

War in Gaza Public Opinion Survey (13)

18-21/03/2024

On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, what grade would you give each of the following for their functioning since October 7? (presented in a random order)

1. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Very poor	41.0	56.8	43.7
2	11.5	23.3	13.5
3	15.0	11.4	14.3
4	14.6	1.8	12.4
5= Excellent	17.8	3.0	15.3
Don't know	0.1	3.7	0.8
Total	100	100	100

2. Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Very poor	10.2	58.6	18.5
2	13.0	21.8	14.5
3	27.9	8.6	24.6
4	28.2	6.1	24.4
5= Excellent	17.6	3.8	15.2
Don't know	3.1	1.1	2.8
Total	100	100	100

3. Minister of Finance Bezalel Smotrich:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Very poor	46.5	66.9	50.0
2	12.6	22.9	14.4
3	16.3	7.5	14.8
4	10.7	0.7	9.0
5= Excellent	10.8	0.3	9.0
Don't know	3.1	1.7	2.8
Total	100	100	100

4. Minister of National Security Itamar Ben Gvir:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Very poor	45.7	76.6	51.0
2	10.1	11.7	10.3



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3	12.1	4.8	10.8
4	13.4	2.5	11.6
5= Excellent	17.7	0.3	14.7
Don't know	1.0	4.1	1.6
Total	100	100	100

5. Minister Benny Gantz:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Very poor	15.5	38.3	19.4
2	14.2	24.2	15.9
3	29.6	13.2	26.8
4	25.3	8.5	22.4
5= Excellent	12.2	6.7	11.3
Don't know	3.2	9.1	4.2
Total	100	100	100

6. Chief of General Staff Herzi Halevi:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Very poor	11.3	37.1	15.7
2	9.6	24.1	12.1
3	20.7	12.5	19.3
4	29.4	7.7	25.7
5= Excellent	25.6	5.9	22.2
Don't know	3.4	12.7	5.0
Total	100	100	100

7. To what extent should Israel take into consideration the suffering of the civilian population in Gaza when planning the continuation of the fighting there?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not at all	43.9	7.4	37.6
To a fairly small extent	36.4	16.0	32.9
To a fairly large extent	13.8	20.6	14.9
To a very large extent	4.3	51.5	12.4
Don't know	1.6	4.5	2.2
Total	100	100	100

8. Since the outbreak of the war, the United States and President Biden have stood beside Israel in every respect—militarily, diplomatically, and more. There are now signs that the United States also has demands of Israel which are not always acceptable to the Israeli leadership. In your opinion, what should Israel do?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Act in coordination with the Americans	43.3	63.0	46.6
Act only in accordance with the judgement of Israel's leadership	48.8	18.0	43.6
Don't know	7.9	19.0	9.8
Total	100	100	100

9. A recently published report by US intelligence agencies states that:

- (a) the Israeli public's lack of faith in Netanyahu's ability to govern has spread and intensified since the beginning of the war;**
- (b) large public protests can be expected, demanding Netanyahu's resignation and new elections. To what extent to you agree with these assessments?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Agree with both of the assessments	42.0	41.1	41.8
Agree only with assessment (a)	13.9	24.9	15.8
Agree only with assessment (b)	6.5	16.5	8.2
Do not agree with either of the assessments	30.8	12.2	27.7
Don't know	6.8	5.3	6.5
Total	100	100	100

10. President Biden has announced that the United States intends to construct a jetty in Gaza to facilitate the supply of humanitarian aid. In your opinion, how will such a step affect Israel's bargaining power vis-à-vis Hamas?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strengthen Israel's bargaining power, because supplying humanitarian aid will lessen external pressure on Israel, enabling it to insist on its demands vis-à-vis Hamas	22.6	43.3	26.2
Weaken Israel's bargaining power, because it will improve conditions in the Gaza Strip and there will be no internal pressure on Hamas to agree to Israel's demands	60.2	39.0	56.6



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Don't know	17.2	17.7	17.2
Total	100	100	100

11. In recent weeks, there has been an intensification of the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. What do you think is the likelihood of all-out war breaking out soon between Israel and Hezbollah?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high likelihood	22.2	32.9	24.1
Fairly high likelihood	48.5	29.0	45.2
Fairly low likelihood	15.5	13.7	15.2
Very low likelihood	3.5	15.0	5.5
Don't know	10.3	9.4	10.0
Total	100	100	100

12. How does the lenient policy of the Ministry of National Security regarding eligibility criteria for a firearms license affect your sense of personal security?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Does not affect my sense of security	18.9	36.4	21.9
Greatly improves my sense of security	24.3	9.7	21.8
Somewhat improves my sense of security	26.1	9.6	23.3
Somewhat worsens my sense of security	12.1	24.5	14.2
Greatly worsens my sense of security	10.8	9.5	10.6
Don't know	7.8	10.3	8.2
Total	100	100	100

13. How does the establishment of an Israel Police/Border Police civil defense unit in your place of residence affect your sense of personal security?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
No civil defense unit has been established in my place of residence	13.3	77.7	24.3
Greatly improves my sense of security	31.2	4.4	26.6
Somewhat improves my sense of security	33.0	5.3	28.3
Neither improves nor worsens my sense of security	14.5	5.0	12.9
Somewhat worsens my sense of security	1.5	0.4	1.3
Greatly worsens my sense of security	0.8	5.9	1.7
Don't know	5.7	1.3	4.9
Total	100	100	100

War in Gaza Public Opinion Survey (13) was prepared by the Viterbi Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research of the Israel Democracy Institute. In the survey, which was conducted on the internet and by telephone (supplements of groups that are not sufficiently represented on the network) between 18-21 March 2024, 578 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 159 in Arabic, constituting a representative national sample of the entire adult population of Israel aged 18 and older. The maximum sampling error for the entire sample was 3.68% ± at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Menachem Lazar Research. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>

