

The Peace Index - July 2018

(N=600)

24-25/7/2018

1. What is your position on conducting peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	23.1	46.6	27.0
Moderately in favor	38.3	15.3	34.5
Moderately opposed	15.6	9.1	14.5
Strongly opposed	17.1	20.9	17.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	8.1	6.3
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	2.8	3.3	2.9
Moderately believe	15.5	35.2	18.8
Moderately do not believe	34.4	3.4	29.2
Do not believe at all	45.5	49.0	46.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.8	9.1	3.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. In retrospect, do you think Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in 2005 was a smart move or not a smart move from the standpoint of Israel's national interest?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it was a very smart move	15.0	43.6	19.8
I think it was a moderately smart move	22.0	24.8	22.5
I think it was not such a smart move	18.4	4.0	16.0
I'm sure it was not a smart move	37.2	8.9	32.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.4	18.8	9.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. A few days ago Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said that Hamas, with its continuing provocations, is trying to drag Israel into a wide-scale military operation in Gaza. Do you agree or disagree with that assessment?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	27.7	22.3	26.8
Moderately agree	41.9	12.0	36.9
Don't agree so much	17.7	19.6	18.0
Don't agree at all	6.1	33.8	10.7
Strongly agree	6.6	12.3	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. If Hamas violates the ceasefire, then in terms of Israel's interests will it be a good move or not a good move, in your opinion, to launch a wide-scale military operation against Hamas in Gaza?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it would not be a good move	11.4	47.3	17.4
I think it would not be a good move	19.6	22.1	20.0
I think it would be a good move	34.9	9.2	30.6
I'm sure it would be a good move	26.5	6.9	23.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.7	14.6	8.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. Syria's President Assad has apparently managed to win the civil war and reestablish his rule there. From the standpoint of Israel's interest, is Assad's regaining of power a positive or not a positive development?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very positive	7.3	23.6	10.0
Moderately positive	26.6	14.1	24.5
Not so positive	24.7	14.9	23.1
Not positive at all	18.8	18.6	18.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	22.5	28.8	23.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. In recent years Israel has been directly and indirectly helping victims of the Syrian civil war with medical services and food. Do you support or not support this aid?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	40.2	59.3	43.4
Moderately support	38.0	16.0	34.3
Don't support so much	11.9	4.4	10.7
Don't support at all	7.2	18.7	9.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.7	1.6	2.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. Along with the aid, Israel has made clear that it will not allow Syrian refugees to enter its territory even if their lives are endangered by Assad's forces. In your opinion, is this approach right or not right?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is right	50.6	20.6	45.6
I think it is right	29.3	3.9	25.1
I think it is not right	9.2	22.2	11.4
I'm sure it is not right	5.1	43.5	11.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.8	9.8	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. The Nation-State Law recently passed by the Knesset declares officially for the first time that Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people and only of the Jewish people. Opponents of the law claim that it prevents non-Jewish citizens of Israel from feeling that it is their country as well. In your opinion, was there or was there not a need for the law to make this declaration at this time?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure there was a need	32.9	5.9	28.4
I think there was a need	19.4	1.4	16.4
I think there was no need	17.2	17.1	17.2
I'm sure there was no need	22.5	66.7	29.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.0	8.9	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. The nation-state law declares that Arabic will no longer be an official language in Israel and will only be a language with a special status. In your opinion, is this change good or not good?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A very good change	29.8	4.8	25.7
Moderately good	21.4	1.2	18.0
Not so good	20.0	1.3	16.9
Not good at all	19.6	87.0	30.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.1	5.8	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. Unlike Israel's Declaration of Independence, the new Nation-State Law does not include a commitment to full equality for all citizens of the country regardless of their religion or nationality. In your opinion, should or should not the new law also have addressed the equality issued?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should have	32.1	66.5	37.8
I think it should have	27.5	6.0	23.9
I think it should not have	15.8	10.9	15.0
I'm sure it should not have	13.9	9.9	13.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.7	6.6	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. In your opinion, will the Nation-State Law affect the sense of commitment to the country felt in the future by the Druze community, whom the Israeli leadership repeatedly calls "blood brothers" of the Jewish population?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
It will not affect their future commitment to the country at all	28.4	29.9	28.6
It will slightly diminish their commitment	33.4	16.2	30.6
It will greatly diminish their commitment	21.5	27.4	22.4
It will completely eliminate their commitment to the country	3.6	4.6	3.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.1	21.9	14.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. The Nation-State Law says that Israel will work to maintain the bond between the country and Diaspora Jewry and will also strive to preserve the Jewish cultural, historical, and religious heritage in the Diaspora. Some claim that this wording expresses Israel's condescension toward Diaspora Jewry, as if they need its help on these matters. In your opinion, is this interpretation of the law right or not right?

	% Jews
I'm sure it is right	12.6
I think it is right	20.2
I think it is not right	27.9
I'm sure it is not right	22.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.5
Total	100.0

14. Some claim that Israel, in the new Nation-State Law, seemingly takes responsibility for Diaspora Jewry but tries to weaken the non-Orthodox denominations there despite the fact that most Diaspora Jews are Reform or Conservative. In your opinion, is this interpretation of the law right?

	% Jews
I'm sure it is right	9.5
I think it is right	18.0
I think it is not right	28.7
I'm sure it is not right	19.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	24.3
Total	100.0

15. Are you personally familiar with people living as a same-sex couple (homosexuals, lesbians, and so on)?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Yes	64.8	35.4	59.9
No	31.8	61.5	36.8
Not sure	2.1	0.2	1.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.3	3.0	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16. Do you support or oppose same-sex couples (homosexuals, lesbians, and so on) having the exact same rights in Israel as other couples?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	46.5	4.2	39.5
Moderately support	21.5	14.3	20.3
Moderately oppose	10.7	13.2	11.1
Strongly oppose	15.6	59.4	22.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.7	8.9	6.2

Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
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17. Do you support or not support instituting civil marriage in Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	48.2	5.8	41.1
Moderately support	15.7	18.7	16.2
Moderately oppose	13.5	19.4	14.5
Strongly oppose	18.0	55.0	24.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.5	1.2	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

18. Do you support or not support the recognition in Israel of religious marriages conducted by Reform or Conservative rabbis? [Only asked of Jews who said they were opposed or somewhat opposed to the previous question]

	% Jews
Strongly support	7.5
Moderately support	17.2
Moderately oppose	19.9
Strongly oppose	49.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.8
Total	100.0

19. Do you support or not support the recognition in Israel of religious marriages conducted by Reform or Conservative rabbis?

	% Jews
Strongly support	41.5
Moderately support	17.5
Moderately oppose	9.9
Strongly oppose	24.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.3
Total	100.0

20. Do you support or not support same-sex couples being able to adopt children in Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	48.4	1.0	40.5
Moderately support	20.8	18.2	20.4
Moderately oppose	9.3	11.3	9.6
Strongly oppose	15.8	68.9	24.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.6	0.5	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

21. Netanyahu promised that despite voting in favor of the version of the law that prevents male couples from obtaining surrogacy services in Israel, he will soon work to have the law changed so that it will include surrogacy rights for male couples as well. Do you believe or not believe that he will keep this promise ?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly believe Netanyahu's promise	9.4	12.9	16.3
Moderately believe the promise	16.9	13.2	30.1
Don't believe the promise so much	33.4	43.9	32.0
Don't believe the promise at all	29.6	26.4	13.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.7	12.9	16.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0