

The Peace Index – April 2017

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(N=600 – 500 Jews, 100 Arabs)

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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	23.6	54.2	28.7
Moderately in favor	36.8	20.6	34.1
Moderately opposed	18.1	8.5	16.5
Strongly opposed	15.7	7.2	14.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.8	9.5	6.4
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	3.7	14.1	5.4
Moderately believe	17.6	31.0	19.8
Moderately don't believe	41.8	13.5	37.1
Do not believe at all	35.0	38.4	35.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.0	2.9	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Questions for Independence Day:

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	11.9	28.5	14.6
Good	32.0	37.5	32.9
So-so	39.2	19.1	35.9
Bad	10.1	3.5	9.0
Very bad	5.7	8.9	6.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.1	2.4	1.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. And your own personal situation?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	23.9	24.1	23.9
Good	50.1	32.6	47.2
So-so	23.8	31.3	25.0
Bad	1.3	7.9	2.4
Very bad	0.2	4.1	0.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.8	0.0	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. How proud are you of being an Israeli?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very proud	63.3	21.4	56.3
Moderately proud	22.8	29.7	24.0
Not so proud	9.9	12.9	10.4
Not proud at all	3.1	27.0	7.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.9	9.0	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. In general, are you optimistic or pessimistic about Israel's future?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very optimistic	25.0	33.0	26.4
Moderately optimistic	48.4	27.8	45.0
Moderately pessimistic	19.2	11.5	17.9
Very pessimistic	3.0	20.6	5.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.4	7.0	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. To what extent do you feel yourself to be part of the state of Israel and its problems?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
To a very large extent	42.0	33.3	40.6
To a moderately large extent	40.0	24.2	37.4
To a moderately small extent	13.4	16.6	13.9
Not at all	2.5	21.9	5.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.1	3.9	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. How do you assess Israel's achievement on each of these issues?

8.1 Maintaining the country's security

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	33.4	55.2	37.0
Moderately good	49.3	19.5	44.3
Not so good	12.5	3.5	11.0
Not good at all	4.7	7.0	5.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.2	14.8	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8.2 Maintaining economic stability

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	17.9	33.9	20.6
Moderately good	41.9	40.6	41.7
Not so good	26.4	9.3	23.6
Not good at all	11.3	14.4	11.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.5	1.7	2.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8.3 Reducing the social gaps

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	1.3	14.9	3.6
Moderately good	17.3	34.4	20.1
Not so good	43.9	11.0	38.4
Not good at all	35.7	35.1	35.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.9	4.6	2.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8.4 Attentiveness to what the citizens want

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	1.9	18.9	4.7
Moderately good	20.2	27.0	21.3
Not so good	47.9	12.9	42.1
Not good at all	28.7	36.6	30.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.4	4.5	1.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8.5 Medicine and health

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	22.1	54.9	27.5
Moderately good	43.1	38.4	42.3
Not so good	25.2	2.8	21.5
Not good at all	9.1	3.4	8.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8.6 Education and science

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	14.3	41.8	18.9
Moderately good	44.7	29.2	42.2
Not so good	29.6	12.3	26.7
Not good at all	10.0	16.0	11.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.3	0.7	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. In Syria numerous refugees are fleeing their homes because of the severe warfare. In your opinion, should or should not Israel set up facilities near the border, within its territory, where the refugees can stay under decent conditions until the fighting ends?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should	11.2	29.5	14.2
I think it should	30.1	31.5	30.4
I think it should not	26.0	8.9	23.1
I'm sure it should not	25.8	22.9	25.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.0	7.3	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. And what about admitting wounded people to Israeli hospitals?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should	22.7	44.8	26.4
I think it should	39.3	30.0	37.8
I think it should not	22.1	12.5	20.5
I'm sure it should not	10.9	9.7	10.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.9	2.9	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. If Western states intervene militarily in Syria in an attempt to bring the war there to an end, should Israel, in your opinion, join such a campaign?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should	4.8	22.4	7.7
I think it should	13.9	11.2	13.4
I think it should not	33.8	13.0	30.4
I'm sure it should not	42.3	41.0	42.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.2	12.3	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. Under the Obama administration, the United States refrained from intervening in the civil war in Syria. In your opinion, did President Trump act wisely or unwisely when he changed this policy and ordered U.S. forces to launch Tomahawk missiles at the Syrian air force base from which, apparently, the planes that carried out the chemical attack on civilians in Idlib took off?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he did not act wisely	3.1	54.3	11.6
I think he did not act wisely	6.2	6.9	6.3
I think he acted wisely	39.7	1.8	33.4
I'm sure he acted wisely	38.9	14.4	34.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.0	22.7	13.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. How would you define the state authorities' treatment of the Holocaust survivors over the years?

	% Jews
Very good	2.2
Moderately good	13.6
Not so good	41.6
Not good at all	38.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.0
Total	100.0

14. In your opinion, do family members of those who lost their lives in military service have or not have more of a right than other citizens to express an opinion on security and military issues?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they do not	18.7	22.6	19.4
I think they do not	38.1	8.7	33.2
I think they do	24.8	15.4	23.2
I'm sure they do	12.9	33.3	16.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.4	20.0	7.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15. In the Knesset debate on the state comptroller's report on Operation Protective Edge, there were heated exchanges between people from bereaved families and Members of Knesset David Bitan and Miki Zohar. Some claimed that the members of Knesset should have restrained themselves and not responded to the bereaved families' harsh criticisms of Prime Minister Netanyahu even if they were unjustified. Do you agree or disagree with that position?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	47.0	21.9	42.8
Moderately agree	21.0	7.8	18.9
Don't agree so much	16.8	6.1	15.0
Don't agree at all	5.8	36.4	10.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.4	27.8	12.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16. A question for Arab interviewees only:

Among the following three possibilities, where would you prefer to live:

	% Arabs
In Israel with a Palestinian state beside it	46.5
In the Palestinian state with Israel beside it	4.2
In one state for two peoples in all the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea	38.6
Other	7.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.7
Total	100.0

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