

The Peace Index – January 2015

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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	29.4%	66.6%	35.6%
Moderately in favor	29.8%	16.1%	27.5%
Moderately opposed	16.7%	3.2%	14.5%
Strongly opposed	19.0%	7.5%	17.1%
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1%	6.6%	5.3%
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	5.5%	25.5%	8.8%
Moderately believe	22.2%	23.8%	22.5%
Moderately do not believe	26.0%	19.2%	24.8%
Do not believe at all	44.3%	28.5%	41.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.1%	3.0%	2.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Between the following two issues, which is the one that will determine which party you vote for in the coming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The party's position in the political-security sphere	32.5%	18.1%	30.1%
The party's position in the socioeconomic sphere	42.6%	55.7%	44.8%
Both to the same extent	15.0%	10.2%	14.2%
Other/Neither of these	5.1%	6.0%	5.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.8%	10.0%	5.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. In your view, which bloc of parties has a greater chance to form the government after the elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The right-wing bloc	58.6%	35.4%	54.7%
The center-left bloc	27.5%	40.1%	29.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.0%	24.4%	15.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. And which bloc would you want to form the government after the coming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The right-wing bloc	53.2%	17.5%	47.3%
The center-left bloc	38.3%	54.0%	41.0%
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.4%	28.5%	11.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. In your opinion, at present what is the level of U.S. president Obama's commitment to protecting Israel's security?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A very high level	15.0%	26.0%	16.8%
A moderately high level	45.7%	23.2%	42.0%
A moderately low level	23.5%	28.4%	24.3%
A very low level	12.0%	10.2%	11.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.8%	12.2%	5.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. If there is a breakthrough in the talks between the United States and Iran, what, in your opinion, is the chance that President Obama will give a green light to the signing of an agreement on the Iranian nuclear issue even if the Israeli government makes clear that, in its view, the agreement endangers Israel's security?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A very high chance	23.1%	6.6%	20.4%
A moderately high chance	38.3%	31.4%	37.2%
A moderately low chance	21.9%	28.2%	23.0%
A very low chance	7.5%	16.4%	9.0%
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.2%	17.4%	10.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. Prime Minister Netanyahu has accepted an invitation from the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives to give a speech on the Iranian nuclear issue to a joint session of the U.S. Congress two weeks before the Israeli elections. This is despite the fact that according to clear American protocol, heads of state do not make official visits to Washington a short time before elections in their own country since such visits could influence the elections' results. In light of this well-known protocol, in your opinion should Netanyahu have accepted the invitation or should he have declined it?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure he should have accepted it	25.7%	18.1%	24.5%
I think he should have accepted it	12.2%	18.3%	13.2%
I think he should have declined it	24.3%	27.8%	24.9%
I'm sure he should have declined it	33.2%	18.2%	30.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.5%	17.5%	6.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. In light of the open opposition to the visit by President Obama and members of his government, does Netanyahu's trip contribute to or damage Israel's national interests?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Greatly damages them	20.4%	15.1%	19.5%
Moderately damages them	25.8%	29.5%	26.4%
Doesn't damage them so much	24.9%	15.5%	23.3%
Doesn't damage them at all	21.5%	16.0%	20.6%
Don't know/Refuse	7.4%	23.9%	10.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. As noted, Netanyahu's speech to Congress will be made two weeks before the Israeli elections, right at the peak of the election campaign. In your opinion, how central was this timing to Netanyahu's decision to give the speech in Washington?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very central	39.5%	13.0%	35.1%
Moderately central	27.6%	39.7%	29.6%
Not so central	15.2%	7.7%	13.9%
Not central at all	11.6%	13.5%	11.9%
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.1%	26.1%	9.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. In your opinion, which government is better suited to deal with Israel's security issues?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A government headed by Binyamin Netanyahu	57.5%	25.9%	52.3%
A government headed by Tzipi Livni and Isaac Herzog	26.9%	47.7%	30.4%
No difference between them	5.8%	17.2%	7.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.7%	9.2%	9.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. And which government is better suited to deal with Israel's socioeconomic issues:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A government headed by Binyamin Netanyahu	29.7%	19.9%	28.0%
A government headed by Tzipi Livni and Isaac Herzog	52.3%	57.8%	53.2%
No difference between them	5.7%	11.3%	6.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.4%	11.0%	12.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. To what extent do you trust the government of each of the following countries to make appropriate efforts to ensure the security of the Jewish communities that live in them?

United States:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly trust	41.4%	40.7%	41.3%
Moderately trust	42.8%	21.9%	39.4%
Don't trust so much	10.1%	13.8%	10.7%
Don't trust at all	5.1%	13.3%	6.5%
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.6%	10.3%	2.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

France

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly trust	10.3%	18.2%	11.6%
Moderately trust	29.2%	32.2%	29.7%
Don't trust so much	37.3%	26.6%	35.5%
Don't trust at all	22.5%	9.2%	20.3%
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.7%	13.8%	2.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Germany

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly trust	25.4%	23.0%	25.0%
Moderately trust	34.9%	25.5%	33.3%
Don't trust so much	21.3%	22.4%	21.5%
Don't trust at all	16.1%	14.3%	15.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.3%	14.8%	4.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Britain

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly trust	14.8%	22.5%	16.1%
Moderately trust	34.5%	32.8%	34.2%
Don't trust so much	30.8%	14.9%	28.2%
Don't trust at all	16.6%	11.7%	15.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.3%	18.1%	5.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Argentina

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly trust	2.5%	18.4%	5.1%
Moderately trust	18.9%	30.3%	20.8%
Don't trust so much	34.2%	18.2%	31.5%
Don't trust at all	33.3%	12.7%	29.9%
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.1%	20.5%	12.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Russia:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly trust	6.4%	21.3%	8.9%
Moderately trust	19.1%	24.9%	20.1%
Don't trust so much	34.3%	23.2%	32.4%
Don't trust at all	35.7%	14.9%	32.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.5%	15.7%	6.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14. Compared to those who live in Israel, which, of course, has known many wars and waves of terrorism, to what extent are the Jews who live in each of these countries safe?

United States:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
They're safer than those living in Israel	44.5%	48.8%	45.3%
They're safe to the same extent as those living in Israel	26.1%	20.0%	25.1%
They're less safe than those living in Israel	27.9%	21.4%	26.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.4%	9.7%	2.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

France

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
They're safer than those living in Israel	11.0%	33.7%	14.8%
They're safe to the same extent as those living in Israel	16.6%	27.9%	18.5%
They're less safe than those living in Israel	70.8%	28.2%	63.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.6%	10.2%	3.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Germany

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
They're safer than those living in Israel	24.0%	29.4%	24.9%
They're safe to the same extent as those living in Israel	20.1%	26.1%	21.1%
They're less safe than those living in Israel	52.2%	31.1%	48.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6%	13.4%	5.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Britain

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
They're safer than those living in Israel	20.4%	30.6%	22.1%
They're safe to the same extent as those living in Israel	22.9%	26.0%	23.4%
They're less safe than those living in Israel	54.5%	30.1%	50.4%
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.2%	13.4%	4.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Argentina

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
They're safer than those living in Israel	12.6%	32.4%	15.9%
They're safe to the same extent as those living in Israel	14.3%	25.2%	16.1%
They're less safe than those living in Israel	63.0%	26.0%	56.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.1%	16.4%	11.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Russia

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
They're safer than those living in Israel	11.6%	33.3%	15.2%
They're safe to the same extent as those living in Israel	15.8%	28.0%	17.9%
They're less safe than those living in Israel	67.1%	24.8%	60.1%
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.4%	14.0%	6.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

15. Are you content or discontent with the unification of the Arab parties into a single list for the coming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very content	5.0%	59.3%	14.0%
Moderately content	13.6%	18.7%	14.5%
Moderately discontent	13.5%	9.0%	12.7%
Not content at all	51.1%	1.7%	42.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.8%	11.4%	16.0%
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 January 27-29, 2015, 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 maximum measurement error is $\pm 4.1\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. Statistical processing was done by Ms. Yasmin Alkalay.