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## PRESS RELEASE The Israeli Voice Index – October 2020

## 70% of Jewish Israelis: A Second Trump is Preferable for Israel's Interests

**November 3, 2020** – The **Israeli Voice Index for October 2020** published today (Tuesday) found that from the standpoint of their country's interests Israelis increasingly think that Donald Trump is the preferred candidate in the US presidential elections. October's survey shows increase in support among Jewish Israelis 70% favor Trump – up from 60% in June.

When asked about the recent the agreements with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Sudan, 75% of Israelis say that they have improved Israel's regional strategic status.

There is a decrease in the rate of Israelis who would prefer to live in Israel even if offered citizenship in another western country. 65% of Israelis now say they would refuse this opportunity – down from 84% in 2019. <u>Read the full survey</u>

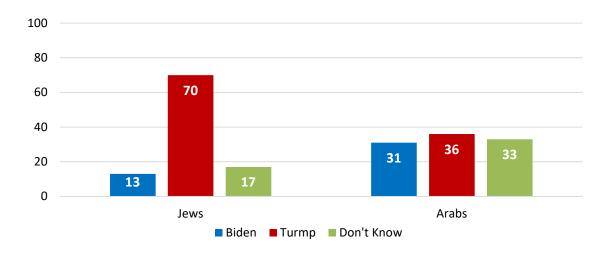
The Israeli Voice Index is a monthly survey conducted by the Guttman Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute.

## **Main Findings**

**U.S Elections** – from the standpoint of Israel's interests, Israelis increasingly think that Donald Trump is the preferred candidate. 63% favor Trump, 17% Biden and 20% don't know (up from 56%, 16% and 28% respectively in June). Segmentation by political preference finds that increased support in Trump is across the political spectrum. Among the left 40% prefer Trump and 40% prefer Biden (June 25%-Trump and 56%-Biden); among the center 62% prefer Trump and 16% prefer Biden (June 46%-Trump and 20%-Biden); among the right 82% prefer Trump and 6% prefer Biden (June 75%-Trump and 5% Biden)

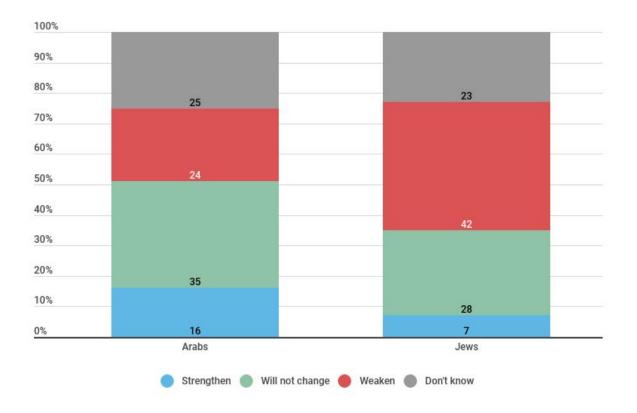
The Arab Israelis are split between Trump, Biden and a high percent of those who don't know.

From the standpoint of Israel's interests, who, in your opinion, is the preferable candidate in the imminent U.S. presidential elections—Donald Trump (Republican Party) or Joe Biden (Democratic Party)? (%, Jews and Arabs)

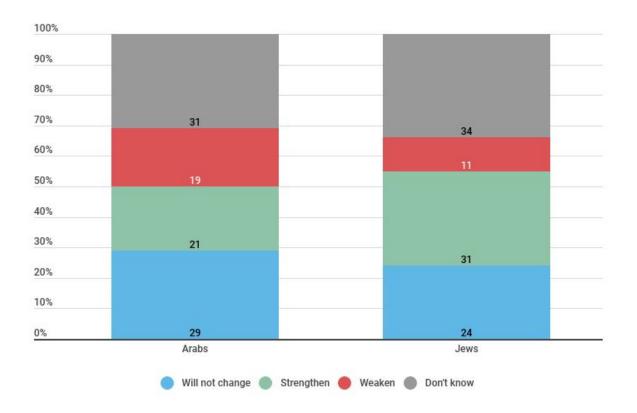


Presumably this pronounced preference among the Jewish public for Trump to keep serving stems to a large extent from the assessment that Biden's election would weaken U.S.-Israeli relations and strengthen the relationship between Washington and the Palestinians.

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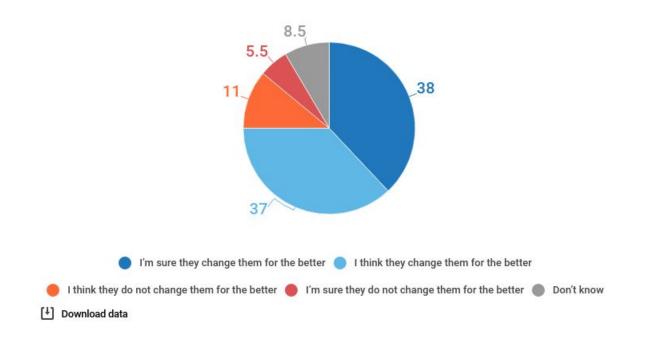


And if Biden wins the race for the presidency, how will it affect U.S.-Palestinian relations? (%, Jews and Arabs)

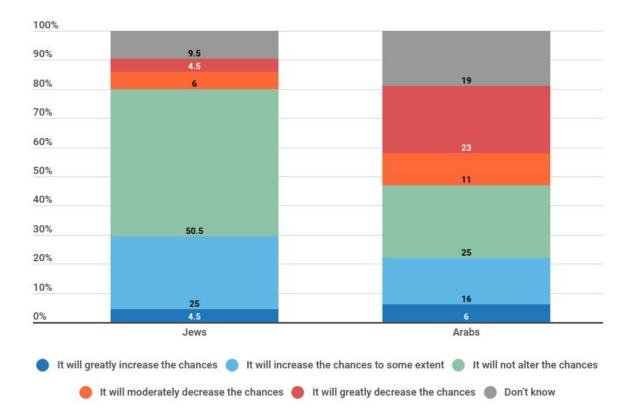


**New agreements with UAE, Bahrain and Sudan -** A large majority says the recent signing of the agreements with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Sudan has changed Israel's regional strategic status for the better. The majority on that issue crosses political camps.

In your opinion, do these agreements change or not change Israel's regional strategic status for the better? (%, entire sample)



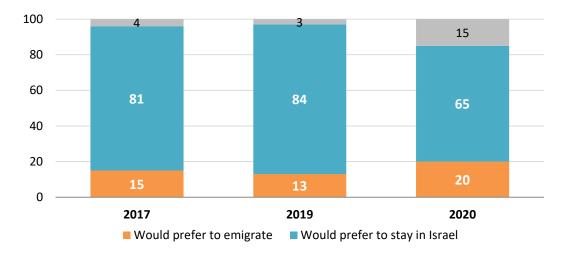
Among Jewish Israelis, the prevailing assessment is that the signing of these agreements will not alter the chances of reaching an agreement with the Palestinians. Among Arab Israelis, the prevailing assessment is that these agreements will reduce the chances of arriving at an agreement with them.



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 and Arabs)

**Emigration and Civil Discontent -** A large majority of the Israeli public (almost two-thirds) still prefers to live in Israel, but the rate of those interested in emigrating is considerably higher at present than in previous measurements.

If you had the opportunity to receive American citizenship or citizenship of another Western country, would you prefer to move and live there or would you prefer to stay and live in Israel? (%, entire sample, by years)



A segmentation of the Jewish public by political camps points to an increase in all the camps in the rate of those who would be interested in emigrating compared to 2019, but the rise is especially pronounced among those affiliating with the left-wing camp. More than a third from those who belong to the left-wing camp answered that they would prefer to live in one of the Western countries and not in Israel.

The Israeli Voice Index for October 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 October 27 to 29, 2020, 611 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 Midgam Institute. For the full data file see: <u>Data Israel.</u>