

The Peace Index – July 2016

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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	21.1	75.4	30.1
Moderately in favor	37.6	13.2	33.6
Moderately opposed	19.1	0.9	16.1
Strongly opposed	15.4	4.4	13.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.8	6.2	6.7
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	4.0	27.8	7.9
Moderately believe	16.1	19.0	16.6
Moderately do not believe	35.4	16.0	32.2
Do not believe at all	41.1	28.5	39.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.4	8.6	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3: Recently the ten-year anniversary of the Second Lebanon War arrived. In retrospect, did Israel, in your opinion, conduct the war well or not well?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very well	4.5	19.5	7.0
Moderately well	18.4	15.8	17.9
Not so well	40.2	11.8	35.5
Not well at all	20.2	23.4	20.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.6	29.5	18.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4: And in terms of the war's results, what is your opinion of the claim that, because the northern border has been quiet since then, it was a successful war from Israel's standpoint?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	11.1	17.0	12.1
Moderately agree	43.3	22.1	39.8
Don't agree so much	32.2	19.9	30.2
Don't agree at all	7.9	18.8	9.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.4	22.2	8.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5: In your opinion, if Hizballah tries to attack Israel again, is the IDF now prepared or not prepared to prevent Hizballah from dealing Israel a heavy blow militarily?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is not prepared	2.5	17.4	5.0
I think it is not prepared	16.8	6.3	15.0
I think it is prepared	49.3	20.5	44.5
I'm sure it is prepared	18.9	42.0	22.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.6	13.8	12.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6: At present, is the framework of values of the IDF's senior command level close to or distant from the framework of values of the general Israeli public?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very close	7.2	16.7	8.7
Moderately close	41.7	28.9	39.6
Moderately distant	28.7	13.7	26.2
Very distant	8.0	22.9	10.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.3	17.8	14.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7: And to what extent is the IDF senior command level's framework of values currently close to or distant from the framework of values of the country's senior diplomatic-security echelon?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very close	5.7	19.7	8.1
Moderately close	38.8	18.3	35.4
Moderately distant	29.1	18.2	27.2
Very distant	8.0	14.0	9.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	18.4	29.9	20.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8: (for Jews) Rabbi Yigal Levenstein, head of the Bnei David premilitary academy, said that whereas in the past the values of the IDF and of religious Zionism were similar, in recent years the IDF has adopted a markedly pluralist and open worldview that contravenes the Halacha and poses problems for religious-Zionist soldiers and officers. Do you agree or disagree with Levenstein's claim that such a difference in values has emerged between the IDF and religious Zionism?

	% Jews
Agree	33.4
Disagree	52.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.3
Total	100.0

9: In your opinion, is it good or not good for the IDF to adopt a pluralist and open framework of values—for example, regarding acceptance of the other when it comes to the LGBT community?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is good	29.7	11.7	26.7
I think it is good	39.0	11.2	34.3
I think it is not good	11.6	7.2	10.9
I'm sure it is not good	11.7	42.8	16.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.1	27.1	11.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10: Which radio station do you listen to the most?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I don't listen to the radio	13.7	26.3	15.8
Reshet Bet	14.7	7.6	13.5
Reshet Alef	0.5	5.9	1.4
Galei Tzahal	17.8	11.5	16.8
Music radio-station Galgalatz/Kol Hamusika/88/Reshet Gimmel	32.6	10.6	29.0
Radio Kol Hai or another haredi/religious station	5.2	1.3	4.6
One of the regional radio stations (non-haredi/religious)	6.9	1.7	6.0
One of the broadcast stations in Arabic	0	28.8	4.8
Other	8.5	6.2	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11: In your opinion, does Israel currently need or not need an army radio station like Galei Tzahal?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure there is a place for it	27.5	16.2	25.6
I think there is	28.4	11.9	25.7
I think there is not	21.4	18.9	21.0
I'm sure there is not	16.1	24.9	17.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.6	28.1	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12: In your opinion, at present are Galei Tzahal's broadcasts politically neutral or not neutral?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they are	11.2	11.1	11.2
I think they are	23.2	10.7	21.1
I think they are not	25.7	10.2	23.1
I'm sure they are not	18.4	7.3	16.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	21.5	60.7	28.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13: (Only for those who said the broadcasts are not neutral): In which political direction do the broadcasts tend?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly to the right	0.8	40.2	3.6
A little to the right	6.7	21.5	7.8
A little to the left	41.4	20.8	39.9
Strongly to the left	40.7	5.4	38.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.5	12.2	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14: What, in your opinion, should a religious soldier obey if there is a contradiction between a military army order and a rabbinical ruling?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A military order	72.4	68.9	71.8
A Halachic rabbinical ruling	12.4	8.4	11.7
Don't know/Can't decide/Each according to his conscience	10.7	11.4	10.8
Decline to answer	4.5	11.4	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15a: (for Jews) In recent years, does it seem to you that Israeli-Jewish society has grown closer to religion or more distant from it?

	% Jews
Strongly grown more distant from it	8.4
Moderately grown more distant from it	27.1
Moderately grown closer to it	32.8
Strongly grown closer to it	9.6
Remained the same	14.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.8
Total	100.0

15a: (for Arab) In recent years, does it seem to you that Israeli-Arab society has grown closer to religion or more distant from it?

	% Arabs
Strongly grown more distant from it	33.9
Moderately grown more distant from it	24.9
Moderately grown closer to it	13.2
Strongly grown closer to it	10.5
Remained the same	13.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.2
Total	100.0

16: Is this change positive or negative in your eyes?

(Total Sample)

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Positive	42.3	27.8	39.9
Negative	38.5	60.6	42.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	19.1	11.6	17.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

(Only those who said there is a change)

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Positive	47.2	32.6	44.6
Negative	42.0	65.5	46.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.8	1.9	9.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17: In your opinion, at present does ethnic discrimination exist or not exist in Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it exists	34.0	64.1	39.0
I think it exists	32.9	20.8	30.9
I think it does not exist	21.6	4.7	18.8
It does not exist at all	8.1	6.7	7.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.4	3.6	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

18: Have you personally experienced or felt discrimination based on your ethnicity?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Often	4.9	22.5	7.9
Sometimes	15.5	23.6	16.9
Rarely	19.8	16.9	19.3
Never	56.0	34.5	52.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.7	2.4	3.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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