

The Peace Index –February 2017

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(N=600 – 500 Jews, 100 Arabs)

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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	26.3	56.2	31.3
Moderately in favor	35.3	16.8	32.2
Moderately opposed	18.6	7.9	16.8
Strongly opposed	13.8	13.1	13.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.9	6.1	5.9
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	2.1	11.4	3.7
Moderately believe	19.5	19.9	19.6
Moderately do not believe	36.4	14.8	32.8
Do not believe at all	39.5	48.0	40.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.5	5.9	3.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. About two weeks ago the first official meeting was held between Prime Minister Netanyahu and new U.S. president Trump. How would you describe the meeting from Israel's standpoint?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very successful	17.8	37.9	21.2
Moderately successful	44.2	25.8	41.1
Not so successful	15.5	7.8	14.2
Not successful at all	4.6	19.7	7.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.8	8.8	16.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. In your opinion, to what extent is solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict currently a central issue on President Trump's agenda?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not central at all	23.8	52.9	28.6
Not so central	54.8	16.4	48.4
Moderately central	16.8	10.2	15.7
Very central	1.3	12.9	3.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.3	7.5	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. And if at this point or another U.S. president Trump focuses on the issue of solving the conflict, what, in your opinion, are the chances that he will try to impose a solution on Israel that goes against the position of the Israeli government?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very low chances	15.2	73.4	24.9
Moderately low chances	45.9	13.2	40.4
Moderately high chances	27.8	2.4	23.6
Very high chances	4.8	6.6	5.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.3	4.4	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. In your opinion, will President Trump enable or not enable the Israeli government to build new settlements?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he will enable it to do so	6.8	53.3	14.6
I think he will enable it to do so	47.8	23.4	43.7
I think he will not enable it to do so	29.1	7.4	25.5
I'm sure he will not enable it to do so	5.8	6.3	5.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.4	9.5	10.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. It was recently reported in the media that last spring U.S. secretary of state John Kerry proposed to Netanyahu an agreement in which Arab states would recognize Israel as a Jewish state in return for renewing the diplomatic negotiations with the goal of a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders and territorial exchanges. In your opinion, did Netanyahu act rightly or not rightly when he rejected this proposal?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he acted rightly	30.6	18.6	28.6
I think he acted rightly	26.8	6.1	23.4
I think he did not act rightly	20.0	8.1	18.0
I'm sure he did not act rightly	13.1	46.3	18.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.5	20.9	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. Some in Israel claim that since there seems to be no chance of a two-state solution on the horizon, Israel should go in the direction of a unilateral move whereby it would keep control of the large settlement blocs in Judea and Samaria, the Jordan Valley, and Jerusalem but would evacuate the other parts of the West Bank, scaling back the occupation to a large extent. Are you for or against such a unilateral Israeli move?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	8.4	23.2	10.8
Moderately in favor	27.1	9.6	24.2
Moderately opposed	25.1	6.5	22.0
Strongly opposed	29.1	47.7	32.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.3	13.2	10.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. How well, in your opinion, is each of these officials fulfilling his role:

a. Prime Minister Netanyahu

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	16.4	9.9	15.3
Moderately well	29.3	17.8	27.4
Not so well	24.4	15.3	22.9
Not well at all	27.8	42.8	30.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.1	14.3	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

b.

D

Defense Minister Lieberman

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	10.8	8.5	10.4
Moderately well	40.3	7.7	34.8
Not so well	21.9	14.4	20.6
Not well at all	17.7	49.4	23.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.4	20.0	11.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

c.

P

Public Security Minister Erdan

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	10.7	5.7	9.8
Moderately well	34.4	7.2	29.8
Not so well	22.7	15.0	21.4
Not well at all	16.9	33.2	19.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.4	38.9	19.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

d.

C

Chief of Staff Eizenkot

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	24.0	9.2	21.6
Moderately well	40.1	4.4	34.2
Not so well	13.8	5.6	12.4
Not well at all	6.9	14.5	8.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.2	66.4	23.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

e.

P

Police Commissioner Alsheikh

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	12.9	8.5	12.2
Moderately well	31.5	13.0	28.4
Not so well	27.5	12.1	25.0
Not well at all	13.5	20.5	14.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.5	45.9	19.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. How would you define Israel's situation at present in these domains:

a.

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the security domain

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	14.1	35.6	17.7
Moderately good	49.2	22.5	44.8
Not so good	25.7	19.1	24.6
Not good at all	9.2	18.5	10.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.7	4.4	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

b. The economic domain

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	15.0	23.3	16.4
Moderately good	43.6	37.7	42.6
Not so good	26.5	12.3	24.1
Not good at all	12.3	21.9	13.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.5	4.8	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

c. The foreign-relations domain

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	7.8	27.9	11.2
Moderately good	28.3	28.5	28.3
Not so good	35.4	15.1	32.0
Not good at all	24.7	13.8	22.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.8	14.7	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

d. The education domain

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	4.0	34.3	9.0
Moderately good	26.0	29.5	26.6
Not so good	40.2	13.2	35.7
Not good at all	28.2	22.3	27.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.6	0.7	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

e. The health-care domain

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	19.8	58.7	26.3
Moderately good	38.5	31.2	37.3
Not so good	25.5	5.4	22.1
Not good at all	14.7	2.2	12.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.5	2.4	1.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

f. The domain of social responsibility and caring for the less fortunate

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	3.3	22.3	6.5
Moderately good	15.9	37.5	19.5
Not so good	37.2	16.2	33.7
Not good at all	42.3	20.8	38.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.3	3.2	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. The military court recently sentenced Elor Azaria to a year and a half in prison. What is your opinion of the sentence?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
An appropriate sentence	25.8	6.0	22.5
Too light	14.7	67.5	23.5
Too heavy	33.5	2.1	28.3
The trial should not have been held in the first place	18.0	1.8	15.3
Other, specify _____	4.4	20.5	7.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6	2.0	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. Are you for or against granting a pardon to Elor Azaria?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
An appropriate sentence	45.6	6.6	39.1
Too light	22.7	0.6	19.0
Too heavy	12.2	3.2	10.7
The trial should not have been	12.4	70.5	22.1

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Don't know/Decline to answer	7.1	19.0	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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