

### **The Peace Index - August 2018**

(N=600)

28-29/8/2018

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	27.1	36.9	28.7
Moderately in favor	34.2	27.6	33.1
Moderately opposed	17.3	18.2	17.4
Strongly opposed	12.7	14.4	13.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.7	2.8	7.7
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	3.3	4.5
Moderately believe	23.6	28.3	24.4
Moderately do not believe	33.7	14.7	30.5
Do not believe at all	35.1	48.3	37.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.8	5.4	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**3. Israeli media say that indirect negotiations are being held with Hamas on a ceasefire at the Gaza border. Do you support or oppose negotiating with Hamas on an issue of this kind?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	17.2	22.3	18.0
Moderately support	39.7	37.8	39.3
Moderately oppose	15.9	11.1	15.1
Strongly oppose	21.0	20.9	21.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.3	8.0	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. If the negotiations arrive at understandings with Hamas about an ongoing ceasefire in the south, then in your opinion could Israel, at this stage, forgo the return of the bodies of the two soldiers being held by Hamas, Hadar Goldin and Oron Shaul, in order to achieve quiet?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it can forgo it at this stage	4.5	9.3	5.3
I think it can	13.1	13.6	13.2
I think it cannot	22.5	14.1	21.1
I'm sure it cannot	55.4	47.6	54.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	15.5	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. What, in your opinion, are the chances that in the year soon to begin there will be a positive breakthrough in Israel's relations with the Palestinians?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	0.2	4.6	1.0
Moderately high chances	7.3	18.1	9.1
Moderately low chances	43.9	26.5	41.0
Very low chances	44.8	44.9	44.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.7	5.9	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. In your opinion, in principle do the Palestinians deserve or not deserve an independent state of their own?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they do	15.4	85.8	27.1
I think they do	34.2	8.3	29.9
I think they do not	17.1	2.1	14.6
I'm sure they do not	26.0	1.1	21.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.4	2.7	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. Do you support or not support at present the signing of a peace agreement based on the formula of two states for two peoples?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	17.6	52.0	23.4
Moderately support	29.2	20.8	27.8
Don't support so much	18.6	6.3	16.6
Don't support at all	27.5	18.0	25.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.0	3.0	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**8. And if a peace agreement were to be signed based on the formula of two states for two peoples, then, in your opinion, would it be possible or not possible to implement it?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it would be possible	6.9	9.0	7.3
I think it would be possible	31.1	30.9	31.1
I think it would not be possible	30.7	16.3	28.3
I'm sure it would not be possible	25.1	38.7	27.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.2	5.1	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**9. Which side would have more difficulty implementing a peace agreement if one were to be signed?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Both sides to the same extent	28.3	43.1	30.8
The Israeli side would have more difficulty	23.3	26.6	23.8
The Palestinian side would have more difficulty	42.0	26.0	39.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.4	4.4	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**10. Let's assume that the Israeli government and the Palestinian leadership had almost arrived at a formulation of a permanent peace agreement. In order to prove to the Palestinians and to the world that the Israeli government truly wants peace, would you support or oppose Israel agreeing to:**

**Declare East Jerusalem to be the capital of the Palestinian state**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	5.2	54.1	13.3
Moderately support	14.8	11.5	14.2
Moderately oppose	17.3	6.8	15.5
Strongly oppose	58.1	19.4	51.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	8.1	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Evacuate all the isolated settlements in Judea and Samaria**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	14.8	68.0	23.7
Moderately support	12.6	14.7	12.9
Moderately oppose	22.1	4.3	19.2
Strongly oppose	47.8	6.1	40.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.7	6.8	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Recognize that in the War of Independence a catastrophe was caused to the Palestinian people**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	3.5	61.8	13.2
Moderately support	11.3	22.1	13.1
Moderately oppose	19.8	6.2	17.6
Strongly oppose	56.8	4.0	48.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.7	5.9	8.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**An open border between Israel and the Palestinian state that would enable the Palestinians to enter and exit Israel freely - for example, for work**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	7.0	57.9	15.5
Moderately support	19.2	17.9	19.0
Moderately oppose	24.6	10.6	22.3
Strongly oppose	46.1	8.3	39.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.1	5.3	3.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Free the Palestinian prisoners being held in Israel**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	3.4	75.1	15.4
Moderately support	10.5	16.3	11.4
Moderately oppose	21.6	2.0	18.4
Strongly oppose	59.5	1.2	49.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.0	5.4	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Absorption in the Palestinian state of all the Palestinian refugees who want to settle in it**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	12.2	57.3	19.7
Moderately support	23.6	21.2	23.2
Moderately oppose	16.1	6.7	14.5
Strongly oppose	41.0	9.4	35.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.1	5.6	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**11. Do you support or oppose the opinion that the Palestinians must recognize Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people before peace talks with them can be revived?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	61.0	7.1	52.0
Moderately support	21.7	10.0	19.7
Moderately oppose	7.9	21.3	10.1
Strongly oppose	5.7	50.4	13.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.7	11.3	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**12. Do you agree with or oppose the following opinion: "Most of the Palestinians have not come to terms with Israel's existence and would destroy it if they could"?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	45.5	33.7	43.5
Moderately agree	20.1	23.9	20.7
So-so, in between	18.1	2.8	15.5
Moderately oppose	7.4	16.6	8.9
Strongly oppose	6.0	11.5	6.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.0	11.6	4.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

And a few question for the approaching end of the Hebrew year and beginning of the New Year:

**13. In general, from Israel's standpoint, how do you assess the year that is soon ending?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	8.3	8.7	8.4
Good	55.5	41.4	53.2
Moderately bad	25.2	24.0	25.0
Very bad	7.0	19.0	9.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.0	7.0	4.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**14. How, in general, do you think the new year will be from the standpoint of the country?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Much better than the year that is ending	10.0	13.1	10.5
A little better than the year that is ending	19.1	17.3	18.8
Like the year that is ending	45.6	24.0	42.0
Much worse than the year that is ending	7.2	14.1	8.3
A little worse than the year that is ending	4.7	20.9	7.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.5	10.6	13.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**15. In your opinion, among the following issues, which is the main one the government should concentrate on in the new year? Option order randomized?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strengthening the IDF and Israel's security	12.1	2.6	10.5
Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians	6.6	22.0	9.2
Improving the economic situation	18.4	19.4	18.6
Cleaning up governmental corruption	16.2	9.6	15.1
Closing the socioeconomic gaps	21.9	10.2	20.0
Strengthening the unity of the people	13.6	4.2	12.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.1	32.1	14.6

Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
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**16. In the debate about the building of the Yehudit Bridge over the Ayalon Highway, with which of the following two positions do you agree more:**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
There is no justification for carrying out the work on Shabbat because it is a desecration of Shabbat and not for the purpose of saving lives	25.5	16.0	23.8
The work should be carried out on Shabbat so as to prevent huge traffic jams on Israel's main transportation artery on several weekdays	61.9	57.3	61.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.6	26.7	14.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**17. In your opinion, the number of days off for the holidays in the schools and nursery schools is:**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Appropriate	30.4	47.5	33.3
Much too large	34.1	28.1	33.1
A bit too large	24.5	13.4	22.7
A bit too small	2.5	3.1	2.6
Much too small	1.8	4.2	2.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.7	3.7	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**18. And as the holidays approach, how do you feel about holiday meals for the family**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Really like them	58.0	52.3	57.1
Moderately like them	27.3	33.6	28.3
Don't like them so much	11.7	5.3	10.6
Don't like them at all	2.2	2.5	2.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.9	6.3	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0