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### **Israeli Voice Index, March 2020:**

**76% of Israelis are Concerned They'll Contract the Coronavirus | 73.5% Worry About Personal Finances | Only 40% are Satisfied with Minister of Health Litzman's Performance**

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The Israeli Voice Index is a monthly survey conducted by the Guttman Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute.

#### **Finding Highlights**

**Worried about the Economic Future** – most Israelis (73.5%) are worried about their economic future. (Jewish Israelis – 71%, Arab Israelis – 79%). 90.5% of those who are concerned about contracting coronavirus are also worried about their economic future. Of those not worried about contracting the coronavirus, only 31% are worried about their economic future.

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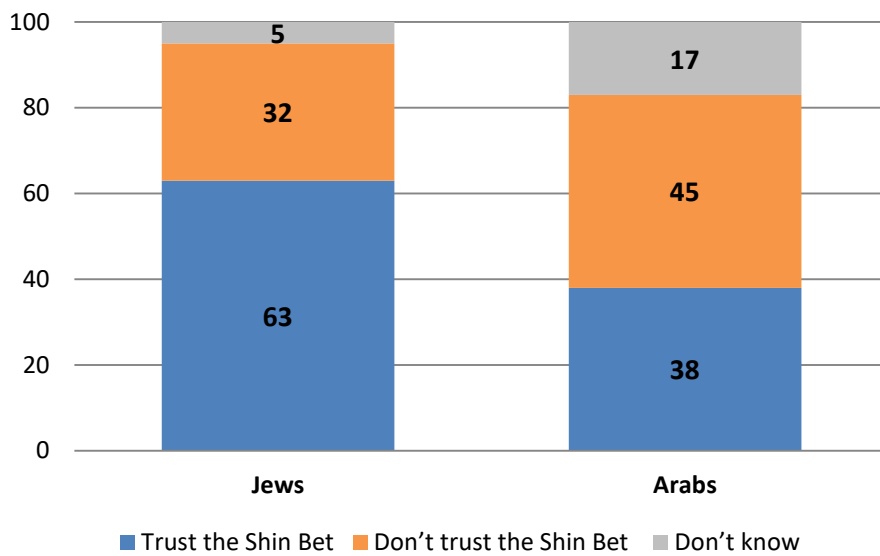
**Grades for the Current Functioning of Leadership and Institutions** – Moshe Bar Siman-Tov, Director General of the Ministry of Health, received high grades in comparison with other public officials for his handling of the crisis: 68% of Israelis think he is doing a good job. By contrast, only 40% think the same of the Minister of Health, MK Yaakov Litzman.

60% of Israelis think that Prime Minister Netanyahu is doing a good job – while only 34% think the same of MK Benjamin Gantz, and 18% of MK Yair Lapid. Additionally, against the backdrop of the Speaker of the Knesset's decision last week not to allow the Knesset plenum to adjourn – MK Yuli Edelstein received low grades (31%) as well.

83% of Israelis think that the hospitals are doing a good job; 58.5% think the same of the media; and only 39% think that the Ministry of Finance is performing well.

**Shin Bet and Coronavirus** – 59% of Israelis trust Israel Security Agency (ISA - Shin Bet) and the government, to use the information collected from cellular phones to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (Arab Israelis – 38%, Jewish Israelis – 63%). Segmentation by political camp found that 68% of self-identified rightwing voters, 60% of the 'Center' and 45.5% of leftwing voters express such trust.

**Trust the Shin Bet (ISA- Israel Security Agency) and government officials accessing citizens' cell-phone information to use the data solely for the prevention of infections in the current crisis (% , Jews and Arabs)**



**Restrictions** – the majority of Israelis (53.5%) think that the restrictions the government put in place to fight the spread of the coronavirus are appropriate for the situation. 36.5% think that the restrictions are too lenient and should be expanded. 50% of Arab Israelis and 34% of Jewish Israelis think that the restrictions are too lenient.

**Unity Government** – Before Gantz’s declaration that he is willing to join a unity government, 57% of Israelis supported the establishment of a unity government with the Likud and Blue and White parties, including a 'rotation' for among Netanyahu and Gantz as prime minister. 36% said at the time that they would like Netanyahu to serve first as prime minister, and 21% preferred Gantz. Only 13.5% were in favor of a minority government of rightwing parties, headed by Netanyahu; and 13 % favored a minority government of leftwing parties headed by Gantz.

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*Jewish Israeli sample, which included 611 respondents between March 24-26, 2020, and the Arab-Israeli sample, which included 149 respondents, constituting a representative national sample of Israel's adult population aged 18 and older. The maximum sampling error for the entire sample was 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>*