

The Peace Index – December 2014

(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	32.0%	73.3%	38.9%
Moderately in favor	23.6%	16.4%	22.4%
Moderately opposed	12.6%	0.7%	10.6%
Strongly opposed	22.4%	5.7%	19.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.3%	3.8%	8.4%
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	10.2%	53.3%	17.3%
Moderately believe	20.1%	20.4%	20.1%
Moderately do not believe	20.2%	13.9%	19.2%
Do not believe at all	45.1%	11.6%	39.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.4%	0.8%	3.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. In your view, did the political situation in Israel justify or not justify dissolving the Knesset and declaring new elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it justified it	18.6%	40.7%	22.3%
I think it justified it	18.2%	29.7%	20.1%
I think it did not justify it	23.9%	18.7%	23.1%
I'm sure it did not justify it	31.4%	5.9%	27.1%
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.9%	4.9%	7.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. Between the following two issues, which is the issue that will determine which party you vote for in the upcoming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The party's stance in the political-security area	32.8%	28.8%	32.1%
The party's stance in the socioeconomic area	40.6%	35.6%	39.8%
Both to the same extent (do not read)	18.0%	11.7%	17.0%
Other/Neither of those (do not read)	4.7%	11.2%	5.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.9%	12.6%	5.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Who, in your opinion, is best suited out of all the following individuals to serve as Israel's next prime minister?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Netanyahu	34.4%	8.9%	30.2%
Herzog	17.7%	10.1%	16.5%
Bennett	10.5%	3.3%	9.3%
Kahlon	4.2%	4.9%	4.3%
Lieberman	5.3%	2.5%	4.9%
Lapid	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%
Livni	6.3%	10.5%	7.0%
Don't know/Decline to answer	18.9%	57.3%	25.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. In your view, which bloc of parties has the greatest chance to form the government after the upcoming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The right-wing bloc	59.8%	18.8%	53.0%
The center-left bloc	24.4%	51.9%	28.9%
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.8%	29.4%	18.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. And which bloc would you want to form the government after the upcoming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The right-wing bloc	54.8%	15.7%	48.3%
The center-left bloc	32.5%	63.3%	37.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.7%	21.0%	14.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. Which of the following two possibilities would, in your opinion, better ensure the future of the state of Israel?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Annexation of the territories and the establishment in the entire territory of one state under Israeli rule	41.0%	29.4%	39.1%
A division of the land and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state beside the state of Israel	43.1%	58.8%	45.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.9%	11.8%	15.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. Recently more and more European parliaments have been calling on their governments to officially recognize the Palestinian state. In your opinion, does recognition of a Palestinian state before a peace agreement has been signed contribute to Israel's national interest or damage it?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Contributes to the Israeli national interest	10.0%	20.1%	11.7%
Damages the Israeli national interest	69.8%	34.3%	63.9%
Does not affect the Israeli national interest	12.9%	23.2%	14.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.2%	22.4%	9.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. What is your opinion on the following statement: even in return for a permanent peace settlement under U.S. sponsorship, which would include appropriate security arrangements, not even some of the settlements in Judea and Samaria should be evacuated.

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	30.0%	18.7%	28.1%
Moderately agree	17.7%	21.8%	18.4%
Don't agree so much	17.5%	26.9%	19.1%
Don't agree at all	29.0%	19.8%	27.5%
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.8%	12.7%	7.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. And what is your opinion on the statement that in the framework of a permanent peace settlement under U.S. sponsorship, which would include appropriate security arrangements, the Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem could be transferred to Palestinian control?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	18.1%	17.4%	18.0%
Moderately agree	19.7%	27.0%	20.9%
Don't agree so much	14.9%	24.7%	16.6%
Don't agree at all	40.9%	16.0%	36.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.3%	15.0%	7.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. In your opinion, to what extent should Israel take into account the United States' position when it makes decisions on political-security issues?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not at all	18.7%	30.7%	20.7%
Quite little	31.8%	28.6%	31.3%
Quite a lot	30.4%	15.8%	28.0%
A great deal	15.5%	12.8%	15.0%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6%	12.1%	5.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. Some say it makes no difference who forms the next government and what its policy will be; the peace process with the Palestinians is stalled and there is no chance that it will advance in the foreseeable future. What is your opinion on that statement?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	37.3%	19.3%	34.3%
Moderately agree	23.3%	31.4%	24.7%
Don't agree so much	16.4%	18.5%	16.7%
Don't agree at all	18.5%	20.5%	18.9%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.5%	10.3%	5.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14. On the political-security issue, where is each of the following parties located: on the right, in the center, on the left, or are the party's positions on this issue unclear at the moment?

Habayit hayehudi (headed by Naftali Benett)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	72.2%	22.7%	64.0%
Center	7.0%	10.2%	7.5%
Left	3.1%	18.1%	5.6%
Not clear at the moment	8.9%	44.1%	14.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.7%	4.9%	8.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Meretz (headed by Zehava Gal-on)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	6.2%	10.7%	6.9%
Center	3.2%	21.1%	6.2%
Left	72.2%	21.6%	63.8%
Not clear at the moment	7.4%	42.9%	13.3%
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.9%	3.6%	9.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Kulanu (headed by Moshe Kahlon)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	21.8%	9.1%	19.7%
Center	30.8%	17.9%	28.7%
Left	4.7%	21.5%	7.5%
Not clear at the moment	25.2%	49.2%	29.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.4%	2.3%	14.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Yesh Atid (headed by Yair Lapid)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	7.7%	15.3%	9.0%
Center	46.5%	17.7%	41.7%
Left	23.8%	15.0%	22.4%
Not clear at the moment	14.4%	45.9%	19.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.5%	6.2%	7.3%

Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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The joint Labor-Hatnuah list (headed by Herzog and Livni)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	4.9%	11.5%	6.0%
Center	26.4%	16.1%	24.7%
Left	50.3%	20.2%	45.3%
Not clear at the moment	10.1%	45.8%	16.0%
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.3%	6.4%	7.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Shas (headed by Aryh Deri)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	41.4%	18.9%	37.7%
Center	23.3%	15.2%	22.0%
Left	7.1%	19.8%	9.2%
Not clear at the moment	16.6%	40.9%	20.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.5%	5.3%	10.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Ha'am Itanu (headed by Eli Yishai)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	52.1%	13.0%	45.6%
Center	10.8%	18.0%	12.0%
Left	1.7%	13.2%	3.6%
Not clear at the moment	18.1%	50.1%	23.4%
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.3%	5.6%	15.4%

Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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Likud (headed by Binyamin Netanyahu)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	70.5%	21.9%	62.5%
Center	12.0%	14.6%	12.4%
Left	3.9%	17.5%	6.1%
Not clear at the moment	6.9%	41.7%	12.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.7%	4.3%	6.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Yisrael Beiteinu (headed by Avigdor Lieberman)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Right	51.4%	20.2%	46.3%
Center	19.3%	10.3%	17.8%
Left	4.8%	16.8%	6.8%
Not clear at the moment	17.2%	46.4%	22.0%
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.2%	6.3%	7.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

15. Do you intend to vote in the upcoming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure I will	75.4%	49.2%	71.1%
I think I will	14.1%	12.9%	13.9%
I think I won't	3.3%	14.3%	5.1%
I'm sure I won't	3.5%	21.3%	6.5%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.7%	2.2%	3.4%

Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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16. (Only for those who said "I think I will" or "I'm sure I will") Have you already decided which party you will vote for?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Yes	58.7%	63.6%	59.3%
No	40.0%	33.8%	39.3%
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.2%	2.6%	1.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

17. (Only for those who said "I think I won't" or "I'm sure I won't") What is the main reason that you think or are sure that you will not vote?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
There is no party whose positions accord with my opinions	13.2%	22.5%	20.0%
It makes no difference who one votes for because it does not change the situation anyway	37.2%	25.8%	28.9%
It is hard for me to get to the voting booth where I have to vote	6.0%	5.7%	5.8%
I won't be in Israel on the day of the elections	10.7%	2.8%	5.0%
Other	30.8%	22.1%	24.5%
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.2%	21.1%	15.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The Peace Index is a project of the Evens Program for Mediation and Conflict Resolution at Tel Aviv University and the Guttman Center for Surveys of the Israel Democracy Institute. This month's survey was conducted by telephone on December 29-31, 2014, by the Midgam Research Institute. The survey included 600 respondents, who constitute a representative national sample of the adult population aged 18 and over. The survey was conducted in Hebrew, Arabic, and Russian. The

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