

The Peace Index –March 2016

(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	23.4	85.1	33.7
Moderately in favor	33.1	13.4	29.8
Moderately opposed	16.8	0	14.0
Strongly opposed	20.4	1.5	17.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.3	0	5.3
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	4.5	9.3	5.3
Moderately believe	17.5	24.5	18.6
Moderately do not believe	30.5	24.3	29.5
Do not believe at all	45.9	37.4	44.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.6	4.5	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this sentence: "The state of Israel should belong equally to all its citizens without distinction of age, gender, nationality, or religion"?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	20.2	4.5	17.6
Don't agree so much	22.6	2.8	19.3
Moderately agree	27.1	1.5	22.8
Strongly agree	26.9	90.7	37.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.2	0.5	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this sentence: “The state of Israel today enables all the citizens of the state, without distinction of age, gender, religion, or nationality, to feel that the state belongs to them equally”?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	22.3	47.4	26.5
Don't agree so much	34.0	13.5	30.5
Moderately agree	30.5	6.1	26.4
Strongly agree	10.1	31.5	13.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.2	1.6	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. To what extent do you fear that you or one of the people important to you will be harmed in the current wave of terror attacks?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Greatly fear	32.7	47.2	35.2
Moderately fear	36.3	28.9	35.0
Don't fear so much	23.4	10.0	21.2
Don't fear at all	5.5	12.9	6.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.0	1.0	1.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. After the latest terror attacks, Prime Minister Netanyahu said that worldwide terror and Palestinian terror are the same phenomenon and are fed by the same sources. Others claim that they are two different phenomena: worldwide terror is fed by radical Islam while Palestinian terror is fed by the desire to get free of the Israeli occupation. With which position do you agree more:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
With Netanyahu's—that worldwide terror and Palestinian terror are a single phenomenon and are fed by the same sources	64.0	13.3	55.6
With the position that they are two different phenomena: worldwide terror is fed by radical Islam whereas Palestinian terror is fed by the desire to get free of the Israeli occupation	29.7	65.2	35.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.2	21.4	8.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. (For Jews only) In his weekly lesson, Sephardi chief rabbi Yitzhak Yosef addressed the issue of neutralizing terrorists and said it is a commandment to kill a terrorist who comes at one with a knife. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

	% Jews
Don't agree at all	16.1
Don't agree so much	13.8
Moderately agree	22.5
Strongly agree	44.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6
Total	100.0

8: (For Jews only) In your opinion, is it appropriate or inappropriate for rabbis to publicly express an opinion on security issues of this kind?

	% Jews
Very appropriate	22.8
Moderately appropriate	18.2
Not so appropriate	20.0
Not appropriate at all	33.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.3
Total	100.0

9: Do you agree or disagree with the opinion that in order to fight terror effectively, one can ignore human and civil rights:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	19.2	3.0	16.5
Moderately agree	29.8	0	24.8
Don't agree so much	26.3	4.0	22.6
Don't agree at all	20.1	86.1	31.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	3.0	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10: With which of the following two claims do you agree more?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
To fight terror successfully, Israel can only rely on itself and does not need help from international actors	48.5	46.6	48.2
To fight terror successfully, Israel cannot rely on itself and needs help from international actors	47.4	40.6	46.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.1	12.7	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11: After the terror attack in Brussels, some ministers in the Israeli government criticized European countries' capacity to fight terror successfully. In your opinion, was this criticism right and do these countries indeed not know how to fight terror?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very right	34.2	18.3	31.6
Moderately right	34.6	28.6	33.6
Not so right	15.7	10.1	14.8
Not right at all	7.0	17.0	8.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.4	26.0	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12: Whether or not the criticism is right, in your opinion was it right or not right to express it from a diplomatic-international standpoint?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it was right	15.0	13.4	14.7
I think it was right	28.5	17.0	26.6
I think it wasn't right	29.9	22.1	28.6
I'm sure it wasn't right	17.0	19.0	17.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.5	28.5	12.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. If, in return for help in the fight against terror, international actors demand that Israel not use certain means (for example, targeted assassinations or home demolitions) even though, in the opinion of those responsible for Israeli security, these means are necessary, in your opinion should or should not Israel act in accordance with the international demand:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should act in accordance with the international demand	5.1	72.5	16.3
I think it should	11.0	9.1	10.7
I think it should not	31.5	0.7	26.4
I'm sure it should not	46.5	1.3	39.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.9	16.4	7.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14: If the current situation of violence continues, which of the two societies—Israeli or Palestinian—will in your assessment be able to withstand it longer?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Palestinian society	4.8	37.9	10.4
Israeli society	61.9	17.3	54.5
Both societies are capable of withstanding it a long time	21.5	20.8	21.4
Neither of the two societies is capable of withstanding it a long time	5.8	7.7	6.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	16.2	7.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15: Are you for or against cooperation between Israel and Turkey in the fight against terror?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	23.5	33.9	25.2
Moderately in favor	39.9	28.5	38.0
Moderately against	14.0	11.2	13.5
Strongly against	10.5	10.2	10.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.2	16.2	12.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16: And are you for or against cooperation between Israel and Turkey on other issues, such as trade and tourism?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	25.5	45.9	28.9
Moderately in favor	41.4	22.4	38.2
Moderately against	17.6	8.7	16.1
Strongly against	9.3	9.3	9.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.1	13.6	7.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17: At the moment it appears that the two leading candidates to be U.S. president are Hillary Clinton for the Democratic Party and Donald Trump for the Republican Party. Which of the two, in your opinion, will be a better president from the standpoint of U.S. interests?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Hillary Clinton	42.7	13.6	37.8
Donald Trump	24.3	12.0	22.2
Both to the same extent (do not read)	4.7	45.7	11.6
Neither (do not read)	5.3	6.0	5.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	23.0	22.8	23.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

18: And which will be better from the standpoint of Israel's interests?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Donald Trump	30.1	28.5	29.8
Hillary Clinton	40.3	10.1	35.3
Both to the same extent (do not read)	4.2	36.4	9.6
Neither (do not read)	4.7	3.4	4.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	30.1	21.5	20.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

19: In your opinion, in the current state of affairs, should Jews be allowed or not be allowed to pray on the Temple Mount?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they should be	20.1	2.2	17.1
I think they should be	16.0	1.8	13.6
I think they should not be	28.5	4.3	24.5
I'm sure they should not be	25.7	87.8	36.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.7	4.0	8.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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