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

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Very optimistic	7.1	5.2	5.5
Moderately optimistic	23.8	32.0	30.6
Moderately pessimistic	28.2	39.1	37.3
Very pessimistic	29.2	16.1	18.3
Don't know	11.7	7.5	8.2
Total	100	100	100

2. And how do you feel about Israel's security situation in the foreseeable future?

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Very optimistic	6.4	8.0	7.7
Moderately optimistic	27.2	44.9	41.9
Moderately pessimistic	29.4	32.6	32.1
Very pessimistic	26.4	8.9	11.9
Don't know	10.6	5.6	6.4
Total	100	100	100

3. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the results of the latest elections?

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Very satisfied	3.8	4.1	4.1
Moderately satisfied	12.5	14.2	13.9
Not so satisfied	29.6	44.6	42.0
Not satisfied at all	39.3	31.6	32.9
Don't know	14.9	5.5	7.1
Total	100	100	100

4. How much are you interested in the media reports on the talks between the different parties' leaders on forming a government?

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Very interested	14.6	16.9	16.5
Moderately interested	30.9	43.2	41.2
Almost not interested	23.6	26.7	26.2
Not interested at all	21.7	10.1	12.1
Don't know	9.2	3.0	4.1
Total	100	100	100



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In your opinion, when the talks on forming a government end, what are the chances...

5. That a Netanyahu-led government will be formed:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Very high	15.1	8.4	9.6
Moderately high	19.1	25.9	24.7
Moderately low	27.1	34.2	33.0
Very low	23.2	22.6	22.7
Don't know	15.5	8.9	10.0
Total	100	100	100

6. That a Bennett- and Lapid-led government will be formed:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Very high	4.5	3.8	3.9
Moderately high	22.0	29.9	28.6
Moderately low	38.2	38.7	38.6
Very low	17.4	17.6	17.6
Don't know	17.8	10.0	11.3
Total	100	100	100

7. That there will be a fifth round of general voting for the Knesset:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Very high	26.5	30.0	29.4
Moderately high	32.9	42.0	40.4
Moderately low	15.7	15.2	15.3
Very low	9.3	5.0	5.7
Don't know	15.6	7.8	9.1
Total	100	100	100

8. That there will be direct elections for prime minister:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Very high	9.1	7.0	7.4
Moderately high	19.7	18.2	18.4
Moderately low	20.7	29.1	27.7
Very low	25.2	32.5	31.3
Don't know	25.4	13.1	15.2
Total	100	100	100

9. Do you support or oppose the proposal that, beginning with the next elections, the leader of the largest party will be the prime minister without needing to get the backing of the Knesset:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Strongly support	12.4	17.3	16.5
Moderately support	18.1	22.4	21.7
Moderately oppose	20.8	19.2	19.5
Strongly oppose	31.1	25.4	26.4
Don't know	17.6	15.6	15.9
Total	100	100	100

10. If personal elections for prime minister were to be held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Netanyahu	17.3	36.2	33.0
Lapid	25.9	25.4	25.5
Bennett	3.6	15.2	13.2
Other/None of these	40.0	14.4	18.7
Don't know	13.2	8.8	9.5
Total	100	100	100

11. Do you support or oppose including the Arab parties in the government, with the appointment of Arab ministers:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Strongly support	48.6	5.2	12.5
Moderately support	25.1	24.1	24.2
Moderately oppose	10.3	28.2	25.2
Strongly oppose	4.9	31.5	27.0
Don't know	11.1	11.1	11.1
Total	100	100	100

12. (Jews) Do you agree or disagree with the claim that Member of Knesset Bezalel Smotrich deserves praise for keeping his promise to his voters not to sit in a government supported by the Arab parties:

	Jews
Strongly agree	21.3
Moderately agree	32.3
Don't agree so much	17.3
Don't agree at all	12.2
Don't know	16.8
Total	100

12. (Arabs) Do you agree or disagree with the claim that Member of Knesset Mansour Abbas deserves praise for keeping his promise to his voters to try to play a role in any government that would promise substantial aid to the Arab sector:

	Arabs
Strongly agree	25.9
Moderately agree	20.5
Don't agree so much	18.8
Don't agree at all	19.6
Don't know	15.2
Total	100

13. In your opinion, would the direct election of the prime minister lead to a better or worse system of government for the country?

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Better	19.4	27.0	25.7
Worse	38.7	27.8	29.7
No change	19.8	21.6	21.3
Don't know	22.1	23.6	23.4
Total	100	100	100

14. US President Biden recently declared that the US recognizes the genocide of the Armenian people, unlike his predecessors who avoided doing so for fear of damaging relations with Turkey. In your opinion, should Israel, too, recognize the genocide of the Armenians, even if it intensifies Turkey's hostility?

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
I'm sure it should recognize it	17.7	24.3	23.2
I think it should	19.0	32.3	30.0

I think it should not	17.5	12.8	13.6
I'm sure it should not recognize it	11.3	3.1	4.5
Don't know	34.6	27.5	28.7
Total	100	100	100

15. Do you agree or disagree that Shas's proposal to hold a direction election of the prime minister, and that only, would bring the political imbroglio to an end?

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Strongly agree	5.2	13.1	11.8
Moderately agree	24.7	20.0	20.8
Don't agree so much	20.8	19.8	20.0
Don't agree at all	24.0	30.0	29.0
Don't know	25.3	17.1	18.5
Total	100	100	100

16. From your standpoint, which of the following possibilities is preferable:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
A fifth round of Knesset elections in a few more months	26.3	22.8	23.4
A government relying on the support or abstention of the Ra'am Party headed by Mansour Abbas	38.9	32.1	33.2
Neither of those possibilities	20.3	33.4	31.1
Don't know	14.5	11.8	12.2
Total	100	100	100

17. In about another month the period for unpaid-leave benefits will end. Do you support or oppose extending the unpaid-leave period:

	Arabs	Jews	General Public
Support extending unpaid leave under the same conditions	32.6	14.3	17.4
Support, but the entitlement and the sum should be gradually reduced	9.2	14.5	13.6
Support extending unpaid leave only for those over 50	13.6	21.3	20.0
Oppose extending unpaid leave	28.9	42.4	40.1
Don't know	15.7	7.4	8.8
Total	100	100	100



The Israeli Voice Index for April 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 April 26 to April 28, 2021, 612 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 $3.59\% \pm$ 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>