

### The Peace Index – January 2011

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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	36.0	32.7	54.4
2. Somewhat in favor	35.3	38.6	16.7
3. Somewhat opposed	14.9	15.5	11.1
4. Strongly opposed	11.3	10.6	15.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.5	2.5	2.2

#### 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	9.6	7.4	22.2
2. Somewhat believe	21.8	22.3	18.9
3. Somewhat disbelieve	31.0	34.1	13.3
4. Strongly disbelieve	35.9	34.2	45.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.7	1	

#### 3. What is your opinion on a full peace agreement with Syria in return for a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly in favor	15.6	7.7	60.0
2. Moderately in favor	9.5	9.2	11.1
3. So-so, in between	17.2	17.7	14.4
4. Moderately opposed	18.9	20.9	7.8
5. Strongly opposed	37.7	43.5	4.4
6. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.2	1	2.2

**4. Do you believe or do you not believe that in the coming years there will be peace between Israel and Syria?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure there will be peace	3.2	1.7	11.1
2. I think there will be peace	15.0	13.3	24.4
3. So-so, in between	26.1	27.8	16.7
4. I think there won't be peace	27.6	29.7	15.6
5. I'm sure there won't be peace	27.0	26.0	32.2
6. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.4	3.1	11.1

**5. Do you believe or do you not believe the repeated statements by President Assad that he is prepared to make a lasting peace with Israel?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Completely believe	12.3	7.9	37.8
2. Moderately believe	25.5	23.9	34.4
3. Moderately don't believe	25.4	28.3	8.9
4. Don't believe at all	36.1	39.7	15.6
5. Don't know\ refuse to answer	0.7	0.2	3.3

**6. Is the current situation, where there is no progress in the peace negotiations with the Palestinians, on the one hand, but there is also no significant pressure to evacuate territories, on the other hand, good or not good for Israel's national interests?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it's good	11.3	11.7	8.9
2. I think it's good	27.4	27.6	26.7
3. I think it's bad	30.2	30.4	28.9
4. I'm sure it's bad	18.1	16.6	26.7
5. Don't know\ refuse to answer	12.9	13.7	8.9

7. **The Palestinians announced that in light of the stalled negotiations with Israel, they plan to declare the establishment of an independent Palestinian state within the 1967 borders unilaterally in the near future, even without a peace agreement. In your opinion, what are the chances that they will, in fact, make such a unilateral declaration?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances	8.2	8.1	8.9
2. Moderately high chances	33.8	36.5	18.9
3. Moderately low chances	35.5	34.7	40.0
4. Very low chances	17.6	15.8	27.8
5. Don't know\ refuse to answer	4.9	5	4.4

8. **A number of countries have already officially recognized the Palestinian state, even before a unilateral declaration. If such a declaration is made, in your opinion can Israel rely on the United States or can it not rely on the United States to cast a veto in the United Nations and thereby prevent widespread recognition of the Palestinian state without a peace agreement?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure Israel can rely on the United States	15.3	10.5	42.2
2. I think Israel can rely on the United States	35.0	37.6	20.0
3. I think Israel can't rely on the United States	32.0	34.1	20.0
4. I'm sure Israel can't rely on the United States	14.0	14.0	14.4
5. Don't know\ refuse to answer	3.7	3.8	3.3

- 9. Do you accept or not accept the claim that most of the Palestinians do not see the two-states-for-two-peoples solution as the end of the road, and even if a permanent peace agreement with them is signed, it will not end the conflict because they will continue the struggle for a Palestinian state in all the Land of Israel?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I don't accept it at all	14.0	11.5	27.8
2. I moderately don't accept it	19.2	17.1	31.1
3. I moderately accept it	29.3	31.1	18.9
4. I strongly accept it	34.2	36.9	18.9
5. Don't know\ Refuse to answer	3.3	3.3	3.3

- 10. The Knesset recently decided to set up an inquiry panel to examine the funding sources of human rights and peace organizations. In your opinion, should this matter be investigated or should it not?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it should be investigated	33.3	32.0	32.2
2. I think it should be investigated	20.0	34.5	32.3
3. I think it shouldn't be investigated	14.4	14.3	14.3
4. I'm sure it shouldn't be investigated	31.1	15.6	17.9
5. Don't know	1.1	3.7	3.3

- 11. In your opinion, if the issue is investigated, what would be preferable, that the Knesset committee investigate the matter or the legal authorities (that is, the state prosecution and the police)?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It's preferable that the Knesset investigate it	16.9	14.5	30.0
2. It's preferable that the legal authorities investigate it	68.0	71.6	47.8
3. Don't know\ refuse to answer	15.1	13.9	22.2

**12. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that if a decision is taken to investigate the foreign funding, not only should the funding of human rights and peace organizations be investigated, but also the funding of all organizations that receive money from abroad, regardless of their political positions on the left or right?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly agree	48.5	51.0	34.4
2. Moderately agree	32.1	32.8	27.8
3. Moderately oppose	6.9	6.9	6.7
4. Strongly oppose	6.9	4.5	20.0
5. Don't know\ refuse to answer	5.7	4.7	11.1

**13. Do you agree or disagree with the opinion that whenever there is a contradiction between the law of the state and Halakha (Jewish religious law), the religious law should be above the state law?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly disagree	46.7	47.7	41.1
2. Moderately disagree	22.2	23.4	15.6
3. Moderately oppose	12.9	10.6	25.6
4. Strongly oppose	13.5	13.8	12.2
5. Don't know\ refuse to answer	4.4	4.4	5.5

**14. What would you prefer:**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. That the state of Israel should be run in accordance with the laws of Halakha	15.6	17.5	4.4
2. The state of Israel should be run according to civil law, as is the case today	75.5	75.5	75.6
3. Don't know\ refuse to answer	9	7	19.9

**15. Today, with the beginning of the new calendar year, are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about your personal future?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very optimistic	24.6	24.2	26.7
2. Moderately optimistic	52.2	53.9	42.2
3. Moderately pessimistic	13.0	12.8	14.4
4. Very pessimistic	5.7	4.0	15.6
5. Don't know\ refuse to answer	4.4	5.1	1.1

**16. Today, with the beginning of the new calendar year, are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about Israel's future?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very optimistic	16.4	16.2	17.8
2. Moderately optimistic	42.0	46.3	17.8
3. Moderately pessimistic	26.4	27.0	23.3
4. Very pessimistic	11.6	7.4	35.6
5. Don't know\ refuse to answer	3.6	3.2	5.5

**17. Some people say that Ehud Barak's departure from the Labor Party will show the Palestinians that Israel has a stable and united government with which they can conduct serious negotiations about a peace agreement. In your opinion, does Barak's move increase or decrease the chances that the current government will indeed enter into serious negotiations with the Palestinians?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it increases the chances	4.0	3.0	10.0
2. I think it increases the chances	9.7	9.2	12.2
3. It neither increases nor decreases the chances	44.2	47.0	27.8
4. I think it decreases the chances	11.5	11.4	12.2
5. . I'm sure it decreases the chances	24.3	23.5	28.9
6. Don't know\ refuse to answer	6.4	5.9	8.9