

The Peace Index – October 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	31.6	30.5	37.8
2. Moderately in favor	39.0	39.8	34.4
3. Moderately opposed	15.4	15.5	14.4
4. Strongly opposed	10.1	9.5	13.3
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.9	4.7	37.8

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	5.7	4.8	11.1
2. Moderately believe	26.5	26.6	25.6
3. Moderately don't believe	32.1	33.2	25.6
4. Don't believe at all	33.4	33.0	35.6
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	2.4	2.4	2.2

3. Do you now think it was right or not right to carry out the Gilad Shalit deal?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it was right	46.3	47.6	38.9
2. I think it was right	31.5	30.2	38.9
3. I think it wasn't right	10.3	10.2	11.1
4. I'm sure it wasn't right	5.9	6.0	5.6
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	5.9	6.0	5.5

4. Some claim that the Shalit deal weakened Israel and harmed its deterrence. Do you agree or disagree with that assessment?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly agree	15.0	14.3	18.9
2. Moderately agree	23.8	23.5	25.6
3. Moderately disagree	22.7	22.0	26.7
4. Don't agree at all	35.5	37.7	23.3
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	3.0	2.5	5.5

5. In recent days, rockets and missiles were again fired from Gaza at southern Israel. In your opinion, is there or is there not a connection between this and the Shalit deal?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. There is	28.0	26.9	34.4
2. There isn't	67.6	69.9	54.4
3. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	4.4	3.2	11.1

6. Some say Israel must now respond with great force to any aggressions by the Palestinian side, including launching a wide-scale military operation in Gaza in response to the firing from there. Do you support or do you not support a wide-scale military operation in Gaza?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Don't support it at all	19.3	11.4	64.4
2. Moderately don't support it	18.3	20.0	8.9
3. Moderately support it	27.4	29.1	17.8
4. Strongly support it	31.5	35.9	6.7
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.5	3.7	2.2

7. Some claim Israel is being restrained in its response to the firing from Gaza so as not to endanger the fragile relationship with the Egyptian regime. Assuming this claim is correct, do you approve or not approve of the government's policy on this issue?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly approve of it	15.7	13.9	25.6
2. Moderately approve of it	38.0	39.8	27.8
3. Moderately don't approve of it	23.0	22.8	24.4
4. Don't approve of it at all	16.1	16.6	13.3
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer\Other	7.1	6.9	8.9

8. Recently there has been a rash of "price-tag" actions—such as uprooting trees, burning mosques, etc.—by settler groups in response to hostile actions by Palestinians. Do you support or not support these "price-tag" actions?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	3.6	2.2	11.1
2. Moderately support	6.9	6.9	6.7
3. Moderately don't support	18.2	19.1	13.3
4. Don't support at all	69.0	69.2	67.8
5. Don't know /Refuse to answer	2.4	2.6	1.1

9. There have also been cases of "price-tag" actions by settler groups against the IDF in response to outpost evacuations. Examples of such actions include damaging vehicles and beating soldiers. Do you support or not support these "price-tag" actions?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	2.0	1.8	3.3
2. Moderately support	2.5	1.4	8.9
3. Moderately don't support	16.4	14.0	30.0
4. Don't support at all	76.1	79.5	56.7
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	3.1	3.4	1.1

10. Do the security forces and enforcement authorities act too mildly, too harshly, or appropriately toward settlers who carry out "price-tag" actions?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Too mildly	14.3	13.1	21.1
2. Too harshly	38.5	35.0	58.9
3. Appropriately	34.0	37.8	12.2
4. Don't know / Refuse to answer	13.2	14.1	7.8

11. Recently, there were reports on IDF events where female soldiers were prevented from taking part in activities together with male soldiers serving in their unit because religious soldiers were opposed to their presence. In your opinion, is it proper for the IDF to hold events where male and female soldiers are separated because of religious demands?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it is	12.9	13.2	11.1
2. I think it is	18.1	16.0	30.0
3. I think it isn't	23.3	21.3	34.4
4. I'm sure it isn't	40.3	44.6	15.6
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.5	4.8	8.8

12. And what is your opinion on removing female soldiers from units where haredi soldiers serve—should this or should this not be permitted so as to enable ultra-Orthodox soldiers to serve?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it should be permitted	18.8	20.0	12.2
2. I think it should be permitted	25.7	26.3	22.2
3. I think it shouldn't be permitted	15.7	13.1	31.1
4. I'm sure it shouldn't be permitted	30.1	32.1	18.9
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	9.6	8.6	15.5

13. Do you support or oppose the continuation of the social-protest movement?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly support	48.0	45.0	65.6
2. Moderately support	27.7	29.6	16.7
3. Moderately oppose	11.5	12.1	7.8
4. Strongly oppose	7.2	7.5	5.6
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	5.6	5.8	4.4

14. In your opinion, has the social protest succeeded or not succeeded in scoring significant achievements so far?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It has succeeded	42.3	41.1	48.9
2. It hasn't succeeded	51.5	53.5	40.0
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	6.2	5.4	11.1