

The Peace Index – October 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	29.5	68.3	36.0
Moderately in favor	30.4	14.7	27.8
Moderately opposed	11.6	4.2	10.4
Strongly opposed	22.9	6.3	20.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.5	6.4	5.6

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	8.5	13.3	9.3
Moderately believe	21.0	32.3	22.9
Moderately do not believe	21.9	13.6	20.5
Do not believe at all	47.1	36.6	45.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.6	4.2	2.0

3. Defense Minister Moshe (Boogie) Yaalon decided to bar the Palestinians from riding the buses that residents of the settlements ride. Are you for or against this decision?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly in favor	34.0	14.1	30.7
Moderately in favor	21.7	15.1	20.6
Moderately against	14.4	10.3	13.7
Strongly against	20.1	51.3	25.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.7	9.1	9.6

4. At present the Israeli government is not allowing Jews to pray on the Temple Mount so as to prevent frictions with the Muslim world. In your opinion, should the government change or not change this policy and allow prayer by Jews at the site, even if the change leads to bloodshed?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure the government should change the policy even if the change leads to bloodshed	16.3	17.2	16.5
I think the policy should be changed	22.2	29.3	23.4
I think the policy should not be changed	24.7	5.9	21.6
I'm sure the policy should not be changed	31.2	28.1	30.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.5	19.5	7.9

5. The ruling of most of the Haredi and national-religious rabbis is that prayer by Jews on the Temple Mount is forbidden before the coming of the Messiah and the rebuilding of the Temple. A few other rabbis think it is already permissible today to pray on the Mount. According to which ruling, in your opinion, should believing Jews act?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
According to the ruling of most of the rabbis that for now Jews should not pray on the Temple Mount	46.7	60.9	49.0
According to the minority ruling that Jews can pray at present on the Temple Mount	25.6	9.6	23.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	27.7	29.5	28.0

6. In your opinion, at present is there or is there not a chance of reaching a settlement that will be acceptable to both sides in which both Muslims and Jews will be able to pray on the Temple Mount?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
There is at present a chance to reach a settlement	31.3	28.8	30.9
There is no chance because of the Muslim side	30.0	8.9	26.5
There is no chance because of the Jewish side	4.1	20.8	6.9
There is no chance because of both sides	29.1	33.9	29.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.5	7.5	5.9

7. And in the framework of a comprehensive peace agreement, in your opinion is there or is there not a chance of reaching a settlement that would be acceptable to both sides in which both Muslims and Jews would be able to pray on the Temple Mount?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
There is a chance to reach a settlement	45.0	33.9	43.1
There is no chance because of the Muslim side	26.2	24.0	25.9
There is no chance because of the Jewish side	1.7	9.9	3.0
There is no chance because of both sides	21.4	18.7	21.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.7	13.5	7.0

8. Recently there have been severe terror attacks by Palestinians against Israelis. Do you think this is the beginning of another widespread, organized intifada or just acts of terror on local initiative?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I think this is the beginning of a widespread, organized intifada	31.8	23.4	30.4
I think these are acts of terror on local initiative	57.8	31.7	53.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.4	44.9	16.1

9. Some claim that the right way to prevent such acts of terror is to renew the peace talks. Others think the right way to prevent them is to cease the political contacts for peace. Which way, in your opinion, is more right?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Renewing the peace talks	52.5	81.2	57.2
Ceasing the political contacts for peace	33.1	5.7	28.5
Continuing in the same way (do not read)	4.6	6.4	4.9
Don't know/Refuse	9.8	6.7	9.3

10. How would you define at present the relations between the Israeli government and the U.S. administration headed by President Obama?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very poor	21.7	16.4	20.8
Moderately poor	47.0	15.9	41.8
Moderately good	26.1	17.0	24.6
Very good	1.7	33.2	7.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6	17.4	5.9

11. And what about the relations between the Israeli people and the American people?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very poor	3.0	0	2.5
Moderately poor	8.3	7.7	8.2
Moderately good	62.8	37.8	58.7
Very good	19.1	31.4	21.1
Don't know/ Decline to answer	6.8	23.0	9.5

12. Who, in your opinion, is more responsible for the ongoing crisis in relations between the Israeli government headed by Netanyahu and the U.S. administration headed by President Obama?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The Israeli side	29.7	34.0	30.4
The American side	46.6	9.6	40.4
Both sides to the same extent (do not read)	17.8	33.0	20.3
Don't know/ Decline to answer	6.0	23.5	8.9

13. In Defense Minister Moshe (Boogie) Yaalon's most recent visit to the United States last week, most of the senior officials in the U.S. administration refused to meet with him because of the critical statements he had made in the past about U.S. secretary of state John Kerry. What is your position on this measure by the Americans?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very justified	9.6	12.3	10.1
Moderately justified	22.8	27.6	23.6
Not so justified	22.4	17.5	21.6
Not justified at all	38.2	11.4	33.8
Don't know/ Decline to answer	6.9	31.2	10.9

14. In your opinion, what was the main reason that Netanyahu recently gave an order to renew construction in the territories: a real belief that renewing the construction will serve Israel's national interests, or the desire to strengthen his status with the right wing and the settlers?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A real belief that renewing construction will serve the Israeli national interests	21.8	13.9	20.5
The desire to strengthen his status with the right wing and the settlers	64.0	51.9	62.0
Both to the same extent (do not read)	7.9	18.8	9.7
Don't know/ Decline to answer	6.3	15.4	7.8

15. In your opinion, what are the chances that if the crisis in relations continues, U.S.-Israeli relations will deteriorate to the point that the United States is no longer the very close ally of Israel?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high chances	6.9	7.7	7.0
Moderately high chances	16.6	6.5	14.9
Moderately low chances	38.9	33.2	37.9
Very low chances	33.4	38.9	34.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.2	13.7	5.8

16. Some claim that if there is a rift and the United States no longer vetoes anti-Israeli Security Council resolutions, greatly reduces its economic support for Israel, and stops providing Israel with the most advanced military equipment, Israel's national security will suffer a heavy blow. Others claim that a reduction in U.S. support for Israel in these areas would lead Israel to rely on itself and strengthen its independence. With which position do you agree more?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
With the position that a reduction in U.S. support would deal a heavy blow to Israel's national security	46.8	51.5	47.6
With the position that a reduction in U.S. support would strengthen Israel's independence	39.7	26.4	37.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.4	22.1	14.9

17. Recently the Swedish government officially recognized the Palestinian state. Would recognition of a Palestinian state by additional countries in the world, even though there is no peace agreement between the sides, harm or not harm Israel's national interests?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it would harm them	27.2	22.8	26.5
I think it would harm them	34.2	31.4	33.7
I think it wouldn't harm them	20.9	24.0	21.4
I'm sure it wouldn't harm them	14.2	7.9	13.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6	13.9	5.3