

The Peace Index – April 2016

(N=600)

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	24.1	60.1	30.1
Moderately in favor	33.8	11.3	30.0
Moderately opposed	19.6	6.0	17.3
Strongly opposed	14.7	8.8	13.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.7	13.8	8.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly believe	5.7	21.2	8.3
Moderately believe	15.0	15.7	15.1
Moderately do not believe	34.8	13.3	31.2
Do not believe at all	42.8	43.6	43.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.7	6.2	2.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. Soon the current government will have served for one year. How do you rate its achievements so far in each of the following areas?

Running Israel's security affairs

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	11.1	22.4	12.9
Moderately good	37.8	19.6	34.7
Not so good	29.5	10.9	26.4
Not good at all	19.4	31.0	21.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.2	16.2	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Running Israel's economic affairs

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	6.3	20.4	8.6
Moderately good	29.7	31.6	30.0
Not so good	38.9	13.9	34.7
Not good at all	22.2	27.9	23.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.9	6.2	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Running Israel's relations with the countries of the world

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	6.6	18.9	8.6
Moderately good	24.1	37.3	26.3
Not so good	32.9	7.3	28.6
Not good at all	31.6	17.3	29.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.8	19.2	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. Overall, what grade would you give the current government for its performance so far from 0 (poor) to 10 (excellent)?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
0 - poor	7.9	22.6	10.3
1	2.3	4.6	2.7
2	6.2	5.9	6.1
3	10.3	1.3	8.8
4	6.8	4.1	6.3
5	16.1	19.0	16.6
6	15.0	9.3	14.0
7	18.2	6.4	16.3
8	10.0	7.1	9.5
9	3.6	0.4	3.0
10 -excellent	2.6	14.1	4.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.1	5.1	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. How do you rate each of the following officials' performance so far?

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	9.5	9.8	9.5
Moderately good	30.3	19.3	28.5
Not so good	28.4	10.2	25.4
Not good at all	28.4	48.0	31.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.4	12.8	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Defense Minister Moshe ("Bogie") Yaalon

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	15.8	13.0	15.4
Moderately good	41.7	20.2	38.1
Not so good	26.1	6.4	22.8
Not good at all	9.7	25.4	12.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.6	35.0	11.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	7.1	15.9	8.5
Moderately good	40.9	29.3	39.0
Not so good	33.8	5.3	29.0
Not good at all	10.8	17.4	11.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.5	32.2	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Opposition leader Isaac ("Buji") Herzog

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	2.6	10.9	4.0
Moderately good	12.4	17.3	13.2
Not so good	35.5	7.0	30.8
Not good at all	37.5	29.8	36.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.0	34.9	15.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Chief of Staff Gadi Eisenkot

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	28.1	10.8	25.2
Moderately good	42.5	14.3	37.9
Not so good	13.4	6.8	12.3
Not good at all	3.1	14.9%	5.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.8	53.1	19.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Police Commissioner Roni Alsheikh

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	17.6	12.7	16.7
Moderately good	38.3	13.0	34.1
Not so good	15.9	8.6	14.7
Not good at all	4.8	14.6	6.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	23.4	51.1	28.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. Two weeks ago Prime Minister Netanyahu declared that “the Golan will remain part of the state of Israel forever.” Some claim Netanyahu had to make the declaration because of international deliberations on Syria’s future, and some claim Netanyahu did not have to make the declaration because it needlessly stirred up international talk about the Golan’s future. In your opinion, did Netanyahu have to make or not have to make such a declaration about the Golan?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he had to	29.5	24.6	28.7
I think he had to	21.3	5.2	18.6
I think he didn't have to	17.7	7.5	16.0
I'm sure he didn't have to	24.1	52.6	28.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.4	10.1	7.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. To what extent do you fear that you or one of the people important to you will be harmed in the current wave of terror attacks?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Greatly fear	26.1	62.4	32.1
Moderately fear	38.2	10.5	33.6
Don't fear so much	22.3	6.3	19.6
Don't fear at all	10.2	19.5	11.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.2	1.3	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8: Do you agree or disagree with the assessment that the current terror wave is in a downward trend?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	7.9	29.4	11.4
Moderately agree	42.0	21.4	38.6
Don't agree so much	31.8	5.0	27.3
Don't agree at all	13.9	39.5	18.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.4	4.7	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9: In your opinion, would it now be appropriate or inappropriate to renew the political negotiations with the Palestinian Authority?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not appropriate at all	26.3	25.8	26.2
Not so appropriate	22.6	10.5	20.6
Moderately appropriate	30.5	11.7	27.4
Very appropriate	13.4	41.9	18.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.2	10.2	7.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10: Which of the following two things is more important to you: that in the state of Israel there will be a Jewish majority or that Israel will be the only sovereign in the whole area of the historical Land of Israel?

	% Jews
It's more important to me that there be a Jewish majority in the state of Israel	52.4
It's more important to me that Israel be the sole sovereign in the whole area of the historical Land of Israel	21.9
(Do not read) The two things are important to me to the same extent	19.0
(Do not read) Neither of them is important to me	2.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.9
Total	100.0

11: Which of the following two things is more important to you: that a peace agreement is reached with the Palestinians or that the Palestinians recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people?

	% Jews
It's more important to me that a peace agreement is reached with the Palestinians	27.5
It's more important to me that the Palestinians recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people	48.2
(Do not read) The two things are important to me to the same extent	16.1
(Do not read) Neither of them is important to me	5.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.6
Total	100.0

12: In your opinion, is it right or not right to define Israel's control of the territories as an "occupation"?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is	12.0	69.7	21.6
I think it is	10.7	1.8	9.3
I think it isn't	21.6	1.1	18.2
I'm sure it isn't	49.9	14.2	44.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.7	13.2	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. In a recent speech, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said that "President Obama has not been a friend to Israel," which Trump called "our great friend...in the Middle East." In your opinion, if Trump is elected the next American president, will he or will he not be committed to safeguarding Israel's security?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he will be	17.7	52.5	23.5
I think he will be	44.5	9.1	38.7
I think he won't be	17.8	5.4	15.7
I'm sure he won't be	5.5	5.3	5.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.4	27.7	16.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14: The Democratic presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, wrote in a letter for Passover that the United States should be "ready and able to block any international effort to isolate or attack Israel." To what extent do you trust her to implement those words if she is elected U.S. president?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't trust her at all	13.8	10.8	13.3
Don't trust her so much	31.0	9.5	27.4
Moderately trust her	36.2	11.0	32.0
Strongly trust her	12.1	47.1	17.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.9	21.6	9.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15: Which of the two candidates, Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton will be better from the standpoint of Israel's interests if elected?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Donald Trump	31.2	14.1	28.4
Hillary Clinton	40.3	26.8	38.0
(Do not read) Both to the same extent	4.8	29.0	8.9
(Do not read) Neither of them	6.1	2.8	5.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.5	27.3	19.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0