

The Peace Index – June 2015

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(N=600)

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	25.5	52.0	30.0
Moderately in favor	29.7	18.1	27.8
Moderately opposed	18.4	9.3	16.8
Strongly opposed	20.2	9.2	18.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.2	11.4	7.0
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	7.2	5.3	6.8
Moderately believe	16.0	33.8	18.9
Moderately do not believe	28.9	19.6	27.3
Do not believe at all	46.7	30.4	44.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.3	10.9	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. How satisfied are you so far with the functioning of the new Likud-led government on a scale where zero means "not at all satisfied" and 5 means "very satisfied"?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
0	24.7	39.6	27.1
1	11.4	5.5	10.4
2	14.7	10.2	13.9
3	18.9	13.0	17.9
4	14.6	2.5	12.6
5	9.8	3.7	8.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.9	25.6	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. How satisfied are you so far with the functioning of the Zionist Union as leader of the opposition on a scale where zero means “not at all satisfied” and 5 means “very satisfied”?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
0	26.7	27.4	26.8
1	11.4	7.7	10.8
2	16.3	8.7	15.0
3	22.7	11.4	20.8
4	6.7	5.3	6.4
5	3.4	4.1	3.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.8	35.4	16.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. Recently there has been much talk about the gas deal between the Israeli government and the private companies owned by Yitzhak Tshuva and Noble Energy that have invested in developing the infrastructure for producing the gas. Are the general principles of the deal clear to you?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not at all clear	31.0	50.0	34.2
Moderately unclear	30.6	21.1	29.0
Moderately clear	17.8	10.2	16.6
Very clear	9.0	2.0	7.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.5	16.6	12.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. Are you more inclined to support or oppose the deal?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
More inclined to support the deal	25.1	46.9	28.8
More inclined to oppose the deal	32.0	17.7	29.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	42.8	35.3	41.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. To what extent do you trust Prime Minister Netanyahu that, in the deal between the state and the gas companies, he will properly balance between the general interests of the Israeli citizens and the commitments to the private companies?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust	11.8	6.5	10.9
Moderately trust	22.7	11.3	20.8
Don't trust so much	29.9	30.6	30.0
Don't trust at all	27.6	22.9	26.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.0	28.7	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. Some claim that those who attack the prime minister for his position on the gas-deal issue are waging a larger political struggle against him that is not necessarily related to the gas issue. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	17.0	15.5	16.7
Moderately agree	27.1	23.9	26.6
Don't agree so much	24.0	16.5	22.7
Don't agree at all	16.7	12.6	16.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.3	31.5	18.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. Since Culture Minister Miri Regev took office a few weeks ago, she has been involved in some confrontations with people from the cultural and artistic world. In general, do you agree or disagree with Minister Regev's line that if the state funds cultural and artistic activities, she, as the appointed minister, is entitled to deny funding for artistic works whose contents do not appear to her to accord with the interests of the state?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all with Minister Regev's line	21.2	26.8	22.1
Moderately disagree	14.2	14.3	14.2
Moderately agree	22.3	8.4	20.0
Strongly agree	37.0	9.3	32.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.3	41.3	11.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. In your opinion was Minister Regev right or wrong when she announced that she would deny funding to the children's theater of the actor Norman Issa because he refused to perform in a settlement?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure she was right	29.1	8.8	25.7
I think she was right	21.7	1.0	18.2
I think she was wrong	17.6	2.8	15.2
I'm sure she was wrong	21.2	45.5	25.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.3	41.9	15.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. And in your opinion was Minister Regev right or wrong when she demanded that the movie about Yigal Amir not be screened as part of the Jerusalem Film Festival and declared that if it was screened in the regular framework of the festival, the festival would not receive funding from the state?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure she was wrong	13.9	33.9	17.3
I think she was wrong	16.8	5.8	15.0
I think she was right	25.5	6.9	22.4
I'm sure she was right	33.7	10.2	29.8
Don't know/Refuse	10.1	43.3	15.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that those who attack Minister Regev for her policy on the issue of state funding for culture are essentially waging a political war against her that is not necessarily related to the issue of funding for culture?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	31.2	9.5	27.6
Moderately agree	25.2	7.7	22.3
Don't agree so much	16.8	15.9	16.7
Don't agree at all	16.0	14.1	15.7
Don't know/Refuse	10.8	52.9	17.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. And do you agree or disagree with the claim that Minister Regev’s policy on state funding for cultural productions is actually a tool in a larger political struggle she is waging that is not necessarily related to the issue of funding for culture?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	22.7	12.9	21.1
Moderately disagree	22.7	8.9	20.4
Moderately agree	26.8	13.8	24.6
Strongly agree	14.4	8.5	13.4
Don't know/Refuse	13.4	55.9	20.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14. In a speech to the Knesset, Deputy Interior Minister Yaron Mazuz (Likud) demanded that the Arab members of Knesset, both those from the Joint List and those from Meretz, give back their identity cards because “We are basically doing you a favor that you are sitting here.” In response, Education Minister Bennett of Jewish Home said, “No one is doing citizens a favor by making them citizens.” A similar response was voiced by Benny Begin of the Likud. With which of the positions do you agree more – with Mazuz’s position or with that of Bennett and Begin?

	% Jews
With Mazuz’s position	22.2
With the position of Bennett and Begin	56.9
With both of them to the same extent	5.3
With neither of them	7.5
Don't know/Refuse	8.1
Total	100.0