

The Peace Index – August 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	29.8	31.2	20.0
2. Moderately in favor	37.3	37.7	36.7
3. Moderately opposed	17.7	15.4	31.1
4. Strongly opposed	12.1	12.5	10.0
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.0	3.2	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	6.0	13.3
2. Moderately believe	22.5	19.9	36.7
3. Moderately don't believe	31.4	33.4	20.0
4. Don't believe at all	37.4	39.2	27.8
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.7	1.6	2.2

3. The Palestinians are again saying that given the lack of progress in negotiations, in September 2011, they will declare an independent Palestinian state based on the 1967 borders even without an agreement with Israel, and will ask the UN General Assembly to recognize it. In your estimation, what are the chances that they will indeed do so?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances	19.7	20.2	14.4
2. Moderately high chances	43.0	45.5	28.9
3. Moderately low chances	24.5	22.3	40.0
4. Very low chances	8.4	7.5	13.3
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	4.4	4.6	3.3

4. In your opinion, will there or will there not be a large majority of states in the UN General Assembly that recognizes the Palestinian state, even if Israel opposes it?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. There will be a large majority	68.6	70.0	59.6
2. There will not be a large majority	25.1	23.6	34.8
3. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	6.3	6.5	5.6

5. And if there is a Palestinian declaration of independence without an agreement with Israel, and a UN majority recognizes the Palestinian state, in your opinion will Israel then be able or not be able to allow itself to refrain from recognizing the independent Palestinian state?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it will be able to allow itself to refrain from recognizing	22.5	24.0	15.6
2. I think it will be able to allow itself to refrain from recognizing	30.1	27.3	45.6
3. I think it will not be able to allow itself to refrain from recognizing	28.0	28.6	24.4
4. I'm sure it will not be able to allow itself to refrain from recognizing	14.0	14.2	13.3
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	5.4	5.9	1.1

6. For each of the following European states, what do you think is its degree of friendliness or unfriendliness toward Israel? Give your answers on a scale of 1–5, where 1 means totally unfriendly and 5 means very friendly, and the other rankings are in between?

6.1 France

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally unfriendly	12.3	10.2	26.1
2.	17.4	19.3	5.7
3.	34.0	37.3	14.8
4.	22.7	21.7	27.3
5. Fairly bad	12.4	10.1	26.1
6. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	1.2	1.4	

6.2 Germany

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally unfriendly	8.4	5.9	22.7
2.	9.7	11.3	3.4
3.	20.8	21.6	19.3
4.	31.9	31.9	27.3
5. Fairly bad	27.8	27.6	27.3
6. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	1.5	1.8	

6.3 Norway

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally unfriendly	25.5	24.7	30.2
2.	26.1	27.7	16.3
3.	23.7	25.2	14.0
4.	10.5	9.6	16.3
5. Fairly bad	7.5	4.8	23.3
6. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	6.8	8.0	

6.4 Italy

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally unfriendly	5.9	4.3	16.3
2.	9.4	7.6	19.8
3.	31.8	34.1	22.1
4.	31.7	33.7	17.4
5. Fairly bad	18.3	16.8	24.4
6. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	3.0	3.4	

6.5 Spain

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally unfriendly	13.0	10.6	27.3
2.	20.8	22.1	13.6
3.	36.4	39.0	19.3
4.	19.2	18.7	23.9
5. Fairly bad	7.1	5.6	15.9
6. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	3.5	4.0	

7. What is your position on the tent protests that have been taking place in Israel in recent months?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	46.7	48.6	34.4
2. Moderately support	31.0	32.1	27.8
3. Moderately oppose	13.6	11.4	25.6
4. Strongly oppose	5.2	4.4	10.0
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.5	3.5	2.2

8. Some people claim that when the security situation is tense, it is inappropriate to have public protests over socioeconomic hardships. Others maintain that since Israel always confronts a security threat, even in such situations, there room for such protests; otherwise, the socioeconomic issue will never be addressed. With which of these two claims do you tend to agree more?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Agree more with the first claim	26.8	19.8	68.5
2. Agree more with the second claim	69.7	77.9	21.3
3. I don't know\ Refuse to answer\Other	3.5	2.3	10.1

9. In recent years, the Israeli economy has been characterized by two parallel trends: stability and economic growth, and a parallel widening of the gap between rich and poor. Some claim that the two trends are connected to each other: reducing the gap is likely to harm growth and stability, while enhancing growth and stability widens the gaps. If this claim is true, what would you choose today – more growth and stability or more efforts to reduce the gap?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. More growth and stability	25.9	27.2	20.0
2. Reducing the gap	64.0	63.1	68.9
3. Don't know /Refuse to answer	10.1	9.7	11.1

10. A To what extent do you agree or disagree with the protesters' demand that budgets be transferred from various areas of the state budget to the funding of welfare and the reduction of socioeconomic gaps?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly agree (continue)	42.1	42.2	42.2
2. Moderately agree (continue)	33.4	36.0	16.7
3. Moderately disagree (go to 12)	11.7	11.2	14.4
4. Completely disagree (go to 12)	7.6	5.6	18.9
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer (go to 12)	5.3	4.8	7.8

11. Regarding each of the following budget areas, are you willing or not willing for cuts to be made in this area and for the money to be transferred to the funding of welfare and the reduction of socioeconomic gaps? (Note that the following question was only asked of respondents who indicated that they agreed with the demand in question 10)

11.1 Defense budgets

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	52.9	52.8	47.8
2. Not willing	44.1	45.2	30.4
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	3.0	2	13.0

11.2 Budgets for Jewish settlement in the territories

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	73.4	73.3	73.9
2. Not willing	22.9	23.7	13.0
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	3.7	3.0	13.0

11.3 Education budgets

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	14.9	14.2	34.8
2. Not willing	83.4	84.8	52.2
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	1.8	1.0	13.0

11.4 Healthcare budgets

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	10.7	9.7	34.8
2. Not willing	87.0	88.7	52.2
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	1.8	1.6	13.0

11.5 Budgets for supporting yeshiva students

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	73.5	73.4	100.0
2. Not willing	24.4	24.6	
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.1	2.0	

11.6 Budgets for higher-education institutions

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	30.5	30.1	40.9
2. Not willing	66.7	67.6	45.5
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.8	2.2	13.6

11.7 Budgets for the Foreign Ministry

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	71.8	71.7	69.6
2. Not willing	21.5	22.1	17.4
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	6.7	6.2	13.0

11.8 Budgets for development and transportation

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	41.8	42.3	43.5
2. Not willing	54.0	54.4	39.1
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	4.2	3.3	17.4

11.9 Budgets for the environmental-protection authorities

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Willing	50.3	51.5	34.9
2. Not willing	45.5	45.2	47.8
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	4.2	3.4	17.4

12. In your opinion, does Israel's presence on the West Bank affect or not affect the budgets that are earmarked for welfare and for closing socioeconomic gaps?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It does not affect these budgets	28.2	31.7	9.0
2. It affects them positively	10.8	11.6	9.0
3. It affects them negatively	49.9	45.4	73.0
4. Don't know / Refuse to answer	11.1	11.4	9.0