

The Peace Index – May 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	29.4%	62.4%	34.9%
Moderately in favor	33.1%	8.4%	29.0%
Moderately opposed	17.5%	3.5%	15.2%
Strongly opposed	15.1%	4.1%	13.3%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.9%	21.6%	7.7%
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	6.4%	10.0%	7.0%
Moderately believe	19.4%	29.8%	21.1%
Moderately do not believe	31.8%	17.5%	29.4%
Do not believe at all	41.1%	33.3%	39.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.3%	9.5%	2.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Recently Defense Minister Yaalon announced an experiment where Arab workers from the territories would no longer be allowed to travel from or to their homes in buses shared with Jews who live in the territories. What is your opinion on this separation:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly in favor	26.2%	4.1%	22.5%
Moderately in favor	25.9%	6.8%	22.7%
Moderately against	21.2%	25.5%	21.9%
Strongly against	20.5%	44.9%	24.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.3%	18.7%	8.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. If you could now receive better housing at a low price in a Jewish settlement in the territories, would you be prepared to move there?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure I would	8.1%	7.8%	8.1%
I think I would	14.2%	17.9%	14.8%
I think I wouldn't	19.7%	1.0%	16.6%
I'm sure I wouldn't	55.6%	66.8%	57.5%
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.3%	6.5%	3.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Have you visited one or more Jewish settlements in the territories over the past five years?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Yes	50.3%	40.6%	48.7%
No	48.2%	55.2%	49.3%
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.5%	4.2%	1.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. Some in Israel call for a consumer boycott within Israel on goods produced in the territories so as to exert pressure on the government and on the settlers. If such a boycott were to be organized, would you or would you not buy goods produced in Jewish settlements in the territories?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure I wouldn't buy them	8.6%	19.8%	10.5%
I think I wouldn't buy them	8.1%	9.4%	8.3%
I think I would buy them	17.4%	29.6%	19.4%
I'm sure I would buy them	61.6%	29.4%	56.3%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.3%	11.8%	5.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. The prime minister recently told the foreign minister of the European Union that he is prepared to begin negotiations with the Palestinians on the borders of the settlement blocs in the territories. In your opinion, does this declaration mean Netanyahu is prepared to consider an agreement that would entail giving up the settlements that are outside the blocs?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure he's prepared	6.6%	1.1%	5.7%
I think he's prepared	29.2%	6.8%	25.5%
I think he's not prepared	32.2%	12.2%	28.8%
I'm sure he's not prepared	20.6%	44.6%	24.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.5%	35.3%	15.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. How would you define Israel's relations at present with the countries of the world in general?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	2.4%	7.2%	3.2%
Moderately good	26.4%	51.0%	30.5%
Not so good	51.0%	13.5%	44.8%
Not good at all	17.7%	7.2%	15.9%
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.6%	21.2%	5.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. Some claim that the countries of the world make demands on Israel for moral behavior that they do not make on other countries that are in situations of conflict. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	46.8%	10.6%	40.8%
Moderately agree	24.1%	14.7%	22.5%
Don't agree so much	12.4%	18.7%	13.4%
Don't agree at all	14.2%	7.3%	13.1%
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.5%	48.7%	10.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. To what extent are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the distribution of cabinet posts in the new government?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very satisfied	3.6%	0.8%	3.2%
Moderately satisfied	19.0%	7.8%	17.1%
Not so satisfied	27.4%	15.0%	25.3%
Not at all satisfied	34.4%	21.9%	32.3%
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.6%	54.5%	22.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. Some claim that the way in which Netanyahu distributed the cabinet posts in the government was aimed at weakening his competitors among the promising young Likud members of Knesset, such as Gilad Erdan. If this was really Netanyahu's intention, in your opinion did he succeed or not succeed to weaken his competitors in the party?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure he succeeded	13.1%	14.7%	13.3%
I think he succeeded	29.7%	11.8%	26.7%
I think he didn't succeed	23.1%	10.8%	21.1%
I'm sure he didn't succeed	8.5%	3.5%	7.7%
Don't know/Refuse	25.6%	59.2%	31.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. In the context of forming the new government, Netanyahu took the foreign-minister portfolio for himself but distributed the responsibilities that, in the past, were in the foreign minister's hands among several other ministers (the deputy foreign minister, the strategic affairs minister, the public diplomacy minister, the intelligence affairs minister, the regional cooperation minister, and others). In your opinion, will this distribution be beneficial or not be beneficial to Israel's ability to manage its diplomatic affairs and foreign relations well?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
It will be very beneficial	5.7%	0.8%	4.9%
It will be moderately beneficial	19.4%	14.4%	18.5%
It will not be so beneficial	23.6%	10.7%	21.4%
It will not be beneficial at all	38.2%	15.0%	34.3%
Don't know/Refuse	13.2%	59.0%	20.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that Netanyahu took the foreign-minister portfolio for himself so that he will be able to give it to the leader of the Zionist Union party, Herzog, should the conditions emerge to add this party to the coalition?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	11.1%	6.1%	10.3%
Moderately agree	25.6%	22.1%	25.0%
Don't agree so much	24.6%	18.0%	23.5%
Don't agree at all	20.1%	3.1%	17.3%
Don't know/Refuse	18.6%	50.6%	23.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14. And what, in your opinion, are the chances that the Zionist Union will in fact join the Netanyahu-led coalition in the foreseeable future?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very low chances	32.1%	8.9%	28.3%
Moderately low chances	39.4%	27.9%	37.5%
Moderately high chances	13.5%	15.1%	13.8%
Very high chances	5.4%	3.7%	5.1%
Don't know/Refuse	9.5%	44.4%	15.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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