

### The Peace Index - October 2017

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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	24.6	57.4	30.1
Moderately in favor	40.0	21.0	36.8
Moderately opposed	17.2	2.0	14.6
Strongly opposed	11.4	9.9	11.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.7	9.7	7.2
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	5.1	9.3	5.8
Moderately believe	20.7	21.9	20.9
Moderately do not believe	37.1	17.5	33.8
Do not believe at all	35.0	45.5	36.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.2	5.8	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

#### **3. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that the IDF's continuing responsibility for many years to control the territories, amid ongoing friction with the Palestinian population, is damaging its moral values?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	49.8	22.1	45.2
Moderately disagree	21.4	9.8	19.5
Moderately agree	15.8	19.0	16.4
Strongly agree	9.0	24.7	11.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.9	24.4	7.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**4. In your opinion, was President Rivlin's decision to reject the pardon request by the soldier Elor Azaria right or not right?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it was right	22.8	48.9	27.1
I think it was right	14.9	4.0	13.1
I think it was not right	20.3	8.5	18.4
I'm sure it was not right	32.9	15.6	30.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.1	23.1	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**5. Some in the Israeli public were angered by President Rivlin's decision to reject the pardon request, and posted pictures of him on the Internet wearing an Arab keffiyeh along with statements such as "Rivlin is a traitor." In your opinion, are such reactions included or not included in the framework of freedom of expression in a democratic state?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they are included in the framework of freedom of expression	10.4	25.3	12.9
I think they are included in the framework of freedom of expression	21.6	8.1	19.3
I think they are not included in the framework of freedom of expression	20.5	16.4	19.8
I'm sure they are not included in the framework of freedom of expression	41.7	40.1	41.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.8	10.0	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**6. Some claim that those who wrote these harsh statements against President Rivlin got carried away by the harsh things that ministers and members of Knesset said against him. Others claim that the ministers and members of Knesset are the ones who got carried away by the harsh words of some of the public against Rivlin. Which of these two claims seems more accurate to you?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The claim that the population got carried away by the ministers and members of Knesset	19.6	44.1	23.7
The claim that the members of Knesset and ministers got carried away by the harsh words of parts of the population	22.0	15.0	20.9
That the two got equally carried away by each other	39.1	24.6	36.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	19.2	16.3	18.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**7. Against the backdrop of the disagreement with President Rivlin's refusal to grant a pardon to Elor Azaria, some members of Knesset want to submit a bill stipulating that not only the president will be entitled to grant a pardon to someone sentenced to prison, which is the situation today, but the Knesset will have such authority as well. Who, in your opinion, should have the authority to grant a pardon to prisoners?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Only the president of the country	60.6	44.3	57.9
Both the president of the country and the Knesset	27.6	43.3	30.2
Only the Knesset	7.1	4.5	6.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.7	7.9	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**8. Whom do you believe more: the spokesman for Breaking the Silence, Dean Issacharoff, who testified that while serving as a soldier in the territories he severely beat a Palestinian for no reason, or the state attorney, who investigated the issue and came to the conclusion that this was a false testimony?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I believe Issacharoff, spokesman of Breaking the Silence, more	9.4	44.1	15.2
I believe the state attorney more	61.1	23.6	54.8
I do not believe either of them	15.9	20.0	16.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.6	12.3	13.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**9. Some claim that under pressure from political elements from the right, the state attorney did not fully investigate Issacharoff's testimony, seeking to create a general impression in the public that the testimonies of Breaking the Silence are false testimonies. In your opinion, is this claim about the quality of the investigation conducted by the state attorney right or not right?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is right	12.8	17.2	13.5
I think it is right	14.9	14.4	14.8
I think it is not right	24.8	11.5	22.6
I'm sure it is not right	24.2	15.9	22.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	23.3	41.0	26.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**10. In your opinion, what is stronger: what unites Israeli Jews with American Jews or what differentiates Israeli Jews from American Jews?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
What unites them is stronger	47.5	37.5	45.9
What differentiates them	12.5	21.3	14.0
Both are strong to the same extent	24.0	22.2	23.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.9	19.0	16.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**11. In your opinion, at present to whom is it more important that the relationship between Israel and American Jewry should be closer - to Israel or to American Jewry?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
To Israel	49.0	64.9	51.6
To American Jewry	12.0	14.5	12.4
To both sides to the same extent	35.3	10.3	31.1
To neither side	1.7	0	1.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.1	10.3	3.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**12. In your opinion, to what extent if at all should the Israeli government take into account the opinion of American Jewry when it makes decisions on domestic issues, such as the religious status in Israel of Reform and Conservative Jews?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
It should not take it into account at all	24.4	29.8	25.3
It should not take it into account so much	30.5	16.2	28.1
It should take it into account to some extent	27.2	18.0	25.6
It should strongly take it into account	11.6	29.6	14.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.4	6.4	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**13. Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipy Hotovely said recently that most American Jews do not understand Israel because they “never send their children to fight for their country” and do not know what it is “to actually experience what Israel is dealing with on a daily basis.” Do you agree or disagree with these words of Hotovely’s?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	22.4	18.2	21.7
Moderately agree	28.6	20.1	27.2
Moderately disagree	19.0	12.7	18.0
Don't agree at all	25.7	24.7	25.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.3	24.3	7.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**14. American Jewish leaders got very angry about Hotovely’s statements and demanded that Netanyahu fire her for them. In your opinion, should or should not Netanyahu fulfill their demand?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he should	11.0	21.7	12.8
I think he should	10.1	9.7	10.0
I think he should not	31.7	13.5	28.6
I'm sure he should not	39.5	28.8	37.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.8	26.3	10.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**15. Prime Minister Netanyahu warns again and again that even after having signed the agreement with the Western states that limits Iran’s nuclear development, Iran is close to developing a nuclear capability that will threaten Israel’s existence. Do you agree or disagree with Netanyahu’s position?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	40.3	15.7	36.2
Moderately agree	36.5	15.7	33.0
Moderately disagree	10.2	18.8	11.7
Don't agree at all	4.2	33.8	9.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.7	15.9	9.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**16. At a summit meeting on the issue of Syria's future that Russian president Putin recently convened with the presidents of Iran and Turkey but without the presence of the U.S. president, it was agreed that the forces linked to Iran can be stationed a certain distance from the border between Syria and Israel. To what extent, in your opinion, did Putin take into account the issue of Israel's security when he planned and signed this agreement?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not at all	47.4	7.8	40.8
Almost did not	39.2	15.2	35.2
To a moderately great extent	6.3	38.1	11.6
To a very great extent	0.8	13.0	2.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.4	25.9	9.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**17. To what extent does the presence of forces linked to Iran close to the Syria-Israel border endanger Israel's security?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly endangers it	51.6	24.5	47.1
Moderately endangers it	34.0	23.1	32.2
Doesn't endanger it so much	6.9	9.9	7.4
Doesn't endanger it at all	2.9	33.8	8.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	8.7	5.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**18. In the past Netanyahu did not succeed to convince the Western states not to sign the agreement with Iran and at present he is not succeeding to get Russia to prevent the new agreement on Syria's future from including the stationing of forces linked to Iran not far from the Syria-Israel border. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that Netanyahu has failed in his policy on the Iranian issue?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	19.3	52.9	24.9
Moderately agree	27.3	20.5	26.1
Moderately disagree	29.8	1.2	25.0
Don't agree at all	15.4	13.4	15.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.2	12.1	8.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**19. Recently a bill was submitted to the Knesset stipulating that when the investigation of a case concludes, the police will submit to the state attorney only the findings of the investigation but not its opinion on whether or not an indictment should be served. In your opinion, is it right to limit the police or should the current situation continue in which it also submits its opinion on whether or not to indict the person under investigation?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The police should be limited to submitting only the findings of the investigation to the state attorney	28.2	16.2	26.2
The current situation should continue in which the police submit both the findings of the investigation and an opinion about whether or not to indict the person under investigation to the state attorney	59.1	62.2	59.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.7	21.6	14.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**20. Member of Knesset Benny Begin was removed from the Knesset Interior Committee on grounds that his position on the bill concerning what the police should submit to the state attorney - which is that the bill should only apply to investigations that have not yet begun - contravenes the position of the Likud Party. In your opinion, in the context of the debate on the bill, should members of Knesset express their opinion or stick to the position of the party they belong to?**

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
They should express their opinion	66.6	85.3	69.7
They should stick with their party's position	18.9	0.9	15.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	14.5	13.8	14.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0