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PRESS RELEASE

The Israeli Voice Index – May 2020

Half of Israelis Favor Applying Sovereignty | 58% Believe This Will Lead to a Third Intifada

June 3, 2020 – The **Israeli Voice Index for May 2020** published today (Wednesday) found that 50% of the public supports applying Israeli sovereignty over parts of the West Bank (Judea and Samaria). 25% of Israelis support such a move with the U.S. administration's support and an additional 25% would support it even without American backing. A majority (58%) also believe that such a move could lead to Palestinians initiating a third *Intifada* (uprising). [Read the full survey.](#)

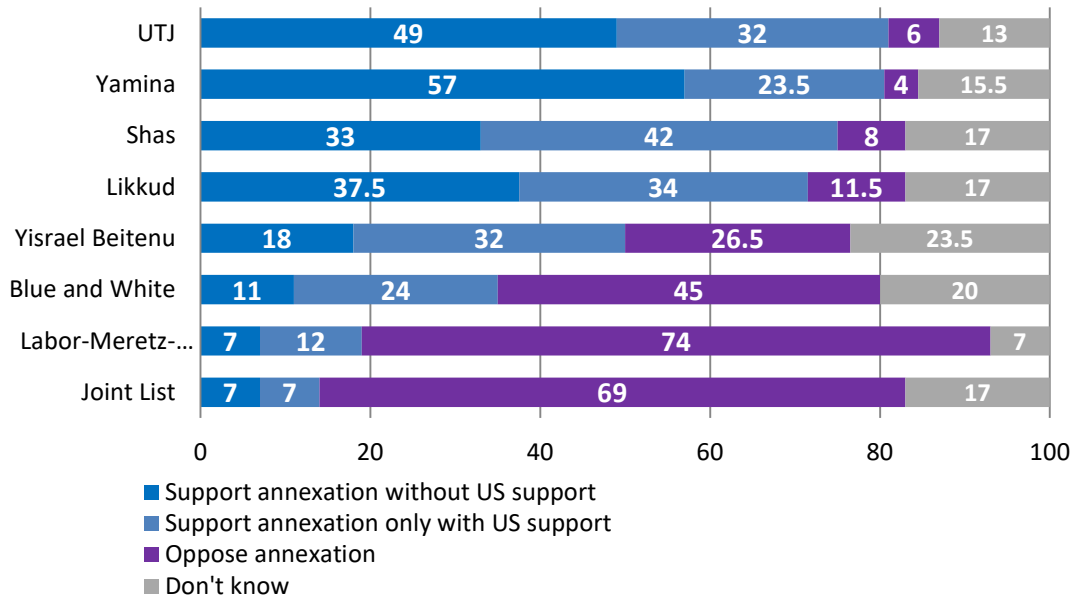
The Israeli Voice Index is a monthly survey conducted by the Guttman Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute.

Main Findings

Applying Israeli Sovereignty in the Territories: 50% of Israelis support applying sovereignty – 25% only if it is supported by the U.S. administration and 25% even without its backing. 31% of Israelis oppose extending sovereignty and 19% said that they don't know. Among Jewish Israelis, support for such a move is 57% and among Arab Israelis only 16.5%.

If Israel applies sovereignty, the majority (58%) of Israelis think that the Palestinian's will start an Intifada. Segmenting the Jewish sample by political blocs indicates that 77% of left-wing, 64% of center and 55% of right-wing voters agree with this sentiment.

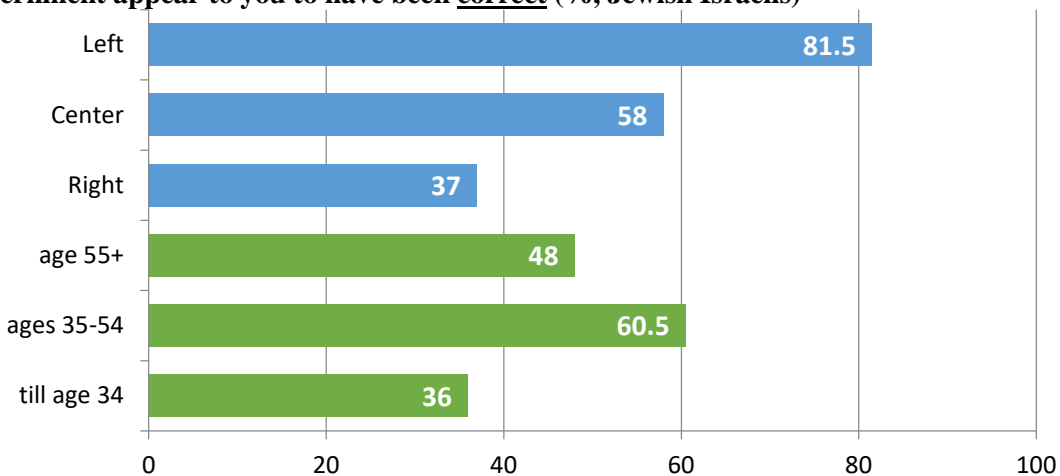
In your opinion, should Israel go ahead with applying sovereignty even if the United States does not support the move? (% , general sample, by voting)



IDF Withdrawal from Southern Lebanon - 20 Years – 48% of Israelis think that the decision to withdraw unilaterally from southern Lebanon (without an international agreement) was correct. 31.5% do not think that this was the correct decision. The highest levels of agreement were among ages 35-54, many of which had served in the IDF at the time.

As for the claim that the hasty withdrawal from Lebanon 20 years ago has strengthened, up to the present time, the notion that Israel only understands force and therefore encourages attacks on both soldiers and civilians – 46% of Jewish Israelis and 24% of Arab Israelis agree with this sentiment.

Today, 20 years after the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon, does Prime Minister Ehud Barak's decision to evacuate southern Lebanon unilaterally and without an agreement with the Lebanese and/or Syrian government appear to you to have been correct (% , Jewish Israelis)



Struggle between Israel and Iran – against the background of an intensifying struggle in cyberspace between Israel and Iran, 71% of Israelis think that Israel has a better chance of prevailing, 3% think that Iran has a better chance, 11% think that neither side stands a chance of prevailing over the other, and 15% don't know. The three political camps among Jewish Israelis agree with this assessment. On the right, 84% think Israel has the upper hand, in the center – 74%, and on the left – 67%. It is worth noting that among Arab Israelis, the

highest rate (44%) chose the “Don’t know” option.

Prime Minister Netanyahu on Trial – 52% of Israelis think that PM Netanyahu will be able to carry out his duties properly during the trial and 41% disagree. Additionally 51% of Israelis “don’t buy” the claim that the legal proceeding against Netanyahu is actually aimed at deposing him, after his opponents proved unable to do so via elections.

Rotation Agreement – the public is divided on the question whether Prime Minister Netanyahu will comply with the rotation agreement between the Likud and Blue and White parties which stipulates that he be replaced in office by Benny Ganz in 18 months. 41.5% think that the rotation will take place and 48% believe that it will not.

Urgent Issues to Address – when asked what are the main issues that the new government needs to focus on, 37% of Jewish Israelis said the economy and employment, 13% said welfare and 12% (each) said health and coronavirus as well as foreign affairs and security should be the top priority. Among Arab Israelis 21% said the issue of equality and social unity, 19% economy and employment and 18% health and coronavirus.

The Israeli Voice Index for May 2020 was prepared by 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 May 27 to 31, 2020, 622 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>