

The Peace Index – November 2015

(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 | 59.7 | 30.6 |
| Moderately in favor | 35.7 | 9.0 | 31.2 |
| Moderately opposed | 18.9 | 10.0 | 17.4 |
| Strongly opposed | 17.2 | 8.2 | 15.7 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 3.5 | 13.1 | 5.0 |
| 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 | 4.6 | 14.4 | 6.2 |
| Moderately believe | 16.5 | 27.5 | 18.3 |
| Moderately do not believe | 31.1 | 16.7 | 28.7 |
| Do not believe at all | 46.6 | 33.3 | 44.4 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 1.2 | 8.1 | 2.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

3. Do you agree or disagree with the opinion that, overall, a majority of the members of Knesset work hard and do their job well?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Don't agree at all | 27.8 | 15.5 | 25.7 |
| Don't agree so much | 43.0 | 29.0 | 40.7 |
| Moderately agree | 24.1 | 31.4 | 25.3 |
| Strongly agree | 2.6 | 7.1 | 3.3 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 2.6 | 17.0 | 5.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

4. Of how many members of Knesset can it be said that his or her behavior can serve as an example to the public?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|---|--------|---------|------------------|
| All the members of Knesset | 0.9 | 5.1 | 1.6 |
| A majority of the members of Knesset | 15.8 | 21.9 | 16.8 |
| A small portion of the members of Knesset | 75.7 | 52.0 | 71.7 |
| None of the members of Knesset | 3.8 | 12.8 | 5.3 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 3.9 | 8.3 | 4.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

5. What is your opinion of the claim that recent years have seen a decline in the personal quality of the members of Knesset?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Strongly agree | 36.3 | 29.4 | 35.2 |
| Moderately agree | 40.6 | 33.1 | 39.4 |
| Don't agree so much | 14.2 | 12.5 | 13.9 |
| Don't agree at all | 3.3 | 12.7 | 4.9 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.5 | 12.4 | 6.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

6. To what extent are you proud or not proud of the behavior of the members of Knesset from the party you voted for in the recent elections?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Very proud | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.0 |
| Moderately proud | 39.7 | 35.7 | 39.1 |
| Not so proud | 28.9 | 9.9 | 25.7 |
| Not proud at all | 9.9 | 14.5 | 10.7 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 6.7 | 24.0 | 9.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

7. In a recently published assessment, security officials say the current wave of terror is a “limited uprising,” that is, not just a random assortment of attacks but also not a full-fledged intifada. Do you agree or disagree with this assessment?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Strongly agree | 15.2 | 1.6 | 13.0 |
| Moderately agree | 38.5 | 44.8 | 39.5 |
| Don't agree so much | 24.9 | 22.8 | 24.5 |
| Don't agree at all | 18.0 | 17.1 | 17.8 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 3.4 | 13.8 | 5.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

8. According to media reports the senior IDF echelon recommended economic easements for the Palestinian population of the territories and the strengthening of the Palestinian security mechanisms as ways of counteracting the current wave of terror. Do you support or oppose these recommendations?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|--|--------|---------|------------------|
| Oppose both recommendations | 41.6 | 24.3 | 38.7 |
| Support economic easements for the population but oppose strengthening the Palestinian security mechanisms | 20.3 | 14.8 | 19.3 |
| Support strengthening the Palestinian security mechanisms but oppose economic easements for the population | 8.1 | 1.2 | 6.9 |
| Support both recommendations—economic easements for the population and strengthening the Palestinian security mechanisms | 20.7 | 36.4 | 23.3 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 9.4 | 23.4 | 11.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

9. In your opinion, did the current wave of terror arise spontaneously from the Palestinian population itself or did it arise with the planning and involvement of the Palestinian leadership?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|--|--------|---------|------------------|
| It arose spontaneously from the Palestinian population | 21.0 | 58.6 | 27.3 |
| It arose with the planning and involvement of the Palestinian leadership | 61.3 | 15.2 | 53.6 |
| (do not read) Both/neither | 13.3 | 5.0 | 12.0 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 4.4 | 21.2 | 7.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

10: To what extent do you fear that you or one of the people who are important to you will be harmed in the current wave of attacks?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Greatly fear | 32.7 | 33.2 | 32.8 |
| Moderately fear | 34.4 | 31.5 | 33.9 |
| Don't fear so much | 23.9 | 18.9 | 23.1 |
| Don't fear at all | 6.3 | 12.6 | 7.4 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 2.7 | 3.8 | 2.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

11. In your assessment, would the signing of a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians bring a stop to the Palestinian terror against Jews?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| I'm sure it would | 2.9 | 34.3 | 8.1 |
| I think it would | 22.4 | 37.7 | 24.9 |
| I think it wouldn't | 29.3 | 8.0 | 25.8 |
| I'm sure it wouldn't | 41.8 | 12.5 | 36.9 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 3.6 | 7.5 | 4.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

12. In your opinion, does the majority of Muslims in the world support or not support the actions of Daesh?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|--|--------|---------|------------------|
| I'm sure the majority don't support them | 12.2 | 76.5 | 22.9 |
| I think the majority don't support them | 46.5 | 10.1 | 40.4 |
| I think the majority supports them | 22.7 | 2.7 | 19.4 |
| I'm sure the majority supports them | 12.7 | 1.8 | 10.9 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.9 | 8.9 | 6.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

13. And as for the Arab citizens of Israel, in your assessment does the majority support or not support the actions of Daesh?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|--|--------|---------|------------------|
| I'm sure the majority don't support them | 17.9 | 80.6 | 28.3 |
| I think the majority don't support them | 40.1 | 8.7 | 34.9 |
| I think the majority supports them | 25.6 | 1.0 | 21.5 |
| I'm sure the majority supports them | 10.1 | 0 | 8.4 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 6.4 | 9.7 | 6.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

14. What, in your opinion, are the chances that the military forces of the Western world and the Arab world that are fighting Daesh will succeed in the foreseeable future to defeat and destroy it?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Very high chances | 11.7 | 20.6 | 13.2 |
| Moderately high chances | 33.0 | 40.6 | 34.3 |
| Moderately low chances | 38.3 | 10.7 | 33.8 |
| Very low chances | 11.2 | 9.2 | 10.9 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.7 | 19.0 | 7.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

15. And if Daesh is defeated and destroyed, will, in your opinion, the radical Islam that it represents also be greatly weakened?

| | % Jews | % Arabs | % General Public |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| I'm sure it won't be | 20.6 | 18.1 | 20.2 |
| I think it won't be | 37.0 | 11.9 | 32.8 |
| I think it will be | 30.0 | 23.1 | 28.9 |
| I'm sure it will be | 7.4 | 32.2 | 11.5 |
| Don't know/Decline to answer | 5.0 | 14.7 | 6.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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