

The Peace Index – October (2) 2016

(N=600, 500 Jews, 100 Arabs)

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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	23.0	68.5	30.6
Moderately in favor	37.9	16.6	34.3
Moderately opposed	17.3	5.2	15.3
Strongly opposed	17.2	8.8	15.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	0.9	4.0
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	4.9	19.0	7.2
Moderately believe	19.1	18.1	18.9
Moderately do not believe	33.0	20.6	30.9
Do not believe at all	40.8	38.3	40.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.2	4.0	2.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3: How would you define Israel's security situation today?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	10.7	17.2	11.8
Good	28.0	35.7	29.3
So-so	40.1	23.2	37.3
Poor	14.0	17.7	14.7
Very poor	6.3	4.4	6.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	0.9	1.7	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4: And how would you define Israel's political-diplomatic situation?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	4.7	7.0	5.1
Good	19.8	24.1	20.5
So-so	37.4	35.6	37.1
Poor	22.6	14.9	21.3
Very poor	13.3	6.0	12.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.2	12.3	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5: In an interview Defense Minister Lieberman recently gave to the Palestinian newspaper *Al-Quds*, he said, "The next war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza will be the last. We have no desire to return to the Gaza Strip and conquer it, but if a new war is forced on us—it will be Hamas's last, because we will destroy it completely." In your opinion, is Israel capable or incapable of destroying Hamas in Gaza if it decides to do so?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is capable	38.1	15.3	34.3
I think it is capable	29.1	4.2	25.0
I think it is incapable	21.2	26.2	22.1
I'm sure it is incapable	8.9	43.8	14.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.6	10.5	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. In the same interview Minister Lieberman said that if Hamas stops digging tunnels and firing rockets at the south, Israel will help them build a port, an airport, and other facilities for economic growth in Gaza. In your opinion, is this an appropriate offer from Israel's standpoint?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A very appropriate offer	18.4	5.8	16.3
A moderately appropriate offer	35.3	22.3	33.2
Not such an appropriate offer	20.3	16.1	19.6
A totally inappropriate offer	23.1	51.2	27.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.8	4.5	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. If Israel does succeed to destroy Hamas in Gaza, what, in your opinion, will then happen in Gaza?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Israel will have to return to Gaza and run its affairs	22.4	16.0	21.3
Fatah will take power in Gaza	15.3	24.7	16.9
An Islamic movement more radical than Hamas, such as Al-Qaeda or Da'esh, will take power in Gaza	20.8	12.8	19.5
There will be chaos and anarchy in Gaza	30.5	28.1	30.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.0	18.5	12.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. In your opinion, is Hamas currently interested or uninterested in another war with Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is not	8.5	48.7	15.2
I think it is not	31.1	20.0	29.3
I think it is	31.2	10.2	27.7
I'm sure it is	23.2	10.3	21.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.9	10.8	6.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9: The Democratic candidate for the U.S. presidency, Hillary Clinton, said recently that a diplomatic freeze is preferable to ending the peace process altogether. Do you agree or disagree with this position?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	11.6	20.3	13.0
Moderately agree	32.4	21.4	30.5
Don't agree so much	26.3	16.1	24.6
Don't agree at all	19.0	37.7	22.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.6	4.5	9.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10: In your opinion, generally speaking can the diplomatic freeze between Israel and the Palestinians keep going for a long time?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it can keep going for a long time	17.7	29.6	19.7
I think it can keep going for a long time	35.8	23.6	33.7
I think it cannot keep going for a long time	29.9	18.6	28.0
I'm sure it cannot keep going for a long time	11.4	18.2	12.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.3	10.0	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11: (Only for those who said they think or are sure that the current situation cannot keep going) And what, in your opinion, is likely to happen?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A Palestinian uprising will erupt	20.2	28.2	21.4
Israel will come under international pressure to end its control of the territories	46.8	11.3	41.4
Israel will annex Judea and Samaria/the West Bank	10.2	10.8	10.3
Other	7.5	33.6	11.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.4	16.2	15.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12: 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	17.7	4.2	15.4
Moderately in favor	28.2	13.6	25.8
Moderately against	21.3	14.6	20.2
Strongly against	21.1	61.8	27.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.7	5.8	10.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13: Who, in your opinion, will be elected as the U.S. president—Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Clinton	53.4	58.0	54.2
Trump	27.7	23.3	26.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	18.9	18.7	18.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14: Who is the preferable candidate from Israel's standpoint?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Clinton	32.6	22.0	30.9
Trump	32.9	15.4	30.0
The two are the same	9.4	44.1	15.2
Neither of them	9.9	0	8.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.1	18.5	30.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15: Coalition chairman Bitan is working for the cancellation of the Public Broadcasting Corporation, which is supposed to start broadcasting in January, on the grounds that the existing Broadcasting Authority is sufficient after it undergoes a certain streamlining process. In your opinion, does Bitan's effort stem more from a desire to save the state money or more from political motives?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
More from a desire to save the state money	8.9	11.0	9.2
More from political motives	58.6	58.4	58.6
Both to the same degree	12.5	11.7	12.4
Neither of them	2.2	0.6	1.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.8	18.4	17.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16: Minister Miri Regev said not long ago that there is no reason to have public broadcasting if the government does not have control over it. Do you agree or disagree with the idea that the government is entitled to be involved in the contents and the appointments of the public broadcasting networks if it funds them?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	13.2	14.7	13.5
Moderately agree	21.3	17.0	20.6
Don't agree so much	22.4	16.0	21.4
Don't agree at all	38.3	31.3	37.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.7	21.0	7.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17: Prime Minister Netanyahu has been working intensively lately to make major changes in the media market. In your opinion, what is motivating him more?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The desire to make the Israeli media more balanced and high-quality	24.4	7.8	21.6
The desire to strengthen his political control over the Israeli media	66.1	80.2	68.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.5	12.0	9.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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