

The Peace Index – February 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	40.0	28.9	82.4
2. Somewhat in favor	34.3	37.5	7.7
3. Somewhat opposed	12.2	15.6	4.4
4. Strongly opposed	10.8	14.4	5.5
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.7	3.6	

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	9.3	4.5	34.1
2. Somewhat believe	26.7	25.2	22.0
3. Somewhat don't believe	25.5	29.7	7.7
4. Don't believe at all	37.3	39.6	35.2
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	1.2	1.0	1.1

3. According to your gut feeling as well as what you hear, what is President Obama's attitude toward Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very friendly	14.0	5.6	53.8
2. Somewhat friendly	28.5	30.8	13.2
3. Businesslike only—neutral	44.5	51.2	11.0
4. Somewhat hostile	8.2	9.0	6.6
5. Very hostile	2.3	1.5	8.8
6. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.5	1.9	6.6

4. How would you characterize the position of U.S. President Barack Obama toward Israel and the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. More pro-Israel	24.8	17.7	70.3
2. More pro-Palestinian	17.8	23.1	6.6
3. Balanced	51.5	52.5	19.8
4. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.9	6.7	3.3

5. To what extent do you currently trust or not trust U.S. President Barack Obama to consider Israel's interests and safeguard them?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I trust him greatly	14.8	6.2	56.0
2. I trust him somewhat	37.5	38.4	23.1
3. I don't trust him so much	34.0	40.0	7.7
4. I don't trust him at all	12.0	13.5	11.0
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	1.7	1.9	2.2

6. Some say President Obama would not have come to visit Israel if it had not been agreed in advance that the visit will yield some sort of significant result that will soften the positions of both sides—the Israelis and the Palestinians. In your opinion, is this assessment correct or incorrect?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very correct	9.0	6.2	25.3
2. Somewhat correct	41.7	44.6	17.6
3. Somewhat incorrect	19.7	22.4	7.7
4. Not correct at all	16.0	12.7	38.5
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	13.7	14.1	11.0

7. In your opinion, should Israel show more flexibility than it currently shows in order to help President Obama put the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations back on track or should it not)?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it should show more flexibility	23.3	14.9	58.2
2. I think it should show more flexibility	32.8	34.6	13.2
3. I think it should not show more flexibility	21.2	23.5	8.8
4. I'm sure it should not show more flexibility	19.5	24.4	14.3
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	3.2	2.5	5.5

8. To what extent do you believe or not believe that President Obama has the ability to bring about a real breakthrough in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I strongly believe he has the ability	6.5	3.1	23.1
2. I somewhat believe he has the ability	32.8	33.6	18.7
3. I somewhat don't believe he has the ability	30.8	34.3	12.1
4. I don't believe he has the ability at all	27.5	27.5	42.9
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.3	1.5	3.3

9. What grade would you give Benjamin Netanyahu for the way in which he is conducting the coalition negotiations?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	9.0	8.5	12.1
2. Good	38.5	39.4	33.0
3. Poor	24.0	24.3	20.9
4. Very poor	20.2	19.5	26.4
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	8.3	8.4	7.7

10. And what grade would you give Yair Lapid's Yesh Atid party for the way in which it is conducting the coalition negotiations?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	22.5	22.8	12.1
2. Good	38.8	39.0	40.7
3. Poor	13.7	13.7	15.4
4. Very poor	15.5	15.7	19.8
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	9.5	8.8	12.1

11. And what grade would you give Naftali Bennett's Habayit Hayehudi party for the way in which it is conducting the coalition negotiations?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Right	17.8	19.4	9.9
2. Moderate right	40.0	40.4	20.9
3. Center	14.3	13.6	28.6
4. Moderate left	14.3	14.5	26.4
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	13.5	12.2	14.3

12. As part of the coalition agreement, Tzipi Livni, the head of the Hatnuah party, received a promise from Netanyahu that she will coordinate the negotiations with the Palestinians. In your opinion, to what extent is Livni suitable or unsuitable to coordinate these negotiations?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very suitable	17.2	14.4	24.2
2. Somewhat suitable	30.7	32.0	12.1
3. Somewhat unsuitable	20.0	21.8	14.3
4. Not suitable at all	28.5	28.1	45.1
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	3.7	3.7	4.4

13. It appears at the moment that Yair Lapid will be appointed finance minister. In your opinion, is Lapid suited or unsuited to be finance minister?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very suited	8.8	5.7	27.5
2. Somewhat suited	27.5	27.1	24.2
3. Somewhat unsuited	26.3	28.2	7.7
4. Totally unsuited	26.3	27.9	25.3
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	11.0	11.1	15.4

14. According to the way the coalition negotiations appear at present, Yesh Atid and Habayit Hayehudi will be senior partners in the next coalition, while the Haredi parties will remain outside the government. Do you support or oppose such a coalition?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	37.2	39.0	24.2
2. Somewhat support	26.7	30.0	7.7
3. Somewhat oppose	13.2	13.4	8.8
4. Strongly oppose	17.7	14.5	42.9
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.3	3.1	16.5

15. Some claim that the latest election results reflect a strong desire for a “new politics” and a “new breed” of politicians, while others claim that the elections did not show a desire for significant political change. With which view do you agree more?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. With the claim that the election results reflected a desire for a “new politics”	67.0	72.9	34.1
2. With the claim that the election results did not reveal a desire for significant change	29.0	23.5	57.1
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	4.0	3.6	8.8

16. In your opinion, to what extent were the results of the latest elections influenced by the protest of the summer of 2011—if at all?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. To a very great extent	16.5	16.7	12.1
2. To a great extent	31.5	33.9	13.2
3. To a small extent	33.2	32.5	37.4
4. Not at all	15.3	14.1	27.5
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	3.5	2.9	9.9