

### The Peace Index – October 2010

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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	37.3	37.3	37.8
2. Somewhat in favor	32.4	34.8	18.9
3. Somewhat opposed	12.1	11.3	16.7
4. Strongly opposed	14.5	12.9	23.3
5. I don't know	3.2	3.5	1.1
6. Refuse to answer	0.5	0.2	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	9.5	7.6	20.0
2. Somewhat believe	24.3	25.2	18.9
3. Somewhat disbelieve	23.6	25.4	13.3
4. Strongly disbelieve	41.3	40.1	47.8
5. I don't know	1.1	1.3	
6. Refuse to answer	0.2	0.2	

#### 3. Is now an appropriate time or an inappropriate time to reopen negotiations with the Palestinian Authority under American sponsorship?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. This is certainly an appropriate time	28.2	26.6	37.8
2. I think this is an appropriate time	34.9	37.3	21.1
3. I think this is not an appropriate time	13.9	13.6	15.6
4. This is certainly not an appropriate time	17.4	16.6	22.2
5. I don't know	5.4	5.9	2.2
6. Refuse to answer	0.2		1.1

4. Do you support or oppose Prime Minister Netanyahu's demand that as a condition for extending the building freeze in the settlements, the Palestinians should recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	42.9	48.8	10.0
2. Moderately support	21.7	23.9	8.9
3. Moderately oppose	10.6	10.7	10.0
4. Strongly oppose	21.2	12.8	68.9
5. I don't know	2.8	3.1	1.1
6. Refuse to answer	0.8	0.8	1.1

5. In a recent address at the United Nations, Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman presented a position on renewing the peace talks that is completely opposed to that of the prime minister. He reiterated this position in a meeting with the foreign ministers of Spain and France, who were visiting Israel. In your opinion, should he or should he not be retained in his post after openly expressing positions that contradict the prime minister's policy?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. He certainly should be	24.4	27.0	10.0
2. I think he should be	22.4	23.6	15.6
3. I think he should not be	16.6	16.2	18.9
4. He certainly should not be	29.7	26.5	47.8
5. I don't know	5.9	5.6	7.8
6. Refuse to answer	1.0	1.1	

6. In light of the profound gaps between the positions of Netanyahu and Lieberman on central political issues, do you think Netanyahu should or should not break up the current coalition and set up a new coalition with the Kadima Party as the main partner?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. He certainly should	21.8	18.4	41.1
2. I think he should	19.7	19.5	21.1
3. I think he should not	19.8	20.4	16.7
4. He certainly should not	27.7	30.7	11.1
5. I don't know	9.4	10.1	5.6
6. Refuse to answer	1.6	1.0	4.4

7. If during the peace talks, Israel succeeds in reaching a permanent peace agreement with the Palestinians that is backed by the United States and includes the evacuation of all the settlements in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria, in your opinion should Israel sign or not sign the agreement?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It certainly should sign	19.4	10.9	67.8
2. I think it should sign	16.6	17.2	13.3
3. I think it should not sign	16.7	18.5	6.7
4. It certainly should not sign	40.8	46.2	10.0
5. I don't know	5.7	6.6	1.1
6. Refuse to answer	0.8	0.7	1.1

8. And if during the peace talks, Israel succeeds in reaching a permanent peace agreement with the Palestinians that is backed by the United States and includes only the evacuation of the settlements and the territories in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria that are outside the large settlement blocs, since the large settlement blocs would remain in Israeli hands, in your opinion should Israel sign or not sign the agreement?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It certainly should sign	18.5	17.9	31.3
2. I think it should sign	32.5	32.2	37.5
3. I think it should not sign	11.0	10.6	18.8
4. It certainly should not sign	31.5	32.6	6.3
5. I don't know	6.1	6.3	6.3
6. Refuse to answer	0.5	0.3	

9. If Israel and the Palestinians succeed in reaching a peace agreement, with U.S. support, in your opinion will the leadership of the Palestinian Authority succeed or not succeed in meeting its obligations under the agreement, given the expected opposition of Hamas and of other opposition groups among the Palestinians?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It certainly will succeed	8.7	4.8	31.1
2. I think it will succeed	18.1	16.4	27.8
3. I think it will not succeed	27.8	30.4	13.3
4. It certainly will not succeed	40.4	43.0	25.6
5. I don't know	4.3	4.6	2.2
6. Refuse to answer	0.7	0.8	

**10. If the two sides, Israel and the Palestinians, succeed in reaching a peace agreement, with U.S. support, in your opinion will the Israeli government succeed or not succeed in meeting its obligations under the agreement, given the expected opposition of the extreme Right and of other opposition groups in Israel?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It certainly will succeed	30.6	31.0	28.9
2. I think it will succeed	36.9	39.1	24.4
3. I think it will not succeed	13.6	12.9	17.8
4. It certainly will not succeed	11.4	8.5	27.8
5. I don't know	6.7	7.9	1.1
6. Refuse to answer	0.7	0.7	

**11. What is your opinion on the idea that Israel should demand that in the framework of a permanent peace, Jewish settlers who want to continue living in the territories that will be transferred to the Palestinian Authority should be able to keep living there under their own responsibility?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	18.8	17.0	28.9
2. Moderately support	25.3	27.2	14.4
3. Moderately oppose	20.4	19.5	25.6
4. Strongly oppose	29.3	29.0	31.1
5. I don't know	5.5	6.5	
6. Refuse to answer	0.7	0.8	

**12. What is your opinion of the following statement: "The Palestinians have not accepted the existence of the State of Israel and would destroy it if they could"?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Agree	71.5	80.4	21.1
2. Disagree	26.8	17.8	77.8
3. I don't know	1.2	1.5	1.1
4. Refuse to answer	0.5	0.4	

**13. What is your opinion of the following statement: "Even if a peace agreement is signed, the Palestinians will never accept Israel's existence and would destroy it if they could"?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Agree	67.1	74.1	27.8
2. Disagree	28.6	21.5	68.9
3. I don't know	3.3	3.5	2.2
4. Refuse to answer	1.0	0.9	1.1

**14. Taking into account that it is impossible to do everything at once, in your opinion how urgent or not urgent is it for the Israeli government to deal with each of the following issues today:**

**14.1 Strengthening the democratic character of the state**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Not urgent at all	10.8	12.2	3.3
2. Not very urgent	22.7	26.1	3.3
3. Moderately urgent	27.8	29.2	20.0
4. Very urgent	36.3	29.8	73.3
5. I don't know	2.1	2.5	
6. Refuse to answer	0.2	0.2	

**14.2 Promoting economic growth and the standard of living**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Not urgent at all	1.9	1.8	2.2
2. Not very urgent	7.6	8.7	1.1
3. Moderately urgent	30.9	34.0	13.3
4. Very urgent	58.1	53.6	83.3
5. I don't know	1.0	1.1	
6. Refuse to answer	0.6	0.7	

**14.3 Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Not urgent at all	11.2	13.2	4.4
2. Not very urgent	14.9	16.7	16.7
3. Moderately urgent	29.6	31.8	78.9
4. Very urgent	42.9	36.5	
5. I don't know	1.3	1.5	
6. Refuse to answer	0.2	0.2	

**14.4 Closing socioeconomic gaps**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Not urgent at all			
2. Not very urgent			
3. Moderately urgent			
4. Very urgent			
5. I don't know			
6. Refuse to answer			

**14.5 Strengthening the Jewish character of the state**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Not urgent at all	16.6	11.9	43.3
2. Not very urgent	22.4	22.5	22.2
3. Moderately urgent	22.8	24.6	12.2
4. Very urgent	34.8	37.8	17.8
5. I don't know	2.5	2.8	1.1
6. Refuse to answer	0.8	0.4	3.3

#### 14.6 Waging war on corruption and promoting proper administration

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Not urgent at all	2.3	1.4	7.8
2. Not very urgent	5.9	5.6	7.8
3. Moderately urgent	22.9	23.4	20.0
4. Very urgent	67.1	68.0	62.2
5. I don't know	1.3	1.3	1.1
6. Refuse to answer	0.5	0.4	1.1

#### 15. Among the following issues, which in your opinion is the most urgent?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strengthening the democratic character of the state	7.1	5.8	14.4
2. Promoting economic growth and the standard of living	17.5	15.1	31.1
3. Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians	22.8	20.1	37.8
4. Closing socioeconomic gaps	17.4	20.1	2.2
5. Strengthening the Jewish character of the state	12.4	14.2	2.2
6. Waging war on corruption and promoting proper administration	21.9	23.6	12.2
7. Don't know	0.5	0.6	
8. Refuse to answer	0.4	0.5	

#### 16. And which is the second most important?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strengthening the democratic character of the state	7.5	5.3	20.0
2. Promoting economic growth and the standard of living	20.2	16.7	40.0
3. Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians	17.3	16.5	22.2
4. Closing socioeconomic gaps	26.0	30.0	3.3
5. Strengthening the Jewish character of the state	5.8	6.6	1.1
6. Waging war on corruption and promoting proper administration	20.4	21.1	11.1
7. Don't know	1.7	1.8	1.1
8. Refuse to answer	1.0	1.0	1.1