

The Peace Index - December 2018

(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	21.1	42.7	24.7
Moderately in favor	33.7	26.9	32.6
Moderately opposed	18.5	8.0	16.8
Strongly opposed	19.2	22.0	19.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.5	0.4	6.2
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	5.2	2.6	4.7
Moderately believe	16.7	26.1	18.3
Moderately do not believe	34.3	9.8	30.2
Do not believe at all	40.2	53.2	42.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6	8.3	4.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How well, in your opinion, has the outgoing government of Benjamin Netanyahu done its work on the following issues?

3. Ensuring Israel's security from a military standpoint

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	18.8	15.9	18.3
Moderately well	46.3	43.8	45.9
Moderately poorly	17.5	14.0	17.0
Very poorly	13.6	20.4	14.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.8	5.9	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. Reducing the economic gaps

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	3.6	3.5	3.6
Moderately well	21.9	31.2	23.5
Moderately poorly	36.1	26.0	34.4
Very poorly	32.9	35.8	33.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.5	3.5	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. Maintaining the balance between the country's Jewish component and its democratic component

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	8.7	9.3	8.8
Moderately well	39.2	24.6	36.8
Moderately poorly	25.0	14.9	23.3
Very poorly	17.7	32.5	20.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.4	18.7	10.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. Conducting Israel's foreign relations

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	31.6	20.9	29.8
Moderately well	41.4	44.0	41.8
Moderately poorly	12.3	11.8	12.2
Very poorly	8.4	19.6	10.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.3	3.7	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. Ensuring economic stability

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	13.0	3.8	11.5
Moderately well	38.9	32.2	37.8
Moderately poorly	24.5	26.8	24.9
Very poorly	17.5	33.5	20.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.1	3.7	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. Promoting a common Israeli identity of Jews and Arabs

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	3.7	5.9	4.1
Moderately well	18.4	24.1	19.3
Moderately poorly	30.7	27.3	30.1
Very poorly	29.5	42.1	31.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.7	0.6	14.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. Strengthening trust between the people and their leaders

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	6.0	6.4	6.1
Moderately well	25.0	15.7	23.4
Moderately poorly	30.3	35.1	31.1
Very poorly	33.7	40.8	34.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.0	2.0	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. Providing equal civil rights to all sectors of the Israeli population

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	8.0	4.2	7.4
Moderately well	31.1	19.4	29.1
Moderately poorly	27.6	28.2	27.7
Very poorly	23.6	47.3	27.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.7	0.9	8.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. Reducing the cost of living

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	3.8	1.7	3.4
Moderately well	16.7	12.2	16.0
Moderately poorly	36.1	38.6	36.5
Very poorly	37.8	47.2	39.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.6	0.3	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. In your opinion, in terms of the national interest, is it good or bad that the elections were moved up from November 2019 to April 2019?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is good	21.7	24.8	22.2
I think it is good	33.9	35.2	34.1
I think it is bad	21.0	14.5	19.9
I'm sure it is bad	7.1	11.2	7.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.3	14.3	16.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. In your opinion, what really caused Prime Minister Netanyahu to move up the elections?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The realization that a government based on a coalition of only 61 Knesset members cannot function properly	22.2	15.8	23.8
The desire to go to elections before the attorney-general announces his decision on whether to indict him	34.1	51.4	39.2
Both things to the same extent	19.9	26.3	24.7
Neither of those things / Other	7.8	2.7	4.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.0	3.7	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14. Between the following two claims, with which do you agree more?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
With the claim that the attorney-general must make a decision on indicting Netanyahu and announce it already before the elections	52.0	63.6	54.0
With the claim that the attorney-general must wait until after the elections, because announcing a decision before the elections would constitute interference in the proper electoral process	36.1	26.0	34.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.9	10.4	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15. Which government would you want to be established after the coming elections?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A right-wing government	37.2	16.0	33.7
A center-right government	35.6	5.0	30.5
A center-left government	16.8	16.0	16.6
A left-wing government	3.0	50.0	10.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.4	13.0	8.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16. And in your assessment, which government has more of a chance of being established?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A right-wing government	42.4	57.4	44.9
A center-right government	43.6	10.8	38.2
A center-left government	3.6	6.3	4.1
A left-wing government	0.8	12.6	2.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.6	12.9	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17. Would you want or not want the haredi parties to be part of the next government?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very much want it	14.9	1.9	12.7
Moderately want it	15.6	9.6	14.6
Don't want it so much	30.1	9.3	26.6
Don't want it at all	35.0	76.3	41.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.4	2.9	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

18. Would you want or not want the Arab parties to be part of the new government?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very much want it	1.4	65.3	12.1
Moderately want it	12.0	16.4	12.8
Don't want it so much	19.0	5.2	16.7
Don't want it at all	62.6	12.6	54.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.0	0.5	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

19. In your opinion, which electoral system is preferable for Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The current system in which there is a relatively low electoral threshold, which enables numerous population groups to get their preferences represented but leads to a coalition with numerous parties	30.2	54.8	34.3
A different system with a higher electoral threshold, which would produce a few large parties but would reduce the number of groups that gain representation in the Knesset for their preferences and interests	58.2	25.2	52.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.6	20.0	13.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

20. U.S. president Trump said recently that Israel defends itself very well. Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	27.3	37.0	28.9
Moderately agree	47.4	20.9	43.0
Don't agree so much	18.3	3.7	15.9
Don't agree at all	4.9	30.7	9.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.1	7.7	3.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

21. Does Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. forces from Syria harm or not harm Israel's security interests?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it harms them	16.8	24.4	18.1
I think it harms them	43.9	17.0	39.4
I think it does not harm them	17.7	12.9	16.9
I'm sure it does not harm them	6.9	31.6	11.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.7	14.1	14.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Former military ombudsman Gen. (res.) Yitzhak Brik keeps warning that there are grave shortcomings in the IDF's preparedness for war. Outgoing chief of staff Eizenkot as well as the special committee he set up to examine the army's preparedness have stated that the IDF is fit to deal with any anticipated military threat. Which do you believe more?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The claim by Gen. (res.) Brik that there are grave shortcomings in the IDF's preparedness for war	40.9	40.1	40.8
The claim by Eizenkot and the committee that the IDF is prepared for war	35.7	36.6	35.9
With neither of them / Don't know/Decline to answer	23.4	23.3	23.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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To what extent is it important or not important to you that the next government should work hard to renew the negotiations with the Palestinian Authority?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very important to me	18.2	44.9	22.7
Moderately important to me	29.2	26.9	28.9
Not so important to me	25.6	11.4	23.2
Not important to me at all	22.7	12.1	21.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.3	4.7	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0