

The Peace Index –June 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	24.8	42.0	27.7
Moderately in favor	36.9	30.9	35.9
Moderately opposed	19.2	5.8	16.9
Strongly opposed	14.5	14.7	14.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	6.6	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	4.4	7.8	5.0
Moderately believe	18.8	20.3	19.1
Moderately do not believe	34.2	23.1	32.4
Do not believe at all	40.6	42.7	40.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.9	6.2	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. It appears that U.S. president Trump is interested in renewing the Israeli-Palestinian talks. What, in your opinion, are the chances that Israel and the Palestinians will indeed soon be returning to the negotiating table?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	3.6	7.8	4.3
Moderately high chances	29.6	25.5	28.9
Moderately low chances	47.3	28.0	44.1
Very low chances	15.3	27.2	17.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.3	11.6	5.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. In your opinion, is the current Israeli government interested or not interested in reaching a permanent peace settlement with the Palestinians?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is	12.2	11.0	12.0
I think it is	29.7	22.8	28.6
I think it is not	33.1	27.3	32.2
I'm sure it is not	19.8	32.7	21.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1	6.2	5.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. In your opinion, is the Palestinian Authority interested or not interested in reaching a permanent peace settlement with Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is	1.8	24.3	5.5
I think it is	15.3	26.4	17.2
I think it is not	40.0	20.7	36.8
I'm sure it is not	40.1	22.4	37.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.8	6.2	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. How would you define Israel's security situation at present?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	18.2	36.8	21.3
Moderately good	47.4	32.1	44.9
Not so good	25.2	10.4	22.7
Not good at all	8.0	18.0	9.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.1	2.7	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. What, in your opinion, are the chances that in the coming year a war will break out between Israel and each of the following entities?

a. Hamas in Gaza:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very low chances	6.3	17.5	8.2
Moderately low chances	29.5	15.0	27.0
Moderately high chances	40.4	33.2	39.2
Very high chances	15.4	26.0	17.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.4	8.3	8.3

Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
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b. Syria:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very low chances	33.5	43.1	35.1
Moderately low chances	43.8	24.9	40.7
Moderately high chances	11.9	23.1	13.8
Very high chances	2.0	3.2	2.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.8	5.7	8.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

c. Iran:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very low chances	43.3	45.8	43.7
Moderately low chances	39.8	28.7	37.9
Moderately high chances	7.1	12.0	7.9
Very high chances	1.1	2.7	1.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.7	10.8	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

d. Hizbullah in Lebanon:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very low chances	10.9	31.4	14.3
Moderately low chances	41.0	36.4	40.2
Moderately high chances	30.3	17.1	28.1
Very high chances	8.0	6.4	7.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.9	8.7	9.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. Do you trust or not trust the current government to make the right security decisions if a war breaks out between Israel and one or more of the entities we listed?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust it	17.1	18.6	17.4
Moderately trust it	40.1	17.3	36.3
Don't trust it so much	26.9	23.8	26.4
Don't trust it at all	13.7	32.6	16.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.1	7.7	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. Do you trust or not trust the IDF to win if a war breaks out between Israel and one or more of the entities we listed?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust it	56.0	28.1	51.4
Moderately trust it	32.4	22.0	30.7
Don't trust it so much	6.8	20.4	9.0
Don't trust it at all	2.4	20.0	5.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.4	9.5	3.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. What, in your opinion, are the chances that in the coming year a Third Intifada against Israel will erupt in the Palestinian Authority?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	5.4	9.3	6.1
Moderately high chances	32.6	18.7	30.3
Moderately low chances	41.8	30.1	39.8
Very low chances	10.3	30.3	13.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.8	11.6	10.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. Do you trust or not trust the current government to make the right security decisions if a Third Intifada erupts?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust it	16.5	19.0	16.9
Moderately trust it	35.2	22.2	33.1
Don't trust it so much	31.7	11.7	28.4
Don't trust it at all	12.6	34.8	16.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.0	12.2	5.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. Do you trust or not trust the security forces to succeed at stopping a Third Intifada if it erupts?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly trust them	36.5	28.9	35.2
Moderately trust them	45.4	22.1	41.5
Don't trust them so much	11.9	10.6	11.7
Don't trust them at all	3.0	21.6	6.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.3	16.8	5.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. And if a war or a Third Intifada breaks out, will the majority of the Israeli population be able or unable to cope successfully with the situation?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure the majority of the population will be able to cope successfully	35.6	8.3	31.0
I think the majority of the population will be able to cope successfully	49.3	25.0	45.3
I think the majority of the population will not be able to cope successfully	9.4	27.1	12.4
I'm sure the majority of the population will not be able to cope successfully.	0.6	28.5	5.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1	11.1	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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