

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

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very optimistic	11.3	8.6	10.9
Moderately optimistic	38.3	21.9	35.6
Moderately pessimistic	29.6	19.5	27.9
Very pessimistic	14.7	36.7	18.3
Don't know/Refuse	6.1	13.3	7.3
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	8.7	13.5	9.5
Moderately optimistic	46.7	22.2	42.7
Moderately pessimistic	30.2	28.6	29.9
Very pessimistic	8.4	16.7	9.8
Don't know/Refuse	6.0	19.0	8.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3. Israel's Declaration of Independence states that Israel will "ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex." In your opinion, to what extent does such equality exist in Israel today?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
To a very great extent	12.1	5.5	11.0
To a moderately great extent	33.7	7.1	29.4
To a moderately small extent	34.0	26.0	32.7
To a very small extent	15.8	42.5	20.2
Don't know/Refuse	4.4	18.9	6.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. In your opinion, which groups at present are not being granted equality in Israel as stipulated by the Declaration of Independence?

[Open Question]

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Arabs	19.9	42.7	23.1
Ethiopians	15.5	15.3	15.4
Druze	8.8	7.8	8.6
There is equality	8.7	5.2	8.2
Gays/LGBT	9.4	1.0	8.2
Other	7.0	6.7	6.9
Don't know	5.2	13.2	6.7
Religious/Ultra-Orthodox	7.1	0.7	6.2
Women	4.6	1.1	4.1
Russians	3.1	1.1	2.8
Disabled	2.7	0.2	2.3
Mizrachim	1.9	2.7	2.0
Refugees/ Migrant workers	2.1	0.7	1.9
Secular	1.7	--	1.4
Older people	1.5	0.4	1.3
Left/Right	0.8	1.2	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

5. In the Israeli electoral system, each government is based on a coalition of a large number of parties. With which of the following two claims do you agree:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
That a multiparty coalition enhances Israel's democratic character because more sectors have representation in the government	38.7	46.5	39.9
That a multiparty coalition gives minority groups too much power over national decision-making,	43.4	29.1	41.1

including budget allocation			
Don't know/Refuse	17.9	24.4	19.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. Netanyahu is the prime minister who has served in the post longer than all of his predecessors, including David Ben-Gurion. In each of the following areas, which grade would you give Netanyahu on a scale in which 1 = poor and 5 = excellent (6 = Don't know/Decline to answer):

6.1 Increasing Israel's military power

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 – Poor	10.9	25.0	13.2
2	5.8	9.4	6.4
3	18.0	21.1	18.5
4	36.1	9.4	31.7
5 – Excellent	26.0	14.8	24.2
Don't know/Refuse	3.2	20.3	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6.2 Strengthening the economy

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 – Poor	12.1	28.9	14.9
2	11.7	19.5	12.9
3	22.1	21.1	21.9
4	27.6	5.5	24.0
5 – Excellent	23.0	9.4	20.8
Don't know/Refuse	3.5	15.6	5.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6.3 Improving Israel's international status

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 – Poor	10.1	21.9	12.0
2	7.4	16.4	8.8
3	13.5	17.2	14.1
4	29.9	12.5	27.0
5 – Excellent	36.6	14.1	32.9

Don't know/Refuse	2.5	17.9	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6.4 Properly handling the relations with the Palestinians

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 – Poor	23.9	50.8	28.3
2	15.0	12.5	14.6
3	25.5	9.4	22.8
4	19.0	5.5	16.8
5 – Excellent	11.7	4.7	10.5
Don't know/Refuse	4.9	17.1	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6.5 Reducing the gaps between the different groups in Israeli society

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 – Poor	30.2	52.4	33.8
2	17.8	15.9	17.5
3	22.7	10.3	20.7
4	17.3	4.0	15.2
5 – Excellent	7.8	1.6	6.8
Don't know/Refuse	4.2	15.8	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6.6 Integrity

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 – Poor	35.2	43.8	36.6
2	12.9	10.9	12.5
3	17.5	18.8	17.7
4	13.5	5.5	12.2
5 – Excellent	12.3	3.1	10.8
Don't know/Refuse	8.6	17.9	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

6.7 Contending with Iran

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
1 – Poor	8.6	32.0	12.4

2	9.2	12.5	9.7
3	20.9	12.5	19.5
4	26.8	10.9	24.2
5 – Excellent	29.6	8.6	26.2
Don't know/Refuse	4.9	23.5	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

7. As the elections approach, what, in your opinion, are the real chances that the next prime minister will be someone other than Benjamin Netanyahu?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	6.8	22.8	9.4
Moderately high chances	25.2	14.2	23.4
Moderately low chances	33.9	20.5	31.7
Very low chances	24.7	19.7	23.9
Don't know/Refuse	9.4	22.8	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. Among the following issues, which, in your opinion, is the most important issue that the Israeli government needs to accord the highest priority:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Closing the socioeconomic gaps	42.8	47.2	43.5
Negotiations with the Palestinians	15.3	18.1	15.8
The Iranian threat	13.0	4.7	11.7
Integrating the haredim into the economy and the job market	5.7	0.8	4.9
Fighting corruption	8.7	7.9	8.6
Other	10.1	1.6	8.7
Don't know/Refuse	4.4	19.7	6.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

9. What, in your opinion, are the chances that in the wake of the unification of the left, the Labor Party under Amir Peretz, if it passes the minimum-vote threshold, will join a government headed by Netanyahu:

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very high chances	3.5	7.9	4.2
Moderately high chances	23.3	16.5	22.2
Moderately low chances	31.9	23.6	30.5
Very low chances	20.1	23.6	20.6
Don't know/Refuse	21.2	28.4	22.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

10. In your opinion, is Israel's policy of denying entry to those who support—or are suspected of supporting—the BDS movement right or not right?

	% Jews	% Arabs	% General Public
Very right	48.7	15.9	43.4
Moderately right	22.8	19.0	22.2
Not so right	11.8	23.8	13.7
Not right at all	5.4	16.7	7.2
Don't know/Refuse	11.3	24.6	13.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0