

The Peace Index – March 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	32.5	28.6	54.4
2. Moderately in favor	34.7	36.3	25.6
3. Moderately opposed	12.8	14.0	5.6
4. Strongly opposed	18.0	19.0	12.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.0	2.1	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	6.9	5.2	16.7
2. Moderately believe	25.1	25.8	21.1
3. Moderately don't believe	26.7	27.9	20.0
4. Don't believe at all	39.8	40.0	38.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.5	1.2	3.3

3. From Israel's standpoint, are the popular anti-regime struggles in the various Arab countries, in your eyes, a positive or negative development?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very positive	17.1	14.2	33.3
2. Moderately positive	30.9	32.5	22.2
3. Moderately negative	22.0	22.3	20.0
4. Very negative	8.5	7.4	14.4
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	21.6	23.5	10.0

4. From the standpoint of the peoples of the Middle East, are these struggles a positive or a negative development?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very positive	20.8	16.7	44.4
2. Moderately positive	34.1	36.4	21.1
3. Moderately negative	19.7	20.8	13.3
4. Very negative	9.6	8.5	15.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	15.7	17.5	5.5

5. What, in your opinion, are the chances that the Palestinians in the territories, too, will launch an uprising against Israel like the popular struggles in the various Arab countries?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very low chances	20.8	17.1	42.2
2. Moderately low chances	37.8	40.5	22.2
3. Moderately high chances	24.0	25.5	15.6
4. Very high chances	12.4	12.3	13.3
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.0	4.7	6.7

6. What, in your opinion, are the chances that Israel's Arab citizens will revolt?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very low chances	27.1	22.7	52.2
2. Moderately low chances	40.5	43.0	26.7
3. Moderately high chances	20.6	22.1	12.2
4. Very high chances	8.9	9.5	5.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.9	2.8	3.3

7. In your opinion, how will the developments in the various Arab countries affect the chances of reaching peace between Israel and the Palestinians in the foreseeable future— if at all?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. They won't affect them	35.2	38.2	17.8
2. They'll affect them positively	26.3	22.5	47.8
3. They'll affect them negatively	27.8	27.3	31.1
4. I don't know\ refuse to answer	10.7	12.0	3.3

8. Some claim that the upheavals in the Middle East will create new possibilities and Israel should initiate an attempt to achieve a regional peace. Others claim that the situation in the Middle East is unclear at the moment and so it is better for Israel to remain passive. Which position do you support more?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The claim that Israel should initiate an attempt to achieve a regional peace now	32.1	27.6	57.8
2. The claim that Israel should remain passive at this stage	65.7	70.2	40.0
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.1	2.2	2.2

9. In your opinion, was it wise or unwise for Western countries to intervene in the Libyan civil war on the side of the rebels and against the Qaddafi regime?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it was wise	22.2	20.1	34.4
2. I think it was wise	31.1	31.6	27.8
3. I think it was unwise	24.6	27.2	10.0
4. I'm sure it was unwise	16.8	15.4	24.4
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.2	5.6	3.3

10. To what extent are you interested or uninterested in the popular struggles currently being waged against the regimes in the various Arab countries?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very interested	26.2	24.1	37.8
2. Moderately interested	50.0	52.4	36.7
3. Moderately uninterested	14.5	15.3	10.0
4. Not interested at all	8.7	8.0	12.2
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	0.6	0.2	3.3

11. If another violent Palestinian intifada erupts and the IDF deploys large forces in the territories to stop it, what are the chances, in your opinion, that Western countries will intervene as they have done in Libya so as to prevent the IDF from doing that?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very low chances	6.5	5.1	14.4
2. Moderately low chances	17.5	16.4	23.3
3. Moderately high chances	37.6	40.7	20.0
4. Very high chances	35.2	34.5	38.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.3	3.3	3.3

12. And what are the chances that Western countries will now exert greater pressure on Israel to advance the peace process with the Palestinian Authority so as to strengthen their ties with certain actors in the Arab world?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very low chances	13.7	13.5	14.4
2. Moderately low chances	37.1	37.9	32.2
3. Moderately high chances	33.0	34.2	26.7
4. Very high chances	11.5	9.8	21.1
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	4.7	4.6	5.5

13. Do you support or oppose the government's decision to step up building in the settlements in reaction to the murder of the family in Itamar?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	23.1	26.0	6.7
2. Moderately support	23.3	26.0	7.8
3. Moderately oppose	21.3	22.6	14.4
4. Strongly oppose	26.5	19.6	65.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.8	5.8	5.5

14. From the standpoint of Israel's national interest, in your opinion, are the settlements located in the heart of the Palestinian population in the West Bank an asset or a burden?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. An asset	38.4	43.8	7.8
2. A burden	53.3	48.4	81.1
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	8.2	7.8	11.1