

The Peace Index – July 2017

(N=600)

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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	25.1	35.2	26.8
Moderately in favor	39.3	24.8	36.9
Moderately opposed	18.4	17.9	18.3
Strongly opposed	11.2	22.1	13.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.9	0.0	4.9
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	5.4	8.6	5.9
Moderately believe	17.1	12.1	16.3
Moderately do not believe	34.3	18.9	31.7
Do not believe at all	40.5	59.4	43.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.7	1.0	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. (for Jews only) The three young men who perpetrated the terror attack on the Temple Mount were Arab citizens of Israel. In your opinion, what is the extent of support for this act in the Israeli Arab population?

	% Jews
Almost no one in the Israeli Arab population supports the act	5.4
A minority supports it	32.9
About half support it	25.7
The majority supports it	24.7
Almost everyone in the Israeli Arab population supports the act	6.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1
Total	100.0

4. In your opinion, which of the following definitions best fits the Israeli-Palestinian conflict today?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A more religious conflict	17.1	10.9	16.1
A more national conflict	24.8	35.7	26.6
A religious and national conflict to the same extent	55.5	49.8	54.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.5	3.6	2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the claim that the current wave of terror attacks is a result of the Palestinians' despair over the lack of progress in the talks on a peace agreement between the Palestinian Authority and Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	7.6	29.8	11.3
Moderately agree	13.5	16.6	14.0
Don't agree so much	25.6	15.6	23.9
Don't agree at all	51.0	33.5	48.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.3	4.4	2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. In your opinion, did the Muslim religious authorities know or not know beforehand about the terrorists' intention to carry out an attack against IDF and Israel Police forces in the area of the Al-Aqsa Mosque?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they did not know beforehand	4.9	57.7	13.7
I think they did not know	34.1	25.5	32.7
I think they knew	30.2	1.5	25.4
I'm sure they knew	17.5	3.3	15.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.3	12.0	13.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. What, in your opinion, is the extent of support in the Palestinian population for the stabbing attack in Halamish, in which the grandfather, his son, and his daughter were killed at the Shabbat meal?

	% Jews
Almost no one in the Palestinian population supports the act	3.1
A minority supports it	20.1
About half support it	24.5
The majority supports it	31.7
Almost everyone in the Palestinian population supports this stabbing attack	15.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1
Total	100.0

8. Since the recent terror attack in Halamish there have been calls for imposing and implementing the death penalty for terrorists. Do you support or oppose the execution of Palestinians found guilty of murdering Israeli civilians for nationalist reasons?

	% Jews
Strongly support	44.0
Moderately support	25.8
Moderately oppose	12.4
Strongly oppose	12.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.9
Total	100.0

9. And what about those who have murdered Israeli soldiers for nationalist reasons—do you support or oppose the execution of those found guilty?

	% Jews
Strongly support	41.7
Moderately support	24.1
Moderately oppose	13.9
Strongly oppose	14.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.1
Total	100.0

10. To what extent, if at all, do you see the prime minister as dealing judiciously with the current crisis on the Temple Mount?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly see it that way	11.4	8.9	11.0
Moderately see it that way	20.0	13.6	19.0
Don't see it that way so much	38.6	16.7	35.0
Don't see it that way at all	25.4	57.5	30.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.5	3.2	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. According to media reports, the IDF and the Shabak opposed installing the metal detectors at the entrances to the Al-Aqsa Mosque but the prime minister decided nonetheless to order that they be installed. In your opinion, did the prime minister act appropriately or should he have heeded the advice of the IDF and the Shabak?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he acted appropriately	17.2	5.7	15.3
I think he acted appropriately	27.9	8.4	24.7
I think he did not act appropriately	24.6	16.1	23.2
I'm sure he did not act appropriately	22.4	65.5	29.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.8	4.3	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. In your opinion, the punishments that the Israeli courts usually impose on Palestinians who have perpetrated terror attacks are:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Appropriate	18.5	25.4	19.6
Too heavy	2.6	63.0	12.6
Too light	71.6	2.3	60.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.3	9.3	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. Some claim that the prime minister is not trying to calm the Temple Mount crisis because he wants to divert the Israeli public's attention from the investigations of his associates in the different corruption affairs. In your opinion, is that claim correct or incorrect?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is incorrect	27.5	17.1	25.8
I think it is incorrect	29.1	13.5	26.5
I think it is correct	22.8	24.2	23.1
I'm sure it is correct	9.7	29.9	13.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.8	15.3	11.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14. In your opinion, did the prime minister know or not know about his associates' involvement in the submarine affair?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he knew	25.7	38.2	27.7
I think he knew	30.0	13.8	27.3
I think he did not know	18.9	0.4	15.8
I'm sure he did not know	6.7	3.8	6.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	18.8	43.8	23.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15. Some claim that the prime minister's decision on the issue of purchasing the submarines was influenced by personal considerations no less, and perhaps even more, than by pure security considerations. Do you agree or disagree with that claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	15.3	26.9	17.2
Moderately agree	23.8	18.6	23.0
Don't agree so much	25.8	2.0	21.9
Don't agree at all	18.3	7.0	16.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.8	45.5	21.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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