

The Peace Index –May 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	28.3	43.3	30.8
Moderately in favor	33.6	26.8	32.5
Moderately opposed	18.9	10.7	17.6
Strongly opposed	12.0	17.2	12.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.1	2.1	6.3
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	4.9	10.8	5.9
Moderately believe	22.7	22.5	22.7
Moderately do not believe	35.0	17.6	32.1
Do not believe at all	34.3	45.7	36.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.0	3.4	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. In your opinion, how successful overall was President Trump's visit to Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very successful	16.6	7.0	15.0
Moderately successful	48.1	27.6	44.7
Not so successful	17.3	18.7	17.5
Not successful at all	4.2	33.2	9.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.7	13.5	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. What, in your opinion, are the chances that President Trump will succeed in the coming months to bring the two sides—Israel and the Palestinians—back to peace negotiations?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	5.4	7.5	5.7
Moderately high chances	31.9	7.5	27.8
Moderately low chances	41.3	27.8	39.1
Very low chances	17.8	52.1	23.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6	5.0	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. And what are the chances of reaching an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement under his auspices in the next year or two?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	0.1	9.7	1.7
Moderately high chances	11.9	10.0	11.6
Moderately low chances	46.7	19.3	42.1
Very low chances	35.3	56.9	38.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	4.2	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. In your opinion, to what extent at present is Israel's security an important consideration for President Trump in formulating the U.S. foreign policy?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A very important consideration	11.0	46.5	16.9
A moderately important consideration	40.3	20.2	37.0
A not so important consideration	33.2	15.8	30.3
A not at all important consideration	8.8	5.6	8.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.7	11.8	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. In your opinion, does the large arms deal that President Trump signed during his visit to Saudi Arabia threaten or not threaten Israel's security?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it threatens it	7.1	11.2	7.8
I think it threatens it	32.5	9.0	28.5
I think it does not threaten it	33.6	22.9	31.8
I'm sure it does not threaten it	9.9	49.6	16.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.9	7.4	15.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. In your opinion, in the wake of this deal will President Trump pressure Israel to support the Saudi peace initiative as a basis for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he will pressure Israel	9.3	7.1	8.9
I think he will pressure Israel	42.8	25.0	39.8
I think he will not pressure Israel	25.4	20.0	24.5
I'm sure he will not pressure Israel	4.3	39.2	10.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	18.3	8.8	16.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. In your opinion, could or could not the involvement of Arab states such as Saudi Arabia help in reaching a permanent Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it could	12.3	7.4	11.5
I think it could	42.9	27.7	40.3
I think it could not	25.4	22.5	24.9
I'm sure it could not	10.1	38.6	14.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.4	3.7	8.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. As we reach the milestone of 50 years since the Six Day War, we would like to ask you a few questions about its effect on Israel's situation today: Some claim that immediately after the Six Day War the Israeli leaders should have opened negotiations with the Arab states and offered, in return for a comprehensive peace agreement, all the territories that were conquered in the war. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	12.1	29.6	15.1
Moderately agree	14.9	16.8	15.2
Don't agree so much	20.3	14.4	19.3
Don't agree at all	44.8	26.2	41.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.8	12.9	8.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. Others claim that immediately after the victory in the Six Day War, Israel should have annexed via legislation all the territories it had conquered—as was done in the cases of east Jerusalem and the Golan Heights—and presented the world and the Palestinians with a fact. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	21.1	63.1	28.1
Don't agree so much	16.7	16.9	16.7
Moderately agree	23.7	5.9	20.7
Strongly agree	31.5	7.6	27.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.0	6.5	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. In your opinion, should or should not Israel's control of Judea and Samaria be defined as an occupation?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is an occupation	16.6	82.4	27.6
I think it is an occupation	14.5	8.6	13.5
I think it is not an occupation	17.3	3.4	15.0
I'm sure it is not an occupation	44.9	1.6	37.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.7	4.1	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. In your opinion, from today's perspective was various Israeli governments' policy of building settlements in Judea and Samaria wise or unwise in terms of Israel's national interest?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very wise	27.2	12.5	24.7
Moderately wise	23.6	7.9	21.0
Not so wise	22.5	9.7	20.4
Not wise at all	18.6	58.9	25.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.1	11.0	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14. Does Israel's control of Judea and Samaria contribute to or damage Israel in each of the following domains:

a. The security-military domain

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly contributes	38.2	9.7	33.5
Moderately contributes	26.8	13.1	24.5
Does not contribute so much	18.8	21.8	19.3
Does not contribute at all	10.9	33.0	14.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.3	22.3	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

b. The domain of its international diplomatic status

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly contributes	9.9	5.4	9.2
Moderately contributes	14.1	14.8	14.2
Does not contribute so much	31.6	15.5	28.9
Does not contribute at all	35.5	40.7	36.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.9	23.6	11.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

c. The economic domain

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly contributes	19.9	13.5	18.8
Moderately contributes	23.2	10.2	21.1
Does not contribute so much	25.1	25.3	25.1
Does not contribute at all	22.7	39.2	25.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.1	11.8	9.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

d. The domain of the strength of its democracy

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly contributes	18.9	6.6	16.8
Moderately contributes	24.7	11.2	22.5
Does not contribute so much	21.9	23.6	22.2
Does not contribute at all	22.4	38.0	25.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.1	20.6	13.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15. In your opinion, is the claim that the settlements are an obstacle to peace with the Palestinians right or not right?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not right at all	33.9	14.8	30.7
Moderately not right	21.9	15.2	20.8
Moderately right	22.7	8.9	20.4
Very right	15.5	59.1	22.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	2.0	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16. Do you agree or disagree with the view that at present Jerusalem is actually divided into two cities: the eastern city and the western city?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	29.8	31.1	30.0
Moderately agree	34.3	22.7	32.3
Don't agree so much	15.8	10.2	14.9
Don't agree at all	13.6	26.9	15.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.6	9.0	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17. Soon it will be 50 years since the Six Day War. Some claim that the time has come for Israel to officially annex all the territories that were conquered in that war and are now in its hands. Do you support this or oppose it?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	23.8	5.5	20.8
Moderately support	20.6	6.0	18.2
Moderately oppose	19.5	11.8	18.2
Strongly oppose	25.5	67.7	32.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.6	9.0	10.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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