

The Peace Index – July 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	32.3	30.1	44.4
2. Moderately in favor	34.7	37.9	16.7
3. Moderately opposed	14.0	11.6	27.8
4. Strongly opposed	15.4	16.4	10.0
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.6	4.0	1.1

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	9.8	6.6	27.8
2. Moderately believe	24.2	24.1	24.4
3. Moderately don't believe	27.8	29.0	21.1
4. Don't believe at all	37.2	39.1	26.7
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.0	1.2	

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	14.0	14.1	13.3
2. Moderately high chances	35.4	36.7	27.8
3. Moderately low chances	32.4	32.2	33.3
4. Very low chances	14.0	13.0	20.0
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	4.3	4.0	5.5

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	63.6	64.2	60.0
2. There will not be a large majority	29.1	27.8	36.7
3. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	7.3	8.0	3.3

5. How would you define Israel's general situation at present?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very bad	22.2	20.8	30.0
2. Fairly bad	32.2	32.9	27.8
3. Fairly good	35.1	36.0	30.0
4. Very good	8.6	8.2	11.1
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	2.0	2.2	1.1

6. How would you define your overall personal situation?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very bad	8.3	5.6	23.3
2. Fairly bad	14.9	13.5	23.3
3. Fairly good	56.6	60.3	35.6
4. Very good	18.2	18.5	16.7
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	1.9	2.1	1.1

7. In your opinion, what are the chances that in Israel the public will go out and demonstrate in the streets and stage a civil revolt, as has been happening in Egypt and other Arab countries, so as to change the government in Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The chances are very high (Proceed to question 9)	9.3	6.6	24.4
2. The chances are fairly high (Proceed to question 9)	17.3	18.0	13.3
3. The chances are fairly low (Continue with question 8)	33.1	34.5	25.6
4. The chances are very low (Continue with question 8)	38.1	38.6	35.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer (Proceed to question 9)	2.2	2.4	1.1

8. In your opinion, what is the main explanation why this will not happen?

(Note that this question was asked only of respondents who answered in response to the previous question that the chances of civil revolt are low.)

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The public is too apathetic	9.3	9.6	7.8
2. The economic situation in Israel is reasonably good and does not justify a change in government	9.2	8.3	14.4
3. Israel is a democracy and so the public can change the government through elections	29.1	28.8	31.1
4. The public thinks nothing will change even if the government is replaced	20.2	22.6	6.7
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer Other	30.2	28.5	40.0
6. Other	1.7	2.4	

9. Among the following goals, which in your eyes is the most important for the government to promote at present?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians	15.1	10.9	38.9
2. Reducing socioeconomic gaps	46.1	49.7	25.6
3. Creating reasonably priced housing solutions	18.2	17.8	20.0
4. Increasing Israel's military power	10.2	9.9	12.2
5. Improving Israel's political standing in the international community	9.2	10.6	1.1
6. Don't know /Refuse to answer	1.3	1.2	2.2

10. And which of the above goals is second most important?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Achieving a peace agreement with the Palestinians	15.0	12.5	28.9
2. Reducing socioeconomic gaps	26.9	27.1	25.6
3. Creating reasonably priced housing solutions	27.6	27.6	27.8
4. Increasing Israel's military power	11.8	13.1	4.4
5. Improving Israel's political standing in the international community	16.1	17.7	6.7
6. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.6	1.9	6.7

11. In your opinion, does the present government have or not have a clear set of priorities of goals it is trying to achieve?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it does (Continue with question 12)	14.7	12.8	25.6
2. I think it does (Continue with question 12)	25.4	26.0	22.2
3. I think it doesn't (Proceed to question 13)	28.9	30.7	18.9
4. I'm sure it doesn't (Proceed to question 13)	26.0	25.1	31.1
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	4.9	5.4	2.2

12. In your opinion, is the present government capable of achieving the goals it has set for itself? (Note that this question was asked only of respondents who answered in response to the previous question that the government has a clear set of priorities.)

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it is (Continue with question 13)	22.9	17.9	45.5
2. I think it is (Continue with question 13)	50.0	51.5	43.2
3. I think it isn't (Proceed to question 14)	20.1	23.0	6.8
4. I'm sure it isn't (Proceed to question 14)	4.7	4.8	4.5
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	2.3	2.8	

13. According to your impression, to what extent do the goals that the present government has set for itself represent the goals that a majority of the Israeli public sees as most important? (Note that this question was asked only of respondents who answered in response to the previous question that they think the government is capable of achieving its goals)

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. To a great extent	7.0	5.1	17.8
2. To a considerable extent	26.1	24.4	35.6
3. To a rather small extent	31.4	32.3	26.7
4. To a very small extent	21.0	22.4	13.3
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	14.5	15.8	6.7

14. Do you support or not support the protest over the housing issue?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	61.5	63.8	48.9
2. Moderately support	26.4	27.0	23.3
3. Moderately oppose	6.6	5.1	15.6
4. Strongly oppose	4.0	3.1	8.9
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	1.4	1.1	3.3

15. In your opinion, what are the chances that this protest will succeed in bringing about a change of policy and a significant improvement in the housing situation?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high chances	15.5	13.4	27.8
2. Moderately high chances	39.7	40.7	34.4
3. Moderately low chances	32.2	33.0	27.8
4. Very low chances	11.4	11.8	8.9
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	1.3	1.2	1.1

16. With which of the following two opinions are you inclined to agree: the opinion that the protest over the housing issue is primarily an expression of real distress of many Israeli families that are struggling to obtain housing at reasonable prices, or the opinion that behind the protest is the extreme-left camp, with the aim of toppling the present government?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I agree with the opinion that the protest is an expression of real housing distress	55.0	59.8	27.8
2. I am inclined to agree with the opinion that the protest is an expression of real housing distress	19.7	16.9	35.6
3. I am inclined to agree with the opinion that the extreme left is behind the protest	8.8	6.8	20.0
4. I agree with the opinion that the extreme left is behind the protest	8.9	9.6	4.4
5. Don't know \ Refuse to answer	7.6	6.9	12.3

17. In your assessment, was the recent dramatic growth of sociopolitical protest in Israel (e.g., the cottage cheese protest, the medical residents, housing, etc.), both in its extent and in its intensity, inspired by the wave of sociopolitical protest in the Arab countries? Or is this protest a "blue and white" product of Israel?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I am sure it was inspired by the protest in the Arab countries	7.7	6.9	12.2
2. I think it was inspired by the protest in the Arab countries	14.4	11.5	31.1
3. I think the protest is a "blue and white" product	27.6	27.8	26.7
4. I am sure this protest is a "blue and white" product	44.3	50.0	12.2
5. Don't know \ Refuse to answer	5.9	3.8	17.7