pollock

How the United States Benefits from Its Alliance with Israel

Israel contributes substantially to the United States in the domains of **hard security** (defense and intelligence) and **soft security** (economic competitiveness, sustainability, and non-military security). For the complete text and citations, download the study at www.washingtoninstitute.org/asset-test.



DEVELOPED IN ISRAEL, MADE IN THE USA used by the United States and its Allies

1,000 AIRCRAFT TARGETING PODS
2,500 HELMET-MOUNTED AIRCRAFT SIGHTS
15,000 MILITARY VEHICLE ARMOR PACKAGES

The United States and Israel have "never had closer military and intelligence cooperation" than they do today.



The "innovation going on in Israel is critical to the future of the technology business."



U.S. support for Israel has gone hand-in-hand with good relations with the Arab states.

U.S. ties with the Arab states have flourished in recent decades: visa applications for travel to the United States, trade, and military cooperation are at all time highs.

For complete details, see *Actions, Not Just Attitudes: A New Paradigm for U.S.-Arab Relations* by David Pollock (Washington Institute, 2010).

25% of U.S. exports to the Middle East go to Israel, yet Israel contains only **3%** of the entire Middle East population.

U.S. firms have established R&D centers in Israel to take advantage of its leadership in the following fields (2012 rankings):

- #1 in engineers/scientists per capita
- #1 in quality of scientific research institutions
- #1 in R&D as percentage of GDP
- #1 in wastewater recycling (80%)
- #2 in cleantech innovation
- #4 in patents per million population
- #5 in scientific publications per capita

