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The Israeli Democracy Index

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The Israeli Democracy Index

Each year, the Israeli Democracy Index examines trends in Israeli society relating to the commitment to democratic values, the functioning of government systems, and the degree of trust in government institutions and in elected and appointed decision-makers. Its analysis of survey findings contributes to the public discourse on the state of Israeli democracy, and creates a comprehensive informational base for public and professional debate on these issues.

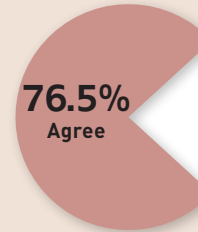
This year, the survey was conducted in June, but due to the dramatic upheavals of recent months we revisited some of the questions in October, in order to assess the extent to which public attitudes changed significantly in the interim.



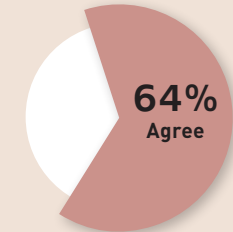
Israel's Overall Situation

"Israel is a good place to live"

June 2020



October 2020

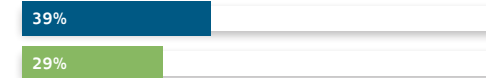


* Unless otherwise noted, all statistics refer to the entire sample of Israel's population.

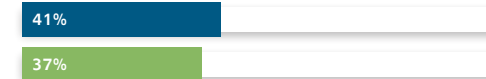
Israel's overall situation

June 2020

Good or very good



So-so



Bad or very bad



► Jews ► Arabs

October 2020

Good or very good



So-so



Bad or very bad



Israel's Democracy

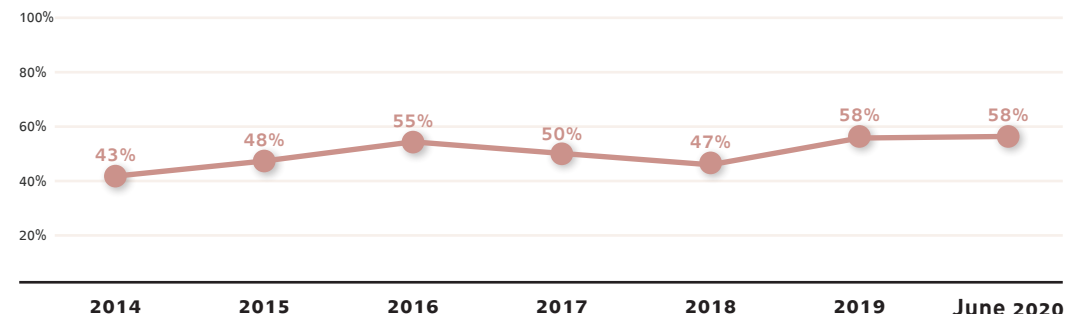
"Israel's democracy is in grave danger"



October 2020



Current leadership is "corrupt" or "very corrupt"



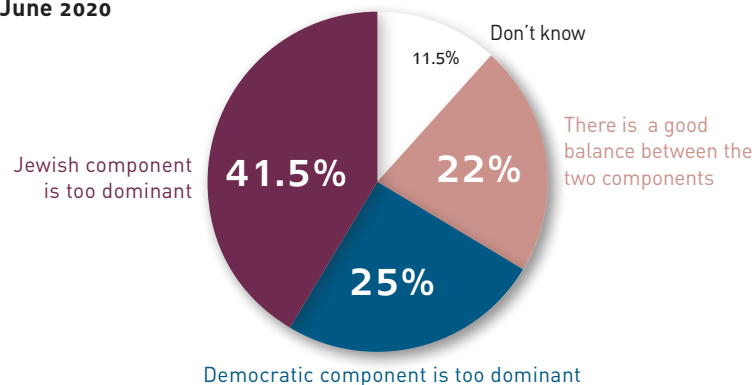
June 2020

46%
It makes no difference who you vote for; it doesn't change the situation.

Is there a good balance today between the Jewish and democratic components of the State of Israel?

(Jewish population)

June 2020



Top three most important economic issues facing Israel

June 2020

Bringing down the cost of living and housing prices



Improving the healthcare system



Reducing economic gaps, and looking out for weaker groups



57% of Jews

and

81% of Arabs

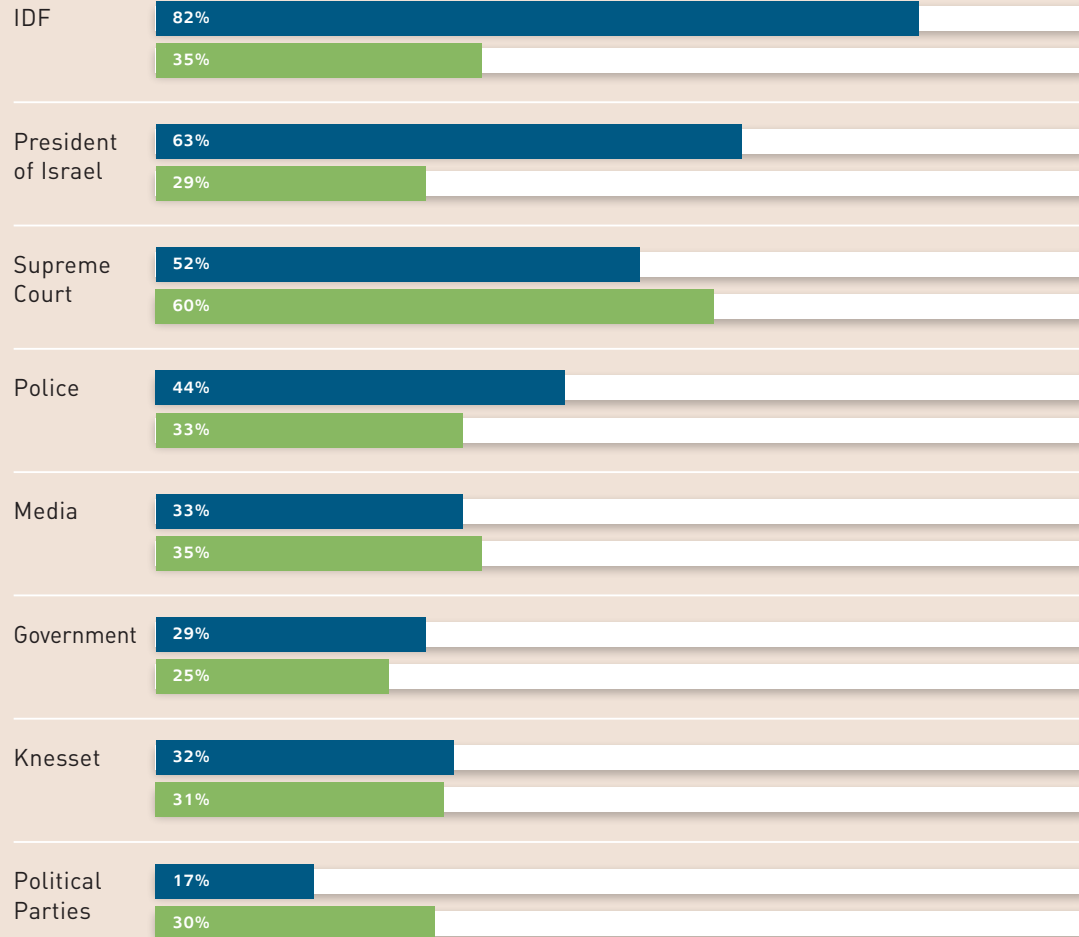
agree that most Arab citizens of Israel want to integrate into Israeli society.



Trust in Institutions

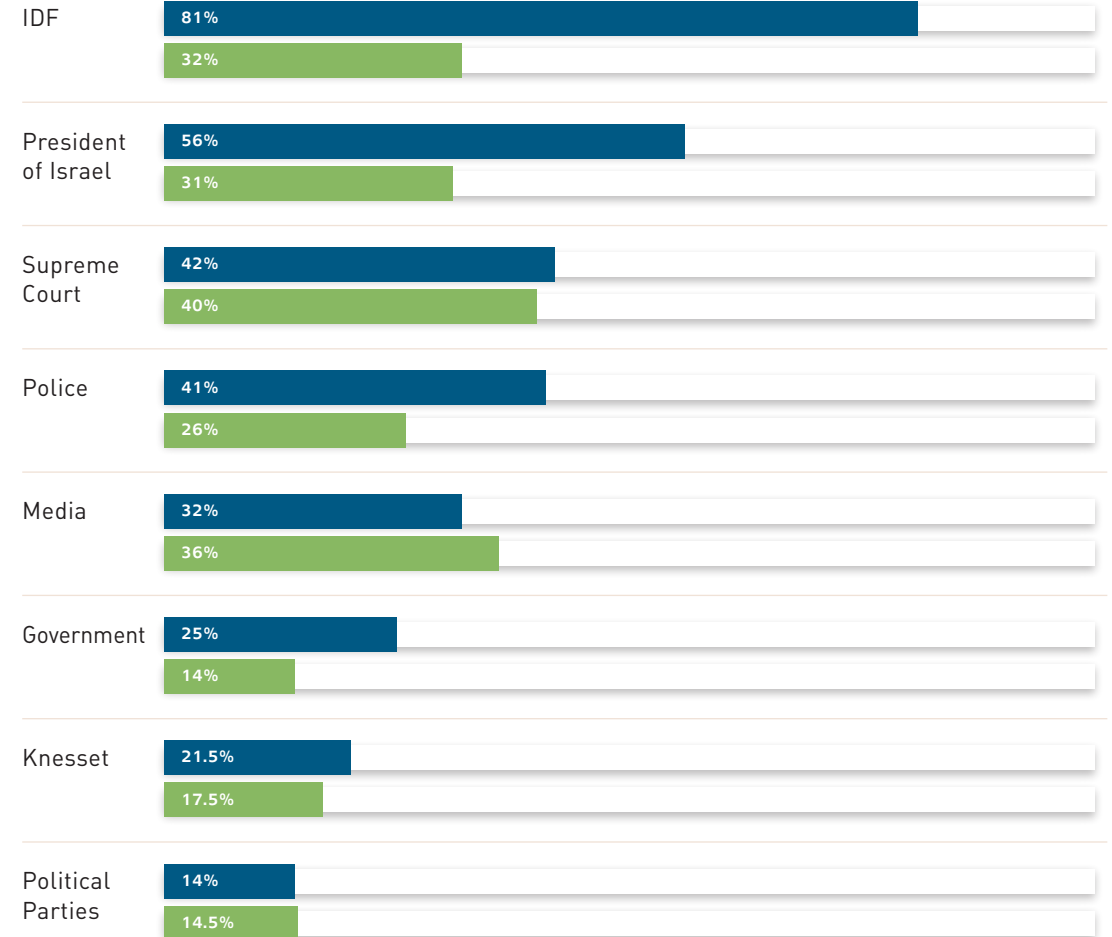
Trust the following individuals or institutions "very much" or "quite a lot"

June 2020



► Jews ► Arabs

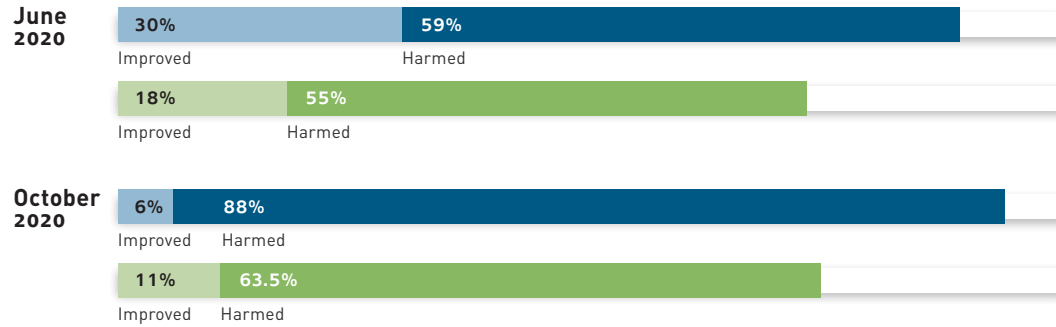
October 2020



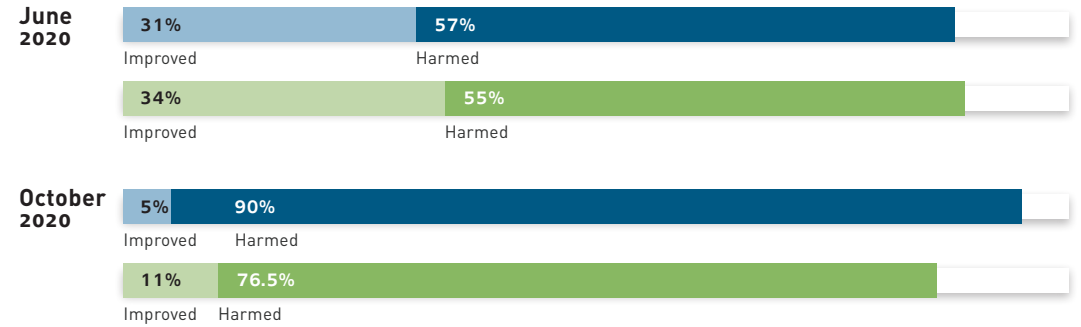


The Effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Relationships

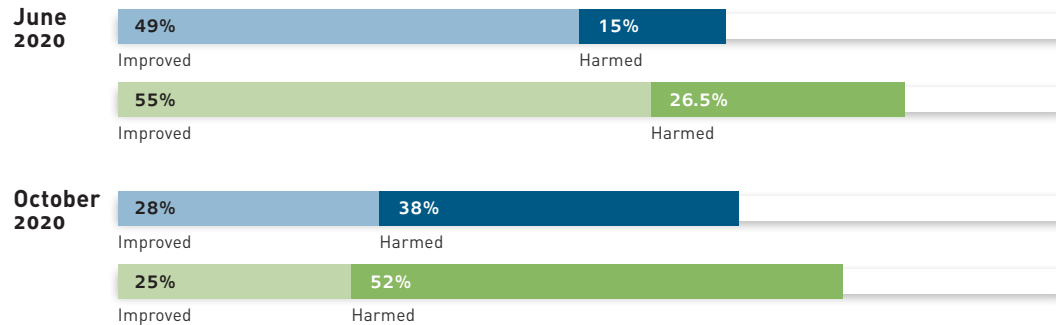
Between Haredim and non-Haredi Jews



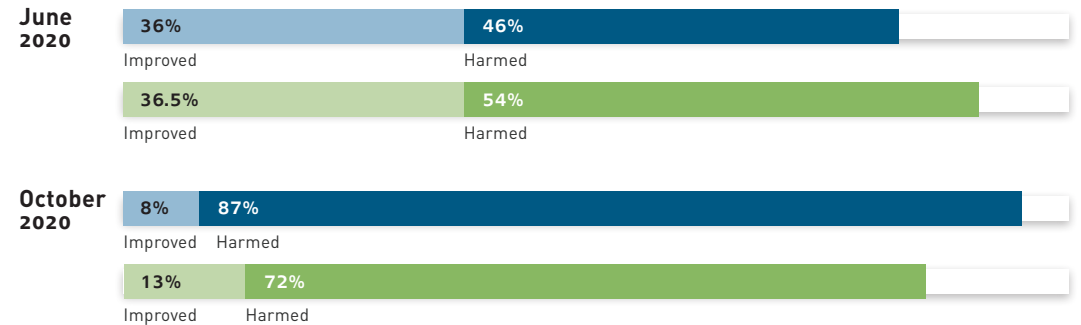
Between the public and the government



Between Jews and Arabs



Between the public and the police



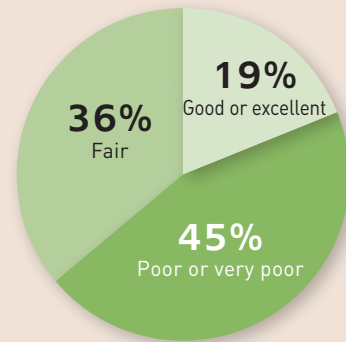
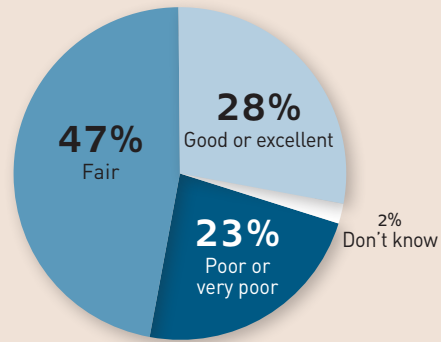
► Jews ► Arabs



The Healthcare System and the Police

Rating overall police performance

June 2020



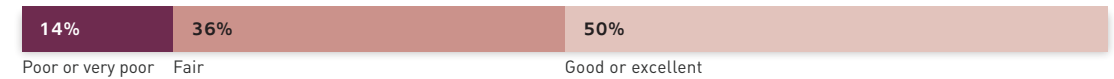
October 2020



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Rating Israel's public healthcare system

June 2020

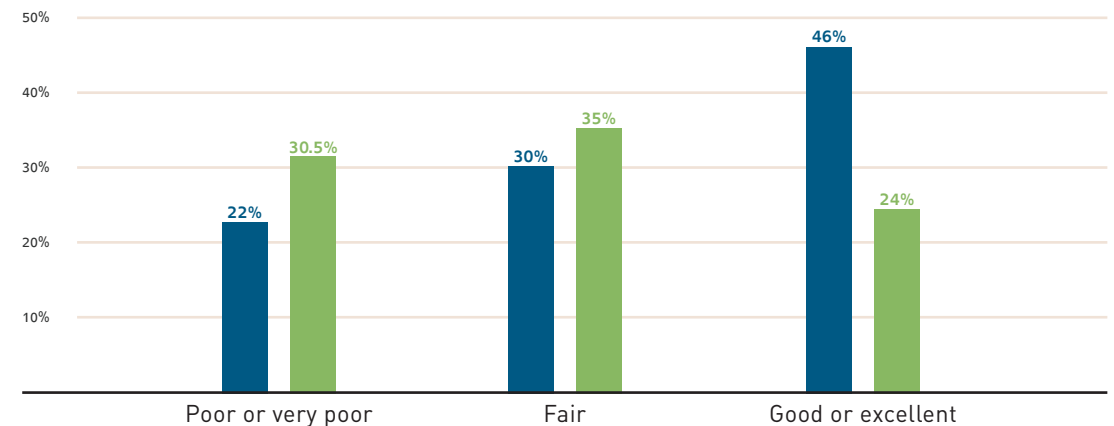


October 2020



In general, how would you rate Israel's public healthcare system?

October 2020



► Jews ► Arabs



Solidarity in Israeli Society

Which groups in Israeli society have the highest level of tension between them?

2020



2019



2018



2016



2015

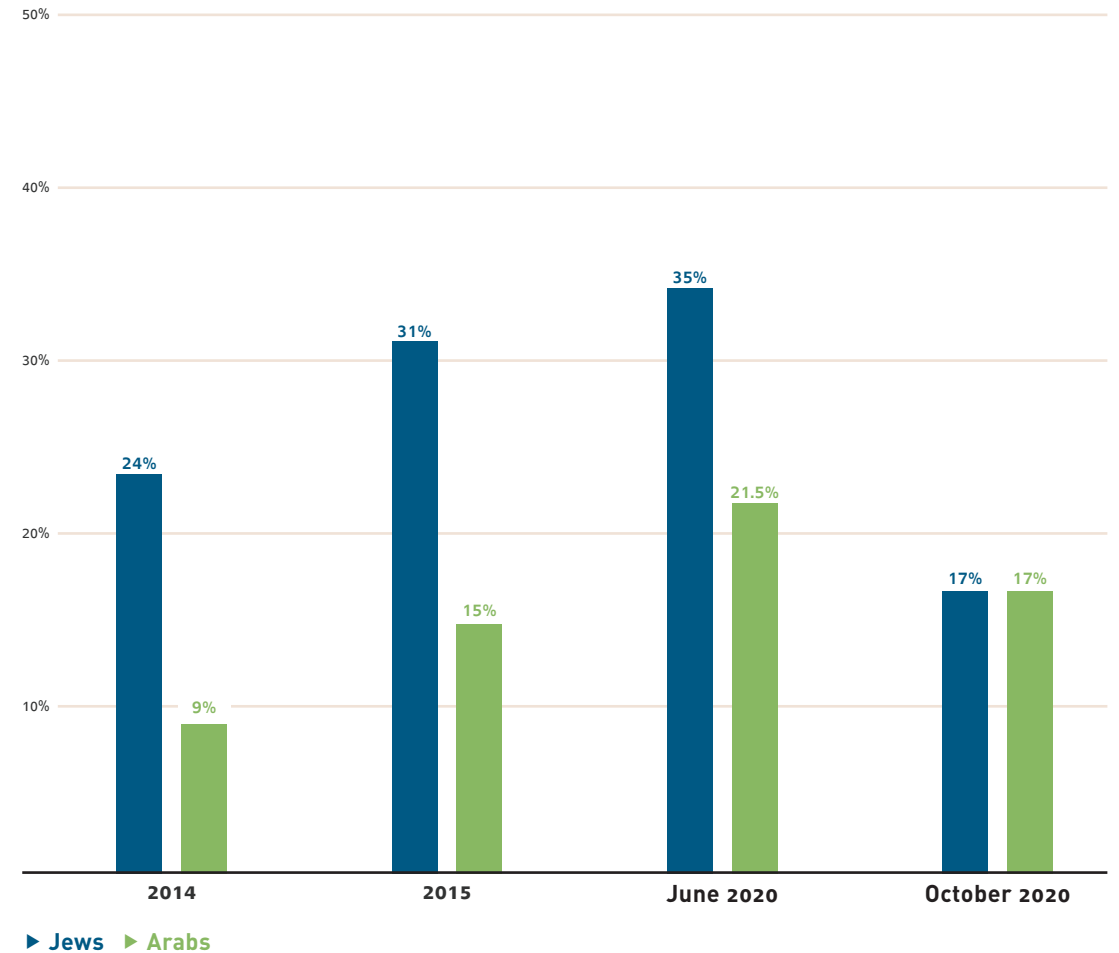


2012



▶ Right and Left ▶ Jews and Arabs ▶ Religious and secular Jews ▶ Rich and poor ▶ Ashkenazi and Mizrahi Jews ▶ Don't know

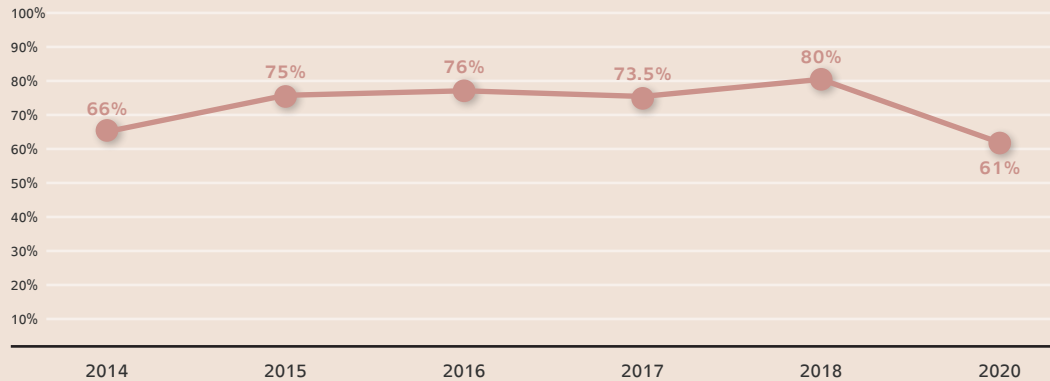
Solidarity in Israeli society is high to very high





Personal Satisfaction

Define their personal situation as "good" or "very good"



If you could receive a passport from the US or another Western country, would you prefer to move there or remain in Israel?

2020



2019



2017



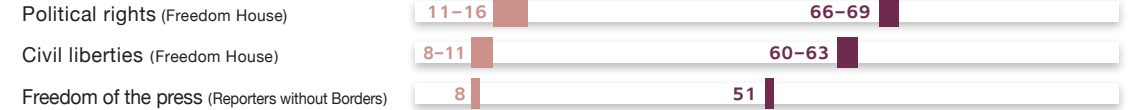
► Prefer to move ► Prefer to stay in Israel



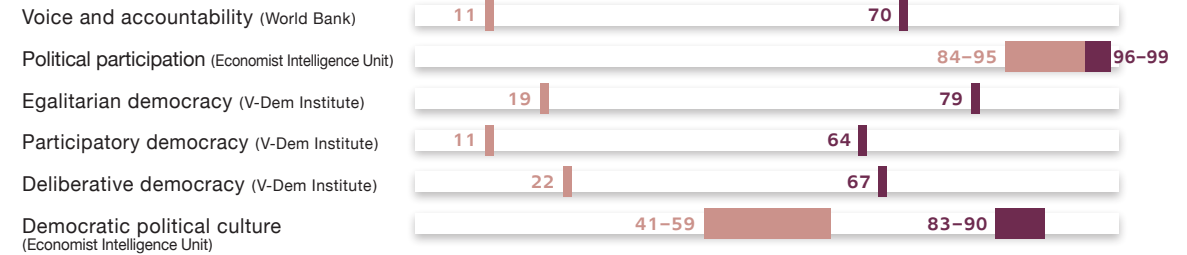
Israel and the World

Israel's ranking on international indicators (percentile)

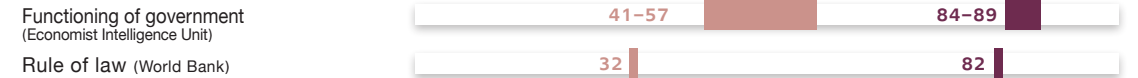
Democratic Rights and Freedoms



Democratic Process



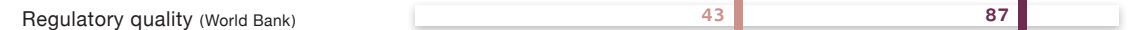
Governance



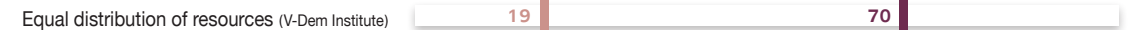
Corruption



Regulation



Economic equality



► Percentile relative to all countries included in the survey ► Percentile relative to OECD countries

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The Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research conducts rigorous empirical research on the views and attitudes of the Israeli public regarding the functioning of the country's democratic system and its commitment to core democratic values. Data Israel: The Louis Guttman Social Research Database, maintained by the Center, presents current and historical survey data and other material collected since 1949 by the Institute for Applied Social Research founded by Prof. Guttman, and which have been donated to IDI. The Viterbi Family Center strives to inform public discourse and debate in Israel on social and policy issues, by generating, analyzing, and publicizing reliable and up-to-date information, and making it readily accessible to researchers, the media, and interested members of the public in Israel and around the world.

The Israeli Democracy Index, published annually since 2003, assesses the state of Israeli democracy. It is based on an in-depth and detailed survey of a representative sample of Israel's adult population. The Index aims to explore trends in Israeli society on fundamental questions relating to the realization of democratic goals and values, and the performance of government systems and elected and appointed officials.



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