

The Peace Index – February 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	33.6	31.4	45.6
2. Moderately in favor	38.6	39.5	33.3
3. Moderately opposed	11.9	12.6	7.8
4. Strongly opposed	12.5	12.8	11.1
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.5	3.7	2.2

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	8.8	7.8	14.4
2. Moderately believe	23.9	23.6	25.6
3. Moderately don't believe	28.4	30.5	16.7
4. Don't believe at all	36.8	35.9	42.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.1	2.3	1.1

3. How would you define Israel's general situation at present?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very bad	15.2	13.0	27.8
2. Fairly bad	28.5	28.5	28.9
3. Fairly good	46.2	47.7	37.8
4. Very good	6.8	7.6	2.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.2	3.2	3.3

4. How would you define your overall personal situation?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very bad	3.6	3.0	3.0
2. Fairly bad	16.0	14.0	14.0
3. Fairly good	54.2	55.6	55.6
4. Very good	24.2	25.4	25.4
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.9	2.1	2.1

5. Do you agree or disagree with this sentence: “There are situations in which there is no choice and one must even use weapons in order to prevent the government from carrying out its policy.”

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly agree	5.2	4.8	7.8
2. Moderately agree	8.2	7.5	12.2
3. Moderately disagree	20.1	19.1	25.6
4. Strongly disagree	63.7	66.0	51.1
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.8	2.6	3.3

6. In your opinion, is it permissible or impermissible for citizens who think the government's policy regarding the peace process harms Israel's national interest to do the following:

- 6.1. Protest within the framework of the law (e.g., demonstrate with a license, organize mass protests)

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Yes	84.4	89.1	88.4
2. No	13.3	8.6	9.3
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.2	2.3	2.3

- 6.2. Employ methods of nonviolent civil disobedience (e.g., demonstrate without a license, block roads)

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Yes	39.2	42.5	20.0
2. No	57.9	55.6	71.1
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.9	1.8	8.9

- 6.3. To even employ acts of violent civil disobedience (e.g., violent resistance to security forces)

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Yes	6.3	5.6	10.0
2. No	91.0	92.2	84.4
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.7	2.2	5.5

7. How do you assess Israel's success or lack of success in each of the following areas:

7.1. Ensuring the country's existence from a security standpoint

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	17.2	16.7	20.0
2. Moderately successful	50.8	53.4	35.6
3. Not so successful	24.4	24.8	22.2
4. Not successful at all	5.6	3.5	17.8
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.0	1.6	4.4

7.2. Promoting peace with the Arab world

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	1.4	1.0	3.3
2. Moderately successful	12.4	11.7	16.7
3. Not so successful	49.5	53.4	27.8
4. Not successful at all	34.2	31.4	50.0
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.6	2.5	2.2

7.3. Creating a stable and modern economy

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	16.1	16.7	12.2
2. Moderately successful	44.6	47.6	27.8
3. Not so successful	24.0	24.1	23.3
4. Not successful at all	12.6	9.6	30.0
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.8	2.0	6.7

7.4. Improving the residents' standard of living

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	5.7	5.9	4.4
2. Moderately successful	29.5	30.8	22.2
3. Not so successful	43.8	45.3	35.6
4. Not successful at all	19.8	17.0	35.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.2	1.0	2.2

7.5. Achieving economic and social equality

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	1.5	0.7	5.6
2. Moderately successful	13.9	12.2	23.3
3. Not so successful	42.3	44.7	28.9
4. Not successful at all	40.4	40.6	38.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.9	1.7	3.3

7.6. Preserving the democratic regime

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	19.4	20.3	14.4
2. Moderately successful	47.4	50.2	31.1
3. Not so successful	21.1	20.9	22.2
4. Not successful at all	9.2	5.7	28.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.9	2.8	3.3

7.7. Preventing crime and violence

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	3.2	2.6	6.7
2. Moderately successful	19.5	20.6	13.3
3. Not so successful	44.8	49.6	17.8
4. Not successful at all	29.9	24.9	57.8
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.6	2.2	4.4

7.8. Reducing ethnic gaps

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	4.5	4.2	4.2
2. Moderately successful	26.5	28.5	28.5
3. Not so successful	39.5	41.4	41.4
4. Not successful at all	22.9	19.5	19.5
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	6.5	6.5	6.5

7.9. Reconciling religious and secular Jews

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	2.1	0.9	8.9
2. Moderately successful	15.1	15.0	15.6
3. Not so successful	44.1	47.4	25.6
4. Not successful at all	33.9	32.2	43.3
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.7	4.4	6.6

7.10. Fighting corruption

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very successful	3.7	3.2	6.7
2. Moderately successful	15.1	16.8	5.6
3. Not so successful	33.6	35.0	25.6
4. Not successful at all	42.6	42.6	42.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.9	2.3	20.0

8. In your opinion, was the United States right or wrong when it supported the anti-Mubarak demonstrators in Egypt?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it was right	15.3	10.5	42.2
2. I think it was right	35.0	37.6	20.0
3. I think it was wrong	32.0	34.1	20.0
4. I'm sure it was wrong	14.0	14.0	14.4
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.7	3.8	3.3

9. In your opinion, was Israel's policy of silence during the recent revolution in Egypt—that is, its lack of support for the demonstrators and its lack of explicit support for Mubarak—right or wrong?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it was right	42.2	11.5	27.8
2. I think it was right	20.0	17.1	31.1
3. I think it was wrong	20.0	31.1	18.9
4. I'm sure it was wrong	14.4	36.9	18.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.3	3.3	3.3

10. What should Israel have done?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Openly support the demonstrators	48.3	35.8	70.4
2. Openly support Mubarak	32.4	40.3	18.5
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	12.2	12.8	11.1
4. Other	7.1	11.1	

11. In your opinion, how will Egypt's revolution affect its relations with Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It won't affect the relations	21.0	18.7	34.4
2. It will affect them negatively—the peace with Egypt will be undermined or even collapse	45.6	46.6	40.0
3. It will affect them positively—the cold peace will turn into a warm peace	9.3	7.7	18.9
4. I don't know\ refuse to answer	24.0	27.1	6.7

12. In your assessment, what are the chances that a democratic government will be formed in Egypt in the foreseeable future?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high	8.0	3.7	32.2
2. Fairly high	23.0	19.6	42.2
3. Fairly low	38.6	43.8	8.9
4. Very low	24.3	26.0	14.4
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer Other	6.2	6.9	2.2

13. And what are the chances that an extremist Islamic regime will be formed there in the foreseeable future, like in Iran?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high	12.8	12.9	12.2
2. Fairly high	33.3	36.4	15.6
3. Fairly low	28.4	29.4	22.2
4. Very low	16.3	11.9	41.1
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	9.2	9.3	8.9

14. In your assessment, how will Egypt's revolution affect the status of Hamas in the Palestinian Authority?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It won't affect it	21.9	18.1	43.3
2. It will strengthen its status	47.9	49.5	38.9
3. It will weaken its status	13.2	14.8	4.4
4. I don't know\ refuse to answer Other	17.0	17.6	13.3

15. In your opinion, what are the chances that in Israel the public will go out and demonstrate in the streets and stage a civil revolt, as has been happening in Egypt and other Arab countries, so as to change the government in Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The chances are very high	2.0	1.6	4.4
2. The chances are fairly high	7.4	5.7	16.7
3. The chances are fairly low	25.3	28.4	7.8
4. The chances are very low	60.9	61.3	58.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer Other	4.4	3.0	12.2

16. In your opinion, what is the main explanation why this will not happen?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The public is too apathetic	23.7	25.4	10.5
2. The economic situation in Israel is reasonably good and does not justify a change in government	10.6	10.8	8.8
3. Israel is a democracy and so the public can change the government through elections	39.0	38.0	47.4
4. The public thinks nothing will change even if the government is replaced	19.5	20.2	14.0
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer Other	3.2	1.2	19.3
6. Other	4.0	4.4	