**Israeli Voice Index –September 2023**

1. **How do you feel about the state of democratic governance in Israel in the foreseeable future?**

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| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 9.9 | 1.4 | 11.7 | Very optimistic |
| 22.9 | 15.2 | 24.5 | Moderately optimistic |
| 29.0 | 21.2 | 30.6 | Moderately pessimistic |
| 29.9 | 52.4 | 25.3 | Very pessimistic |
| 8.3 | 9.8 | 7.9 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **And how do you feel about Israel’s security situation in the foreseeable future?**

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| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.0 | Very optimistic |
| 28.7 | 8.9 | 32.8 | Moderately optimistic |
| 33.5 | 20.6 | 36.1 | Moderately pessimistic |
| 25.3 | 56.4 | 18.9 | Very pessimistic |
| 6.5 | 8.3 | 6.2 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Have you read Israel’s Declaration of Independence?**

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| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 42.4 | 21.9 | 46.6 | Yes, in elementary or high school |
| 4.7 | 2.5 | 5.2 | Yes, while in higher education |
| 14.3 | 11.0 | 14.9 | Yes, later in life, out of personal interest |
| 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.7 | Yes, following the protests against the government’s reform program |
| 34.0 | 60.7 | 28.6 | I don’t remember whether I have read the Declaration of Independence |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **In your opinion, is the Declaration of Independence, which was signed in 1948, suitable to serve as a special-status document used to guide legislation and policy in current conditions in Israel?**

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| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 22.3 | 13.5 | 24.0 | Certain it is |
| 27.4 | 13.3 | 30.3 | Think it is |
| 18.9 | 23.8 | 17.9 | Think it is not |
| 9.6 | 14.8 | 8.6 | Certain it is not |
| 21.8 | 34.6 | 19.2 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Did you watch the broadcast of the Supreme Court hearing on the reasonableness law?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 45.8 | 61.3 | 42.5 | I did not watch it |
| 26.7 | 21.3 | 27.9 | I watched a small part of it |
| 17.4 | 13.0 | 18.3 | I watched summaries of the hearing on television news or the internet |
| 10.1 | 4.4 | 11.3 | I watched most or all of the broadcast of the hearing |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. [For interviewees who gave responses 2–4 to the previous question] **From what you saw and heard, which party showed a higher level of professionalism and was more persuasive**? [Responses presented in a random order]**?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public  (54.2) | Arabs  (38.7) | Jews  (57.5) | % of |
| 27.6 | 23.5 | 28.1 | The Knesset and the government (Adv. Yitzhak Bart for the Knesset; Chair of the Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice Committee MK Simcha Rothman and Adv. Ilan Bombach for the government) |
| 12.0 | 14.5 | 11.7 | The representatives of Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara (Adv. Anar Hellman) |
| 46.0 | 45.7 | 46.0 | The Supreme Court justices |
| 14.4 | 16.3 | 14.2 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Several months ago, the Knesset passed an amendment to a basic law, revoking the Supreme Court’s power to review government decisions on the basis of unreasonableness. Do you think it is proper or improper for the Supreme Court to rule that this new amendment should be struck down?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 29.9 | 31.9 | 29.5 | Certain it is proper |
| 18.7 | 13.6 | 19.8 | Think it is proper |
| 13.6 | 17.4 | 12.8 | Think it is improper |
| 24.7 | 16.5 | 26.4 | Certain it is improper |
| 13.1 | 20.6 | 11.5 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **It has been suggested recently that Israel is on the brink of a civil war due to deep political differences between sections of society. In your opinion, what is the likelihood of a civil war breaking out in Israel in the near future, which includes violence between the different sides?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 8.9 | 16.8 | 7.3 | Very high likelihood |
| 29.2 | 25.0 | 30.0 | Fairly high likelihood |
| 31.4 | 18.2 | 34.2 | Fairly low likelihood |
| 23.2 | 27.4 | 22.4 | Very low likelihood |
| 7.3 | 12.6 | 6.1 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **If an agreement is signed in the near future between Israel and Saudi Arabia as part of a broad regional deal that includes American guarantees, how will this affect the political standing of Prime Minister Netanyahu?**

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| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 41.4 | 32.9 | 43.2 | Strengthen Netanyahu’s standing |
| 38.7 | 40.8 | 38.2 | Not affect Netanyahu’s political standing |
| 4.9 | 8.0 | 4.3 | Weaken Netanyahu’s standing |
| 15.0 | 18.3 | 14.3 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **What do you think will happen to the protests against the government if such an agreement is reached?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 55.3 | 41.0 | 58.2 | Signing an agreement will not affect the protests |
| 16.0 | 19.9 | 15.2 | Signing an agreement will weaken the protests |
| 9.3 | 17.7 | 7.6 | Signing an agreement will strengthen the protests |
| 19.4 | 21.4 | 19.0 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Do you support or oppose holding protests abroad against the legislative changes being advanced by the government?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 23.1 | 29.9 | 21.8 | Strongly support |
| 21.6 | 25.5 | 20.9 | Somewhat support |
| 13.9 | 10.3 | 14.6 | Somewhat oppose |
| 30.4 | 12.1 | 34.2 | Strongly oppose |
| 11.0 | 22.2 | 8.5 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Initially, the current public protests were directed against the judicial reforms being advanced by the government. What do you think is their main goal today?**

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| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 17.5 | 25.5 | 15.8 | The same: opposition to the government’s judicial reforms |
| 32.6 | 11.0 | 37.0 | To bring down the right-wing government, even though it was legally elected by the majority of the public |
| 7.1 | 9.7 | 6.6 | To maintain the power of the old elites |
| 27.0 | 21.4 | 28.2 | To protect the democratic essence of the State of Israel in the spirit of the Declaration of Independence |
| 2.6 | 5.0 | 2.0 | To bring about the writing of a constitution |
| 5.5 | 6.9 | 5.2 | To bring about an equal share of the burden in Israel, in terms of military service and the economy |
| 4.8 | 12.4 | 3.2 | Support judicial reforms, but not according to the plans of the current government |
| 2.9 | 8.1 | 2.0 | Other |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **This month marks the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Oslo Accords. Looking back, was it correct or incorrect for Israel to enter this process?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 12.8 | 21.3 | 11.0 | Certain it was correct |
| 23.3 | 17.5 | 24.5 | Think it was correct |
| 17.3 | 14.1 | 18.0 | Think it was incorrect |
| 22.0 | 13.7 | 23.7 | Certain it was incorrect |
| 24.6 | 33.4 | 22.8 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Who do you think is responsible for the fact that the process has not resulted in a peace agreement?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 8.1 | 29.7 | 3.7 | The Israelis |
| 43.3 | 5.6 | 51.0 | The Palestinians |
| 34.2 | 46.9 | 31.6 | Both to the same extent |
| 0.9 | 2.3 | 0.6 | Other |
| 13.5 | 15.5 | 13.1 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

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