

The Peace Index – February 2012

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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	34.7	30.6	57.8
2. Moderately in favor	32.4	36.0	12.2
3. Moderately opposed	17.2	17.1	17.8
4. Strongly opposed	11.5	11.4	12.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.2	4.9	

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	7.0	4.7	20.0
2. Moderately believe	20.6	22.2	11.1
3. Moderately don't believe	34.7	36.9	22.2
4. Don't believe at all	36.6	34.9	46.7
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.2	1.3	

3. Assuming that Iran is both able and intending to produce nuclear weapons, and assuming that Israel, according to various sources, also has nuclear weapons, what in your opinion are the chances that once Iran has nuclear weapons, it will indeed use them against Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances	18.9	17.3	27.8
2. Moderately high chances	32.3	34.0	22.2
3. Moderately low chances	29.4	29.3	30.0
4. Very low chances	13.6	12.8	17.8
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	5.9	6.5	2.2

4. In your opinion, will the sanctions now being imposed by Western countries cause or not cause Iran to stop its development of nuclear weapons?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure they will	5.8	2.9	22.2
2. I think they will	17.6	17.6	17.8
3. I think they won't	41.1	44.7	21.1
4. I'm sure they won't	33.2	32.4	37.8
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	2.3	2.5	1.1

5. In your opinion what are the chances that Israel will carry out a strike on Iran's nuclear facilities soon, even without cooperation with the United States?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances	8.1	6.4	17.8
2. Moderately high chances	26.4	28.9	12.2
3. Moderately low chances	36.8	39.1	23.3
4. Very low chances	19.2	15.5	40.0
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	9.5	10.1	6.7

6. In your assessment, what are the chances that such an attack, conducted without U.S. cooperation, would succeed in stopping Iran's nuclearization for a substantial period of time?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances	16.7	16.3	18.9
2. Moderately high chances	35.3	36.8	26.7
3. Moderately low chances	27.4	27.3	27.8
4. Very low chances	13.5	11.5	24.4
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	7.1	8.0	2.2

7. If an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities is carried out with U.S. cooperation, what in your assessment are the chances that such an attack would succeed in stopping Iran's nuclearization for a substantial time?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances	7.5	5.7	17.8
2. Moderately high chances	17.6	17.1	20.0
3. Moderately low chances	43.2	43.8	40.0
4. Very low chances	26.7	28.4	16.7
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.1	5.0	5.6

8. Do you support or not support an Israeli attack on Iran without the cooperation of the United States?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	11.9	12.1	11.1
2. Moderately support	19.2	19.3	18.9
3. Moderately oppose	34.9	36.1	27.8
4. Strongly oppose	28.0	26.1	38.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.9	6.4	3.3

9. Do you support or not support an Israeli attack on Iran if it has the cooperation of the United States?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	30.2	31.0	25.6
2. Moderately support	32.1	34.1	21.1
3. Moderately oppose	20.9	20.6	22.2
4. Strongly oppose	13.1	10.3	28.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.7	4.0	2.2

10. Defense Minister Barak recently said that in case of an attack on Iran, if Israeli citizens obey instructions and remain in their homes, Iran's retaliatory strikes will probably cause only about 500 casualties. In your eyes, is this prediction about casualties more or less accurate, or will there be more or fewer casualties than this number?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Barak's estimation of 500 casualties is more or less accurate	11.5	12.7	4.4
2. The number of casualties will be lower	13.6	11.7	24.4
3. The number of casualties will be higher	59.6	60.5	54.4
4. I don't know\ refuse to answer	15.4	15.1	16.7

11. If the number of Israeli casualties is in the thousands, and assuming that the objective of a successful strike on Iran's nuclear facilities is achieved, in your opinion, would Israel's national resilience be able to withstand this or not?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it wouldn't	11.7	8.9	27.8
2. I think it wouldn't	25.9	23.7	38.9
3. I think it would	35.1	38.8	14.4
4. I'm sure it would	19.4	20.1	15.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	7.8	8.5	3.3

12. The media recently reported that in his upcoming meeting with President Obama, President Peres will express opposition to an Israeli attack on Iran. In your opinion, is it or is it not appropriate for Peres to take a public stand on this issue as President of Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it's appropriate	19.6	16.2	38.9
2. I think it's appropriate	32.4	32.4	32.2
3. I think it's inappropriate	23.8	23.7	24.4
4. I'm sure it's inappropriate	21.9	25.0	4.4
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.3	2.7	

13. As we know, in recent months a bloody battle has been raging in Syria between the Assad regime and opposition forces. In your opinion, in terms of Israel's interest, would it be good or bad if the Assad regime collapses?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	20.8	18.9	31.1
2. Moderately good	15.7	16.7	10.0
3. Moderately bad	19.7	18.4	26.7
4. Very bad	11.1	8.9	23.3
5. It does not matter one way or the other	22.2	25.7	2.2
6. I don't know\ refuse to answer	10.6	11.3	6.7

14. In your opinion, should or should not Israel provide aid to one side or another in the struggle in Syria or should it sit quietly on the sidelines?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It should provide aid to the opposition	11.2	9.1	23.3
2. It should provide aid to the regime	5.1	1.5	25.6
3. It should sit quietly on the sidelines	78.8	84.1	48.9
4. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.8	5.3	2.2

15. In your opinion, should or should not Western countries provide aid to one side or another in the struggle in Syria or should they sit quietly on the sidelines?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. They should provide aid to the opposition	48.8	49.8	43.3
2. They should provide aid to the regime	7.2	4.3	23.3
3. They should sit quietly on the sidelines	33.0	33.9	27.8
4. I don't know\ refuse to answer	11.2	12.0	5.6

- 16. The media recently reported that Israel is preparing infrastructure on the Golan Heights to absorb Syrian refugees should the situation require it. In your opinion should or should not Israel accept Syrian refugees if their lives are in real danger?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it should	14.9	14.8	15.6
2. I think it should	27.3	28.0	23.3
3. I think it shouldn't	24.1	23.8	25.6
4. I'm sure it shouldn't	30.6	30.4	32.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.1	3.0	3.3

- 17. The Supreme Court recently ruled that the Tal Law, which deals with the drafting of yeshiva students, should not be extended because it is "unconstitutional"; that is, it creates inequality between Israeli population groups that serve in the army and other groups, such as the ultra-Orthodox and minorities, which do not serve in the army. Is this Supreme Court decision, in your opinion, appropriate or not appropriate?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Appropriate	68.0	71.0	51.1
2. Not appropriate	27.1	25.6	35.6
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.9	3.3	13.3

- 18. In your opinion, what are the chances that the government will indeed act in the spirit of the Supreme Court ruling and bring about mandatory conscription or mandatory national-civilian service for all groups in Israeli society?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very low chances	33.5	34.5	27.8
2. Moderately low chances	38.9	41.7	23.3
3. Moderately high chances	17.4	16.0	25.6
4. Very high chances	5.1	2.7	18.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.1	5.1	4.4