

The Peace Index – November 2016

(N=600, 500 Jews, 100 Arabs)

28-1/11/2016

1: What is your position on conducting peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	25.3	62.7	31.6
Moderately in favor	34.4	18.8	31.8
Moderately opposed	18.2	11.1	17.0
Strongly opposed	15.9	7.4	14.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.1	0	5.1
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	15.7	7.0
Moderately believe	18.2	24.5	19.3
Moderately do not believe	32.0	12.0	28.7
Do not believe at all	41.4	44.5	42.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.0	3.3	3.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3: In the Israeli-Palestinian sphere, is U.S. president-elect Trump, in your opinion:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
More in favor of Israel	48.5	59.7	50.3
More in favor of the Palestinians	1.3	1.1	1.3
Neutral, in favor of both sides to the same degree	21.6	13.8	20.3
Not in favor of either the Israelis or the Palestinians (do not read)	6.8	3.6	6.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	21.8	21.8	21.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4: And what, in your opinion, will the new U.S. administration do regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the next two or three years?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
It will not intervene in the conflict	21.6	32.1	23.3
It will try to persuade the sides to work out a compromise and arrive at peace	47.2	42.2	46.4
It will exert heavy pressure on both sides to reach an agreement	17.2	22.4	18.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.1	3.3	12.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5: And what would you want the U.S. administration to do?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not intervene in the conflict	33.3	12.3	29.8
Try to persuade the sides to work out a compromise and arrive at an agreement	40.3	62.7	44.0
It will exert heavy pressure on both sides to reach an agreement	18.7	21.5	19.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.6	3.5	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6: In your opinion, what will be the Trump administration's position on Israeli construction in Judea and Samaria/the West Bank?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
It will not interfere with the construction	39.2	33.2	38.2
It will support the construction	22.6	47.6	26.8
It will prevent the construction	17.8	10.6	16.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	20.3	8.6	18.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7: Some fear that Trump's election will lead to a rise in antisemitism in the U.S. In your opinion, is this fear justified?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very justified	4.6	11.9	5.8
Moderately justified	26.3	19.8	25.2
Not so justified	35.6	7.8	30.9
Not justified at all	19.1	49.7	24.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.4	10.7	13.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8: And if it turns out that antisemitism indeed increases in the United States, in your opinion should or should not the Israeli government intervene on behalf of American Jewry and use its ties with the U.S. administration to get it to counteract the antisemitic phenomena?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should	36.5	57.5	40.0
I think it should	36.8	10.3	32.4
I think it should not	12.8	7.0	11.9
I'm sure it should not	8.2	19.3	10.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.6	5.9	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9: Ron Dermer, Israeli ambassador to the U.S., recently said that "Israel has no doubt that President-elect Trump is a true friend of Israel.... We look forward to working... with all of the members of the Trump administration... and making the U.S.-Israel alliance stronger than ever." In your opinion, is good cooperation likely between the Israeli government and the Trump administration?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is	25.5	60.5	31.3
I think it is	55.0	19.2	49.0
I think it is not	7.1	9.2	7.4
I'm sure it is not	0.9	5.5	1.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.6	5.7	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10: Do you support or oppose the "muezzin law," recently approved in the Ministerial Committee for Legislation, which forbids using loudspeakers in mosques in Israel?

	% Jews
Strongly support	33.5
Moderately support	22.2
Don't support so much	18.0
Don't support at all	15.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.6
Total	100.0

11: In your opinion, is there a need for legislation on the issue of the disturbance caused by the muezzin calls, or is it possible to reach understandings on this issue and solve the problem in less official ways?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
There is a need for legislation	33.8	2.0	28.5
It is possible to reach understandings and solve the problem in less official ways	58.9	93.0	64.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.3	5.0	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12: Do you agree or disagree with the statement: "Voicing criticism of the state when there is a tense security situation is unacceptable?"

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	32.1	29.2	31.7
Moderately agree	22.7	11.2	20.8
Don't agree so much	24.1	3.9	20.7
Don't agree at all	16.4	44.2	21.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.7	11.5	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13: In recent years some in Israel have accused the left of disloyalty to the country because of the criticism it directs at the Israeli government and its policy. In your opinion, is the Israeli left loyal or disloyal to the country?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very loyal	22.4	53.9	27.6
Moderately loyal	20.5	14.8	19.5
Not so loyal	26.5	11.9	24.1
Not loyal at all	21.1	5.2	18.4
Don't know	9.5	14.1	10.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14: (For Jews only) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The Jewish people is the chosen people and hence is greater than other peoples?"

	% Jews
Strongly agree	25.4
Moderately agree	15.4
Don't agree so much	23.7
Don't agree at all	31.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.0
Total	100.0

15: Some claim that if a citizen or group of citizens thinks the government is acting against what they see as Israel's national interests, it is their right to try to prevent the government's action even by the use of force. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	59.6	61.5	59.9
Moderately disagree	25.1	8.5	22.3
Moderately agree	6.7	9.2	7.1
Strongly agree	2.5	15.0	4.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.1	5.8	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16: (for Jews only) To what extent do you agree with the statement that "Arabs only understand force"?

	% Jews
Strongly agree	24.9
Moderately agree	24.0
Don't agree so much	30.7
Don't agree at all	16.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6
Total	100.0

17: In light of the situation, are you for or against annexing all of Judea and Samaria/the West Bank to the state of Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	19.7	15.5	19.0
Moderately in favor	24.6	4.2	21.2
Moderately against	19.6	8.0	17.6
Strongly against	18.5	62.7	25.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.6	9.7	16.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

18: "If the territories are annexed and one state is established under Israeli rule, there will be no choice but to give the Palestinians full and equal civil rights." What is your opinion of this claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Definitely agree	20.7	57.6	26.9
Moderately agree	21.1	13.1	19.8
Don't agree so much	20.4	5.9	18.0
Don't agree at all	27.7	17.5	26.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.0	5.9	9.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

19: (for Jews only) At the end of the month, the settlement of Amona in Samaria is supposed to be evacuated according to a Supreme Court ruling that it was built without authorizations and partly on private land of Palestinians. Under pressure from the Bayit Yehudi Party, the government is promoting a special law that will make it possible to avoid evacuating the settlement, a law that is called the Regulation Law. This is despite the attorney-general's position that such legislation, which circumvents a Supreme Court order and undercuts the rule of law, should be avoided. With which of the two positions do you agree more?

	% Jews
With the position of the government, which is trying to prevent the evacuation with legislation even though it involves circumventing the Supreme Court	46.0%
With the position of the attorney-general, who maintains that such legislation undercuts the rule of law and should be avoided	42.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.2%
Total	100.0

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