

### The Peace Index – September 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	33.2	34.9	23.3
2. Moderately in favor	41.9	41.9	42.2
3. Moderately opposed	12.9	11.1	23.3
4. Strongly opposed	10.6	10.5	11.1
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.4	1.6	

#### 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	5.6	4.0	14.4
2. Moderately believe	24.2	23.9	25.6
3. Moderately don't believe	31.5	33.5	20.0
4. Don't believe at all	37.1	36.8	38.9
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.6	1.7	1.1

#### 3. T What is your opinion of the recommendations of the Trajtenberg Committee (the committee the prime minister set up in response to the demands of the tent protest)?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The recommendations are reasonable, not too extreme and not too moderate	22.3	23.2	16.7
2. The recommendations are too moderate and will not substantially improve the existing situation	47.0	48.8	36.7
3. The recommendations are too extreme and liable to endanger economic stability	11.1	8.3	26.7
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	19.7	19.6	20.0

**4. In your opinion, what are the chances that the government will fully implement the committee's recommendations?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very high	4.7	2.4	17.8
2. Moderately high	21.5	18.8	36.7
3. Moderately low	39.4	42.2	23.3
4. Very low	24.2	25.9	14.4
5. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	10.3	10.7	7.8

**5. At present, is there or is there not justification for continuing the social protest?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. There is justification	77.6	79.7	65.6
2. There is no justification	20.6	18.6	32.2
3. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	1.8	1.7	2.2

**6. In your opinion, has the social protest succeeded or not succeeded in putting the issue of social justice on the agenda of the government and the public?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. It has succeeded.	76.9	83.2	41.1
2. It has not succeeded	20.1	15.0	48.9
3. I don't know\ refuse to answer	3.0	1.8	10.0

**7. In your opinion, which of the following two opinions is more accurate: (a) Given the difficult problems Israel faces on the international level, dealing with domestic questions such as social justice should be deferred, or (b) It is precisely in difficult periods that the social-justice issue should be addressed?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The first opinion—that dealing with issues such as social justice should be deferred for now	14.3	14.1	15.6
2. The second opinion—that questions of social justice should be addressed now	78.6	79.5	73.3
3. I don't know\ Refuse to answer\Other	7.1	6.4	11.1

**8. In principle, do you support or oppose cutting the defense budget substantially and transferring the money to social purposes such as education, health, welfare, and housing?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly oppose	15.9	18.1	3.3
2. Moderately oppose	22.4	24.4	11.1
3. Moderately support	31.9	33.5	23.3
4. Strongly support	22.1	16.0	56.7
5. Don't know /Refuse to answer	7.7	8.0	5.5

**9. With regard to each of the following areas, when you compare the situation this Rosh Hashanah with the situation last Rosh Hashanah , in your opinion is the current situation better, the same, or worse?**

**9.1 Your and your family's economic situation**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Better	12.9	12.5	15.6
2. The same	49.5	55.0	18.9
3. Worse	36.2	31.1	65.6
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	1.2	1.5	

**9.2 Your and your family's personal security**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Better	8.9	9.3	6.7
2. The same	59.3	62.4	42.2
3. Worse	30.8	27.3	51.1
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	1.0	1.1	

**9.3 The economy of the country**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Better	16.7	19.0	3.3
2. The same	32.9	32.5	35.6
3. Worse	41.3	38.0	60.0
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	9.1	10.5	1.1

#### 9.4 The security of the country

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Better	15.6	17.0	7.8
2. The same	39.6	40.1	36.7
3. Worse	41.2	39.1	53.3
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	3.6	3.8	2.2

#### 9.5 The international status of the country

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Better	6.9	7.4	4.4
2. The same	22.6	20.5	34.4
3. Worse	66.6	68.6	55.6
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	3.8	3.5	5.5

#### 9.6 The national sense of unity

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Better	27.5	31.6	4.4
2. The same	35.5	35.9	33.3
3. Worse	32.4	28.0	57.8
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	4.6	4.6	4.4

#### 9.7 The public's trust in its leaders

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Better	7.1	7.6	4.4
2. The same	24.7	24.3	26.7
3. Worse	63.1	36.3	62.2
4. I don't know\ Refuse to answer	5.1	4.8	6.7

**10. A large majority of countries in the U.N. General Assembly apparently recognize an independent Palestinian state. In your opinion, should or should not the Netanyahu government show greater flexibility so as to enable renewing the peace talks before the Palestinian state is recognized?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure the government should be more flexible	18.2	15.8	32.2
2. I think the government should be more flexible	32.4	32.2	33.3
3. I think it should not be more flexible	22.1	22.5	20.0
4. I'm sure it should not be more flexible	23.1	25.2	11.1
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	4.7	4.4	3.3

**11. From the standpoint of Israel's national interest, is it desirable or undesirable for an independent Palestinian state to be established at the present time?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very undesirable	27.8	27.0	32.2
2. Moderately undesirable	29.2	31.2	17.8
3. Moderately desirable	23.9	22.9	30.0
4. Very desirable	12.0	10.9	17.8
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	7.1	8.0	2.2

**12. If an independent Palestinian state is established despite Israel's position, is it desirable or undesirable for Israel to cooperate with it?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Desirable for Israel to cooperate with it	56.3	51.8	82.2
2. Undesirable for Israel to cooperate with it	36.8	41.0	13.3
3. Don't know / Refuse to answer	6.8	7.2	4.4

**13. In your opinion, is the current Palestinian leadership capable or incapable of honoring obligations that it will take upon itself if a permanent Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement is signed?**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure it is capable	5.8	3.4	18.9
2. I think it is capable	18.0	14.1	40.0
3. I think it is incapable	34.0	35.6	24.4
4. I'm sure it is incapable	39.4	43.5	15.6
5. Don't know / Refuse to answer	3.0	3.3	1.1

**14. In your opinion, is U.S. president Barack Obama currently:**

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. More supportive of the Palestinians	12.4	14.5	86.7
2. More supportive of Israel	46.4	39.3	7.8
3. Supportive of both sides to the same extent	34.3	39.0	4.4
4. Don't know / Refuse to answer	6.9	7.2	1.1