

The Peace Index – December 2013

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

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly in favor	38.7	29.4	84.7
2. Somewhat in favor	24.3	27.6	8.1
3. Somewhat opposed	12.5	14.5	2.7
4. Strongly opposed	19.4	22.8	2.7
5. Don't know / Refuse	5.1	5.7	1.8

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

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly believe	7.4	4.5	21.4
2. Somewhat believe	21.9	18.8	37.2
3. Somewhat don't believe	22.1	21.6	24.5
4. Don't believe at all	46.7	53.3	14.3
5. Don't know / Refuse	1.9	1.7	2.7

3. Recently there have been a considerable number of terror attacks in which Israelis were harmed. The official position of the Israeli defense establishment is that this does not constitute a third intifada but, rather, an assortment of attacks by lone individuals. Do you agree or disagree with that assessment?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly agree	18.0	19.9	8.8
2. Moderately agree	27.4	29.0	19.5
3. Don't agree so much	19.1	19.0	20.1
4. Don't agree at all	29.3	25.8	46.4
5. Don't know / Refuse	6.2	6.4	5.3

4. To what extent is Israel's official policy toward the Palestinian residents of the territories affecting or not affecting, in your opinion, the recent upsurge of attacks?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It is not affecting it at all	15.9	17.6	7.0
2. It is not affecting it so much	18.4	21.8	1.6
3. It is moderately affecting it	28.7	29.0	27.3
4. It is strongly affecting it	30.5	24.9	58.1
5. Don't know / Refuse	6.6	6.7	6.0

5. To what extent is the presence of the Israeli settlements in the territories affecting or not affecting, in your opinion, the recent upsurge of attacks?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It is not affecting it at all	19.6	23.0	3.1
2. It is not affecting it so much	20.1	22.8	6.7
3. It is moderately affecting it	28.3	29.4	22.6
4. It is strongly affecting it	29.2	21.8	65.8
5. Don't know / Refuse	2.8	3.0	1.8

6. Some claim that the only way to get the two sides, Israel and the Palestinians, to sign an agreement is through strong external pressure mainly from the United States, since otherwise they will never reach agreements by themselves. Do you agree or disagree with this view?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly agree	31.4	27.0	53.2
2. Moderately agree	22.7	22.5	23.7
3. Don't agree so much	14.5	15.6	9.5
4. Don't agree at all	29.1	33.0	9.9
5. Don't know / Refuse	2.3	2.0	3.7

7. Do you support or oppose the United States exerting pressure on both sides, Israeli and Palestinian, to push them toward an agreement?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly oppose	29.0	32.8	10.4
2. Moderately oppose	18.3	20.5	7.4
3. Moderately support	27.2	27.0	28.3
4. Strongly support	22.0	16.2	50.5
5. Don't know / Refuse	3.4	3.4	3.4

8. And if the United States were indeed to start exerting strong pressure on the sides, and if the Israeli government saw the peace plan laid on the table as not being good for Israel, would, in your opinion, the Netanyahu-led Israeli government be able or unable to withstand such pressure?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it would be able	16.5	14.3	27.3
2. I think it would be able	34.4	33.8	37.8
3. I think it would not be able	24.6	28.1	7.7
4. I'm sure it would not be able	17.9	18.7	13.7
5. Don't know / Refuse	6.5	5.1	13.5

9. According to your impression, to what extent is the United States, and particularly its secretary of state John Kerry, committed at present to bringing about the signing of a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very committed	24.5	22.0	36.7
2. Moderately committed	37.0	37.2	35.6
3. Not so committed	21.1	22.9	12.0
4. Not committed at all	12.4	12.3	13.1
5. Don't know / Refuse	5.1	5.6	2.5

13. How do you rate the degree of trust on the Palestinian side as a whole toward the Israelis at present? Please give a grade for trust on a scale of 0 (no trust at all) to 10 (full trust).

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
0	34.4	35.5	28.9
1	7.6	8.1	5.4
2	9.7	10.8	4.5
3	8.8	9.7	4.1
4	8.9	8.8	9.4
5	12.6	10.7	21.9
6	4.7	3.0	12.9
7	3.0	2.3	6.7
8	2.0	2.1	1.7
9	0.4	0.0	2.2
10	0.9	0.9	1.3
Don't know / Refuse	7.1	8.3	1.0

14. What is the degree of trust you personally have toward the Palestinians? Please give a grade for your trust toward the Palestinians on a scale of 0 (no trust at all) to 10 (full trust).

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
0	43.2	49.9	10.4
1	5.7	6.4	2.5
2	6.0	6.7	2.7
3	5.6	6.4	2.1
4	4.7	5.5	0.7
5	9.5	8.5	14.7
6	5.7	4.6	10.7
7	6.3	5.4	11.0
8	5.0	2.3	18.0
9	1.7	0.8	6.2
10	3.4	0.9	15.7
Don't know / Refuse	3.2	2.7	5.4

15. In your opinion, given the history of the relations between the two peoples, is it possible or impossible at present to build trust between the Israelis and the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it is possible	11.7	8.0	30.2
2. I think it is possible	36.5	35.1	43.6
3. I think it is impossible	21.5	23.3	13.0
4. I'm sure it is impossible	28.0	31.2	11.9
5. Don't know / Refuse	2.2	2.4	1.2

16. To build trust between the Israelis and the Palestinians, which side has the responsibility to take the more significant steps?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Mainly the Israeli side	14.5	11.1	31.5
2. Mainly the Palestinian side	23.4	27.0	5.4
3. Both sides to the same extent	58.7	58.4	60.3
4. Don't know / Refuse	3.4	3.5	2.8