

## Israeli Voice Index – October 2020

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	7.1	5.7	6.8
Moderately optimistic	32.6	22.5	30.6
Moderately pessimistic	33.5	24.7	31.7
Very pessimistic	21.0	35.1	23.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.8	12.0	7.2
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	12.9	6.6	11.7
Moderately optimistic	54.6	34.6	50.7
Moderately pessimistic	21.1	22.6	21.4
Very pessimistic	6.2	26.1	10.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.2	10.1	6.1
Total	100	100	100

**3. If there were an opportunity to receive American citizenship or citizenship of another Western country, would you prefer to move and live there or to stay and live in Israel??**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I would prefer to move and live there	17.5	28.8	19.7
I would prefer to stay and live in Israel	68.6	52.4	65.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	13.9	18.8	14.9
Total	100	100	100

**4. From the standpoint of Israel's interests, who, in your opinion, is the preferred choice to win the upcoming U.S. presidential elections – Donald Trump (the Republican Party) or Joe Biden (the Democratic Party)?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Donald Trump	70.2	35.9	63.4
Joe Biden	13.1	30.8	16.6
Don't know/Refuse to answer	16.7	33.3	20.0
Total	100	100	100

**And if Biden wins the race for the presidency, how will it affect ...**

**5. The relations between the United States and Israel?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
There will be no substantial change in the relations between the states	28.1	34.6	29.4
The relations between the two states will strengthen	7.4	16.1	9.1
The relations between the two states will weaken	42.4	24.3	38.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	22.1	25.0	22.6
Total	100	100	100

**6. The relations between the United States and The Palestinians?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
There will be no substantial change in the relations between the states	23.9	28.9	24.9
The relations between the two states will strengthen	31.0	20.6	29.0
The relations between the two states will weaken	10.6	18.9	12.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	34.5	31.6	33.9
Total	100	100	100

**7. In your opinion, is the distance between the positions of the left and the right today in Israel:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Greater than in the days before the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin	41.4	38.3	40.8
The same as in the days before the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin	26.6	22.1	25.7
Smaller than in the days before the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin	16.9	14.6	16.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	15.1	25.0	17.1
Total	100	100	100

**8. For you, to what extent is the Memorial Day for Rabin's murder a day of mourning and general soul-searching?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not at all	16.9	20.1	17.5
To a fairly small extent	27.6	19.8	26.1
To a fairly great extent	28.8	23.0	27.7
To a very great extent	21.0	13.1	19.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.7	24.0	9.3
Total	100	100	100

**9. And in your opinion, which part of the Israeli population currently ascribes importance to the Memorial Day for Yitzhak Rabin as a day of mourning and general soul-searching**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The whole population	1.5	3.1	1.8
A large majority	16.3	14.4	15.9
About half	28.5	21.6	27.1
About a quarter of the population	39.4	20.1	35.6
No one	5.8	13.1	7.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	8.5	27.7	12.4
Total	100	100	100

**10. Israel has recently signed agreements with three Muslim countries in the region (the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Sudan) with strong backing from the United States. In your opinion, do these agreements change or not change Israel's regional strategic status for the better.**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure they change it for the better	40.9	27.6	38.3
I think they change it for the better	40.4	23.9	37.2
I think they do not change it for the better	9.2	17.8	10.9
I'm sure they do not change it for the better	2.5	17.6	5.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	7.0	13.1	8.1
Total	100	100	100

**11. In the wake of the agreement recently signed with Sudan, should Israel send back to Sudan the illegal immigrants in Israel even if it is done against their will**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure the illegal immigrants should be sent back to Sudan, even if it is against their will	29.0	18.7	26.9
I think the illegal immigrants should be sent back to Sudan	40.0	25.7	37.2
I think the illegal immigrants should not be sent back to Sudan	12.3	20.1	13.8
I'm sure the illegal immigrants should not be sent back to Sudan	4.9	14.0	6.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	13.8	21.5	15.4
Total	100	100	100

**12. How, in your opinion, will the signing of these agreements and others affect the chances of reaching an agreement with the Palestinians as well**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
It will greatly increase the chances	4.5	6.1	4.8
It will increase the chances to some extent	25.0	16.3	23.3
It will not affect the chances	50.5	25.0	45.5
It will decrease the chances to some extent	5.7	10.8	6.7
It will greatly decrease the chances	4.5	23.0	8.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	9.8	18.8	11.6
Total	100	100	100

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