

The Peace Index – September 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	32.8	27.1	61.6
2. Somewhat in favor	32.5	33.6	26.7
3. Somewhat opposed	10.4	12.1	1.7
4. Strongly opposed	18.9	21.4	6.3
5. Don't know / Refuse	5.4	5.8	3.8

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	7.0	7.6	3.7
2. Somewhat believe	21.8	18.3	39.4
3. Somewhat don't believe	28.6	27.0	36.4
4. Don't believe at all	40.2	44.6	18.0
5. Don't know / Refuse	2.5	2.5	2.5

3. What, in your opinion, is Israel's overall situation at present?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	8.6	7.2	16.0
2. Quite good	32.3	31.3	37.3
3. So-so	41.7	45.2	24.0
4. Quite bad	8.4	7.1	15.4
5. Very bad	7.8	8.2	5.8
6. Don't know / Refuse	1.1	1.0	1.5

4. In your view, does the U.S. government's handling of the Syrian issue project power or weakness?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It projects power	23.1	22.2	27.5
2. It projects weakness	63.0	65.8	49.0
3. Don't know / Refuse	13.9	12.0	23.5

5. On the Iranian issue, in your view is the U.S. government projecting power or weakness?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. 1. It projects power	21.9	20.1	30.9
2. 2. It projects weakness	60.1	64.1	39.5
3. Don't know / Refuse	18.0	15.8	29.5

6. In the opinion of some experts, Iran will be able to produce a nuclear weapon in 6–9 months. In light of the United States' current behavior toward Iran, will President Obama fulfill or not fulfill his promise that the United States will prevent Iran's development of nuclear weapons at all cost?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure he will fulfill the promise	11.3	10.5	15.2
2. I'm quite sure	18.3	16.8	26.3
3. I'm not so sure	37.1	39.2	26.6
4. I'm not sure at all	24.9	27.5	11.5
5. Don't know / Refuse	8.4	6.1	20.4

7. In Iranian President Rouhani's recent address to the United Nations, which was conciliatory compared to the speeches of his predecessor Ahmadinejad, he called for reaching an agreement between Iran and the West on the nuclear question. In your assessment, does this indicate a real change in Iran's position on the nuclear question, or is it just a different rhetorical style?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it indicates a real change in Iran's position	6.1	4.7	13.2
2. I think it indicates a real change	13.3	9.3	33.4
3. I think it does not indicate a real change, just a change in rhetorical style	31.1	32.0	26.5
4. I'm sure it does not indicate a real change, just a change in rhetorical style	42.4	47.6	15.8
5. Don't know / Refuse	7.1	6.3	11.1

8. While Western leaders such as the President of France and the U.S. Secretary of State are meeting with Rouhani and holding discussions with him aimed at improving relations and reaching an agreement on the nuclear issue, Prime Minister Netanyahu keeps warning that Iran poses a danger to the free world and therefore the struggle against it must continue. Who in your opinion is more correct?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The Western leaders	20.5	13.5	56.3
2. Netanyahu	67.5	76.9	19.5
3. Don't know / Refuse	12.0	9.7	24.2

9. Some claim that apparently, it will be impossible to prevent Iran from nuclearizing in the long term, and therefore Israel should come to terms with this and devise a defense strategy based on the assumption that Israel is not the only nuclear state in the region. Do you agree or disagree with this approach?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I don't agree at all	22.1	25.0	7.5
2. I moderately disagree	12.3	12.6	10.4
3. I moderately agree	30.6	29.2	38.1
4. I strongly agree	27.9	28.0	27.0
5. Don't know / Refuse	7.2	5.2	17.0

10. There is widespread support in the world today for the claim that Israel should sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Israel refuses to do so out of fear that this would subject the Israeli nuclear industry to international supervision. In your opinion, should or should not Israel sign this treaty?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it should not sign	43.5	50.8	6.3
2. I think it should not	18.7	19.9	12.8
3. I think it should	13.7	12.4	20.4
4. I'm sure it should sign	15.0	8.4	48.7
5. Don't know / Refuse	9.1	8.6	11.7

11. When you think of the Palestinians today, do you think of them more as enemies or more as neighbors?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Much more as enemies	34.7	40.7	4.1
2. A little more as enemies	13.3	15.9	
3. Not as enemies and not as neighbors	13.8	14.1	12.0
4. A little more as neighbors	16.8	17.2	14.8
5. Much more as neighbors	17.1	7.7	64.8
6. Don't know / Refuse	4.3	4.4	4.2

12. In your opinion, what are the chances that the official talks taking place between Israel and the Palestinians in recent months, which are headed by Minister Tzipi Livni and are being conducted under U.S. auspices, will eventually lead to a significant agreement between the sides?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances	1.4	0.6	5.3
2. High chances	13.8	13.6	14.7
3. Low chances	43.6	44.4	39.7
4. Very low chances	34.8	36.8	24.7
5. Don't know / Refuse	6.4	4.6	15.6

13. Recently, there were two cases of murder of Israeli soldiers by Palestinians. The Israeli defense establishment claims that the cases involved individual murderers and are not the beginning of a Third Intifada. Do you accept or not accept this explanation?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Accept			
2. Don't accept			
3. Don't know / Refuse			

14. In your opinion, in return for a permanent peace agreement, should or should not Israel agree to the return of a limited number of Palestinian refugees to Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it should agree	11.9	3.8	53.0
2. I think it should	13.8	11.3	26.7
3. I think it should not	17.1	20.2	1.5
4. I'm sure it should not	53.6	61.2	15.0
5. Don't know / Refuse	3.5	3.4	3.9

15. In return for a permanent peace agreement, would you support or oppose Israel accepting partial responsibility for the suffering that was caused to the Palestinians—for example, for creating the refugee problem?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure I would not agree	45.7	53.2	7.8
2. I think I would not agree	14.4	17.0	1.4
3. I think I would agree	18.7	17.7	23.8
4. I'm sure I would agree	14.7	6.2	57.4
5. Don't know / Refuse	6.5	5.8	9.7