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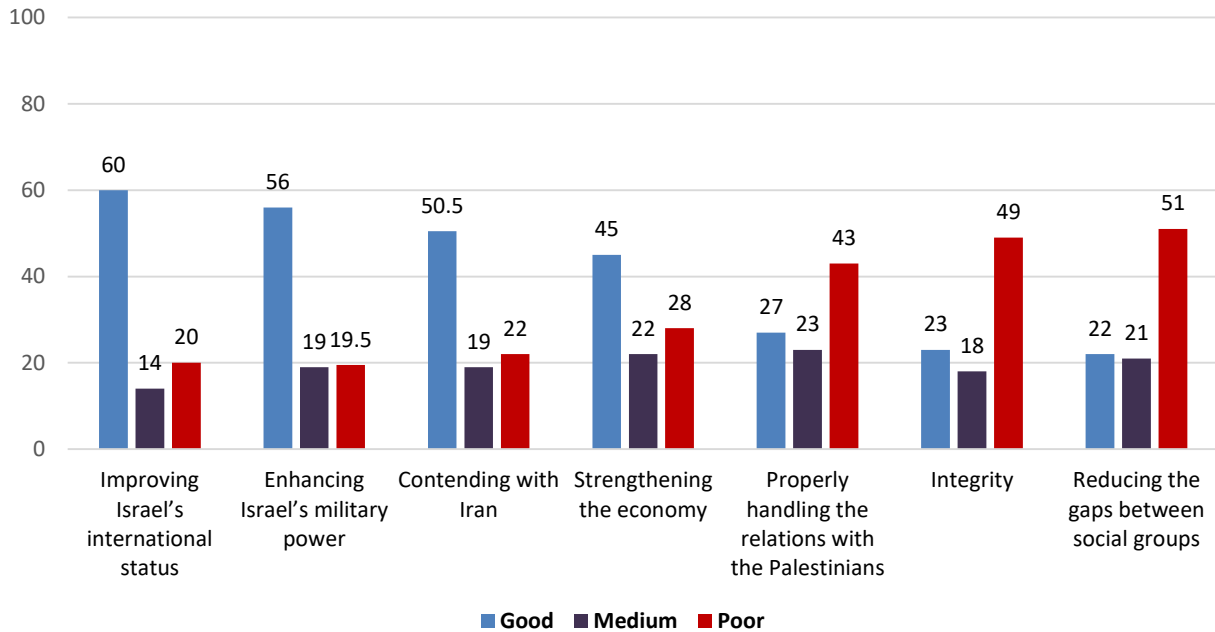
Mixed Grades for PM Netanyahu as Israel Heads towards September's Election **Most Jewish Israelis agree: BDS supporters should be Refused Entrance**

August 5, 2019 – The July 2019 **Israeli Voice Index**, a monthly survey conducted by the Guttman Center at the Israel Democracy Institute, finds that **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is awarded high grades** for improving Israel's international standing (60%), enhancing the country's military strength (56%), and successfully contending with the Iranian threat (50.5%). However, the Prime Minister receives **poor grades** for failing to increase solidarity between Israel's different segments of society (51%) and on the question of personal integrity (49%). **When asked about the controversial policy of barring entrance to Israel for supporters of the BDS movement, 71.5% of Jewish Israelis voiced their support while only 35% of Arab Israelis reacted favorably to this practice.**

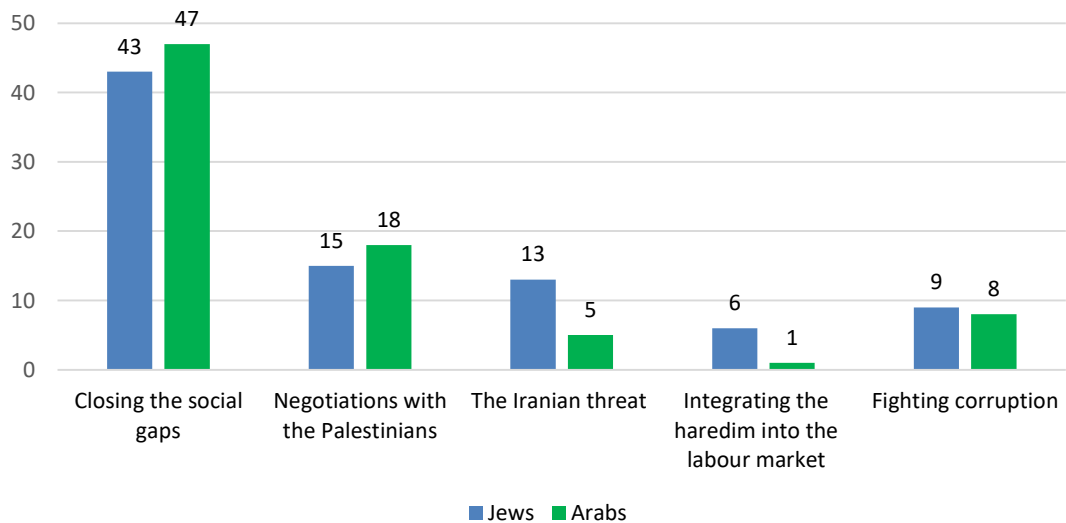
Main Findings

Grading Prime Minister Netanyahu – 60% of Israelis awarded Netanyahu the highest grade for his role in improving Israel's international standing and 56% approved of how he helped fortify the country's military strength. Only 22% believe the Prime Minister is doing a good job in reducing the gaps between Israel's different communities and sectors. When it comes to the issue of personal integrity, only 23% of Israelis believe the Prime Minister is doing a good job while almost half, 49%, think he is doing poorly.

Netanyahu's grades in different areas (% , total public)



The Next Government – 56% of the Israeli public thinks that there is a small chance that a candidate besides Benjamin Netanyahu will form the next Government after September's election. The majority of Israelis think that the most important issue for the next government to address is reducing the socioeconomic gaps that exist in Israeli society. Among Arab Israelis even more emphasis is put on this issue compared to Jewish Israelis (47% vs. 43%). In second place, Jewish Israelis (15%) and Arab Israelis (18%) think that the negotiations with the Palestinians are the most important issue.



Barring BDS supporters from Israel – With anti-Israel activists in the US increasingly vocalizing their criticisms of the Jewish state, IDI's survey found that 71.5% of Jewish Israelis and 35% of Arab Israelis,

back the government's current policy of denying entry to the country for those who support BDS. A huge gap on this issue also emerges from a segmentation of the Jewish sample by their political preferences. Whereas among those who define themselves as on the political left only 26% favors the policy of denying entry, 69% in the center and 83% on the right supports it.

The Israeli Voice Index is a project of the Guttman 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) from July 28 to July 30, 652 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 127 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 $\pm 3.7\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Rafi Smith Institute under the direction of Rafi Smith. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il/>