

Israeli Voice Index, June 2019

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very optimistic	10.5	8.5	10.2
Moderately optimistic	39.4	21.5	36.5
Moderately pessimistic	31.8	23.1	30.5
Very pessimistic	13.4	26.2	15.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.9	20.8	7.4
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	8.2	13.2	9.0
Moderately optimistic	43.4	27.9	40.9
Moderately pessimistic	33.7	19.4	31.4
Very pessimistic	8.6	22.5	10.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.1	17.1	7.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. In your opinion, is the public discourse in Israel in recent years?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Much more violent than in the past	41.2	51.9	42.9
A little more violent	35.4	10.9	31.4
The same as in the past	15.2	9.3	14.2
A little less violent	3.1	5.4	3.5
Much less violent than in the past	1.2	2.3	1.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.0	20.2	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. Some claim that in recent years the public discourse in Israel has become less focused on issues and based on facts. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	29.7	32.3	30.1
Moderately agree	45.5	24.6	42.1
Don't agree so much	13.2	11.5	12.9
Don't agree at all	2.1	10.0	3.4
Don't know	9.5	21.5	11.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that because of the nature of the Israeli public discourse nowadays, people tend more to avoid discussing political issues with people who have different outlooks than their own?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	24.5	30.2	25.5
Moderately agree	45.7	27.9	42.9
Don't agree so much	19.7	15.5	19.0
Don't agree at all	3.1	5.4	3.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.8	20.9	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. With which of the following two sentences do you agree:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
The social networks (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) must be required to remove statements that can be seen as offensive by certain groups or certain people	40.1	28.7	38.3
People should be allowed to write and say whatever they think, as long as it causes no real harm to another person or organization	48.4	56.6	49.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	11.4	14.7	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. "These days you can't tell anymore what statement somebody will consider offensive"?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly agree	22.1	30.5	23.4
Moderately agree	45.8	24.2	42.3
Don't agree so much	22.7	12.5	21.1
Don't agree at all	6.4	14.8	7.8
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.0	18.0	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. How important is it to you that Israel should have a democratic regime?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Not important to me at all	0.7	4.7	1.3
Important to me to a small extent	8.0	3.1	7.2
Important to me to a large extent	25.0	19.4	24.1
Important to me to a very large extent	63.0	55.8	61.9
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.3	17.1	5.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. Is democracy a good system or a poor system for running a country?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
A very good system	40.6	52.7	42.5
A good system	44.6	18.6	40.3
A poor system	6.1	6.2	6.6
A very poor system	3.3	5.4	3.7
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.9	17.1	6.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. Last week in a conference in Bahrain, the Trump administration unveiled the economic part of a new peace initiative. What are the chances that this initiative will eventually lead to the signing of a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	1.6	10.0	3.0
Moderately high chances	7.6	10.8	8.0
Moderately low chances	34.4	15.4	31.4
Very low chances	39.2	40.0	39.3
Don't know/Decline to answer	17.2	23.8	18.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

11. President Trump's peace plan for the Middle East is based on the assumption that the Palestinians' economic advancement is the key to achieving stability and quiet, even more than withdrawal from territories and the signing of diplomatic agreements. Do you support or oppose this idea of "economic peace"?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Strongly support	16.3	16.3	16.3
Moderately support	42.2	19.4	38.6
Moderately oppose	17.7	15.5	17.3
Strongly oppose	8.3	20.9	10.4
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.5	27.9	17.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

12. Who do you think is best suited to serve as Prime Minister of Israel after the upcoming elections?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Benjamin Netanyahu	45.3	5.3	38.8
Ehud Barak	7.2	20.2	9.3
Benny Gantz	22.9	30.6	24.1
Someone else from Likud	4.3	5.9	4.6
Other	5.3	1.4	4.6
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.0	36.7	18.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0