

The Peace Index – July 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		22.6	
2. Moderately in favor		39.9	
3. Moderately opposed		17.7	
4. Strongly opposed		14.9	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer		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		4.6	
2. Moderately believe		19.1	
3. Moderately don't believe		33.2	
4. Don't believe at all		41.1	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer		2.0	

3. According to what you hear and read, are the Western countries' proclaimed efforts to stop Iran from reaching nuclear weapons capability real and sincere efforts or not serious and not sincere?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. They are real and sincere efforts		34.8	
2. They are unserious and insincere efforts		55.7	
3. I don't know\ Refuse to answer		9.4	

4. 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		10.9	
2. Moderately support		16.2	
3. Moderately oppose		32.0	
4. Strongly oppose		28.7	
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer		12.2	

5. In your opinion, what are the chances that Israel will soon launch an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities even without the cooperation of the United States?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances		4.9	
2. Moderately high chances		28.2	
3. Moderately low chances		41.9	
4. Very low chances		13.7	
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer		11.3	

6. What, in your assessment, are the chances that an attack of this nature, without U.S. cooperation, will succeed in stopping Iran's nuclearization for a significant time?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very low chances		19.6	
2. Moderately low chances		34.7	
3. Moderately high chances		26.5	
4. Very high chances		9.0	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer		10.1	

7. And if the attack on Iran's nuclear facilities is carried out in cooperation with the United States, how do you then assess the chances that such an attack will succeed in stopping Iran's nuclearization for a significant time?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very low chances		4.6	
2. Moderately low chances		14.8	
3. Moderately high chances		47.4	
4. Very high chances		28.3	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer		4.9	

8. According to media reports, Israel's senior security echelon, including the Chief of Staff and the heads of the Mossad and the Israel Security Agency, currently oppose an Israeli attack on Iran. Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Barak, however, say that sanctions on Iran are not helping and it is necessary to act before Iran attains nuclear weapons capability. On this issue, on whose judgment do you rely more?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. That of the Prime Minister and the Defense Minister		27.8	
2. That of the senior security echelon		57.1	
3. That of both to the same degree		1.6	
4. That of neither of them		4.7	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer		8.8	

9. Some claim that Netanyahu and Barak's statements that Israel will attack Iran by itself if it has no other choice are just a bluff aimed at pressuring the Americans to act more resolutely against the Iranian threat. Others claim that their statements reflect their real intention—to attack Iran. With which claim do you agree more?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. With the first claim, that this is a bluff aimed at getting the Americans to act more resolutely		56.7	
2. With the second claim, that the statements reflect a real intention to attack		30.0	
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer		13.3	

10. In his most recent visit, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta claimed that the sanctions on Iran are starting to have an effect and promised that “Iran will never have nuclear weapons.” Do you think Israel can or cannot rely on Panetta’s promise?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I’m sure it can		3.2	
2. I think it can		19.2	
3. I think it can’t		34.7	
4. I am sure it can't		35.3	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer		7.6	

11. Some claim that apparently, it will be impossible to prevent Iran from nuclearizing in the long term, and therefore Israel should come to terms with this and devise a defense strategy based on the assumption that it is not the only nuclear state in the region. Do you agree or not agree with this approach?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I don’t agree at all		20.3	
2. I moderately disagree		15.1	
3. I moderately agree		43.9	
4. I strongly agree		16.1	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer		4.6	

12. Between the two candidates for the American presidency, President Barack Obama, of the Democratic Party, and Republican candidate Mitt Romney, who in your opinion assigns more importance to defending Israel’s national interests?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Barack Obama		18.6	
2. Mitt Romney		39.9	
3. Both to the same extent		9.9	
4. Neither of them		6.4	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer		25.2	