

The Peace Index – June 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	32.2	32.5	31.1
2. Moderately in favor	39.0	39.2	37.8
3. Moderately opposed	12.8	11.9	17.8
4. Strongly opposed	13.2	13.1	13.3
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.7	3.2	

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	7.6	4.6	20.0
2. Moderately believe	24.5	21.9	32.3
3. Moderately don't believe	31.7	29.4	17.8
4. Don't believe at all	34.4	43.6	29.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.7	0.4	

3. How would you evaluate the functioning of the Israeli government in the realm of foreign relations?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	7.8	7.9	6.7
2. Fairly good	34.6	36.4	24.4
3. Fairly bad	33.0	31.5	41.1
4. Very bad	21.3	20.5	25.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.5	3.7	2.2

4. How would you describe Israel's standing in the world today?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally isolated	4.7	3.8	10.0
2. Somewhat isolated	43.8	47.6	22.2
3. Fairly unisolated	34.6	34.4	35.6
4. Not isolated at all	15.2	13.0	27.8
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.6	1.1	4.4

5. 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	14.2	15.3	7.8
2. Moderately high chances	41.0	42.3	33.3
3. Moderately low chances	29.4	28.1	36.7
4. Very low chances	10.9	9.8	16.7
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.6	4.5	5.5

6. 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	63.1	66.6	43.3
2. There will not be a large majority	31.2	28.1	48.9
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.6	5.3	7.8

7. With which of the following two claims do you agree more – that if the United Nations recognizes an independent Palestinian state, Israel will face a political and economic “tsunami”; or that even if the UN recognizes an independent Palestinian state, Israel will not face a tsunami but merely an occasional change for the worse in relations?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I agree more with the first claim	26.3	22.5	47.8
2. I agree more with the second claim	65.1	70.6	34.4
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	8.5	6.8	17.7

8. To what extent are you currently troubled or not troubled about Israel's political situation?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very troubled	27.0	27.7	23.3
2. Moderately troubled	43.3	43.3	43.3
3. Moderately not troubled	15.7	13.8	26.7
4. Not troubled at all	12.7	14.6	2.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.2	0.7	4.4

9. To what extent do you believe or not believe that there is a real chance to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the next two or three years based on the principle of two states for two peoples?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly believe	4.8	4.6	5.6
2. Moderately believe	21.3	20.7	24.4
3. Moderately don't believe	34.3	33.7	37.8
4. Don't believe at all	38.1	39.3	31.1
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.6	1.6	1.1

10. And in the next ten years, to what extent do you believe or not believe that there is a real chance to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on the principle of two states for two peoples?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly believe	8.0	7.5	11.1
2. Moderately believe	35.2	35.4	34.4
3. Moderately don't believe	27.1	25.4	36.7
4. Don't believe at all	23.7	25.5	13.3
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.9	6.2	4.4

11. Would you support or oppose having Israel evacuate all the territories of Judea and Samaria in return for a permanent peace treaty with the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	19.9	10.0	75.6
2. Moderately support	14.3	15.8	5.6
3. Moderately oppose	24.5	27.7	6.7
4. Strongly oppose	37.8	42.5	11.1
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.6	4.0	1.1

12. Would you support or oppose having Israel evacuate the territories (Judea and Samaria) except for the large settlement blocs in return for a permanent peace treaty with the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	9.4	7.8	36.4
2. Moderately support	24.2	24.6	18.2
3. Moderately oppose	24.7	24.8	22.7
4. Strongly oppose	35.0	36.0	18.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	6.7	6.8	4.5

13. If, as part of the agreement, the Palestinians were to declare the end of the historical conflict between the Palestinians and Israel and would recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people, would you support or oppose Israel evacuating the territories (Judea and Samaria) except for the large settlement blocs?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	6.0	6.3	84.6
2. Moderately support	20.6	17.3	15.4
3. Moderately oppose	23.5	24.7	
4. Strongly oppose	42.4	43.7	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	7.5	7.9	

14. Among the following possibilities, what in your opinion is the main description that defines the current conflict between Israel and the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Mainly a political conflict	13.7	13.0	17.8
2. Mainly a religious conflict	13.0	14.1	6.7
3. Mainly a territorial conflict	22.4	20.1	35.6
4. All three to the same extent	45.1	47.4	32.2
5. None of them	2.6	1.9	6.7
6. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.2	3.5	1.1

15. How do you assess the functioning of the government in the socioeconomic sphere?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very good	4.9	4.8	5.6
2. Moderately good	31.6	30.9	35.6
3. Moderately poor	37.5	36.7	42.2
4. Very poor	23.5	24.9	15.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.5	2.7	1.1

16. 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	27.8	26.4	35.6
2. Reducing the gap	66.6	68.9	53.3
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.6	4.7	11.1

17. In recent years, would you say that your economic condition and that of your family has:

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Greatly improved	3.0	3.0	3.3
2. Moderately improved	22.7	24.0	15.6
3. Moderately worsened	25.6	22.7	42.2
4. Greatly worsened	12.3	8.8	32.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.4	0.7	5.5
6. Remained the same	34.9	40.9	1.1

18. To what extent are you concerned/ not concerned nowadays about the socio-economic situation?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Not concerned at all	5.7	5.4	7.8
2. Fairly unconcerned	15.8	13.6	27.8
3. Fairly concerned	48.4	49.9	40.0
4. Very concerned	29.4	30.4	23.3
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	0.8	0.7	1.1

19. There is currently a heated public debate over whether the *Yizkor* memorial prayer recited at ceremonies for fallen soldiers should open with the words "May the People of Israel remember" or the words "May God remember." Which wording do you think is more appropriate?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. "May the People of Israel remember"	63.5	63.5	
2. "May God remember"	20.5	20.5	
3. Both are equally appropriate	7.9	7.9	
4. Neither	0.6	0.6	
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	7.6	7.6	