

The Peace Index - April 2018

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1. What is your position on conducting peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly in favor	23.8	60.0	29.8
Moderately in favor	36.8	15.0	33.2
Moderately opposed	17.5	3.0	15.1
Strongly opposed	13.9	18.0	14.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.9	4.0	7.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

2. Do you believe or not believe that negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will lead in the coming years to peace between Israel and the Palestinians?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly believe	5.4	6.0	5.5
Moderately believe	21.3	15.0	20.3
Moderately do not believe	33.2	11.0	29.5
Do not believe at all	37.1	56.0	40.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.9	12.0	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. Last week Israel celebrated its 70th Independence Day. When you think in general about the country's achievements and failures up to the present, are you?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very satisfied	34.0	24.0	32.4
Moderately satisfied	53.3	16.0	47.1
Not so satisfied	8.1	15.0	9.2
Not satisfied at all	2.6	33.0	7.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.0	12.0	3.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



4. In your opinion, which of the following sentences is truer?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Once the citizens cared more	59.5	19.0	52.8
about the country			
Today the citizens care more	8.1	25.0	10.9
about the country			
There is no difference between	25.9	50.0	29.9
today and the situation in the past			
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.5	6.0	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. Are you proud or not proud to be an Israeli?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not proud at all	1.5	44.0	8.5
Not so proud	6.1	16.0	7.8
Moderately proud	25.2	9.0	22.5
Very proud	66.1	24.0	59.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.1	7.0	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. If you could make the choice, would you keep living in Israel or move to another country?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I would keep living in Israel	76.2	77.0	76.3
I would move to another country	13.4	17.0	14.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.4	6.0	9.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the state of Israel?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very optimistic	27.5	25.0	27.1
Moderately optimistic	47.5	19.0	42.8
Moderately pessimistic	16.5	17.0	16.6
Very pessimistic	4.0	27.0	7.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.4	12.0	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. Did you watch the torch-lighting ceremony on Mount Herzl on Independence Day eve?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Yes	65.2	23.0	58.3
No	34.8	77.0	41.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



9. (Only for those who said they watched it) In your opinion, was the program for the torch-lighting ceremony appropriate or inappropriate to it?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very appropriate	37.6	47.8	38.3
Moderately appropriate	36.3	17.4	35.1
Not so appropriate	14.6	8.7	14.2
Not appropriate at all	5.0	17.4	5.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.5	8.7	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. In previous years the custom was that the main speaker at the torch-lighting ceremony was the speaker of the Knesset. This year a change was made and the prime minister also played a main role, both giving a speech and lighting a torch. What do you see as preferable: the ceremony as it was in the past or the ceremony as it was this year?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The ceremony as it was in the past	49.9	24.0	45.6
The ceremony as it was this year	33.8	7.0	29.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.3	69.0	25.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. In a recent speech, the writer David Grossman said: "The way to solve the big puzzle of Israeli-Palestinian relations can be summed up very briefly: if the Palestinians don't have a home, the Israelis won't have one either." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	49.7	14.0	43.8
Moderately disagree	16.8	6.0	15.0
Moderately agree	18.9	16.0	18.4
Strongly agree	9.1	59.0	17.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.5	5.0	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. In her speech upon receiving the Israel Prize, Miriam Peretz said, among other things: "In Israel there is room for everyone.... If one piece is missing from the puzzle, the picture is not complete.... To create this mosaic successfully we must respect each other in conversation, we must create a restrained, tolerant way of talking with each other so that an opinion can be expressed without fear or threats." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	4.4	4.0	4.3
Moderately disagree	6.4	5.0	6.2
Moderately agree	30.5	18.0	28.5
Strongly agree	54.3	64.0	55.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.4	9.0	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

13. In his speech at the torch-lighting ceremony on Independence Day eve, Prime Minister Netanyahu said that "we are stronger than ever." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Don't agree at all	9.2	34.0	13.3
Don't agree so much	25.3	6.0	22.1
Moderately agree	34.3	13.0	30.8
Strongly agree	25.1	36.0	26.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.0	11.0	6.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

14. What, in your opinion, are the chances that in the foreseeable future a direct military conflict will break out between Israel and Iran?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	9.0	12.0	9.5
Moderately high chances	33.7	12.0	30.1
Moderately low chances	35.9	14.0	32.3
Very low chances	8.9	44.0	14.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.5	18.0	13.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

15. And if such a conflict breaks out, what are the chances that Israel will defeat Iran?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	30.3	15.0	27.8
Moderately high chances	40.7	12.0	36.0
Moderately low chances	6.8	13.0	7.8
Very low chances	1.3	23.0	4.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	20.9	37.0	23.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



16. In your opinion, is the Israeli population strong enough or not strong enough to cope with the cost in casualties and damage that a conflict with Iran could inflict?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is strong enough	24.4	10.0	22.1
I think it is strong enough	37.1	8.0	32.3
I think it is not strong enough	23.1	13.0	21.5
I'm sure it is not strong enough	5.7	57.0	14.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.7	12.0	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17. On May 14 the U.S. embassy will be moved to Jerusalem, and other countries have already announced that they, too, intend to transfer their embassies there. To what extent is this process good or not good in terms of Israel's interest, taking into consideration that the Palestinians have made clear that they see it as a severe blow?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	46.5	26.0	43.1
Moderately good	21.7	11.0	19.9
Not so good	18.2	15.0	17.6
Not good at all	6.6	32.0	10.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.0	16.0	8.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

18. The recent weeks have seen repeated clashes between IDF forces and Palestinian protesters at the Gaza border. In these clashes many Palestinians have been killed and wounded. In your opinion, is the IDF's policy on opening fire there appropriate or inappropriate?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it is appropriate	57.4	5.0	48.8
I think it is appropriate	25.6	1.0	21.5
I think it is inappropriate	7.1	4.0	6.6
I'm sure it is inappropriate	3.3	86.0	17.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.6	4.0	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





19. Some claim that the economic situation in Gaza has seriously deteriorated in recent years and that Israel must alleviate the plight of the residents there -for instance, by showing greater flexibility regarding the exit and entry of goods to Gaza. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	9.6	79.0	21.0
Moderately agree	19.5	5.0	17.1
Don't agree so much	25.2	1.0	21.2
Don't agree at all	41.5	1.0	34.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.2	14.0	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0