

The Peace Index –January 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	23.9	47.8	27.9
Moderately in favor	37.7	21.8	35.0
Moderately opposed	17.3	10.9	16.2
Strongly opposed	15.2	12.5	14.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	7.0	6.1
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	6.4	14.5	7.7
Moderately believe	17.6	25.7	19.0
Moderately do not believe	33.2	15.9	30.3
Do not believe at all	39.8	40.5	39.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.0	3.4	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. Recently a number of Israeli politicians from the right have declared that with U.S. president Trump taking office, a new political era is beginning in our region as well, and Israel should exploit the opportunity to expand construction in considerable parts of Judea and Samaria/the West Bank. In your opinion, should Israel indeed expand construction at this time?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should	20.5	1.4	17.3
I think it should	24.8	14.6	23.1
I think it should not	25.4	6.1	22.1
I'm sure it should not	24.6	71.8	32.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.7	6.1	4.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. And what about annexing large parts of Judea and Samaria/the West Bank in light of the change of government in the United States—should Israel annex them or not?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should annex them	15.7	2.4	13.5
I think it should annex them	21.4	12.7	19.9
I think it should not annex them	25.9	16.8	24.4
I'm sure it should not annex them	27.5	61.9	33.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.5	6.3	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. And if Israel annexes territories in Judea and Samaria/the West Bank, what political status should it give the Palestinian residents of those territories after the annexation?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The status of citizens	24.5	61.8	30.7
The status of residents, which is less than citizenship—for example, they would not be allowed to vote in elections	29.8	14.5	27.2
They should not be given any status beyond what they have now	31.5	15.1	28.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.2	8.6	13.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. Recently Prime Minister Netanyahu decided to stiffen the policy of enforcing the law against construction without the required approvals in the Arab communities in Israel. Do you support or oppose this stiffening of the policy?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly oppose it	9.8	55.2	17.4
Moderately oppose it	13.6	18.6	14.5
Moderately support	29.3	9.2	25.9
Strongly support	41.7	11.2	36.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.6	5.7	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. In your opinion, should or should not the state's treatment of building infractions in Israel be equal toward Jewish and Arab citizens?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The state's treatment of building infractions in Israel by Jews and by Arabs should be equal	79.4	87.3	80.7
The state's treatment should not be equal—it should go easier in cases of building infractions by Jews	14.2	3.6	12.4
The state's treatment should not be equal—it should go easier in cases of building infractions by Arabs	3.5	5.3	3.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.0	3.8	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. Do you believe or not believe the assertion by the police and by the internal-security minister that Yacoub al-Kiyan, the Bedouin teacher who was shot and killed by police officers during the demolition of the illegal buildings in Umm al-Hiran in the Negev, was indeed carrying out a ramming attack with the intention of hitting the police officer Erez Levy, who was killed?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't believe the police and the minister at all	8.2	49.3	15.0
Don't believe them so much	14.0	30.8	16.8
Moderately believe them	24.6	3.7	21.1
Believe them completely	33.1	2.7	28.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	20.1	13.4	19.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. Some claim that the illegal construction by Arab citizens is done out of necessity because the Israeli government has failed for years to take into account the growth of the Arab population, has not increased the lands of the existing local authorities, and has not allowed the establishment of new Arab communities. In your eyes is this claim right or not right?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very right	15.5	53.7	21.9
Moderately right	22.9	22.5	22.8
Not so right	21.4	8.2	19.2
Not right at all	28.9	9.4	25.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.3	6.2	10.5

Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
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10. In recent weeks the police have been investigating several affairs involving the behavior of Prime Minister Netanyahu. In your opinion, is the investigatory team operating objectively and professionally as required?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is	20.1	18.7	19.8
I think it is	39.5	11.5	34.9
I think it is not	18.8	26.6	20.1
I'm sure it is not	8.1	23.0	10.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.6	20.3	14.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. Last week the police commissioner said that the police officers involved in the investigation are being subjected to pressures by associates of the prime minister. In your opinion, has Netanyahu given or not given a green light to such pressures?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he has given it	17.6	37.1	20.8
I think he has given it	27.3	20.5	26.2
I think he has not given it	22.6	8.6	20.3
I'm sure he has not given it	13.5	13.1	13.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	18.9	20.6	19.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. Prime Minister Netanyahu claims that the left is heavily pressuring the attorney-general to serve an indictment against him with the aim of toppling the Likud government in a nondemocratic fashion. To what degree do you trust or not trust the attorney-general to reach a decision on the issue of serving an indictment in a professional fashion, without giving in to pressures of one kind or another?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust him	21.8	16.0	20.9
Moderately trust him	37.8	20.7	34.9
Don't trust him so much	24.6	16.2	23.2
Don't trust him at all	8.5	30.4	12.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.3	16.7	8.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. One of the affairs under investigation concerning the prime minister involves conversations he recorded between him and the editor-in-chief of the newspaper *Yediot Aharonot*, Arnon "Noni" Mozes. The prime minister claims that he talked with Mozes and recorded the conversations so that he would have proof that Mozes had tried to blackmail him. Do you believe or not believe this explanation by the prime minister?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly believe it	13.1	7.6	12.2
Moderately believe it	22.4	7.3	19.8
Don't believe it so much	24.0	10.1	21.7
Don't believe it at all	25.6	50.4	29.7
Don't know	15.0	24.7	16.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14. At present, to what extent is there or is there not trust in the information that is published in each of the following types of media (1 = I have no trust at all, 5 = I have a great deal of trust)?

a. In the print media

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I have no trust at all	22.2	20.3	21.9
I have quite little trust	24.3	16.5	23.0
So-so	32.9	34.6	33.2
I have quite a lot of trust	11.8	12.9	12.0
I have a great deal of trust	3.5	5.4	3.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.3	10.3	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

b. In the radio

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I have no trust at all	12.1	18.4	13.1
I have quite little trust	23.2	19.5	22.6
So-so	27.3	32.8	28.2
I have quite a lot of trust	21.0	14.1	19.8
I have a great deal of trust	8.9	4.0	8.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.6	11.2	8.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

c. In the television

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I have no trust at all	17.7	16.3	17.5
I have quite little trust	23.8	18.1	22.9
So-so	25.7	40.5	28.2
I have quite a lot of trust	21.7	11.5	20.0
I have a great deal of trust	7.5	5.5	7.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6	8.1	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

d. In the social networks (Facebook, Twitter)

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I have no trust at all	19.5	25.9	20.6
I have quite little trust	19.1	16.1	18.6
So-so	30.4	31.4	30.6
I have quite a lot of trust	15.1	6.6	13.7
I have a great deal of trust	4.0	7.3	4.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.8	12.8	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15. Listed here are some factors that could infringe, or are already infringing, freedom of the press in Israel. Please rank each of these factors according to its potential or actual degree of infringement of freedom of the press in Israel at present:

a. The military censorship

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	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Does not infringe it at all	24.3	11.6	22.2
Does not infringe it so much	29.3	11.4	26.3
Moderately infringes it	25.2	14.9	23.4
Strongly infringes it	10.3	44.8	16.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.9	17.3	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

b. I
Interference in matters of governmental entities

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Does not infringe it at all	6.1	9.9	6.8
Does not infringe it so much	15.7	5.9	14.0
Moderately infringes it	37.8	25.1	35.7
Strongly infringes it	31.4	42.2	33.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.0	16.9	10.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

c. V
Verbally violent reactions on the Internet (talkbacks)

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Does not infringe it at all	10.0	17.1	11.2
Does not infringe it so much	21.6	11.7	20.0
Moderately infringes it	28.4	26.2	28.0
Strongly infringes it	28.9	18.6	27.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.1	26.3	13.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

d. I
Interference in matters of publishers or of owners of media entities

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Does not infringe it at all	5.3	7.7	5.7
Does not infringe it so much	11.4	17.5	12.4
Moderately infringes it	37.8	18.0	34.5
Strongly infringes it	35.1	39.2	35.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.5	17.6	11.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

e. T
The competition between the different media

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Does not infringe it at all	21.3	19.9	21.0
Does not infringe it so much	29.2	15.3	26.9
Moderately infringes it	23.1	22.2	22.9
Strongly infringes it	16.8	22.7	17.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.6	20.0	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16. According to the letter of the law, if an indictment is served against the prime minister and even if he is convicted in a trial; as long as his appeal against the ruling has not been rejected he does not have to leave his post. In your opinion, if an indictment is served against Netanyahu, should he remain in his post as long the law allows him or should he resign immediately?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
He should remain in his post as long as the law allows him to	43.4	15.3	38.7
He should resign immediately	51.6	71.5	54.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.0	13.3	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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