

The Peace Index – August 2013

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1. What is your position on holding peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly in favor	36.9	31.2	67.7
2. Somewhat in favor	31.0	32.6	22.2
3. Somewhat opposed	11.2	12.7	2.9
4. Strongly opposed	16.1	18.4	3.5
5. Don't know / No answer	4.8	5.0	3.8

2. Do you believe or not believe that negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will lead to peace between Israel and the Palestinians in the coming years?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly believe	9.1	7.7	16.5
2. Somewhat believe	25.0	24.0	30.3
3. Somewhat don't believe	21.1	20.6	24.0
4. Don't believe at all	42.9	46.5	23.5
5. Don't know / No answer	1.9	1.2	5.6

3. The European Union has adopted a resolution prohibiting all 28 of its countries from cooperating with or giving economic assistance to Israeli entities that are active in the territories, including research grants and scholarships. To what extent do this resolution and international calls for a boycott of Israeli products endanger or not endanger Israel economically?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1.			
2. They do not endanger Israel at all	14.9	14.3	18.0
3. They hardly endanger Israel	12.1	12.8	8.0
4. They endanger Israel a little	37.0	39.3	24.5
5. They endanger Israel a lot	29.6	27.7	39.7
6. Don't know / No answer	6.4	5.8	9.7

4. In your opinion, does this EU resolution indicate a significant danger to Israel's status in the international community?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I am sure it indicates a significant danger	17.5	17.6	16.4
2. I think it indicates a significant danger	30.7	31.3	27.4
3. I don't think it indicates a significant danger	29.6	28.7	34.0
4. I'm sure it doesn't indicate a significant danger	17.9	18.7	13.8
5. Don't know / No answer	4.4	3.6	8.5

5. Recently, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said that if an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement is signed, as far as the Palestinians are concerned, it will mark the end of the historic conflict between the two peoples. Do you believe or not believe that the Palestinians would indeed see the signing of an agreement as marking the end of the conflict, as Israel demands?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I don't believe it at all	50.7	54.6	29.4
2. I don't believe it so much	22.2	22.9	18.4
3. I somewhat believe it	18.2	15.7	32.0
4. I strongly believe it	5.7	4.6	11.6
5. Don't know / No answer	3.3	2.3	8.6

6. Prime Minister Netanyahu recently said that a peace agreement is vital to preventing a situation in which Israel would become a bi-national state without a Jewish majority in the foreseeable future. In your opinion, is this statement by the prime minister true or untrue?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. True	45.4	47.6	33.7
2. Untrue	45.7	45.0	49.8
3. Don't know / No answer	8.8	7.4	16.5

7. **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement by Minister Naftali Bennett that the idea of a Palestinian state within the Land of Israel has died, or, in other words, that the concept of two states for two peoples has died?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I strongly agree	25.0	27.8	9.8
2. I somewhat agree	14.6	13.3	21.8
3. I don't agree so much	27.3	28.6	20.3
4. I don't agree at all	27.3	25.4	37.5
5. Don't know / No answer	5.7	4.8	10.6

8. **As we know, it was the Americans who initiated the current Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. In this context, in your opinion, to what extent is President Obama in fact committed to safeguarding Israel's security?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. He is very committed to safeguarding Israel's security	39.3	34.5	65.3
2. He is moderately committed	33.4	36.4	17.1
3. He is not so committed	14.3	16.3	2.9
4. He is not at all committed to safeguarding Israel's security	9.4	10.2	5.0
5. Don't know / No answer	3.6	2.5	9.7

9. **According to media reports, Israel has been trying to persuade the United States and Europe not to halt economic aid to Egypt, so as to help the Egyptian army, which overthrew President Morsi, overcome Egypt's crisis and stabilize its government. If indeed these reports are accurate, has Israel acted wisely or unwisely in trying to persuade the United States and Europe to continue the economic aid to Egypt?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure Israel acted wisely	31.3	33.8	17.6
2. I think Israel acted wisely	30.0	32.1	18.9
3. I think Israel acted unwisely	16.1	14.5	24.7
4. I'm sure Israel acted unwisely	7.7	5.9	17.4
5. Don't know / No answer	14.9	13.7	21.4

10. In your opinion, in terms of Israel's interests, is it good or not good that the Egyptian army overthrew President Morsi?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	25.1	25.3	24.1
2. Good	29.0	30.8	19.6
3. Not so good	13.7	12.7	19.1
4. Not good at all	7.9	6.8	14.1
5. Don't know / No answer	24.2	24.4	23.2

11. How will Morsi's ouster by the army affect Israeli-Egyptian relations, if at all?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It will greatly improve relations	8.0	6.1	18.3
2. It will moderately improve relations	22.7	23.7	17.2
3. It won't affect relations	33.5	34.5	28.3
4. It will moderately damage relations	8.5	8.5	8.5
5. It will greatly damage relations	3.5	3.1	6.0
6. Don't know / No answer	23.8	24.2	21.7

12. If the United States and its allies attack Syria soon in response to the use of chemical weapons by Assad's forces, do you think that Syria will or will not carry out its threat to attack Israel in response?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I think Syria will carry out its threat to attack Israel	45.0	45.9	40.0
2. I think Syria will not carry out its threat to attack Israel	42.4	41.5	46.9
3. Don't know / No answer	12.6	12.6	13.1

13. And if the United States indeed leads an attack on Syria, how do you think this will affect the status of the United States as a key player in the Middle East?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It will not affect the status of the US as a key player in the Middle East one way or another	20.7	20.8	20.3
2. It will increase the status of the US as a key player	49.6	54.0	25.7
3. It will decrease the status of the US as a key player	17.0	13.9	33.5
4. Don't know / No answer	12.7	11.3	20.5

14. A new year is approaching. In each of the following areas, in your opinion, will Israel's situation in the coming year improve, worsen, or remain the same?

14.1 Military-security

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Improve	28.5	28.3	29.8
2. Remain the same	43.4	46.1	28.6
3. Worsen	18.0	16.4	26.9
4. Don't know / No answer	10.1	9.2	14.8

14.2 Political-diplomatic (foreign relations)

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Improve	23.6	24.1	21.0
2. Remain the same	46.5	49.8	28.8
3. Worsen	19.5	16.6	35.1
4. Don't know / No answer	10.4	9.5	15.0

14.3 Narrowing social gaps

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Improve	15.0	14.5	17.8
2. Remain the same	39.4	40.1	35.6
3. Worsen	37.8	38.1	36.2
4. Don't know / No answer	7.8	7.3	10.4

14.4 Economic stability

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Improve	20.0	19.5	22.6
2. Remain the same	36.2	38.6	22.9
3. Worsen	33.7	31.9	43.1
4. Don't know / No answer	10.2	9.9	11.4

14.5 Personal security of citizens

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Improve	19.7	20.5	15.7
2. Remain the same	47.2	49.6	34.1
3. Worsen	25.0	22.4	38.9
4. Don't know / No answer	8.1	7.5	11.3

14.6 Attentiveness of leaders to the public

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Improve	17.4	17.6	16.2
2. Remain the same	51.4	56.1	25.8
3. Worsen	18.9	17.2	28.5
4. Don't know / No answer	12.3	9.2	29.5