

The Peace Index –November 2014

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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	25.2%	67.9%	32.3%
Moderately in favor	32.3%	22.3%	30.6%
Moderately opposed	19.9%	4.3%	17.3%
Strongly opposed	19.1%	5.0%	16.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.5%	0.4%	3.0%
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	5.3%	12.0%	6.4%
Moderately believe	19.2%	36.6%	22.1%
Moderately do not believe	28.3%	10.4%	25.3%
Do not believe at all	45.9%	40.5%	45.0%
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.3%	0.5%	1.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. Who, in your opinion, is more responsible for the fact that the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations are not being renewed?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Mainly the Israeli side	9.0%	28.5%	12.2%
Mainly the Palestinian side	48.4%	0.9%	40.5%
Both sides to the same extent	40.7%	60.5%	44.0%
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.9%	10.1%	3.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. In your assessment, to whom is it more important to reach a permanent peace settlement—Israel or the Palestinians?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
More important to the Palestinians	16.3%	22.4%	17.4%
More important to Israel	40.7%	8.3%	35.3%
Important to both sides to the same extent	39.2%	62.9%	43.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.8%	6.4%	4.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. Prime Minister Netanyahu recently said that a peace agreement is essential to preventing a situation where in the foreseeable future Israel will become a binational state in which there will not be a Jewish majority. In your opinion, is this statement by the prime minister true or not true?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
True	52.3%	30.1%	48.6%
Not true	37.9%	52.9%	40.4%
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.8%	17.0%	11.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that the strengthening of Hamas's influence in the West Bank and the weakening of Mahmoud Abbas's status stems mainly from the standstill in the political negotiations between the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	15.6%	27.4%	17.6%
Moderately agree	18.3%	24.5%	19.4%
Moderately disagree	23.1%	15.7%	21.9%
Don't agree at all	34.6%	6.2%	29.9%
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.3%	26.2%	11.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. Which of the following two possibilities is preferable from the standpoint of Israel's national interests?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To renew the negotiations with Mahmoud Abbas so as to reach a political settlement based on the principle of two states for two peoples, as the Western states and the moderate Arab states such as Egypt demand	53.9%	84.9%	59.1%
To continue the current policy of refraining from negotiations while strengthening Jewish settlement in the West Bank and Jerusalem	39.6%	9.4%	34.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.5%	5.7%	6.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

8. Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman aims to propose a peace plan stating that an agreed compromise must be reached with the Palestinians because the unity of the people is more important than the unity of the land. Do you agree with this position of Lieberman's or oppose it?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	28.3%	11.8%	25.5%
Moderately agree	30.8%	29.0%	30.5%
Moderately disagree	16.3%	13.8%	15.9%
Strongly disagree	17.4%	36.5%	20.6%
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.2%	8.9%	7.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu recently announced that he intends to bring his proposed Jewish-state law for a vote with the aim of strengthening Israel's nature as a Jewish state. In your opinion, did Netanyahu's initiative stems mainly from sincere concern about strengthening the Jewish dimension of the state or mainly from an intention to boost his popularity with the right wing and the settlers?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Mainly from sincere concern about strengthening the Jewish dimension of the state	29.7%	17.5%	27.7%
Mainly from an intention to boost his popularity with the right wing and the settlers	61.3%	77.4%	64.0%
Don't know/Refuse	9.0%	5.2%	8.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. In your opinion, will the Jewish-state law, if passed, promote the interests of the state of Israel or damage them?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Promote	31.2%	11.5%	27.9%
Neither promote nor damage	21.5%	7.8%	19.2%
Damage	39.5%	71.3%	44.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.7%	9.4%	8.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

11. Israeli governments have always claimed that Israel is “the only democracy in the Middle East” and used that claim as an important asset in Israel’s struggles in the international arena. Do you agree or disagree that the passing of the Jewish-state law will weaken Israel’s ability to make use of that claim?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	20.2%	35.3%	22.7%
Moderately agree	25.3%	25.3%	25.3%
Don't agree very much	21.7%	16.4%	20.8%
Strongly disagree	22.5%	11.8%	20.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.3%	11.1%	10.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. In your opinion, will the passing of the Jewish-state law contradict or not contradict the principles embodied in the Israeli Declaration of Independence according to which Israel will be a Jewish and democratic state?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Contradict	35.6%	82.2%	43.4%
Not contradict	52.1%	12.3%	45.4%
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.4%	5.4%	11.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. To what extent is it important or unimportant to you that Israel will be a democratic state?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not at all or to a small extent only	4.4%	8.8%	5.1%
To a quite small extent	7.3%	1.8%	6.4%
To a quite large extent	21.3%	25.0%	21.9%
To a very large extent	66.6%	63.4%	66.1%
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.5%	1.0%	0.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14. In your opinion, is there or is there not a contradiction between Israel being both a Jewish state and a democratic state?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
There is a contradiction	24.2%	83.3%	34.1%
There is no contradiction	73.1%	13.9%	63.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

15. Do you oppose or support the calls not to employ Israeli Arabs in “sensitive” work locations, such as construction sites that are close to a kindergarten?

	Jews
Strongly support	26.8%
Moderately support	16.1%
Moderately oppose	24.1%
Strongly oppose	28.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.8%
Total	100.0%

16. And what is your position on employing Arab doctors or nurses in hospitals and nursing institutions—do you oppose or not oppose employing them?

	Jews
Strongly oppose	10.3%
Moderately oppose	15.2%
Moderately support	35.5%
Strongly support	33.4%
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.6%
Total	100.0%

17. To what extent do you justify or not justify the cases of attacks on joint Jewish-Arab educational frameworks, such as the attempt a few days ago to burn down the bilingual school in Jerusalem?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly justify	3.4%	8.7%	4.3%
Moderately justify	2.9%	19.3%	5.7%
Moderately do not justify	12.6%	10.6%	12.3%
Strongly do not justify	77.2%	56.2%	73.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.9%	5.1%	4.1%
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 December 1-3, 2014, by the Midgam Research Institute. The survey included 602 respondents, who constitute a representative national sample of the adult population aged 18 and over. The survey was conducted in Hebrew, Arabic, and Russian. 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.