

Israeli Voice Index – March 2020

1. What sort of mood are you in these days?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very bad	5.0	23.3	8.1
Moderately bad	29.6	29.9	29.7
Moderately good	49.2	39.2	47.6
Very good	13.8	5.3	12.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	2.4	2.3	2.2
Total	100	100	100

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	8.5	4.9	7.9
Moderately optimistic	25.8	29.9	26.5
Moderately pessimistic	37.0	28.2	35.5
Very pessimistic	20.1	22.3	20.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	8.6	14.7	9.7
Total	100	100	100

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	12.6	5.1	11.4
Moderately optimistic	47.3	32.7	44.9
Moderately pessimistic	24.7	31.3	25.8
Very pessimistic	8.4	17.5	9.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	7.0	13.4	8.0
Total	100	100	100

4. What grade would you give each of these individuals and institutions for their functioning at this time?

Prime Minister Netanyahu

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	35.4	3.9	30.1
Moderately good	32.0	17.5	29.6
Moderately poor	15.6	25.7	17.3

Very poor	15.2	37.2	18.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	1.8	15.7	4.2
Total	100	100	100

Health Minister Litzman

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	12.6	5.3	11.4
Moderately good	29.1	25.1	28.5
Moderately poor	21.1	23.4	21.5
Very poor	31.1	25.8	30.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.1	20.4	8.4
Total	100	100	100

Health Ministry Director-General Moshe Bar Siman Tov

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	28.3	17.3	26.5
Moderately good	43.0	35.9	41.8
Moderately poor	15.5	17.1	15.7
Very poor	6.7	14.8	8.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.5	14.9	8.0
Total	100	100	100

Yoel (Yuli) Edelstein (The speaker of the Knesset)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	12.8	1.6	11.0
Moderately good	21.5	11.9	19.9
Moderately poor	17.8	25.9	19.1
Very poor	31.0	24.1	29.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	16.9	36.5	20.2
Total	100	100	100

Member of Knesset Benny Gantz

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	8.4	10.9	8.8
Moderately good	23.6	30.7	24.8
Moderately poor	25.4	19.6	24.4
Very poor	32.0	10.8	28.5

Don't know/Refuse to answer	10.6	28.0	13.5
Total	100	100	100

Member of Knesset Yair Lapid

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	4.8	4.7	4.8
Moderately good	11.2	24.9	13.5
Moderately poor	20.5	21.9	20.8
Very poor	47.7	12.8	41.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	15.8	35.7	19.0
Total	100	100	100

The hospitals

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	47.3	36.0	45.5
Moderately good	38.7	30.7	37.4
Moderately poor	6.9	17.6	8.7
Very poor	4.2	6.2	4.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	2.9	9.5	3.9
Total	100	100	100

The Finance Ministry

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	8.2	5.5	7.7
Moderately good	31.1	31.4	31.1
Moderately poor	35.5	28.9	34.4
Very poor	15.3	17.5	15.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	9.9	16.7	11.1
Total	100	100	100

The media

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	16.6	18.1	16.8
Moderately good	40.7	45.4	41.5
Moderately poor	25.1	21.9	24.5
Very poor	14.0	7.7	12.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.6	6.9	4.3

Total	100	100	100
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5. Some claim that the organizations that can and should manage the coronavirus crisis are the Defense Ministry and the IDF (particularly the Home Front Command). Others claim that this would put Israel under a military regime and further damage democracy. With which claim do you agree more?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The management of the coronavirus crisis should be led by the Defense Ministry and the IDF	33.7	38.8	34.6
The management of the coronavirus crisis should continue to be led by the Health Ministry	51.1	49.6	50.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	15.2	11.6	14.5
Total	100	100	100

6. What grade would you give Israeli society's level of solidarity (the sense of being "together") at this time? Give a grade on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 = "No solidarity at all" and 10 = "A great deal of solidarity."

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 – No solidarity/sense of being together at all	3.7	6.8	4.2
2	1.6	2.1	1.7
3	3.8	10.1	4.9
4	5.7	12.2	6.8
5	9.0	19.1	10.7
6	10.8	7.5	10.3
7	21.4	12.6	19.9
8	19.9	8.4	18.0
9	10.3	1.3	8.8
A great deal of solidarity	12.4	13.0	12.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	1.4	6.9	2.2
Total	100	100	100

7. As we know, as an outcome of the elections no bloc can now form a government based on a majority of 61 seats in the Knesset. In light of that fact, which of the following solutions would you see as the best one for Israel at present:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A minority government of the right-wing parties headed by Benjamin Netanyahu	15.9	1.8	13.5
A minority government of the center-left parties headed by Benny Gantz	9.4	30.0	12.8
A Likud-Blue and White unity/emergency government with a rotation of the prime-minister post, with Netanyahu serving first for a year and a half, and Gantz serving afterwards for a year and a half	41.7	5.4	35.6
A Likud-Blue and White unity/emergency government with a rotation of the prime-minister post, with Gantz serving first for a year and a half, and Netanyahu serving afterwards for a year and a half	22.5	16.0	21.4
New elections	6.0	17.1	7.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer/Other	4.5	29.7	8.9
Total	100	100	100

8. What, in your opinion, are the chances that Blue and White will remain one party and not split up if Benny Gantz decides to join a unity/emergency government with Likud, when Netanyahu serving first ?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high chances that it will remain one party	7.3	8.3	7.5
Moderately high chances	20.5	21.5	20.7
Moderately low chances	36.6	17.6	33.4
Very low chances that it will remain one party	19.6	24.0	20.3
Don't know/Refuse to answer	16.0	28.6	18.1
Total	100	100	100

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Democratic governance in Israel is in grave danger.”

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	19.2	26.6	20.4
Moderately agree	30.6	38.7	32.0
Don't agree so much	24.3	14.0	22.6
Don't agree at all	21.4	1.7	18.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	4.5	19.0	6.9
Total	100	100	100

10. Some claim that this is not the time to protest against the government even if there is fear for the future of Israeli democracy. Others claim that at any time, and especially in an emergency situation like the present one, it is important to be on guard so that the government does not exploit the crisis to do harm to democracy. With which claim do you agree more?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
With the claim that this is a state of emergency and not the time for protest	54.9	39.7	52.4
With the claim that even in a state of emergency protest should proceed	35.4	36.5	35.6
Don't know/Refuse to answer	9.7	23.8	12.0
Total	100	100	100

11. Do you fear or not fear at this time that you or a family member will get infected with the coronavirus?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Greatly fear	29.4	30.5	29.6
Moderately fear	46.9	39.9	45.7
Don't fear so much	17.3	19.7	17.7
Don't fear at all	4.9	3.4	4.6
Don't know/Refuse to answer	1.5	6.5	2.3
Total	100	100	100

12. What is your opinion about the restrictions the Israeli government has set on public conduct to prevent the spread of the coronavirus?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The restrictions are too severe	6.3	9.0	6.8
The restrictions are appropriate to the situation	56.9	35.4	53.3
The restrictions are not severe enough	33.6	49.7	36.3
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.2	5.9	3.6
Total	100	100	100

13. Do you trust or not trust the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) and the government officials, who will receive the information from the citizens' cell phones, to make use of the data solely to prevent infections in the current crisis?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Don't trust at all	8.9	19.3	10.6
Trust to a small extent	23.5	25.9	23.9
Trust to a fairly large extent	34.6	28.4	33.6
Trust to a very large extent	28.4	9.5	25.3
Don't know/Refuse to answer	4.6	16.9	6.6
Total	100	100	100

14. To what extent do you fear or not fear for your economic wellbeing in the foreseeable future?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Greatly fear	29.2	39.0	30.8
Moderately fear	43.2	40.3	42.7
Don't fear so much	19.0	10.4	17.6
Don't fear at all	7.2	4.8	6.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	1.4	5.5	2.1
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 March 24 March 26, 2020, 611 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 149 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 Midgam Institute. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>