

### **The Peace Index – January 2016**

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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	59.6	31.8
Moderately in favor	30.6	27.1	30.0
Moderately opposed	19.7	1.0	16.5
Strongly opposed	19.0	2.9	16.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.5	9.4	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	5.2	10.4	6.1
Moderately believe	20.5	35.2	23.0
Moderately do not believe	27.7	14.6	25.5
Do not believe at all	43.3	36.6	42.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.3	3.3	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

#### **3. At a meeting with Israeli journalists last week in Ramallah, Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas said he had recently conveyed clear messages to Israel that he wanted to meet with Netanyahu but so far had not received a reply. Do you believe or not believe Abbas?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly believe	6.6	26.4	9.9
Moderately believe	17.9	36.9	21.0
Don't believe so much	26.7	5.3	23.2
Don't believe at all	45.4	15.1	40.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.4	16.3	5.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**4. Do you support or not support these two leaders holding a meeting within a short time?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't support at all	17.9	5.7	15.9
Moderately don't support	12.2	4.3	10.9
Moderately support	34.3	43.1	35.8
Strongly support	32.4	41.7	34.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.2	5.1	3.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**5. Opposition chairman Isaac (Buji) Herzog recently said, "I want to separate from the Palestinians as much as possible, as quickly as possible" and proposed building a large wall between Jerusalem and the nearby Palestinian villages because, at the moment, there is no partner for peace talks on the other side. Do you agree or disagree with Herzog's position?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	21.6	0	18.0
Moderately agree	27.0	6.0	23.5
Don't agree so much	23.3	17.1	22.3
Don't agree at all	21.0	75.0	30.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.1	1.8	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**6. Recently Minister Naftali Bennett and others in the government and the Knesset criticized Defense Minister Yaalon and Prime Minister Netanyahu for an insufficiently tough and effective policy toward the Palestinians. Do you agree or disagree with this criticism?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	18.1	56.5	24.5
Don't agree so much	19.0	18.2	18.9
Moderately agree	25.6	16.5	24.0
Strongly agree	32.2	0	26.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1	8.8	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**7. Recently the U.S. ambassador told Prime Minister Netanyahu that his country is concerned about Israel's unequal application of the law toward Jews and Palestinians on the West Bank. In your opinion, does Israel indeed apply the law unequally toward Jews and Palestinians on the West Bank?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it does	16.3	68.1	25.0
I think it does	22.9	9.8	20.7
I think it doesn't	24.1	1.9	20.4
I'm sure it doesn't	28.7	12.4	26.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.0	7.9	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**8. In your eyes, is unequal application of the laws toward Jews and Palestinians in the territories justified or not justified?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not at all justified	19.4	52.3	24.9
Not so justified	20.3	23.3	20.8
Moderately justified	27.9	17.3	26.1
Very justified	22.2	1.9	18.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.3	5.1	9.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**9. In your opinion, given the close relations between the two countries, does the United States have the right to comment to Israel on such issues?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it does	10.9	60.4	19.2
I think it does	26.8	14.3	24.7
I think it doesn't	27.4	7.3	24.1
I'm sure it doesn't	30.4	10.8	27.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.5	7.2	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**10: What, in your opinion, are the chances that the Israeli government will make a change because of this comment by the United States and, in the future, apply the law more equally to Jews and Palestinians in the territories, as Shapiro claims?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very low chances	30.0	24.5	29.1
Moderately low chances	44.3	45.6	44.5
Moderately high chances	13.3	18.5	14.1
Very high chances	2.2	2.8	2.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.3	8.7	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**11. In your assessment, does the international community's criticism of Israeli policy in the territories take equally into account the national interests of both sides, the Israeli and the Palestinian?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it takes equally into account the national interests of the Israelis and the Palestinians	2.3	24.3	6.0
I think it does	10.3	22.7	12.4
I think it doesn't	27.8	13.1	25.3
I'm sure it doesn't take equally into account the national interests of the Israelis and the Palestinians	54.0	25.5	49.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.6	14.4	7.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**12. In your opinion, should or should not Israel relate seriously to the international community's criticism of its policy in the territories?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should	11.4	56.3	18.9
I think it should	27.4	12.5	24.9
I think it shouldn't	23.2	5.3	20.2
I'm sure it shouldn't	32.4	13.9	29.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.6	12.0	6.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**13. What, in your opinion, are the chances that in the coming years the international community will impose substantial pressures on Israel to put an end to its control of the territories?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	14.6	4.1	12.8
Moderately high chances	41.2	18.4	37.4
Moderately low chances	25.7	49.8	29.7
Very low chances	12.0	20.3	13.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.5	7.4	6.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**14. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that if Israel's control of the Palestinian territories continues in the same form, the international community will treat Israel as a South Africa-type apartheid state with all the ramifications?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	11.5	20.8	13.0
Moderately agree	27.3	30.1	27.8
Don't agree so much	28.4	15.0	26.2
Don't agree at all	21.1	8.5	19.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.7	25.6	14.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**15. Next year will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Six Day War. Some claim that the time has come for Israel to formally annex all the territories conquered in the war that it still holds. Do you support or oppose this?**

	% Jews
Strongly support	25.0
Moderately support	20.3
Moderately oppose	19.4
Strongly oppose	25.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.0
Total	100.0

**16. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that Israel's ongoing control of the territories prevents it from being a real democracy?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	13.8	37.7	17.8
Moderately agree	15.3	38.2	19.1
Don't agree so much	25.5	12.2	23.3
Don't agree at all	40.8	7.0	35.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	4.9	4.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**17. Some claim that the state of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, while perhaps not ideal, can continue for many more years without posing a threat to Israel's security and existence. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	13.2	38.4	17.4
Moderately agree	21.2	38.9	24.1
Don't agree so much	28.9	5.1	24.9
Don't agree at all	31.7	6.9	27.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.2	10.8	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0