

The Peace Index – December 2015

(N=600)

30-31/12/2015

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

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Strongly in favor | 23.5 | 64.7 | 30.3 |
| Moderately in favor | 35.4 | 19.0 | 32.6 |
| Moderately opposed | 17.1 | 3.2 | 14.8 |
| Strongly opposed | 16.3 | 7.0 | 14.8 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 7.7 | 6.1 | 7.5 |
| 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 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 4.1 |
| Moderately believe | 16.2 | 31.2 | 18.7 |
| Moderately do not believe | 33.6 | 17.8 | 31.0 |
| Do not believe at all | 43.6 | 34.3 | 42.1 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 2.6 | 11.3 | 4.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

3. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that the Jews' historical, religious, and cultural bond to the land and the Palestinians' historical, religious, and cultural bond to the land are equally strong?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|--|--------|---------|------------------|
| Agree | 20.6 | 41.3 | 24.0 |
| Disagree—the Palestinians have a stronger bond to the Land of Israel/Palestine | 1.3 | 27.0 | 5.6 |
| Disagree—the Jews have a stronger bond to the land | 72.2 | 15.9 | 62.8 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.8 | 15.8 | 7.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

4. In principle, do you support or not support the solution of two states for two peoples?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Don't support it at all | 25.4 | 8.5 | 22.6 |
| Don't support it so much | 17.8 | 10.3 | 16.5 |
| Moderately support it | 30.4 | 48.4 | 33.4 |
| Strongly support it | 21.9 | 31.5 | 23.5 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 4.5 | 1.3 | 4.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

5. What, in your opinion, are the chances that such a solution will be implemented in the next ten years?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Very high chances | 2.5 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| Moderately high chances | 8.5 | 10.7 | 8.9 |
| Moderately low chances | 41.9 | 40.2 | 41.6 |
| Very low chances | 42.0 | 35.3 | 40.9 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.1 | 9.3 | 5.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

6. And if, despite the difficulties in recent years, the two-state solution were to reach the stage of implementation, would you then want to see a closed border between the two states with guarded passages and entry permits, or an open border so that people from both sides could pass freely from one state to the other?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| I would want to see a closed border | 67.1 | 18.9 | 59.1 |
| I would want to see an open border | 25.1 | 80.2 | 34.3 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 7.8 | 0.9 | 6.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

7. To what extent do you fear that you or one of the people who are important to you will be harmed in the current wave of attacks?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|--------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Strongly fear | 37.5 | 37.4 | 37.5 |
| Moderately fear | 32.3 | 28.1 | 31.6 |
| Don't fear so much | 20.5 | 21.8 | 20.7 |
| Don't fear at all | 7.4 | 11.8 | 8.2 |

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|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 2.4 | 0.9 | 2.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

8. (For Jewish respondents only) To what extent, in your opinion, is the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) making every possible effort to prevent terror attacks by Palestinians against Jews?

| | % Jews |
|------------------------------|--------|
| To a very large extent | 58.4 |
| To a moderately large extent | 29.9 |
| To a moderately small extent | 4.8 |
| To a very small extent | 2.0 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.0 |
| Total | 100.0 |

9. To what extent, in your opinion, is the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) making every possible effort to prevent terror attacks by Jews against Palestinians?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| To a very large extent | 43.6 | 11.2 | 38.2 |
| To a moderately large extent | 34.4 | 12.6 | 30.8 |
| To a moderately small extent | 10.1 | 24.6 | 12.5 |
| To a very small extent | 3.7 | 17.1 | 6.0 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 8.1 | 34.5 | 12.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

10: In interrogations aimed at identifying the perpetrators of terror attacks, when is it permissible to use physical measures to get suspects to talk?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|---|--------|---------|------------------|
| Never | 6.0 | 83.0 | 18.8 |
| It is permissible but only in ticking-bomb cases | 29.6 | 5.8 | 25.6 |
| It is permissible if senior officials have confirmed that it will make a real contribution to the investigation | 26.0 | 3.3 | 22.2 |
| It is always permissible when it comes to those suspected of terror attacks | 29.4 | 2.2 | 24.9 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 8.9 | 5.7 | 8.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

11. (For Jewish respondents only) In your opinion, are the methods the Shin Bet uses in interrogating Palestinians suspected of terror attacks against Jews?

| | % Jews |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Appropriate | 43.5 |
| Too soft | 21.3 |
| Too harsh | 7.3 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 27.9 |
| Total | 100.0 |

12. In your opinion, are the methods the Shin Bet uses in interrogating Jews suspected of terror attacks against Palestinians?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Appropriate | 36.4 | 10.3 | 32.1 |
| Too soft | 12.8 | 32.8 | 16.1 |
| Too harsh | 23.5 | 20.8 | 23.1 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 27.3 | 36.1 | 28.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

13. (For Jewish respondents only) Do you agree or disagree that the interrogation of Jews suspected of terror attacks should be done with less harsh methods than those used in interrogating Palestinians suspected of terror attacks?

| | % Jews |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Don't agree at all | 38.9 |
| Moderately disagree | 18.6 |
| Moderately agree | 17.3 |
| Strongly agree | 18.3 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 6.9 |
| Total | 100.0 |

14. (For Jewish respondents only) Do you agree or disagree with the opinion that the punishment the court imposes on Jews found guilty of terror attacks against Palestinians should be lighter than the punishment it imposes on Palestinians found guilty of terror attacks against Jews?

| | % Jews |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Don't agree at all | 44.8 |
| Moderately disagree | 17.9 |
| Moderately agree | 16.6 |
| Strongly agree | 13.7 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 7.0 |

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|-------|-------|
| Total | 100.0 |
|-------|-------|

15. If it turns out that the attack in Duma (in which a firebomb was thrown into the Dawabshe family's home and three members of the family died) was intentionally perpetrated by Jews, would it be right in your eyes to consider it an act of terror?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| I'm sure it would be | 56.9 | 70.1 | 59.1 |
| I think it would be | 24.0 | 10.9 | 21.8 |
| I think it wouldn't be | 6.3 | 1.1 | 5.4 |
| I'm sure it wouldn't be | 6.9 | 1.7 | 6.1 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.8 | 16.2 | 7.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

16. Lately it is often claimed that the Jewish groups committing attacks against Palestinians are marginal groups that represent only a small minority of the national-religious public. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Strongly agree with the claim | 47.2 | 26.5 | 43.7 |
| Moderately agree | 26.2 | 33.4 | 27.4 |
| Moderately disagree | 11.4 | 9.4 | 11.1 |
| Strongly disagree with the claim | 8.0 | 16.7 | 9.4 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 7.2 | 14.1 | 8.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

17. Some say Israel is becoming more Jewish and less democratic. To what extent do you agree or disagree with that statement?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Don't agree at all | 27.0 | 6.0 | 23.5 |
| Moderately disagree | 22.7 | 12.7 | 21.0 |
| Moderately agree | 26.2 | 39.4 | 28.4 |
| Strongly agree | 18.4 | 26.8 | 19.8 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.7 | 15.1 | 7.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

18. (For Jewish respondents only, those who agreed with Question 17) Are you pleased or displeased with this change?

| | % Jews |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Very pleased | 8.8 |
| Moderately pleased | 13.3 |
| Moderately displeased | 25.1 |
| Not pleased at all | 50.3 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 2.4 |
| Total | 100.0 |