

### The Peace Index – April 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	32.1	31.2	37.2
2. Somewhat in favor	36.5	32.9	58.1
3. Somewhat opposed	10.9	12.8	
4. Strongly opposed	14.7	16.7	3.0
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.7	31.2	6.4

#### 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	7.1	6.8	9.0
2. Somewhat believe	25.2	24.0	32.3
3. Somewhat don't believe	24.4	22.6	35.2
4. Don't believe at all	40.9	44.2	21.1
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.4	2.4	2.4

#### 3. What in your opinion are the chances of renewing the peace negotiations with the Palestinian Authority in the coming year?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high	2.7	2.6	3.1
2. Moderately high	21.7	20.5	29.1
3. Moderately low	41.8	40.7	48.1
4. Very low	27.9	29.7	17.1
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.9	6.5	2.6

**4. In your opinion, which side is more responsible for the deadlock in the negotiations?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Mainly the Israeli side	10.4	6.5	35.9
2. Mainly the Palestinian side	43.3	48.1	12.3
3. Both to an equal extent	43.2	42.1	50.2
4. Don't know / Refuse to answer	3.0	3.3	1.6

**5. In light of the recent terrorist attack at the Boston Marathon by brothers from Chechnya as part of a radical Muslim struggle against the West, in your opinion will the U.S. administration be more attentive, less attentive, or attentive to the same degree as it has been to Israel's security needs in the past?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Much more	10.8	8.9	22.6
2. A little more	18.3	17.8	21.1
3. The same as it has been	63.8	66.8	45.7
4. A little less	1.8	1.5	3.5
5. Much less	0.6	0.5	0.7
6. Don't know / Refuse to answer	4.8	4.5	6.4

**6. How will the Boston attack affect U.S. public opinion regarding Israel's security needs?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Much more of the public will support Israel	14.0	11.5	28.9
2. A little more of the public will support Israel	34.5	37.0	19.7
3. It will have no effect one way or the other	43.0	44.2	35.9
4. A little more of the public will oppose supporting Israel	1.9	2.1	1.0
5. Much more of the public will oppose supporting Israel	0.8	0.6	2.3
6. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.7	4.6	12.1

**7. A government cannot devote the same amount of attention to all issues.**

**7.1 Among the following issues, which in your opinion is the most important issue for the new Israeli government to address?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Reducing the large deficit in the state budget	13.2	12.3	18.6
2. Closing socioeconomic gaps	37.7	38.6	32.1
3. Negotiations with the Palestinians	11.2	9.8	19.1
4. Public order and violence	14.7	14.5	15.7
5. Protecting the environment	2.1	1.7	4.3
6. The Iranian threat	14.8	15.6	10.2
7. Haredi integration	6.3	7.3	

**7.2 Which issue do you consider to be second in importance?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Reducing the large deficit in the state budget	16.9	17.7	12.2
2. Closing socioeconomic gaps	23.4	24.2	18.7
3. Negotiations with the Palestinians	12.4	10.8	21.5
4. Public order and violence	16.2	15.2	22.0
5. Protecting the environment	4.1	3.1	10.1
6. The Iranian threat	17.1	18.3	10.3
7. Haredi integration	9.0	9.9	3.5
8.	0.9	0.8	1.7

**8. To what extent do you feel economically stable at present?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I do not feel stable at all	10.0	8.4	19.7
2. I do not feel so stable	18.6	18.8	17.9
3. In between	33.4	34.0	30.0
4. I feel somewhat stable	28.5	28.7	27.0
5. I feel very stable	8.5	9.0	5.4
6. Don't know / Refuse to answer	1.0	1.1	

**9. To what extent do you feel secure in the military-security sphere?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I do not feel secure at all	5.6	4.8	10.5
2. I do not feel so secure	11.4	11.4	11.6
3. In between	19.3	18.8	22.6
4. I feel fairly secure	43.6	46.2	28.2
5. I feel very secure	17.8	16.8	24.1
6. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.2	2.1	3.0

**10. Recently the Israeli government made a decision to ease restrictions on flights to and from Israel as part of an "open skies" policy and an agreement that was signed with the European Union aimed at lowering the prices of flights. The decision was made despite the position of the Israeli airlines and the Histadrut trade union, which both claimed that the change would harm the competitiveness of El Al, Israir, and Arkia and would cause numerous dismissals of workers. What is your position on the government's decision on the open skies issue?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I strongly support the decision	43.6	46.2	28.1
2. I moderately support the decision	33.8	31.2	49.3
3. I moderately oppose the decision	7.5	6.9	11.0
4. I strongly oppose the decision	3.0	3.2	2.2
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	12.0	12.5	9.4

**11. Recently there have been several clashes between the police and the Women of the Wall, a group of women who insist on their equal right to pray out loud at the Western Wall while wearing prayer shawls and phylacteries. To what extent do you support or oppose allowing the Women of the Wall to pray at the Western Wall as they see fit?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	25.9	29.5	4.0
2. Moderately support	21.8	18.8	40.0
3. Moderately oppose	15.2	13.6	24.9
4. Strongly oppose	23.3	24.6	15.6
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	13.7	13.4	15.5

**12. Now that the court has ruled that the prayer of the Women of the Wall at the Western Wall does not violate the “custom of the place” and is not a criminal offense (and that there is no justification for preventing them from praying at the Western Wall plaza), in your opinion should they or should they not be allowed to pray there as they see fit, even if many religious figures and populations say it violates their tradition and offends their feelings?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I am sure they should be allowed to pray as they see fit	30.2	33.6	9.9
2. I think they should be allowed to pray as they see fit	24.5	22.5	36.8
3. I think they should not be allowed to pray as they see fit	15.1	13.6	23.4
4. I'm sure they should not be allowed to pray as they see fit	19.3	20.6	11.7
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	10.9	9.7	18.2

**13. After pressure from the media and public opinion, Bank Leumi recently canceled an agreement with businessman Nochi Dankner that was supposed to help him deal with his debt to the bank. Experts on the issue claim this agreement was advisable from an economic standpoint because it would have reduced the bank's anticipated losses. Others claim that even if the agreement was economically advisable, it should have been canceled so that wealthy people would learn a lesson (and so that the banks would not give the wealthy preferential treatment over ordinary citizens). With which position do you agree more?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. That the agreement should have been maintained so as to reduce the bank's losses	13.5	12.9	16.7
2. That the agreement should have been canceled so as to teach wealthy people a lesson	67.0	67.4	64.3
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	19.5	19.6	18.9

**14. To what extent are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the performance of new finance minister Yair Lapid?**

	<b>General Public</b>	<b>Jews</b>	<b>Arabs</b>
1. Very satisfied	11.4	12.5	4.4
2. Fairly satisfied	23.1	25.1	10.8
3. Not so satisfied	17.7	16.5	24.9
4. Not satisfied at all	16.8	14.5	31.0
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	31.0	31.3	28.8