

## The Israeli Voice - December 2019

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	6.0	5.8	6.0
Moderately optimistic	36.2	25.4	34.4
Moderately pessimistic	34.8	25.0	33.1
Very pessimistic	17.6	32.6	20.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.3	11.3	6.3
Total	100	100	100

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	8.3	12.8	9.1
Moderately optimistic	44.0	25.3	40.9
Moderately pessimistic	35.6	25.7	33.9
Very pessimistic	6.6	24.1	9.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.5	12.0	6.6
Total	100	100	100

### 3. The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court at The Hague has announced that there is a basis to open an investigation against Israel on suspicion of committing war crimes in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip. Some claim that Israel should not cooperate with this investigation since it will be biased against it from the start, and some claim that in order to prove such crimes were not committed and to bolster Israel's international status, it should cooperate with the investigation. With which position do you agree more?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
With the first claim, that Israel should not cooperate with the investigation	55.3	12.6	48.2
With the second claim, that Israel should cooperate with the investigation	28.8	59.1	33.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	16.0	28.3	18.0
Total	100	100	100



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4. If Israel and the Palestinian Authority were to reach an understanding on the terms of a peace agreement, would you support or not support the agreement if it includes dividing the Land of Israel into two states, Israel and the Palestinian state?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure I would support it	9.3	50.0	16.0
I think I would support it	31.5	19.8	29.6
I think I would not support it	18.0	1.9	15.3
I'm sure I would not support it	29.6	7.9	26.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	11.6	20.4	13.1
Total	100	100	100

5. Are you in favor of or opposed to the annexation of all of Judea and Samaria/the West Bank to Israel?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly in favor	19.0	4.8	16.6
Moderately in favor	20.9	15.4	20.0
Moderately opposed	23.0	16.4	21.9
Strongly opposed	16.9	37.2	20.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	20.3	26.2	21.3
Total	100	100	100

6. Recently Chief of Staff Aviv Kochavi said that “War is a last resort - but sometimes it is a solution.” In your assessment, to what extent is Israel prepared for war in the following areas:

**In the military area**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1- Not prepared at all	2.5	11.8	4.1
2	4.0	5.9	4.3
3	19.5	20.3	19.6
4	39.1	17.3	35.5
5- Fully prepared	28.2	25.3	27.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.7	19.5	8.8
Total	100	100	100

### In the area of home-front preparedness (protection, etc.)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1- Not prepared at all	10.9	19.1	12.3
2	21.1	18.5	20.6
3	33.6	19.8	31.3
4	19.8	12.4	18.6
5- Fully prepared	9.8	13.4	10.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	4.9	16.8	6.9
Total	100	100	100

### In the area of civilian resilience

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1- Not prepared at all	6.6	19.0	8.7
2	15.7	16.9	15.9
3	28.9	25.7	28.4
4	28.4	11.3	25.5
5- Fully prepared	14.7	10.3	14.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.6	16.8	7.5
Total	100	100	100

### In the area of setting the goals of the war and the political echelon's management of it

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1- Not prepared at all	9.5	17.6	10.8
2	14.6	12.6	14.3
3	25.1	19.7	24.2
4	27.6	17.3	25.9
5- Fully prepared	15.9	11.9	15.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	7.2	20.9	9.5
Total	100	100	100

7. This week the Supreme Court will decide on whether someone accused of crimes can or cannot form a government. With which of these two claims do you agree:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The Supreme Court can decide on whether someone accused of crimes can form a government	42.5	52.1	44.1
The decision should be solely in the hands of the population in elections	45.7	35.3	44.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	11.8	12.6	11.9
Total	100	100	100

8. In your assessment, would a unification of the right-wing parties (Jewish Home, National Union, and Otzma Yehudit) strengthen or weaken the right-wing bloc in the upcoming Knesset elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strengthen	45.4	18.9	41.0
Neither strengthen nor weaken	22.3	29.9	23.5
Weaken	10.2	26.5	12.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	22.1	24.7	22.6
Total	100	100	100

9. And would a unification of the left-wing parties (Labor-Gesher, Meretz, and Democratic Israel) strengthen or weaken the center-left bloc in the upcoming Knesset elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strengthen	30.9	35.7	31.7
Neither strengthen nor weaken	28.7	37.2	30.1
Weaken	17.0	9.0	15.6
Don't know/Refuse to answer	23.4	18.1	22.5
Total	100	100	100

10. Prime Minister Netanyahu claims that his indictment was the result only of personal persecution because he is a Prime Minister from the right-wing. Do you agree or oppose this statement?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	19.3	6.7	17.2
Moderately agree	25.6	8.9	22.8
Moderately oppose	12.3	10.0	11.9
Strongly oppose	33.5	52.2	36.6
Total	9.3	22.1	11.4

11. With the end of the civil year, please give a grade to the functioning of the state over the past year in each of the following areas:

**In the economic area**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 - Poor	15.9	32.2	18.6
2	16.2	11.3	15.3
3	31.0	25.5	30.1
4	25.2	9.9	22.7
5 - Excellent	7.8	10.0	8.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.9	11.2	5.1
Total	100	100	100

**In the security area**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 - Poor	9.1	20.1	10.9
2	10.1	11.4	10.3
3	29.6	20.5	28.1
4	37.4	16.9	33.9
5 - Excellent	12.0	17.8	13.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	1.8	13.4	3.8
Total	100	100	100

### In the leaders' attentiveness to the public

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 - Poor	32.6	35.5	33.0
2	20.9	19.1	20.6
3	28.6	19.2	27.0
4	11.3	7.0	10.6
5 - Excellent	4.1	6.6	4.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	2.6	12.6	4.2
Total	100	100	100

### In the way the political system functions

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 - Poor	44.1	36.8	42.9
2	22.8	15.7	21.6
3	18.3	17.3	18.1
4	8.4	6.7	8.1
5 - Excellent	4.5	7.3	5.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	1.9	16.2	4.3
Total	100	100	100

### In reducing the tensions between the different groups in the society

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 - Poor	41.9	43.4	42.2
2	22.5	16.3	21.5
3	22.0	18.0	21.4
4	7.4	4.0	6.8
5 - Excellent	2.8	2.7	2.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.3	15.6	42.2
Total	100	100	100

*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 December 30, 2019, to January 1, 2020, 600 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 150 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>*