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מייסד ונשיא לשעבר
ד"ר אריק ברמון

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	7.2	12.0	8.0
Moderately optimistic	30.8	21.6	29.2
Moderately pessimistic	37.6	23.5	35.2
Very pessimistic	17.9	29.2	19.8
Don't know	6.6	13.7	7.8
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	11.9	14.2	12.3
Moderately optimistic	53.2	27.7	48.9
Moderately pessimistic	22.8	23.4	22.9
Very pessimistic	6.0	21.3	8.6
Don't know	6.0	13.4	7.3
Total	100	100	100

3. In your opinion, to what extent is Israel's security a central consideration for President Biden when formulating US foreign policy?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very large extent	1.7	16.0	4.1
To a moderately large extent	28.8	31.6	29.3
To a moderately small extent	41.6	19.4	37.8
To a very small extent	13.7	9.9	13.1
Don't know	14.2	23.1	15.7
Total	100	100	100

4. On a scale from 1="Not at all" to 5="To a very large extent," to what extent, in your opinion, does Iran currently constitute an existential danger to Israel?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Not at all	2.9	25.0	6.6
2	8.7	16.6	10.1
3	26.2	22.4	25.5
4	29.1	8.5	25.6

5= To a very large extent	28.7	10.5	25.6
Don't know	4.4	17.0	6.5
Total	100	100	100

Do you agree or disagree with the following sentences:

5. "Israel has to attack Iran's nuclear facilities militarily even without US agreement"

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	18.0	9.6	16.6
Moderately agree	27.4	10.0	24.4
Don't agree so much	30.5	20.9	28.8
Don't agree at all	15.2	44.6	20.2
Don't know	8.9	14.9	9.9
Total	100	100	100

6. "To bring about a victory in the upcoming elections, it's necessary to vote for one of the large parties and not for a small party, even if its positions fit mine better"

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	22.1	6.9	19.5
Moderately agree	29.3	11.7	26.3
Don't agree so much	23.7	28.1	24.5
Don't agree at all	19.3	37.8	22.5
Don't know	5.6	15.5	7.3
Total	100	100	100

7. "If Likud headed by Benjamin Netanyahu wins the elections and succeeds to form a government, it will be a sign that a large part of the public wants him as prime minister, and therefore the legal proceedings against him should be stopped at least until the end of his tenure"

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	20.3	10.4	18.6
Moderately agree	14.5	10.2	13.8
Don't agree so much	13.1	15.2	13.4
Don't agree at all	45.3	47.4	45.6
Don't know	6.8	16.9	8.5
Total	100	100	100



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8. In your opinion, should Israel respond positively to the Palestinian Authority's requests and transfer anti-COVID vaccinations to the PA:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it should	9.7	56.6	17.7
I think it should	37.0	23.4	34.7
I think it should not	25.7	5.8	22.4
I'm sure it should not	19.3	4.2	16.8
Don't know	8.2	10.0	8.5
Total	100	100	100

9. What are the two main things that cause you to vote for one party and not for another party? (Open question)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The party's basic positions and policy	28.8	29.0	28.8
Credibility/honesty of the leadership	15.4	7.7	14.2
The party's adherence to its values	9.9	3.3	8.9
The party's leadership	6.4	20.1	8.5
Religion, tradition, and state	9.0	0.5	7.7
Political and party loyalty	6.8	3.4	6.3
Democratic values and governmental stability	4.8	11.7	5.8
Just not Bibi/Only Bibi	5.1	2.2	4.6
Desire for a change	1.6	0.5	1.4
Other	8.7	5.6	8.3
No response/Don't know	3.5	16.0	5.4
Total	100	100	100

10. What, in your opinion, are the chances that the upcoming elections will yield a clear outcome regarding who will be the next prime minister?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high chances	6.5	12.8	7.6
Moderately high chances	22.9	15.1	21.5
Moderately low chances	49.6	33.1	46.8
Very low chances	13.6	16.7	14.1
Don't know	7.4	22.3	9.9
Total	100	100	100

11. To what extent do you have or not have trust in the propriety of the voting for the Knesset – meaning that the results to be announced will exactly reflect how the public voted?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I have complete trust in the propriety of the elections	15.4	18.9	16.0
I have quite a lot of trust in the propriety of the elections	48.8	23.6	44.6
I have quite little trust in the propriety of the elections	23.8	26.8	24.3
I have no trust in the propriety of the election	5.6	16.6	7.4
Don't know	6.3	14.1	7.7
Total	100	100	100

12. Does it disturb or not disturb you that with an eye to the elections, Likud, headed by Netanyahu, signed a surplus vote-sharing agreement with the Religious Zionist Party headed by Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Doesn't disturb me at all	34.2	21.1	32.0
Disturbs me to a quite small extent	14.7	11.6	14.1
Disturbs me to a quite large extent	13.4	13.7	13.4
Disturbs me to a very large extent	25.6	34.2	27.1
Don't know	12.1	19.4	13.3
Total	100	100	100

13. Do you support or oppose having Arab parties in the government, including the appointment of Arab ministers?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly oppose	25.5	3.9	21.8
Moderately oppose	27.9	6.5	24.3
Moderately support	26.1	19.2	24.9
Strongly support	8.9	54.6	16.7
Don't know	11.6	15.7	12.3
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for February 2021 was prepared by the Viterbi 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 March 1 to March 3, 2021, 605 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 150 in Arabic, constituting a



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representative national sample of the entire adult population of Israel aged 18 and older. The maximum sampling error for the entire sample was $\pm 3.64\%$ 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>