

The Peace Index – October 2013

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1. What is your position on holding peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly in favor	32.2	25.1	67.3
2. Somewhat in favor	33.0	35.2	21.8
3. Somewhat opposed	17.3	19.1	8.2
4. Strongly opposed	13.7	16.1	1.7
5. Don't know / Refuse	3.8	4.4	1.0

2. Do you believe or not believe that negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will lead to peace between Israel and the Palestinians in the coming years?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly believe	6.7	5.0	15.4
2. Somewhat believe	22.8	20.4	34.9
3. Somewhat don't believe	24.8	25.5	20.8
4. Don't believe at all	43.7	47.6	24.6
5. Don't know / Refuse	2.0	1.5	4.3

3. How would you characterize the level of security-military risk to Israel at present?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high	18.8	19.5	15.0
2. Moderately high	43.0	47.0	23.0
3. Moderately low	22.9	25.1	12.0
4. Low	11.6	5.8	40.6
5. Don't know/ Refuse	3.7	2.5	9.4

4. In your opinion, is the IDF at present capable or not capable of coping with the security threats and challenges facing Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it's capable	50.9	51.3	49.0
2. I think it's capable	35.5	37.6	25.3
3. I think it's not capable	4.7	4.4	6.2
4. I'm sure it's not capable	4.4	3.2	10.6
5. Don't know/ Refuse	4.5	3.6	9.0

5. When you think of all the security-military challenges facing the state of Israel today compared to the socioeconomic challenges facing it, which of the two kinds of challenges now seem to you more threatening to Israel's future?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The military-security challenges	27.5	28.4	23.0
2. The socioeconomic challenges	56.7	57.6	52.3
3. Both to the same extent	13.2	12.0	19.1
4. Don't know/ Refuse	2.5	1.9	5.6

6. For many years the IDF was commonly regarded as the "army of the people." In your opinion, to what extent is this description appropriate or inappropriate to the IDF today?

	Jews
1. I'm sure it's appropriate	33.5
2. I think it's appropriate	36.3
3. I think it's inappropriate	16.0
4. I'm sure it's inappropriate	9.4
5. Don't know/ Refuse	4.8

7. In your opinion, to what extent is the IDF's system for assigning recruits to different roles equitable and fair?

	Jews
1. Very equitable and fair	14.0
2. Moderately equitable and fair	38.3
3. Not so equitable and fair	25.5
4. Not at all equitable and fair	8.4
5. Don't know/ Refuse	13.8

8. Which do you support more, canceling compulsory service in the IDF and changing it to an army of professionals who want to serve as a career and receive a fitting salary, or continued compulsory service for everyone in the IDF?

	Jews
1. I support canceling compulsory service and changing the IDF to an army of professionals more	21.1
2. I support continued compulsory service for everyone in the IDF more	75.8
3. Don't know/ Refuse	3.1

9. Do you support or oppose the idea of allowing Israeli citizens at age 18, if they want, to forgo military service for full-term civilian service, for example: in community service, hospital work, or helping disadvantaged populations?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	34.3	29.8	56.3
2. Moderately support	24.7	27.2	12.4
3. Moderately oppose	15.8	18.2	3.8
4. Strongly oppose	20.5	20.8	18.9
5. Don't know/ Refuse	4.8	4.0	8.6

10. Do you support or oppose giving those who have completed a full term of civilian service all the same rights as those who have served in the IDF?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	42.8	40.8	52.7
2. Moderately support	24.8	25.7	19.9
3. Moderately oppose	12.7	14.5	3.6
4. Strongly oppose	16.1	17.0	11.3
5. Don't know/ Refuse	3.7	1.9	12.4

11. Have you served or are you serving in the IDF?

	Jews
1. Yes (I have served or am serving)	62.3
2. No	37.7

12. It was recently disclosed that the U.S. intelligence services listened in on the telephone conversations of leaders of friendly countries such as Germany and France, and of citizens of such countries. On the one hand, the listening apparently helped in gathering important information; on the other, it seriously damaged trust between the United States and these countries. What, in your opinion, is more important:

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Gathering important intelligence information	41.0	45.6	18.1
2. Maintaining friendly countries' trust in the United States	48.6	43.8	72.1
3. Don't know/ Refuse	10.5	10.6	9.8

13. In your assessment, do the American intelligence services also listen in on conversations of leaders and citizens of Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure they do	56.2	58.4	45.2
2. I think they do	29.3	31.9	16.6
3. I think they don't	4.5	3.7	8.6
4. I'm sure they don't	2.1	1.3	6.1
5. Don't know/ Refuse	8.0	4.8	23.5

14. In your opinion, do the Israeli intelligence services also listen in on leaders and citizens of friendly countries?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure they don't	8.1	9.0	3.5
2. I think they don't	9.7	10.4	6.6
3. I think they do	34.6	36.4	25.5
4. I'm sure they do	8.8	36.9	48.4
5. Don't know/ Refuse	8.8	7.3	16.0

15. If it were known that Israel's intelligence services indeed listen in on leaders and citizens of friendly countries, what would be your position on that?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	25.5	28.1	12.8
2. Moderately support	32.4	37.2	8.8
3. Moderately oppose	17.9	20.1	7.0
4. Strongly oppose	15.2	6.6	57.6
5. Don't know/ Refuse	9.1	8.1	13.8

16. Did you vote in the local-authority elections last week?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Yes	76.6	75.6	81.7
2. No	23.4	24.4	18.3

Those who did not vote were asked:

17. What is the main reason you did not vote?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The local elections don't seem especially important to me	10.0	8.4	20.8
2. The local authorities are tainted by corruption	7.4	7.7	5.7
3. In general I have no trust in governmental institutions and their leaders	9.3	10.0	5.1
4. Other	73.2	73.9	68.4