

### The Peace Index – November 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	28.5	29.2	24.4
2. Moderately in favor	36.1	37.2	29.1
3. Moderately opposed	16.2	15.4	21.1
4. Strongly opposed	14.9	13.5	23.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.3	4.8	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	7.1	5.7	15.6
2. Moderately believe	21.8	22.5	17.1
3. Moderately don't believe	34.3	35.5	27.6
4. Don't believe at all	35.0	34.7	36.5
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.9	1.6	3.3

#### 3. In your opinion, in the present state of affairs should or should not the Israeli government make special efforts to renew the political negotiations with the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it should	28.6	27.7	34.3
2. I think it should	32.6	33.3	28.7
3. I think it shouldn't	17.7	16.5	23.8
4. I'm sure it shouldn't	16.9	18.1	9.9
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	4.2	4.3	3.3

**4. What is your opinion of the Israeli government's functioning in the Israeli-Palestinian context under Netanyahu's leadership?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	13.6	13.9	12.2
2. Moderately good	37.1	39.9	20.6
3. Moderately poor	22.5	22.0	25.4
4. Very poor	20.5	17.0	40.7
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	6.3	7.2	1.1

**5. Last week, Kadima Party and opposition leader Tzipi Livni met with Palestinian President Abu Mazen to prove that there is something to talk about and someone to talk with. Given the Israeli government's official policy toward the Palestinians at present, in your opinion was this step by Livni:**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Proper	34.9	34.3	38.3
2. Improper	57.3	58.4	50.7
3. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	7.8	7.3	11.0

**6. According to what you hear and read, are the Western countries' proclaimed efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons real and genuine efforts or not serious and not sincere?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. They are serious and genuine efforts	41.2	41.5	39.3
2. They are not serious and not sincere efforts	51.6	52.0	49.7
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	7.2	6.5	11.1

**7. Some say it appears it will be impossible to stop Iran from having nuclear weapons in the long term; hence Israel should learn to live with this and craft a security strategy based on the assumption that it is not the only nuclear state in the region. Do you agree or disagree with this approach?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Don't agree at all	20.8	20.2	24.2
2. Moderately disagree	18.5	13.9	44.8
3. Moderately agree	34.4	38.1	13.2
4. Strongly agree	21.0	23.1	8.9
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer\Other	5.3	4.7	8.9

8. With which of the following two opinions do you agree more: that an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty will improve attitudes toward Israel in the Arab world; or that the Arab world will remain hostile toward Israel even if it reaches a peace agreement with the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. With the opinion that an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty will improve attitudes toward Israel in the Arab world	38.3	33.3	66.8
2. With the opinion that the Arab world will remain hostile toward Israel even if it reaches a peace agreement with the Palestinians	57.1	62.8	24.4
3. Don't know /Refuse to answer	4.6	3.9	8.8

9. In light of the major political changes in the Arab world over the past year—the overthrow of rulers and the rise of new political forces including Islamic forces, in your opinion is Israel's national security today better or worse than it was before these changes began?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Much better	5.6	5.4	6.6
2. Somewhat better	15.0	13.4	24.2
3. Somewhat worse	42.4	42.1	43.7
4. Much worse	25.4	26.4	20.0
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	11.6	12.7	5.5

**10. In your assessment, will happen to the peace treaty with Israel if the final results of the Egyptian elections bring the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist factions to power?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The treaty will remain as it was	12.8	9.6	30.9
2. The treaty will not be officially canceled but relations will be harmed	50.5	50.6	49.4
3. The treaty will be officially canceled and a situation will emerge of "no peace, no war"	18.3	18.7	16.5
4. The treaty will be officially and Egypt will return to a state of war with Israel	12.9	14.6	3.3
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.5	6.5	

**11. In your opinion, is it possible or impossible in principle that a government made up mostly of religious parties will govern democratically and also protect minority rights, freedom of expression, and equality of all religions, beliefs, and both sexes?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It is possible	37.5	34.5	55.1
2. It is impossible	56.8	58.8	44.9
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.7	6.7	

**12. Recently there have been evident signs of radicalization in the haredi and national-religious world in Israel regarding, for example, separation between men and women, public advertising, and so on. Are you worried or not worried by this trend?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very worried	35.9	37.6	26.6
2. Moderately worried	26.2	26.9	22.1
3. Almost not worried	14.9	14.1	19.8
4. Not worried at all	21.0	19.5	29.3
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.0	2.0	2.2

**13. In your opinion, is the governmental status of the Jewish religion in Israel:**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Appropriate	26.1	28.1	14.4
2. Too strong	48.8	48.7	49.1
3. Too weak	17.7	17.4	20.0
4. Don't know / Refuse to answer	7.4	5.8	16.6

**14. According to one opinion, decisions made by the majority of a freely elected government express the will of the majority of the people and therefore are democratic. According to another opinion, decisions that contravene values such as equality before the law, minority rights, and freedom of expression are undemocratic even if made by a democratically elected government. With which opinion do you agree more?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. With the first opinion	41.4	40.8	44.6
2. With the second opinion	46.7	46.2	49.9
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	11.9	12.9	5.5