

The Peace Index – October 2016

(N=600, 500 Jews, 100 Arabs)

5-9/10/2016

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	26.4	67.4	33.3
Moderately in favor	32.7	13.1	29.4
Moderately opposed	20.8	7.3	18.5
Strongly opposed	15.0	8.3	13.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1	4.0	4.9
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	6.7	32.8	11.0
Moderately believe	18.7	15.8	18.2
Moderately do not believe	33.2	5.9	28.6
Do not believe at all	37.8	41.7	38.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.7	3.8	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3: In your opinion, what is Israel's overall situation today?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	9.7	40.3	14.8
Moderately good	34.0	22.7	32.1
Medium	36.8	15.8	33.3
Moderately poor	13.1	8.0	12.3
Very poor	5.8	8.5	6.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.6	4.8	1.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4: In your assessment, what will be Israel's overall situation in the new year that is now beginning?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Much better than last year	7.5	32.9	11.7
A little better than last year	15.0	21.5	16.1
About like last year	55.9	30.0	51.5
A little worse than last year	13.3	2.5	11.5
Much worse than last year	3.0	2.5	3.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.3	10.7	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

And in each of the following domains separately, will Israel's situation in the year that is now beginning be:

5: In the military-security domain:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Better	27.4	39.9	29.5
About the same	56.7	39.0	53.8
Worse	11.6	6.2	10.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.2	14.9	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. In the socioeconomic domain:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Better	19.5	42.6	23.4
About the same	46.7	45.8	46.6
Worse	29.5	2.8	25.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.3	8.8	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. In the political-diplomatic domain:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Better	14.3	42.3	19.0
About the same	54.6	35.5	51.4
Worse	24.2	9.1	21.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.9	13.1	7.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. In the domain of disputes between different parts of the public:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Better	10.2	31.6	13.7
About the same	53.9	43.7	52.2
Worse	32.4	13.2	29.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.5	11.5	4.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9: At the funeral of the late president Shimon Peres, his two sons and his daughter recited the *Kaddish* prayer for him. In your opinion, was it appropriate or inappropriate that Peres's daughter, too, said *Kaddish* for him even though according to Orthodox religious practice women do not say *Kaddish* for a parent who has died?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it's appropriate that the daughter also said <i>Kaddish</i> for him	38.7	9.4	33.8
I think it's appropriate	20.5	20.1	20.5
I think it's inappropriate	13.9	14.4	14.0
I'm sure it's inappropriate that the daughter also said <i>Kaddish</i> for him	20.7	34.7	23.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.2	21.4	8.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10: Some claim that the participation of many world leaders in Peres's funeral was only in honor of the memory of the man because of his efforts to promote peace. Others claim that this large participation was also a sign of Israel's good international standing. With which claim do you agree more?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
That the participation was only in honor of the man because of his efforts to promote peace	76.6	32.1	69.1
That the large participation was also a sign of Israel's good international standing	18.1	48.7	23.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.4	19.2	7.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11: In your opinion, was the participation in Peres's funeral by the head of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), despite the harsh criticism leveled at him by some elements on the Palestinian side, a sign of a Palestinian desire to return to negotiations with Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it was	5.8	42.1	11.9
I think it was	25.6	14.4	23.7
I think it wasn't	38.3	8.2	33.3
I'm sure it wasn't	25.7	24.9	25.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	10.4	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12: At the ceremony for Peres's funeral, Netanyahu in his speech did not mention the presence of Abbas, who was the only Arab leader who came to the funeral. In your opinion, should or should not Netanyahu have referred in the speech to the presence of the head of the Palestinian Authority?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure he should have	19.1	34.6	21.7
I think he should have	30.2	16.1	27.8
I think he should not have	21.3	7.0	18.9
I'm sure he should not have	24.7	28.4	25.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.8	13.9	6.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13: In your opinion, is it desirable or undesirable for Israel to renew the talks on a peace agreement with the Palestinians?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it's desirable	28.2	52.6	32.3
I think it's desirable	37.6	19.1	34.5
I think it's undesirable	17.5	0.9	14.7
I'm sure it's undesirable	13.6	20.5	14.8
Don't know	3.1	6.9	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14: The heads of the Joint Arab List declined to participate in Peres's funeral on the claim that he was a security-minded leader who supported the occupation. Whether or not you think that is true from the Israeli Arabs' standpoint

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very unwise	58.8	31.2	54.2
Moderately unwise	22.3	17.9	21.6
Moderately wise	9.0	2.4	7.9
Very wise	2.9	36.5	8.6

Don't know/Decline to answer	7.0	12.0	7.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15: And was the avoidance of Peres's funeral by the heads of the Joint Arab List, on the claim that he was a security-minded leader who supported the occupation, justified or unjustified from the basic standpoint of the Arab public in Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very justified	1.9	30.0	6.6
Moderately justified	12.8	11.3	12.5
Not so justified	25.3	9.8	22.7
Not justified at all	52.2	32.7	49.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.7	16.2	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16: Soon it will be 30 years since the capture and disappearance of air force navigator Ron Arad. From what you know, did the different Israeli governments do enough or not enough to find out what happened to him and perhaps thereby bring him back?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure they did enough	11.6	27.0	14.2
I think they did enough	22.0	12.4	20.4
I think they didn't do enough	33.3	5.3	28.6
I'm sure they didn't do enough	19.3	29.5	21.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.8	25.9	15.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17: In your opinion, should or should not Israel, in principle, release a substantial number of Palestinian prisoners for the return of the bodies of IDF soldiers?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should not	35.9	9.8	31.5
I think it should not	31.9	2.6	27.0
I think it should	16.4	12.6	15.8
I'm sure it should	5.0	47.1	12.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.8	27.9	13.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

18: And what about releasing a substantial number of Palestinian prisoners for the release of live soldiers who are in captivity?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should not	14.0	4.9	12.5
I think it should not	18.7	1.4	15.8
I think it should	33.3	8.3	29.1

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