

The Peace Index – November 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	-	29.3	-
2. Somewhat in favor	-	39.9	-
3. Somewhat opposed	-	14.6	-
4. Strongly opposed	-	11.2	-
5. I don't know	-	4.9	-
6. Refuse to answer	-	0.2	-

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	-	3.7	-
2. Somewhat believe	-	22.8	-
3. Somewhat disbelieve	-	33.7	-
4. Strongly disbelieve	-	38.5	-
5. I don't know	-	0.9	-
6. Refuse to answer	-	0.4	-

3. In your opinion, to what extent is the Netanyahu government's policy beneficial or harmful to Israel's national interests in each of the following areas? Please give your answer on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being very harmful and 5 being very beneficial, and the remaining numbers indicating intermediate levels.

	1. Very harmful	2	3	4	5. Very beneficial	Refuse to answer
Israel's security situation	10.0	11.0	43.7	20.5	13.1	1.6
Reducing the gaps between rich and poor	42.9	24.8	21.3	4.6	5.1	1.3
The fight against corruption	34.9	24.3	23.5	8.8	5.1	3.5
Encouraging economic growth	12.8	15.6	32.0	25.0	11.3	3.3
Creating the right balance between the rights and obligations of the haredi	39.4	26.0	19.6	8.8	3.5	2.8

and non-haredi sectors						
Creating an appropriate separation between wealth and government	32.9	25.2	25.3	6.2	3.8	6.6
Raising the level of education and higher education	24.0	26.3	28.2	12.2	6.9	2.4
Protecting the environment and fighting those who pollute it	16.5	23.9	35.4	12.7	7.5	4
Improving relations between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel	31.3	30.9	24.8	5.3	3.6	4.1
The fight against crime	26.7	24.8	28.5	12.2	5.3	2.4

4. **After protracted discussions, Netanyahu accepted the American demand that Israel continue the construction freeze in the settlements (though not in Jerusalem) for three months so as to enable the launching of negotiations with the Palestinian Authority. This is in return for a package of benefits that includes state-of-the-art warplanes and an American commitment to veto any attempt to impose a solution on Israel at the United Nations. Do you support or oppose the position Netanyahu has taken?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	-	28.3	-
2. Moderately support	-	35.4	-
3. Moderately oppose	-	18.2	-
4. Strongly oppose	-	14.7	-
5. Don't know	-	2.8	-
6. Refuse to answer	-	0.6	-

5. **In light of the ongoing tensions in relations between Israel and the United States, did Netanyahu act appropriately or inappropriately when, in his speech at the conference of Jewish organizations in the United States, he criticized U.S. President Obama for not doing enough to prevent Iran from producing nuclear weapons?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I am sure he acted appropriately	-	38.8	-
2. I think he acted appropriately	-	34.9	-
3. I think he acted inappropriately	-	13.8	-

4. I am sure he acted inappropriately	-	8.7	-
5. Don't know	-	3.4	-
6. Refuse to answer	-	0.5	-

- 6. Should Israel agree or not agree to the American request for a long-term construction freeze in the settlements if in return the United States commits itself to exerting heavy pressure on Iran in order to prevent it from attaining a nuclear bomb?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. He certainly should	-	22.5	-
2. I think he should	-	25.5	-
3. I think he should not	-	22.2	-
4. He certainly should not	-	25.6	-
5. I don't know	-	3.7	-
6. Refuse to answer	-	0.6	-

- 7. Some argue that to strengthen its deterrence against Arab states, Israel should announce that it has nuclear weapons. Others say it is preferable to continue maintaining ambiguity, since if Israel announces that it has such weapons, external pressure will increase for Israel's nuclear disarmament or for placing its nuclear weapons under international supervision. With which position do you agree more?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. With the claim that Israel should announce that it has nuclear weapons	-	7.9	-
2. With the claim that Israel should continue to maintain ambiguity and not announce that it has such weapons	-	89.8	-
3. Don't know	-	1.9	-
4. Refuse to answer	-	0.5	-

8. Do you agree or disagree with the claim made in the world that if Israel is allowed to have nuclear weapons, Iran should also be allowed to have them? And conversely – that if Israel undergoes nuclear disarmament, it will be possible to demand this of Iran as well?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Completely agree	-	4.4	-
2. Moderately agree	-	8.5	-
3. Moderately disagree	-	20.2	-
4. Completely disagree	-	63.9	-
5. Don't know	-	2.6	-
6. Refuse to answer	-	0.4	

9. For each of the following situations, please indicate whether it would be appropriate or inappropriate for Israel to use nuclear weapons:

	Appropriate	Inappropriate	Don't know	Refuse to answer
Would it be appropriate or inappropriate for Israel to use nuclear weapons in a preemptive strike so as to prevent the outbreak of a conventional war?	12.7	81.7	4.5	1.0
In order to win a conventional war after it had already broken out?	19.4	75.0	4.5	1.1
In order to prevent a defeat in a conventional war in an extremely grave military situation?	50.3	42.5	6.3	0.9
In response to a biological or chemical attack?	66.4	25.8	7.7	0.2
In response to a nuclear attack?	89.4	7.0	3.3	0.4

10. If the sanctions that Western countries have imposed on Iran do not stop its nuclear development and if these countries prefer not to use force to prevent Iran from reaching a stage where it has a nuclear bomb, in your opinion should or should not Israel attack Iran militarily on its own in order to try and prevent Iran from reaching a situation in which it has nuclear weapons?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I am sure Israel should attack	-	24.5	-
2. I think Israel should attack	-	25.0	-
3. I think Israel should not attack	-	26.2	-
4. I am sure Israel should not attack	-	16.8	-
5. Don't know	-	6.8	-
6. Refuse to answer	-	0.7	-

11. In your opinion should Israel attack Iran even if the United States opposes such an attack?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I am sure Israel should not attack	-	13.2	-
2. I think Israel should not attack	-	17.4	-
3. I think Israel should attack	-	29.4	-
4. I am sure Israel should attack	-	36.4	-
5. Don't know	-	3.0	-
6. Refuse to answer	-	0.6	-