

The Peace Index – December 2011

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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	28.4	29.1	24.4
2. Moderately in favor	39.1	39.1	38.9
3. Moderately opposed	18.4	16.5	28.9
4. Strongly opposed	11.4	12.2	6.7
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.8	3.1	1.1

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	5.8	6.0	4.4
2. Moderately believe	22.1	23.3	15.6
3. Moderately don't believe	32.1	31.3	36.7
4. Don't believe at all	38.8	38.6	40.0
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.2	0.8	3.3

3. In your opinion, was Prime Minister Netanyahu right or wrong when he decided not to define the perpetrators of "price-tag" actions as terrorists, while the defense minister and the internal security minister said that perpetrators of such actions should be defined as terrorists to enable effective action against them?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure the prime minister was right when he decided not to define the price-tag perpetrators as terrorists	18.8	21.1	5.6
2. I think the prime minister was right when he decided not to define them as terrorists	24.1	25.0	18.9
3. I think the prime minister was wrong when he decided not to define them as terrorists	22.3	20.6	32.2

4. I'm sure the prime minister was wrong when he decided not to define them as terrorists	28.4	26.4	40.0
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	6.5	7.0	3.3

4. In your opinion, do a majority of the settlers support or oppose price-tag actions (such as uprooting trees, burning mosques, etc.) against Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most of the settlers support them	23.5	18.7	51.1
2. Most of the settlers oppose them	43.0	46.1	25.6
3. About half support them and about half oppose them	26.6	27.5	21.1
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	6.9	7.7	2.2

5. In your opinion, do a majority of the settlers support or oppose price-tag actions against soldiers and IDF property?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most of the settlers support them	10.4	7.1	28.9
2. Most of the settlers oppose them	66.8	71.3	41.1
3. About half support them and about half oppose them	17.6	16.9	21.1
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	5.3	4.6	8.9

6. In the Israeli Jewish public as a whole, does the majority support or oppose price-tag actions against Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most of the Israeli Jewish public supports them	14.8	9.9	42.2
2. Most of the Israeli Jewish public opposes them	52.4	57.1	25.6
3. About half support them and about half oppose them	25.9	25.4	28.9
4. I don't know\ refuse to answer	7.0	7.6	3.3

7. And when the price-tag actions are against soldiers and IDF property?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Most of the Israeli Jewish public supports them	3.5	3.1	5.6
2. Most of the Israeli Jewish public opposes them	82.4	88.5	47.8
3. About half support them and about half oppose them	10.2	4.1	44.4
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer\Other	4.0	4.3	2.2

8. Do the security forces and law-enforcement authorities act too harshly toward settlers who carry out price-tag actions, too mildly, or appropriately?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Too harshly	10.8	12.1	3.3
2. Too mildly	51.6	48.3	70.0
3. Appropriately	29.2	30.4	22.2
4. Don't know /Refuse to answer	8.5	9.2	4.4

9. How do you evaluate the performance of Avigdor (Yvet) Lieberman as foreign minister?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	9.7	11.2	1.1
2. Moderately good	32.8	37.2	7.8
3. Moderately bad	24.3	21.8	38.9
4. Very bad	25.1	21.3	46.7
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	8.0	8.5	5.5

10. And the performance of Ehud Barak as defense minister?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	12.0	13.9	1.1
2. Moderately good	39.2	43.7	13.3
3. Moderately bad	24.8	23.5	32.2
4. Very bad	16.1	10.9	45.6
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	8.0	8.0	7.8

11. In principle, what is more important to you: that Israel be a state with a Jewish majority or that Judea and Samaria always remain under Israel's control even if they are areas with a large Palestinian population?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. That Israel be a state with a Jewish majority	55.9	65.8	
2. That Judea and Samaria always remain under Israel's control	19.6	23.1	
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	9.4	11.1	
4. Arab sector	15.0		100

12. Recently Germany, France, Portugal, and Britain recently condemned the Israeli government's decision to renew construction in the territories as well as Israel's inability to prevent price-tag actions. Foreign Minister Lieberman reacted sharply, saying the condemnation made those countries "irrelevant" to the process of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In contrast, Defense Minister Ehud Barak said that these are friendly countries, and that "in dealing with them, we not only have to be right but also smart." With which of these two positions do you tend to agree more?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. With Avigdor Lieberman's position	31.9	36.0	8.9
2. With Ehud Barak's position	55.7	56.4	52.2
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	12.3	7.7	38.9

13. Israel's Declaration of Independence states, among other things, that Israel is a Jewish state that will ensure complete social and political equality of rights for all its citizens without regard to religion, race, or gender, that it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture, and that it will safeguard the holy places of all religions. Are you in favor of Israel upholding all these principles?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm in favor of Israel upholding all these principles	62.1	63.5	54.4
2. I'm in favor of Israel upholding most of these principles	25.5	25.6	24.4
3. I'm in favor of Israel upholding only some of these principles	8.9	8.7	10.0
4. I'm in favor of Israel not upholding these principles	1.7	0.8	6.7
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	1.8	1.4	4.4

14. To what extent is Israel currently upholding all the above principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It is fully upholding the principles of the declaration	18.4	21.1	3.3
2. It is partially upholding the principles of the declaration	67.8	70.9	50.0
3. It is not upholding the principles of the declaration at all	10.4	3.9	46.7
4. Don't know / Refuse to answer	3.5	4.0	