

The Peace Index – June 2016

(N=600 – 500 Jews, 100 Arabs)

28-29/6/2016

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	21.8	76.4	30.9
Moderately in favor	36.5	7.4	31.7
Moderately opposed	21.8	1.4	18.4
Strongly opposed	17.1	10.3	16.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.8	4.4	3.1
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	4.6	22.0	7.5
Moderately believe	15.5	22.3	16.6
Moderately do not believe	37.2	12.5	33.1
Do not believe at all	41.0	39.3	40.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.7	4.0	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3: In your opinion, is the following sentence true or not true: the Green Line is the Israeli border that was set in the Armistice Agreements that were signed at the end of the War of Independence between Israel and the Arab armies in 1949?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it's true	14.8	41.6	19.3
I think it's true	33.1	21.0	31.0
I think it's not true	20.2	9.4	18.4
I'm sure it's not true	18.5	21.9	19.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.4	6.1	12.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4: In this month (June), the fiftieth year since the Six Day War began. In your opinion, have the developments in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria since the Six Day War improved or worsened Israel's military-security situation?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they have improved it	14.0	35.0	17.5
I think they have improved it	29.7	12.6	26.8
I think they have worsened it	29.6	19.6	28.0
I'm sure they have worsened it	13.5	29.4	16.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.2	3.4	11.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5: And how have these developments affected its diplomatic situation?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they have improved it	7.5	23.9	10.2
I think they have improved it	21.7	12.8	20.3
I think they have worsened it	42.5	16.8	38.2
I'm sure they have worsened it	14.9	40.5	19.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.4	6.1	12.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6: Sometime after the Six Day War the settlement enterprise began to develop. In your opinion, from a perspective of 50 years later, has the settlement enterprise contributed to or damaged Israel's national interest?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it has damaged it	11.3	42.9	16.6
I think it has damaged it	28.0	10.9	25.2
I think it has contributed to it	24.6	16.2	23.2
I'm sure it has contributed to it	27.0	24.8	26.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.1	5.3	8.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7: Some claim that over the years Israeli governments have invested many resources and monies in developing the Jewish settlements and infrastructures in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria, and previously also in Gaza, at the expense of other areas and populations in Israel that are disadvantaged and would have needed these resources and budgets. Others claim that there is no connection between the two because one does not come at the expense of the other. With which claim do you agree?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I agree more with the first claim that the economic investments in the territories over the years have reduced different Israeli governments' capacity to invest sufficient resources in solving economic and social problems within Israel	45.3	65.7	48.7
I agree more with the second claim that there is no connection between the two. The lack of investment in solving these problems did not stem from the investment in Jewish settlements and infrastructures in the territories	48.8	23.9	44.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	10.4	6.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8: Do you or members of your family live in a Jewish settlement in the territories/Judea and Samaria? (For Jews only)

	% Jews
Yes, I do	4.1
Yes, I have family living there	14.7
No	81.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.1
Total	100.0

9: Have you visited or traveled in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria during the past five years? (For all of the Arabs; for Jews who do not live in the territories)

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I have not visited it or traveled in it	52.3	35.8	49.5
Yes, I have visited it or traveled in it a few times	32.7	29.8	32.2
Yes, I have visited it or traveled in it many times	13.5	34.4	17.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.5	0	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10: As far as you know, how many Jews now live in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria (not counting the neighborhoods of expanded Jerusalem such as Gilo or Pisgat Ze'ev)?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
100,000-250,000	27.0	17.0	25.4
250,000-500,000	29.9	39.0	31.4
500,000-750,000	12.9	11.5	12.7
750,000-1,000,000	3.1	5.5	3.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	27.0	27.1	27.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11: And how many Palestinians (not counting East Jerusalem)?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Half a million to a million	23.8	10.6	21.6
A million to two million	35.9	35.2	35.8
Two million to three million	10.1	17.2	11.3
More than three million	3.0	18.5	5.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	27.2	18.4	25.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12: In your opinion, what will happen if Israeli rule over the West Bank/Judea and Samaria continues over time?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The situation will remain as it is	37.5	45.1	38.7
The international community will force Israel to withdraw to the 1967 borders	19.9	22.8	20.4
Israel will annex the West Bank/Judea and Samaria and equal rights will be given to the Palestinians and the Israelis	9.1	9.1	9.1
Israel will annex the West Bank/Judea and Samaria but the Palestinians will not be given rights equal to those of the Israelis	19.8	14.7	19.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.7	8.3	12.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13: Which of these four possibilities is preferable in your eyes?

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Don't know/Decline to answer	14.5	4.1	12.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14: Last week the residents of Britain voted in a referendum on whether to remain in or leave the European Union. They decided to leave. If a referendum were to be held in Israel today on whether, in principle, it is desirable to remain, as at present, in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria or to leave it, how would you vote?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
In favor of leaving the West Bank/Judea and Samaria (except for the large settlement blocs)	35.8	69.2	41.3
Against	52.4	23.7	47.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.8	7.2	11.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15: And if in the future there is progress in talks with the Palestinians and a draft of a peace agreement is reached that is acceptable to the Israeli government, in your opinion, in such a case will it be desirable or not desirable to hold a referendum in Israel on whether to remain in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria or to leave it while retaining the large settlement blocs?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it will be desirable	21.8	64.8	29.0
I think it will be desirable	37.4	8.4	32.6
I think it will not be desirable	21.0	2.6	17.9
I'm sure it will not be desirable	11.6	15.8	12.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.2	8.4	8.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16: And how would you vote in such a referendum if a draft of a peace agreement with the Palestinians were on the table?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
In favor of leaving the West Bank/Judea and Samaria (except for the large settlement blocs)	43.4	76.1	48.9
Against	45.8	14.6	40.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.7	9.3	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17: And if such a referendum is held, who should participate in it? (For Jews only)

	% Jews
All the citizens of the country	50.9
Only the Jewish citizens of the country	44.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6
Total	100.0

18: If Britain indeed leaves the European Union, how, in your opinion, will this affect the EU's intention to pressure Israel on the Palestinian issue?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
It won't affect it one way or the other	47.7	65.2	50.6
It will strengthen the EU's intention to pressure Israel	17.2	13.6	16.6
It will weaken the EU's intention to pressure Israel	11.4	8.0	10.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	23.8	13.2	22.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

19: Who, in your opinion, will gain more from the reconciliation agreement between Israel and Turkey?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Israel will gain more	7.5	36.8	12.4
Turkey will gain more	38.1	11.5	33.7
Both sides will gain to the same extent	43.0	49.4	44.1
Neither side will gain	5.4	0.8	4.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.9	1.5	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

20: The families of the missing casualties Oron Shaul and Hadar Goldin and of the civilian Avraham Mengistu, who is being held by Hamas in Gaza, are demanding that the reconciliation agreement with Turkey not be signed until Hamas returns the bodies and frees Mengistu. Others claim that the agreement with Turkey should be signed as soon as possible because it is an important strategic interest for Israel, and that the issue of returning the bodies and Mengistu should be dealt with later in the framework of the agreement. With which position do you agree more?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
With the position of the families that signing the reconciliation agreement with Turkey should be postponed until the bodies are returned and Mengistu is freed	49.2	42.4	48.1
With the position that the agreement should be signed as soon as possible because it is an important strategic interest for Israel and the issue of returning the bodies and Mengistu should be dealt with later in the framework of the agreement	39.8	37.2	39.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.9	20.3	12.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Peace Index is a project of the Evens Program for Mediation and Conflict Resolution at Tel Aviv University and the Guttman Center for Surveys of the Israel Democracy Institute. This month's survey was conducted by telephone on June 28-29, 2016, by the Midgam Research Institute. The survey included 600 respondents (500 Jews, 100 Arabs), who constitute a representative national sample of the entire adult population of Israel aged 18 and over. The maximum measurement error for the entire sample is $\pm 4.1\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. Statistical processing was done by Ms. Yasmin Alkalay. <http://www.peaceindex.org>