

Appendix 2

Distribution of 2020 Survey Results Compared with Previous Years (%)

1. How would you characterize Israel's overall situation today?

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Very good	2.5	2.3	2.8	3.1	3.2	5.3	4.3	5.8	6.4	9.5	9.5	10.7	7.3	7.6	15.1	17.1	16.1	6.9
Good*	8.6	11.1	16.5	19.4	11.4	23.1	26.9	33.9	21.4	28.6	25.7	33.6	33.9	28.9	32.7	35.8	33.9	30.6
So-so	26.1	32.9	37.5	38.2	34.3	35.7	38.4	35.2	41.0	40.5	41.1	36.6	38.7	39.9	32.9	29.6	31.0	40.3
Bad*	24.3	22.7	16.8	18.4	25.0	16.1	17.1	13.8	16.0	11.4	9.8	8.8	9.3	12.2	9.5	8.4	9.0	14.5
Very bad	38.5	30.6	25.8	20.4	25.2	18.2	12.2	9.8	13.7	8.6	11.8	8.2	8.7	10.7	7.9	7.7	8.8	7.1
Don't know / refuse to answer	–	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.7	1.8	1.4	1.2	.60
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Up until 2013, the response choices were “quite good” and “quite bad.”

General notes:

- This comparative analysis presents the distribution of responses from the total sample (with the exception of questions that were presented only to Jews or only to Arabs, and of several questions in which only the responses of Jews or of Arabs are presented), including the category “Don't know / refuse.”
- The wording of the questions and the response categories is presented as it appears in the Democracy Index 2019 survey. Where differences exist in wording or categories between this year's index and those of previous years, or where there are categories that did not appear in a given year, this is explained in notes provided below the relevant table.
- In all questions, the category “Don't know / refuse” was not read out to interviewees.
- The acronym “NA” is used to mark a question or category that was not presented to the respondents in a given year; for instance, in cases where four response choices were offered in certain years, and five in others.

2. And what about your personal situation?

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2020
Very good	19.5	22.6	26.0	31.2	33.6	15.7
Good	46.4	52.1	49.4	42.3	46.3	45.1
So-so	22.3	19.8	19.8	20.2	17.1	30.4
Bad	6.4	3.3	2.5	2.6	1.2	6.4
Very bad	3.1	1.5	1.7	2.6	1.4	2.1
Don't know / refuse to answer	2.3	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.3
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

3. To what extent do you feel part of the State of Israel and its problems?*

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2019	2020
Very much	52	45.3	43.6	35.3	28.0	28.1	32.3	33.5	39.6	35.5	33.2	38.8	41.8	39.8	38.9	31.9
Quite a lot	26.2	27.4	29.0	33.6	30.3	27.0	31.4	30.8	29.9	29.6	27.5	36.3	37.4	37.4	37.2	46.6
To some extent	12.7	16.8	14.4	20.5	25.3	27.6	23.6	22.0	18.2	20.8	21.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Not so much	5.3	6.1	4.4	7.3	9.5	9.8	7.3	7.8	5.5	7.9	9.4	13.4	14.2	15.4	16.7	15.8
Not at all	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.1	5.7	6.2	4.7	4.8	6.7	4.7	6.6	8.1	5.2	6.3	6.0	4.5
Don't know / refuse to answer	0.3	0.8	5.6	0.2	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.1	1.5	2.2	3.4	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.1
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* In 2003–2013, five response categories were presented: “to a very large extent,” “to a large extent,” “to some extent,” “to a small extent,” and “to a very small extent.” From 2014 onward, the intermediate category of “to some extent” was eliminated.

6. In your opinion, which of the following groups have the highest level of tension between them?

	2012	2015	2016	2018	2019	2020
Mizrahim and Ashkenazim	3.0	3.9	1.4	5.5	2.7	3.4
Religious and secular Jews	20.3	10.3	10.5	24.8	22.5	17.5
Right and Left	8.7	18.4	24.0	31.9	37.5	38.6
Rich and poor	13.2	12.8	8.0	5.3	4.7	8.5
Jews and Arabs	47.9	47.0	53.0	30.3	26.7	28.4
Don't know / refuse to answer	6.9	7.6	3.1	2.2	5.9	3.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

7. How would you rate Israel's current leadership in terms of corruption, where 1 = very corrupt and 5 = not at all corrupt?

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1 – Very corrupt	22.8	28.7	27.0	27.1	28.1	38.6	32.6
2	19.8	19.1	27.9	22.7	18.8	19.1	25.2
3	31.4	31.8	30.9	31.2	32.3	23.6	24.2
4	15.2	11.1	10.0	11.1	12.5	10.2	11.2
5 – Not at all corrupt	4.2	3.2	2.4	4.5	6.0	5.9	4.7
Don't know / refuse to answer	6.6	6.1	1.8	3.4	2.3	2.6	2.1
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Mean (1–5)	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.3

8. Israel is defined as a Jewish and democratic state. Do you feel there is a good balance today between the Jewish and the democratic components?

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
There is a good balance between the two components	26.1	26.7	27.8	28.2	20.2
The Jewish component is too dominant	45.1	46.6	45.5	46.9	46.8
The democratic component is too dominant	22.9	20.1	20.9	18.3	23.4
Don't know / refuse to answer	5.9	6.6	5.8	6.6	9.6
Total	100	100	100	100	100

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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

	2003*	2004*	2006*	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2017	2020
Strongly agree	10.8	15.7	16.9	29.2	28.0	22.6	19.7	30.1	13.5	18.4	15.4
Somewhat agree	23.1	16.8	19.3	19.7	20.8	20.2	17.4	21.5	15.3	17.0	30.1
Not certain	11.8	10.8	13.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Somewhat disagree	34.3	30.1	23.6	16.1	19.9	17.2	16.2	22.7	18.6	20.9	23.4
Strongly disagree	19.9	26.2	26.5	31.7	28.0	33.9	41.9	22.7	50.5	41.4	29.7
Don't know / refuse to answer	0.1	0.4	0.4	3.3	3.3	6.1	4.8	3.0	2.2	2.3	1.3
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* In 2003, 2004, and 2006, the question was worded slightly differently, and there were 5 response categories: "strongly disagree," "disagree," "not certain," "agree," and "strongly agree."

10. The democratic system in Israel is in grave danger.

	2017	2018*	2019	2020
Strongly agree	22.9	22.5	32.4	25.7
Somewhat agree	21.9	23.3	21.7	27.5
Somewhat disagree	23.3	25.2	16.2	23.6
Strongly disagree	27.9	24.5	28.1	21.4
Don't know / refuse to answer	4.0	4.5	1.6	1.8
Total	100	100	100	100

* Source: *Peace Index*, May 2018.

11. Israeli media portray the situation here as much worse than it really is.

	2017	2018	2020
Strongly agree	29.5	28.1	23.1
Somewhat agree	26.6	25.5	31.4
Somewhat disagree	22.1	25.4	26.6
Strongly disagree	18.1	18.7	16.4
Don't know / refuse to answer	3.7	2.3	2.5
Total	100	100	100

14. The Supreme Court

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Not at all	16.0	11.4	22.3	15.5	18.4	25.2	23.2	21.6	13.6	10.7	17.7	10.3	12.1	16.1	15.6	19.5	19.4	20.9
Not so much	13.8	9.1	16.3	15.6	19.1	23.7	17.3	22.0	13.0	12.3	14.4	21.4	19.9	25.1	24.6	25.6	22.3	23.5
Quite a lot	30.4	27.4	28.6	29.0	28.7	29.1	28.1	27.9	27.3	30.5	28.1	33.5	37.0	33.3	33.0	26.3	28.3	28.8
Very much	39.4	49.0	31.4	37.5	29.2	18.3	23.1	23.8	41.4	42.9	32.7	27.4	25.4	22.5	23.4	25.4	26.5	24.8
Don't know / refuse to answer	0.4	3.1	1.4	2.4	4.6	3.7	8.3	4.7	4.7	3.6	7.1	7.4	5.7	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.5	2.0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

15. The police

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Not at all	14.9	15.5	19.1	28.7	30.3	35.6	30.3	23.2	20.5	15.8	18.3	16.8	19.1	16.5	17.0	18.0	17.4	19.2
Not so much	18.6	18.3	24.6	26.8	27.1	31.1	27.7	33.5	21.8	21.3	19.8	32.4	34.7	42.5	41.0	34.1	37.6	37.1
Quite a lot	41.6	41.8	36.2	30.7	28.3	23.1	27.2	29.8	38.2	40.0	38.4	35.0	34.2	31.8	32.2	34.4	30.0	33.5
Very much	24.8	23.6	19.5	12.5	11.9	8.4	10.4	11.5	17.9	20.9	20.6	11.5	8.2	7.9	7.8	12.2	13.3	9.1
Don't know / refuse to answer	0.1	0.8	0.6	1.3	2.4	1.8	4.4	2.0	1.6	2.0	2.9	4.3	3.8	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.1
Total	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020

20. The political parties

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Not at all	34.0	37.8	50.3	41.3	44.1	46.9	35.4	32.6	28.3	31.5	26.2	N/A	28.3	30.5	29.7	30.7	27.1	35.7
Not so much	33.4	34.0	31.6	35.9	32.5	36.1	39.9	39.3	32.7	30.5	30.9	N/A	42.3	51.1	49.0	48.8	47.6	42.8
Quite a lot	28.0	22.8	15.5	19.2	17.5	13.5	16.9	19.8	31.9	28.7	28.6	N/A	16.2	12.6	12.9	13.7	12.4	16.1
Very much	4.3	3.8	2.1	3.2	3.1	1.8	2.7	4.0	3.7	5.4	9.1	N/A	2.9	1.3	2.4	2.2	2.4	3.0
Don't know / refuse to answer	0.3	1.6	0.5	0.4	2.8	1.7	5.1	4.3	3.4	3.9	5.2	N/A	10.4	4.5	6.0	4.6	10.5	2.5
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100

21. The attorney general

	2008	2009	2011	2017	2018	2019*	2020
Not at all	30.9	22.7	11.3	17.0	20.5	16.2	26.4
Not so much	27.6	19.9	14.1	31.2	29.6	26.4	26.7
Quite a lot	24.0	28.8	34.6	32.4	30.5	27.1	26.9
Very much	9.7	16.8	29.5	9.6	11.8	18.4	15.2
Don't know / refuse to answer	7.8	11.8	10.5	9.8	7.6	11.9	4.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Source: Hermann et al., *Jews and Arabs: A Conditional Partnership*, 2019.

22. The National Insurance Institute

	2015	2020
Not at all	21.3	19.3
Not so much	30.9	31.2
Quite a lot	30.5	34.7
Very much	9.6	11.8
Don't know / refuse to answer	7.6	3.0
Total	100	100

23. Your municipality or local authority

	2018	2019*	2020
Not at all	18.1	17.8	14.3
Not so much	27.6	24.3	23.3
Quite a lot	35.5	34.0	41.6
Very much	17.5	21.6	19.0
Don't know / refuse to answer	1.3	2.3	1.8
Total	100	100	100

* Source: Hermann et al., *Jews and Arabs: A Conditional Partnership*, 2019.

24. Your health fund

	2015	2020
Not at all	6.4	3.1
Not so much	18.0	16.5
Quite a lot	49.5	46.0
Very much	23.0	31.9
Don't know / refuse to answer	3.1	2.6
Total	100	100

27. In your opinion, does the public healthcare system in Israel provide equal treatment to patients from all backgrounds and sectors?

	2019	2020
I'm certain it does	20.7	15.8
I think it does	24.8	41.5
I think it does not	20.9	25.6
I'm certain it does not	31.7	14.6
Don't know / refuse to answer	1.8	2.4
Total	100	100

38. When you need medical care, do you prefer being treated by a Jewish doctor or an Arab doctor, or are you indifferent?

	2015	2020
Jewish doctor	16.9	23.1
Arab doctor	1.5	0.8
Impartial	80.0	74.7
Don't know / refuse to answer	1.6	1.5
Total	100	100

39. In your opinion, to what extent does the State of Israel ensure the security of its citizens?

	2019	2020
Very much	18.2	18.1
Quite a lot	45.3	58.2
Not so much	29.1	18.9
Not at all	6.1	3.9
Don't know / refuse to answer	1.2	0.9
Total	100	100

40. And to what extent does it ensure the welfare of its citizens?

	2019	2020
Very much	6.0	4.7
Quite a lot	29.0	26.3
Not so much	51.6	52.6
Not at all	11.7	14.8
Don't know / refuse to answer	1.7	1.6
Total	100	100

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

47. Most Arab citizens of Israel want to integrate into Israeli society and be part of it.

	2018	2019*	2020
Strongly agree	24.0	30.5	19.7
Somewhat agree	43.0	30.4	40.7
Somewhat disagree	21.0	17.0	26.4
Strongly disagree	10.0	14.8	9.5
Don't know / refuse to answer	2.0	7.3	3.8
Total	100	100	100

* Source: Hermann et al., *Jews and Arabs: A Conditional Partnership*, 2019.

48. (Jewish respondents) To preserve Jewish identity, it is better for Jews and Arabs in Israel to live separately.

	2017*	2018	2019	2020
Strongly agree	35.7	24.4	32.6	18.3
Somewhat agree	16.6	18.8	13.8	23.2
Somewhat disagree	20.0	24.4	25.2	35.8
Strongly disagree	25.0	28.7	21.8	18.0
Don't know / refuse to answer	2.7	3.7	6.6	4.8
Total	100	100	100	100

* Source: Hermann et al., *Jews and Arabs: A Conditional Partnership*, 2017.

(Arab respondents) To preserve Arab identity, it is better for Jews and Arabs in Israel to live separately.

	2017*	2018	2019	2020
Strongly agree	12.4	3.0	9.2	11.4
Somewhat agree	9.6	26.6	8.0	10.5
Somewhat disagree	12.0	45.6	18.3	9.1
Strongly disagree	64.6	24.9	62.6	68.5
Don't know / refuse to answer	1.4	–	1.9	0.6
Total	100	100	100	100

* Source: Hermann et al., *Jews and Arabs: A Conditional Partnership*, 2017.

49. The regime in Israel is democratic toward Arab citizens as well.

	Jews				Arabs			
	2017*	2018	2019**	2020	2017*	2018	2019**	2020
Strongly agree	39.8	40.3	38.6	23.9	17.0	6.4	16.3	14.9
Somewhat agree	27.5	35.7	32.0	41.6	28.0	26.2	28.0	19.8
Somewhat disagree	19.3	15.1	17.6	23.9	21.6	40.1	19.6	24.8
Strongly disagree	9.9	7.6	8.8	6.6	32.4	26.7	35.5	38.6
Don't know / refuse to answer	3.5	1.3	3.0	4.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.8
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Source: Hermann et al., *Jews and Arabs: A Conditional Partnership*, 2017.

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50. (Jewish respondents) Decisions crucial to the state on issues of peace and security should be made by a Jewish majority.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2020
Strongly agree	38.0	53.6	32.9	41.8	29.1	27.7	45.4	53.6	52.6	47.0	49.8	51.2	45.9	65.8	52.3	45.0
Somewhat agree	38.6	28.2	34.3	34.2	36.2	30.9	33.8	29.3	25.2	19.7	24.0	22.4	26.1	15.2	21.9	30.3
Somewhat disagree	14.5	9.7	17.8	12.7	17.4	19.5	10.6	9.0	10.8	9.9	10.5	9.7	14.9	7.6	10.9	14.5
Strongly disagree	8.2	5.5	13.2	10.0	12.4	16.3	5.8	4.6	9.5	20.0	11.0	11.3	11.7	8.0	12.7	5.9
Don't know / refuse to answer	0.7	3.0	1.8	1.3	4.9	5.6	4.4	3.5	1.9	3.4	4.7	5.4	1.4	3.4	2.2	4.3
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Source: Hermann et al., *Jews and Arabs: A Conditional Partnership*, 2017.

(Arab respondents) Decisions crucial to the state on issues of peace and security should be made by a Jewish majority.

	2015	2020
Strongly agree	6.7	11.9
Somewhat agree	11.7	10.7
Somewhat disagree	12.3	15.3
Strongly disagree	66.9	59.9
Don't know / refuse to answer	2.4	2.2
Total	100	100

Appendix 3

Sociodemographic Breakdown and Self-Definitions

Nationality	Total sample
Jews and others	84.7
Arabs	15.3
Total	100

Sex	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Men	51.7	49.9	49.6
Women	48.3	50.1	50.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Age	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
18-34	34.4	45.4	32.4
35-54	33.8	37.1	33.2
55+	31.8	17.5	34.4
Total	100	100	100

Education	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Elementary school or less + high school without matriculation	11.2	8.1	28.3
Full high school with matriculation	18.3	17.9	20.6
Post-secondary	19.3	21.6	6.7
Partial academic studies + bachelor's degree or higher	50.5	51.6	44.4
Don't know / refuse to answer	0.7	0.8	--
Total	100	100	100

Gross monthly income	Total sample	Jewish	Arabs
Below average	45.0	42.8	57.2
Average	20.1	20.5	17.8
Above average	25.7	26.4	22.2
Don't know / refuse to answer	9.2	10.3	2.8
Total	100	100	100

Socioeconomic cluster of residential community	Total sample	Jewish	Arabs
Low (1–3)	26.0	17.1	75.6
Medium-low (4–5)	19.1	19.4	17.2
Medium-high (6–7)	29.5	34.3	2.8
High (8–10)	23.2	27.3	0.6
Don't know / refuse to answer	2.2	1.9	3.8
Total	100	100	100

Religion	Arabs
Muslim	77.8
Christian	10.0
Druze	10.0
Don't know / refuse to answer	2.2
Total	100

Religiosity	Jews
Haredi (ultra-orthodox)	12.5
National religious/Haredi leumi (national ultra-orthodox)	13.0
Traditional religious	11.4
Traditional non-religious	23.7
Secular	39.4
Total	100

Political orientation (Jews)	Haredi	National religious / Haredi leumi	Traditional religious	Traditional non-religious	Secular
Left	2.0	0.9	–	1.8	11.1
Moderate left	2.9	0.9	1.6	3.6	12.7
Center	13.7	5.5	20.3	30.8	34.5
Moderate right	20.6	17.4	26.6	18.1	15.2
Right	55.9	75.3	48.4	43.0	21.5
Don't know / refuse to answer	4.9	–	3.1	2.7	5
Total	100	100	100	100	100