

The Peace Index – August 2016

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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	25.4	71.7	33.1
Moderately in favor	34.7	12.9	31.1
Moderately opposed	19.1	1.9	16.3
Strongly opposed	14.9	12.7	14.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.9	0.8	5.1
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	4.4	29.2	8.5
Moderately believe	19.7	17.1	19.3
Moderately do not believe	32.0	13.3	28.9
Do not believe at all	41.0	34.2	39.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.0	6.1	3.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3: Who do you think will win the U.S. presidential elections in November: Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Donald Trump	24.1	22.3	23.8
Hillary Clinton	61.6	61.5	61.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.2	16.1	14.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6.3 The IDF

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I put no trust	3.0	32.7	7.9
I put only a little trust	8.7	11.4	9.1
I put quite a lot of trust	39.7	11.9	35.0
I put a lot of trust	47.4	34.9	45.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.3	9.1	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6.4 The Supreme Court

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I put no trust	16.2	18.2	16.5
I put only a little trust	27.8	7.3	24.4
I put quite a lot of trust	32.7	13.3	29.5
I put a lot of trust	21.4	50.3	26.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.9	10.9	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7: (for Jews only) Some claim that any Palestinian who carries out a terror attack against Jews should be killed on the spot, even if he has been captured and clearly does not pose a threat. Others claim that the moment he has ceased to pose a threat, the Palestinian attacker must be handed over to the legal authorities. With which of the two claims do you agree more?

	% Jews
With the claim that any Palestinian who carries out an attack should be killed on the spot, even if he does not pose a threat	46.8
With the claim that the moment he has ceased to pose a threat, the attacker should be handed over to the legal authorities	44.9
With neither claim (do not read)	3.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.9
Total	100.0

8: (for Jews only) Last March the soldier Elor Azaria shot a neutralized terrorist who had perpetrated a stabbing attack in Hebron. Azaria claimed he had fired out of self-defense because he feared that the terrorist was wearing an explosive belt. The military establishment claimed that Azaria had violated the open-fire regulations and shot the terrorist out of a feeling of vengeance. To what extent do you justify or not justify Elor Azaria's act?

	% Jews
Strongly justify	42.1
Moderately justify	22.7
Moderately do not justify	11.4
Strongly do not justify	13.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.0
Total	100.0

9: (for Jews only) Because Elor Azaria has been put on trial, recently many reserve soldiers have declared that they will not show up for reserve duty as long as the trial lasts—and until Azaria is completely exonerated. To what extent do you support or oppose this move by the reserve soldiers?

	% Jews
Strongly support	35.0
Moderately support	16.5
Moderately oppose	17.3
Strongly oppose	26.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1
Total	100.0

10: Former defense minister Ehud Barak said that in recent months something had occurred that had caused grave security damage to Israel owing to an error in judgment by Prime Minister Netanyahu as well as his troubled relations with the U.S. president. In your opinion, did Barak say this out of genuine concern for Israel's security or out of a political interest in condemning Netanyahu?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Out of genuine concern for Israel's security	9.7	26.8	12.6
Out of a political interest in condemning Netanyahu	68.2	42.0	63.9
For both reasons	8.7	7.0	8.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.3	24.2	15.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11: In your opinion, will it be good or not good for Israel if Ehud Barak returns to the political arena?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it will be good if Barak returns to politics	2.7	33.0	7.7
I think it will be good if Barak returns to politics	15.4	19.5	16.1
I think it will not be good if Barak returns to politics	27.1	7.3	23.9
I'm sure it will not be good if Barak returns to politics	37.9	21.3	35.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.9	18.9	17.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

And now a few questions on the start of the new school year:

12: In your opinion, does the education system truly provide equal opportunity to all Israeli children from every background and sector?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
It very much provides equal opportunity	6.7	22.8	9.3
It moderately provides it	31.8	23.5	30.4
It moderately does not provide it	30.8	14.7	28.1
It very much does not provide it	24.5	35.6	26.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.3	3.4	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13: In your opinion, is the Israeli education system improving with the years or deteriorating?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is improving	7.2	27.3	10.5
I think it is improving	32.9	20.6	30.8
I think it is deteriorating	30.4	21.1	28.9
I'm sure it is deteriorating	18.6	25.1	19.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.0	5.8	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14: On a scale of 0 (poor) to 10 (excellent), what grade would you give the Israeli education system?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
0 – Poor	2.5	8.8	3.6
1	0.4	.8	0.5
2	4.7	4.6	4.7
3	6.8	3.3	6.3
4	8.0	8.2	8.0
5	19.8	11.3	18.4
6	22.6	14.4	21.2
7	20.2	14.1	19.2
8	8.5	16.7	9.9
9	0.8	8.2	2.0
10 – Excellent	1.8	6.6	2.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.9	2.8	3.7
Total	100	100	100
Mean	5.53	5.85	5.58
S.D.	1.93	2.78	2.10
Frequency	481	97	578

15: Recently dozens of French towns decided to prohibit the wearing of the burkini at beaches—a swimsuit that almost completely covers women's bodies. In your opinion, does the prohibition stem from security concerns (for example, fear that an explosive belt could be hidden under the swimsuit) or from religious-cultural concerns (because the wearing of burkinis contravenes French secular values)?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The opposition stems mainly from security concerns	24.7	26.9	25.0
The opposition stems mainly from religious-cultural concerns	55.5	37.8	52.5
Both from security concerns and religious-cultural concerns (do not read)	8.9	10.3	9.1
Neither from security concerns nor religious-cultural concerns (do not read)	2.1	14.0	4.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.8	11.0	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16: With which of the following two claims do you agree more: “The burkini symbolizes the subjugation of the Muslim woman and therefore it is justified for the French to oppose it” or “A democratic state must permit every woman and man to dress as they wish in the public arena, including in the case of traditional and conservative clothing”?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Agree more with the first claim	27.6	17.5	25.9
Agree more with the second claim	60.5	71.1	62.3
I Don't know/Decline to answer	8.5	8.9	8.6
Other (do not read)	3.4	2.4	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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