

The Peace Index –October 2017

(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	25.3	59.2	30.9
Moderately in favor	37.3	23.9	35.1
Moderately opposed	16.2	4.7	14.3
Strongly opposed	16.9	7.2	15.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.4	5.0	4.5
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	5.4	13.3	6.7
Moderately believe	18.8	16.1	18.3
Moderately do not believe	32.4	15.0	29.5
Do not believe at all	42.0	47.4	42.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.4	8.2	2.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. Which of the following issues is the most important, in your opinion, for ensuring Israel's future?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Reducing the tensions between the different sectors of Israeli society	26.5	11.8	24.1
Improving the education system	22.6	31.3	24.0
Strengthening the bond between the leaders and the people	6.0	5.2	5.9
Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians	11.5	28.0	14.2
Developing the economy	14.8	13.3	14.5
Strengthening the IDF	16.1	3.2	14.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.5	7.2	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. Which is second?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Reducing the tensions between the different sectors of Israeli society	16.2	13.0	15.8
Improving the education system	25.1	35.2	26.5
Strengthening the bond between the leaders and the people	10.5	1.7	9.3
Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians	11.8	16.0	12.4
Developing the economy	21.6	33.0	23.2
Strengthening the IDF	14.7	1.1	12.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. Totals for the two most important issues:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Reducing the tensions between the different sectors of Israeli society	41.9	21.9	38.6
Improving the education system	46.4	58.5	48.4
Strengthening the bond between the leaders and the people	16.0	6.5	14.4
Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians	22.7	40.3	25.7
Developing the economy	35.4	38.9	35.9
Strengthening the IDF	30.1	4.1	25.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.5	7.2	3.3

6. What grade would you give the IDF in each of the following areas? Give your answer on a scale of 1-5 with 1 meaning "Insufficient" and 5 meaning "Excellent."?

a. Operational fitness for combat:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 - Insufficient	1.0	10.1	2.6
2	2.6	9.4	3.7
3	10.2	7.0	9.6
4	38.0	16.8	34.5
5 - Excellent	42.0	29.5	39.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.2	27.1	9.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean	4.25	3.64	4.17

b. Conduct of economic-budgetary matters:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 - Insufficient	12.4	10.5	12.1
2	13.8	10.0	13.1
3	32.9	14.6	29.9
4	22.0	11.2	20.2
5 - Excellent	6.9	19.9	9.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.0	33.8	15.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean	2.97	3.3	3.01

c. Treatment of the soldiers and of their personal problems:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 - Insufficient	9.6	6.8	9.2
2	11.9	9.7	11.5
3	37.4	16.6	33.9
4	23.7	12.3	21.8
5 - Excellent	9.5	15.2	10.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.9	39.4	13.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean	3.13	3.32	3.15

d. Equality between women and men:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 - Insufficient	5.4	7.2	5.7
2	14.2	5.3	12.7
3	24.9	23.8	24.7
4	30.2	17.4	28.1
5 - Excellent	19.6	20.5	19.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.6	25.9	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean	3.47	3.52	3.48

e. Obedience to the elected political leadership of the country:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 - Insufficient	5.3	9.0	5.9
2	5.8	5.1	5.7
3	15.4	25.7	17.1
4	31.7	9.0	27.9
5 - Excellent	33.9	19.4	31.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.9	31.7	11.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Mean	3.9	3.36	3.83
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f. Moral conduct during operational activity:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 - Insufficient	2.5	29.5	7.0
2	3.5	11.3	4.8
3	10.0	19.6	11.6
4	28.0	10.2	25.1
5 - Excellent	50.0	11.0	43.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	18.4	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean	4.27	2.53	4.01

7. In your opinion, does the definition of the IDF as a "people's army" accurately describe the IDF today or not accurately describe it?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very accurately describes it	25.3	16.2	23.8
Moderately accurately	43.5	7.6	37.6
Not so accurately	21.8	14.0	20.5
Not accurately at all	6.2	50.5	13.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.2	11.8	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. What is your opinion about the proposal raised repeatedly in recent years to do away with compulsory conscription and make the IDF a professional army, with those serving in it viewing the service as their professional choice for their lives and being compensated accordingly?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	17.9	48.1	23.0
Moderately support	19.7	23.2	20.3
Don't support so much	28.9	4.4	24.8
Don't support at all	29.7	16.6	27.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.7	7.8	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. Do you support or not support compulsory conscription into the IDF for young haredim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	41.0	31.3	39.4
Moderately support	27.7	10.8	24.9
Don't support so much	15.0	5.2	13.3
Don't support at all	15.0	36.8	18.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.3	15.9	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. Do you support or not support compulsory conscription into the IDF for young Arabs?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	8.4	5.5	7.9
Moderately support	23.2	3.7	20.0
Don't support so much	29.1	3.6	24.9
Don't support at all	34.7	84.9	43.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	2.2	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. What grade would you give the current chief of staff, Lieutenant General Gadi Eisenkot, for the way he has carried out his role? Give your answer on a scale of 1-5 with 1 meaning "Insufficient" and 5 meaning "Excellent."

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 - Insufficient	5.5	7.9	5.9
2	4.5	13.1	5.9
3	16.7	28.0	18.6
4	31.8	9.3	28.1
5 - Excellent	24.0	5.2	20.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.6	36.4	20.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean	3.78	2.85	3.66

12. What grade would you give the current defense minister, Avigdor Lieberman, for the way he has carried out his role? Give your answer on a scale of 1-5 with 1 meaning "Insufficient" and 5 meaning "Excellent."

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 - Insufficient	12.0	44.9	17.5
2	12.3	17.5	13.1
3	27.9	9.5	24.8
4	26.3	2.6	22.4
5 - Excellent	13.2	3.7	11.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.3	21.7	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean	3.18	1.76	2.97

13. Recently a law has been proposed, known as the French Law, which stipulates that a serving prime minister will not be investigated as long as he is in office. Those supporting the law claim that being investigated while still in office prevents the prime minister from concentrating on fulfilling his national function; those opposing it claim that the prime minister is the same as any citizen and if there are significant suspicions against him he should be investigated in the regular way. What is your opinion on this proposal?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly oppose	45.0	70.0	49.2
Moderately oppose	20.7	15.8	19.9
Moderately support	17.7	0.0	14.7
Strongly support	12.0	10.8	11.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	3.5	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14. Do you agree or disagree with the prime minister's claim that the investigations of him being conducted by the police and the state attorney are a result of his opponents' political desire to oust him?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree with the claim	19.1	3.4	16.5
Moderately agree	19.2	13.6	18.3
Don't agree so much	22.2	15.3	21.0
Don't agree at all	35.8	52.5	38.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.8	15.2	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0