

The Peace Index – December 2010

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1. What is your attitude towards the peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian authority?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly in favor	38.2	32.0	73.3
2. Somewhat in favor	37.0	41.6	11.1
3. Somewhat opposed	11.9	13.4	3.3
4. Strongly opposed	9.6	9.5	10.0
5. I don't know	2.2	2.4	1.1
6. Refuse to answer	1.1	1.1	1.1

2. To what extent do you 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	5.8	27.8
2. Somewhat believe	23.4	22.8	26.7
3. Somewhat disbelieve	32.1	36.2	8.9
4. Strongly disbelieve	33.8	33.5	35.6
5. I don't know	1.4	1.5	1.1
6. Refuse to answer	0.2	0.2	

3. Lately there has been much harsh criticism of Israel in the world, to the point of delegitimization. Yet last week, when the fire raged in the Carmel, many countries including Greece, Bulgaria, Russia, the United States, Turkey, and even the Palestinian Authority hastened to send assistance. Against this background, in your opinion, is Israel today:

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Extremely isolated in the international arena	8.5	8.2	10.0
2. Fairly isolated	30.1	31.5	22.2
3. Not so isolated	39.7	40.4	35.6
4. Not isolated at all	19.6	18.0	28.9
5. Don't know	2.0	1.9	2.2
6. Refuse to answer	0.2		1.1

4. **There is an opinion that says the criticism of Israel in Europe and the United States is a result of the occupation and of the government's stubborn policy toward ending the conflict with the Palestinians, and that if there is a change in Israel's policy then attitudes toward Israel will also change for the better. On the other hand, there is an opinion that says there will always be harsh criticism of Israel in Europe and the United States without connection to Israel's actions and policy. With which opinion, the first or the second, do you agree more?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. With the first opinion that says a change in Israeli policy will bring about a change for the better in attitudes toward Israel	36.0	33.8	48.9
2. With the second opinion that says there will always be harsh criticism of Israel	56.8	61.6	30.0
3. Don't know	5.7	3.8	16.7
4. Refuse to answer	1.4	0.8	4.4

5. **Some say that without an imminent breakthrough in the peace process, there is a great danger that the Palestinian Authority will collapse and Israel will find itself ruling over territories heavily populated by Palestinians who lack civil rights, and hence will lose its character as both a Jewish and a democratic state. In your opinion, is there or is there not such a danger?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure there is a danger	10.7	9.1	20.0
2. I think there is a danger	23.5	23.5	23.3
3. I think there isn't a danger	31.3	34.5	13.3
4. I'm sure there isn't a danger	24.8	23.3	33.3
5. Don't know	8.9	9.3	6.7
6. Refuse to answer	0.7	0.2	3.3

6. Should Today there is talk of a process of reconciliation between Turkey and Israel. Do you support or oppose Israel taking the following steps to bring about a resolution of the severe crisis in relations with Turkey?:

a) Israel will pay compensation to the families of those who were killed in the flotilla.

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	11.8	3.1	61.1
2. Moderately support	13.0	13.4	11.1
3. Moderately oppose	22.3	25.4	4.4
4. Strongly oppose	49.4	55.2	16.7
5. Don't know	3.1	2.9	4.4
6. Refuse to answer	0.3		2.2

b) Israel will accept the Turkish demand to apologize for the flotilla incident.

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	13.1	4.7	61.1
2. Moderately support	16.5	16.3	17.8
3. Moderately oppose	22.5	25.9	3.3
4. Strongly oppose	45.0	51.0	11.1
5. Don't know	2.5	2.2	4.4
6. Refuse to answer	0.3		2.2

7. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 indicates the most hostile attitude toward Israel and 5 indicates an attitude that is not hostile toward Israel, where would you put each of the following Muslim countries? (More than one country can be ranked in each place.)

Iran

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most hostile	85.0	89.0	62.2
2.	3.7	2.9	7.8
3.	2.8	1.6	10.0
4.	0.8	0.4	3.3
5. Least hostile	6.1	5.6	8.9
Refuse to answer	1.6	0.6	7.8

Jordan

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most hostile	6.2	6.5	4.4
2.	16.1	17.8	6.7
3.	31.0	34.5	11.1
4.	25.4	27.5	13.3
5. Least hostile	19.7	13.0	57.8
Refuse to answer	1.6	0.7	6.7

Egypt

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most hostile	8.2	8.3	7.8
2.	17.0	18.8	6.7
3.	36.2	41.0	8.9
4.	23.1	24.4	15.6
5. Least hostile	13.4	7.0	50.0
Refuse to answer	2.1	0.5	11.1

Turkey

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most hostile	28.1	30.5	14.4
2.	28.2	31.4	10.0
3.	24.8	25.2	22.2
4.	9.6	8.0	18.9
5. Least hostile	7.5	4.1	26.7
Refuse to answer	1.8	0.7	7.8

Saudi Arabia

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most hostile	14.6	15.4	10.0
2.	20.3	22.7	6.7
3.	34.4	36.7	21.1
4.	14.3	14.4	13.3
5. Least hostile	12.2	7.3	40.0
Refuse to answer	4.2	3.4	8.9

The Palestinian Authority

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most hostile	41.3	44.1	25.6
2.	24.3	25.3	18.9
3.	17.6	18.0	15.6
4.	5.7	5.4	7.8
5. Least hostile	9.1	6.4	24.4
Refuse to answer	1.9	0.9	7.8

Lebanon

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most hostile	39.7	40.4	35.6
2.	26.7	29.1	13.3
3.	17.0	17.3	15.6
4.	6.6	6.5	6.7
5. Least hostile	7.2	5.0	20.0
Refuse to answer	2.7	1.6	8.9

Morocco

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most hostile	9.0	9.0	8.9
2.	10.6	11.1	7.8
3.	31.9	34.6	16.7
4.	20.6	22.6	8.9
5. Least hostile	20.4	16.0	45.6
Refuse to answer	7.6	6.8	12.2

8. It was recently reported in the media that certain Arab countries have asked the United States to attack the nuclear facilities that are being built in Iran. In your opinion, should or should not Israel try to establish cooperation with these Arab countries to thwart Iran's nuclear program?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure Israel should	29.6	29.6	30.0
2. I think Israel should	29.3	33.3	6.7
3. I think Israel shouldn't	20.4	19.9	23.3
4. I'm sure Israel shouldn't	14.4	13.6	18.9
5. Don't know	4.8	3.4	12.2
6. Refuse to answer	1.5	0.2	8.9

9. Is it wise or unwise for Israel to show more flexibility in negotiations with the Palestinians so as to reach an agreement with them and thereby increase the chances of strategic cooperation with Arab countries that oppose Iran?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it is wise	22.6	19.1	42.2
2. I think it is wise	30.7	31.8	24.4
3. I think it isn't wise	22.6	25.0	8.9
4. I'm sure it isn't wise	18.2	19.6	10.0
5. Don't know	5.3	4.5	10.0
6. Refuse to answer	0.7		4.4

- 10. In a speech on Saturday, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated that the attempt to reach an understanding with Israel on a construction freeze in the settlements had failed, and while the United States will not impose a solution on the parties, it will demand that Israel and the Palestinians work out the core issues themselves—borders, settlements, Jerusalem, refugees, and so on—with the aim of reaching a permanent settlement in a short time. In your opinion, it is appropriate or inappropriate to discuss these core issues at present?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very appropriate	22.6	18.4	46.7
2. Moderately appropriate	29.3	32.5	11.1
3. Moderately inappropriate	19.4	20.8	11.1
4. Not at all appropriate	22.9	22.4	25.6
5. Don't know	4.8	5.7	5.6
6. Refuse to answer	1.0	0.2	

- 11. In retrospect, and given the tension with the U.S. administration that was generated, was the Israeli government right or wrong in refusing to agree to the three-month construction freeze in the settlements requested by President Obama?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it was wrong	25.0	21.3	45.6
2. I think it was wrong	17.2	17.7	14.4
3. I think it was right	22.7	24.5	12.2
4. I'm sure it was right	27.9	31.1	10.0
5. Don't know	6.4	5.4	12.2
6. Refuse to answer	0.8		5.6

- 12. Some say the many past failures of Israel and the Palestinians to reach a peace agreement through direct talks prove that the only chance for peace in the region is an agreement imposed on the two sides by the United States and international players such as the Quartet. In your opinion, can or cannot an externally imposed agreement lead to a stable and ongoing Israeli-Palestinian peace?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it can	9.9	6.2	31.1
2. I think it can	16.8	15.4	24.4
3. I think it can't	26.2	27.9	16.7
4. I'm sure it can't	42.9	47.7	15.6
5. Don't know	3.3	2.7	6.7
6. Refuse to answer	1.0	0.2	5.6

13. The United States is currently considered Israel's greatest friend in the world. In light of the recurrent tensions with the Obama administration over the past two years, is there or is there not, in your opinion, a danger that the United States will distance itself from Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. There is a great danger	5.5	4.9	8.9
2. There is a moderately great danger	14.6	15.8	7.8
3. There is a small danger	31.4	34.2	15.6
4. There is no danger at all	45.6	43.5	57.8
5. Don't know	1.7	1.3	4.4
6. Refuse to answer	1.1	0.4	5.6