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מייסדים

ד"ר אריק כרמן
מזכיר המדינה ג'ורג' שולץ (1920-2021)

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	5.2	4.3	5.0
Moderately optimistic	36.0	37.5	36.2
Moderately pessimistic	34.0	27.6	32.9
Very pessimistic	17.9	24.6	19.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.9	6.0	6.8
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	7.7	8.1	7.7
Moderately optimistic	45.6	31.3	43.2
Moderately pessimistic	28.1	39.2	30.0
Very pessimistic	13.0	18.2	13.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.6	3.2	5.2
Total	100	100	100

3. Do you support or oppose having the state sign a plea deal with Netanyahu according to which he will admit to the charges against him and retire from public life?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly support	11.7	23.8	13.8
Moderately support	25.7	26.2	25.8
Moderately oppose	18.2	14.3	17.5
Strongly oppose	26.3	23.0	25.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	18.1	12.7	17.2
Total	100	100	100

4. In your opinion, should or should not the plea deal with Netanyahu include the element of moral turpitude?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it should	27.5	35.7	28.9
I think it should	15.0	22.7	16.3
I think it should not	16.9	17.1	16.9
I'm sure it should not	21.3	9.4	19.3
Don't know/Refuse to answer	19.3	15.1	18.6

Total	100	100	100
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5. In your opinion, what are the chances that the attorney-general and Netanyahu will manage to work out the terms of an agreement that both sides can accept?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high	4.7	9.6	5.5
Moderately high	19.5	29.8	21.3
Moderately low	36.7	33.6	36.1
Very low	20.8	16.1	20.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	18.3	10.9	17.1
Total	100	100	100

In your opinion, is each of the following decisions right or not right:

6. The initiative by Education Minister Dr. Yifat Shasha-Biton to return all the children to the education system with no need for quarantine:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very right	30.0	31.3	30.2
Moderately right	25.1	22.1	24.5
Not so right	18.7	19.6	18.9
Not right at all	20.9	22.2	21.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.3	4.8	5.3
Total	100	100	100

7. The recommendation by the team of experts to cancel all the Green Pass rules:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very right	28.7	31.6	29.2
Moderately right	24.4	23.7	24.3
Not so right	22.4	24.3	22.8
Not right at all	17.0	16.9	17.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	7.5	3.5	6.7
Total	100	100	100

8. Do you believe or not believe the World Health Organization's assessment that the Omicron strain actually signals the end of the COVID-19 pandemic?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly believe	6.5	14.4	7.8
Moderately believe	29.1	41.0	31.1
Don't believe so much	35.0	24.5	33.2
Don't believe at all	14.5	14.7	14.5



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Don't know	14.9	5.4	13.4
Total	100	100	100

9. Do you fear or not fear at present that you or someone in your family will get infected by COVID-19?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Greatly fear it	17.7	30.4	19.8
Moderately fear it	39.8	21.1	36.6
Don't fear it so much	24.1	27.2	24.6
Don't fear it at all	16.2	19.2	16.7
Don't know	2.2	2.1	2.3
Total	100	100	100

10. It was recently reported that the Israeli NSO company sold Pegasus cell-phone spyware that served nondemocratic regimes to monitor and even harm human rights activists and political opponents. In your opinion, should or should not the Israeli authorities prevent a private company from selling such products?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure they should prevent it	29.1	62.1	34.7
I think they should prevent it	31.6	19.2	29.5
I think they should not prevent it	18.9	10.4	17.5
I'm sure they should not prevent it	5.5	3.4	5.1
Don't know	14.9	4.9	13.2
Total	100	100	100

Are the following claims true:

11. The agencies of the state, such as the police, monitor the activities of everyone who uses cell phones or computers:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it is	24.7	41.5	27.5
I think it is	36.2	28.5	34.9
I think it is not	25.1	13.8	23.2
I'm sure it is not	6.0	10.8	6.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	8.0	5.4	7.6
Total	100	100	100

12. Commercial firms, such as Google and Facebook, monitor the activities of everyone who uses cell phones or computers:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it is	56.4	39.3	53.5
I think it is	28.7	29.6	28.9
I think it is not	6.2	12.2	7.2
I'm sure it is not	3.7	12.6	5.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.0	6.3	5.2
Total	100	100	100

In each of the following cases, is it justified or not justified in your opinion to spy on and secretly monitor ordinary citizens:

13. Suspicion of involvement in organized crime:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it is justified	51.7	45.5	50.6
I think it is justified	34.2	28.3	33.2
I think it is not justified	6.3	12.8	7.4
I'm sure it is not justified	3.3	12.7	4.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	4.5	0.7	3.9
Total	100	100	100

14. Suspicion of involvement in political activity against the government:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it is justified	17.7	23.6	18.7
I think it is justified	18.1	26.9	19.5
I think it is not justified	26.3	20.0	25.2
I'm sure it is not justified	31.3	24.2	30.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.6	5.3	6.5
Total	100	100	100

15. Suspicion of violence against family members or neighbors:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it is justified	34.8	30.8	34.1
I think it is justified	34.7	25.4	33.1
I think it is not justified	18.2	22.1	18.9
I'm sure it is not justified	6.2	19.9	8.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.1	1.8	5.4
Total	100	100	100

16. Suspicion of consuming pedophilic materials online:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it is justified	56.6	52.6	55.9
I think it is justified	27.1	24.8	26.7
I think it is not justified	6.1	10.3	6.8
I'm sure it is not justified	4.6	10.1	5.6
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.6	2.2	5.0
Total	100	100	100

17. Suspicion of security transgressions:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it is justified	64.0	35.9	59.2
I think it is justified	25.2	31.2	26.2
I think it is not justified	3.8	15.9	5.9
I'm sure it is not justified	3.1	14.9	5.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.9	2.1	3.6
Total	100	100	100

To what extent do you trust each of the following institutions:

18. The Israel Police:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I have no trust at all	21.4	38.4	24.3
I have quite little trust	44.0	35.3	42.6
I have quite a lot of trust	26.7	12.9	24.4
I have a great deal of trust	3.6	10.7	4.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	4.3	2.7	3.9
Total	100	100	100

19. The attorney-general:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I have no trust at all	31.1	26.7	30.4
I have quite little trust	30.0	31.9	30.3
I have quite a lot of trust	22.0	21.1	21.9
I have a great deal of trust	8.7	10.7	9.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	8.2	9.6	8.4
Total	100	100	100

20. Does it disturb or not disturb you that at present, because of technological developments, ordinary citizens have less privacy than they had in the past?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
It greatly disturbs me	24.3	44.0	27.6
It moderately disturbs me	40.7	25.6	38.1
It doesn't disturb me so much	27.0	23.6	26.4
It doesn't disturb me at all	5.2	4.7	5.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	2.8	2.1	2.8
Total	100	100	100

Do you agree or not agree with each of the following claims:

21. The Israel Police makes certain that all the wiretapping and digital monitoring of ordinary citizens is in keeping with the law and the regulations?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure I do	6.1	12.4	7.2
I think I do	25.7	25.1	25.6
I think I do not	36.4	25.8	34.6
I'm sure I do not	20.0	30.8	21.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	11.8	5.9	10.8
Total	100	100	100

22. The judges in Israel too easily grant permission to actors in the country to wiretap and monitor ordinary citizens?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure I do	15.8	16.1	15.9
I think I do	33.5	35.9	33.9
I think I do not	25.5	18.9	24.4
I'm sure I do not	5.0	23.4	8.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	20.2	5.7	17.7
Total	100	100	100

23. What, in your assessment, are the chances that your telephone or computer have been or are being monitored by the police or one of the security arms of the state?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high chances	6.5	24.8	9.6
Moderately high chances	14.2	33.0	17.4
Moderately low chances	31.4	17.7	29.1
Very low chances	34.6	19.2	32.0



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Don't know/Refuse to answer	13.3	5.3	11.9
Total	100	100	100

24. Assuming that your telephone or computer indeed is being or has been monitored by one of the security arms, how much does that disturb you?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not at all	21.2	8.4	19.1
To a moderately small extent	29.4	19.5	27.7
To a moderately large extent	22.0	21.9	22.0
To a very large extent	24.1	47.5	28.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.3	2.7	3.1
Total	100	100	100

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