

The Peace Index – August 2015

(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	28.3	57.8	33.2
Moderately in favor	34.3	13.5	30.8
Moderately opposed	16.4	6.2	14.7
Strongly opposed	15.0	7.5	13.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.1	15.0	7.6
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	4.8	10.1	5.7
Moderately believe	20.2	33.4	22.4
Moderately do not believe	30.3	21.6	28.8
Do not believe at all	41.5	22.0	38.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.2	12.9	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. Do you support or oppose Israel signing a long-term truce with Hamas, which would include Israel granting Hamas access to a seaport and opening the commercial crossings to Gaza?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	5.9	61.6	15.1
Moderately support	19.5	23.0	20.1
Moderately oppose	22.5	1.9	19.1
Strongly oppose	47.3	3.9	40.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.9	9.7	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. To what extent, in your opinion, is Hamas currently interested or not interested in keeping the border with Israel quiet?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not at all interested	31.7	7.1	27.6
Not so interested	25.1	12.1	22.9
Moderately interested	28.9	24.5	28.1
Very interested	9.8	11.2	10.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.5	45.0	11.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. In your opinion, is Hamas currently capable or incapable of controlling the other organizations that are now in Gaza?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is capable	13.0	17.5	13.8
I think it is capable	34.1	20.0	31.7
I think it is incapable	28.9	10.2	25.8
I'm sure it is incapable	17.5	12.0	16.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.5	40.2	12.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. A year after Operation Protective Edge, in your opinion was Israel's decision to launch the operation right or not right?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very right	49.5	6.6	42.4
Moderately right	30.6	4.3	26.3
Not so right	9.7	29.5	13.0
Not at all right	5.8	39.5	11.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.3	20.1	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. And how would you characterize the results of the operation?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	8.8	4.8	8.1
Moderately good	41.1	6.3	35.3
Not so good	32.3	36.3	32.9
Not at all good	14.5	37.2	18.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.4	15.4	5.4

Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
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8. In your opinion, how is Prime Minister Netanyahu's campaign to foil the nuclear deal with Iran in the U.S. Congress affecting U.S.-Israeli relations?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Greatly damaging them	17.3	7.6	15.7
Moderately damaging them	30.8	9.7	27.3
Neither damaging nor contributing to them	36.8	35.0	36.5
Moderately contributing to them	6.6	11.0	7.3
Greatly contributing to them	1.7	4.2	2.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.7	32.6	11.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. In your opinion, how is Prime Minister Netanyahu's campaign to foil the nuclear deal with Iran in the U.S. Congress affecting Israel's relations with the American Jewish community?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Greatly damaging them	9.6	4.3	8.7
Moderately damaging them	19.7	7.6	17.7
Neither damaging nor contributing to them	43.4	30.4	41.3
Moderately contributing to them	11.4	10.7	11.3
Greatly contributing to them	5.7	3.3	5.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.2	43.6	15.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. What, in your opinion, is the chance that the campaign Netanyahu is waging will succeed and the U.S. Congress will not approve the deal?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Almost no chance	27.4	10.4	24.6
A moderately small chance	36.7	30.3	35.6
A medium chance	21.7	13.9	20.4
A moderately large chance	3.3	5.5	3.6
It will probably succeed	3.0	5.7	3.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.0	34.3	12.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. In your opinion, is Iran upholding or not really upholding the obligations it took upon itself as part of the nuclear deal it recently signed with the Western countries headed by the United States?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is upholding them	1.5	10.9	3.1
I think it is upholding them	15.3	24.3	16.8
I think it is not upholding them	32.1	16.5	29.5
I'm sure it is not upholding them	46.3	14.1	40.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.8	34.3	9.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. To what extent are you sure or not sure that Prime Minister Netanyahu is right when he describes the deal as an existential threat to Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not at all sure that he is right	5.8	18.6	7.9
Not so sure that he is right	18.3	26.9	19.7
Moderately sure that he is right	30.2	17.9	28.2
Sure that he is right	42.5	4.3	36.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.2	32.3	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. U.S. ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro recently announced that Israel is refusing to hold talks with the United States on the weapons and equipment that the U.S. is prepared to give it so as to ensure that the deal with Iran does not harm Israel's security. Dore Gold, an adviser to the prime minister, confirmed that Israel is indeed refusing to discuss the issue at this stage. In your opinion, is this position of Israel's right or mistaken?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is right	20.2	3.8	17.5
I think it is right	26.3	14.9	24.4
I think it is mistaken	23.3	27.1	24.0
I'm sure it is mistaken	13.7	9.3	12.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	16.6	44.8	21.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14. To what extent, in your assessment, is the U.S. administration committed at present to maintaining Israel's security?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very committed	27.9	62.9	33.7
Moderately committed	38.0	16.0	34.4
Not so committed	26.3	0.9	22.1
Not committed at all	6.0	3.6	5.6
Don't know/Refuse to answer	1.8	16.6	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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