

Israeli Voice Index, May 2019

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very optimistic	9.0	12.3	9.5
Moderately optimistic	45.1	12.3	40.0
Moderately pessimistic	25.4	36.8	27.2
Very pessimistic	14.3	28.3	16.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.2	10.3	6.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

2. And how do you feel about Israel's security situation in the foreseeable future?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very optimistic	6.7	12.4	7.5
Moderately optimistic	46.4	28.6	43.7
Moderately pessimistic	34.6	32.4	34.3
Very pessimistic	6.8	15.2	8.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.5	11.4	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. In your assessment, what is Israel's international status at present?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very good	14.7	17.1	15.1
Moderately good	49.5	33.3	47.0
Moderately poor	27.0	21.9	26.2
Very poor	3.4	14.3	5.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.4	13.4	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. Is Israel's international status today: better, similar, or poorer than it was ten years ago?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
It has not changed and is the same as ten years ago	8.5	18.3	10.0
Much better than ten years ago	29.4	17.3	27.6
A little better than ten years ago	30.9	17.3	28.9
A little poorer than ten years ago	14.2	16.3	14.5
Much poorer than ten years ago	6.2	13.5	7.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	10.8	17.3	11.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. Is each of the following countries, in your opinion, friendly or hostile to Israel? [present in rotation]

5.1 Britain

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very friendly	5.6	22.1	8.1
Moderately friendly	34.8	45.2	36.3
Neither friendly nor hostile	37.1	13.5	33.6
Moderately hostile	15.7	6.7	14.3
Very hostile	2.2	--	1.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.6	12.5	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5.2 Russia

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very friendly	4.6	12.3	5.8
Moderately friendly	29.9	30.2	30.0
Neither friendly nor hostile	40.3	26.4	38.2
Moderately hostile	19.3	13.2	18.4
Very hostile	3.1	3.8	3.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	2.8	14.1	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5.3 India

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very friendly	20.0	26.0	20.9
Moderately friendly	43.8	31.7	41.9
Neither friendly nor hostile	26.5	17.3	25.1
Moderately hostile	2.2	1.9	2.2
Very hostile	0.3	1.9	0.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.2	21.2	9.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5.4 Germany

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very friendly	14.2	22.9	15.5
Moderately friendly	43.3	35.2	42.1
Neither friendly nor hostile	26.8	24.8	26.5
Moderately hostile	10.6	3.8	9.6
Very hostile	2.0	1.9	2.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.1	11.4	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5.5 United States

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very friendly	73.9	68.9	73.1
Moderately friendly	22.9	15.1	21.7
Neither friendly nor hostile	1.9	2.8	2.0
Moderately hostile	0.3	--	0.3
Very hostile	--	0.9	0.1
Don't know/Decline to answer	1.0	12.3	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5.6 China

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very friendly	6.8	14.3	8.0
Moderately friendly	33.6	21.0	31.7
Neither friendly nor hostile	44.7	33.3	43.0
Moderately hostile	6.5	7.6	6.7
Very hostile	1.2	4.8	1.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.2	19.0	8.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5.7 Egypt

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very friendly	1.5	15.4	3.6
Moderately friendly	16.2	29.8	18.3
Neither friendly nor hostile	45.2	25.0	42.2
Moderately hostile	26.5	15.4	24.8
Very hostile	7.3	3.8	6.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.3	10.6	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. In your opinion, to what extent is the BDS movement (which calls for a boycott of Israel and Israeli products because of the continued occupation) succeeding to damage Israel's international status?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Succeeding to do so to a very great extent	8.5	11.4	9.0
Succeeding to do so to a moderately great extent	28.9	27.6	28.7
Succeeding to do so to a moderately small extent	41.0	21.0	38.0
Succeeding to do so to a very small extent	13.8	11.4	13.5
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.8	28.6	10.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. In your opinion, if a comprehensive peace agreement were to be signed between Israel and the Palestinians, would or would there not be a substantial improvement in Israel's international status?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure there would be an improvement in Israel's international status	20.3	45.2	24.1
I think there would be an improvement	35.5	24.0	33.8
I think there would not be an improvement	24.9	10.6	22.8
I'm sure there would not be an improvement in Israel's international status	12.1	3.8	10.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.2	16.4	8.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. And if Israel were to withdraw unilaterally—that is, without an agreement with the Palestinians—from the West Bank (Judea and Samaria), would there then be a substantial improvement in its international status?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure there would be an improvement in Israel's international status	6.8	20.0	8.8
I think there would be an improvement	20.0	30.5	21.6
I think there would not be an improvement	34.4	21.9	32.5
I'm sure there would not be an improvement in Israel's international status	25.5	10.5	23.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.3	17.1	13.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. Some claim that in light of the political processes occurring in Israel in recent years, the regime here can now be compared with illiberal regimes in Turkey, Hungary, or Poland. Do you agree with or oppose this claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	7.8	31.1	11.4
Moderately agree	16.6	28.3	18.4
Moderately oppose	23.7	9.4	21.5
Strongly oppose	35.2	12.3	31.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.7	18.9	17.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. (For Jews only) In your opinion, is conversion a process of joining:

	% Jews
The Jewish people	18.3
The Jewish religion	31.1
Joining both the Jewish people and the Jewish religion	45.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	5.1
Total	100.0

11. (For Jews only) In your opinion, should conversion be performed leniently (as far as possible within the boundaries of halakhah) in order to enable more converts to join the Jewish people, or should conversion be performed very strictly even if it means there will be fewer converts?

	% Jews
Conversion should be performed leniently	52.0
Conversion should be performed very strictly	35.2
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.8
Total	100.0

12. (For Jews only) In your opinion, who should have the authority to determine that a person is a Jew for purposes of the state of Israel's recognition of his Jewishness (more than one answer may be marked): [present in rotation]*

	% Jews
The Orthodox conversion establishment of the Chief Rabbinate	31.6
A new state conversion establishment to be set up in accordance with the law	36.1
Private conversion courts in Israel for all the streams – Haredi, Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform	17.3
Conversion courts abroad for all the streams – Haredi, Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform	8.8
None of these, all to the same extent	11.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	12.3
Total	100.0

*The values add up to more than 100% because in this question respondents could choose more than one answer.

13. (For Jews only) In the IDF a conversion system operates in which the processes are simpler and briefer. So far more than 10,000 soldiers have been converted in its framework. In your opinion, should:

	% Jews
The conversion system in the IDF should be expanded	45.3
The conversion system in the IDF should be left as it is	25.8
The conversion system in the IDF should be cut back	7.2
The conversion system in the IDF should be closed	10.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.3
Total	100.0

14. (For Jews only) Would you agree to accept a person who is not Jewish according to the halakhah:

14.1 As a neighbor

	% Jews
I'm sure I would	61.4
I think I would	24.7
I think I would not	5.5
I'm sure I would not	4.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.1
Total	100.0

14.2 As your/your daughter's partner for marriage

	% Jews
I'm sure I would	24.2
I think I would	15.5
I think I would not	17.6
I'm sure I would not	35.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.9
Total	100.0

14.3 As your/your son's partner for marriage

	% Jews
I'm sure I would	23.9
I think I would	14.5
I think I would not	17.9
I'm sure I would not	36.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.1
Total	100.0

15. Do you support or oppose having the Knesset legislate the “Immunity Law,” according to which automatic immunity would be conferred on a member of Knesset against whom the attorney-general wants to serve an indictment?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support the Immunity Law	7.5	7.6	7.5
Moderately support the Immunity Law	11.6	4.8	10.6
Moderately oppose the Immunity Law	19.6	13.3	18.7
Strongly oppose the Immunity Law	42.3	46.7	43.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	19.0	27.6	20.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

16. And if the revised law is passed, should it, in your opinion, be applied only to new cases or also to Prime Minister Netanyahu, even though a draft of an indictment, pending a hearing, has already been served against him?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
I'm sure it should only be applied to new cases	33.1	36.5	33.6
I think it should only be applied to new cases	14.3	10.6	13.8
I think it should also be applied to the Prime Minister even though an indictment has already been served against him	16.0	15.4	15.9
I'm sure it should also be applied to the Prime Minister even though an indictment has already been served against him	14.5	8.7	13.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	22.1	28.8	23.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

17. Some claim that the legislative authority (the Knesset) is too weak and that the judicial authority (the courts) is too strong, and hence there is a need for legislation to strengthen the Knesset at the expense of the courts. Do you agree with or oppose that claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	21.0	10.5	19.4
Moderately agree	23.2	13.3	21.7
Moderately oppose	14.5	21.9	15.6
Strongly oppose	21.3	32.4	23.0
Don't know/Decline to answer	20.0	21.9	20.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0