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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	4.8	9.4	5.6
Moderately optimistic	41.3	21.6	37.8
Moderately pessimistic	29.4	37.4	30.8
Very pessimistic	16.4	19.1	16.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	8.1	12.5	8.9
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	6.7	12.5	7.8
Moderately optimistic	48.4	21.3	43.5
Moderately pessimistic	27.1	30.6	27.7
Very pessimistic	13.0	23.1	14.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	4.8	12.5	6.2
Total	100	100	100

**3. To what extent are you following the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very large extent	30.2	23.4	29.0
To a moderately large extent	41.4	34.7	40.2
To a moderately small extent	23.8	31.1	25.1
To a very small extent/Not at all	3.5	9.4	4.6
Don't know/Refuse to answer	1.1	1.4	1.1
Total	100	100	100

**4. In your opinion, is the Western states' stance that they will not intervene militarily in the Russia-Ukraine conflict so as to prevent World War III from developing, but they will levy economic and other harsh sanctions on Russia, an appropriate response to Putin's actions?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very appropriate	11.9	11.9	11.9
Moderately appropriate	38.9	23.4	36.1
Not so appropriate	25.0	29.6	25.8
Not at all appropriate	12.6	17.0	13.4

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Don't know/Refuse to answer	11.6	18.1	12.8
Total	100	100	100

**5. In your opinion, would it have been preferable for the Western countries to intervene militarily against Russia's invasion of Ukraine?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it would have been	9.3	11.6	9.7
I think it would have been	29.6	17.8	27.4
I think it would not have been	34.9	31.6	34.3
I'm sure it would not have been	12.2	31.1	15.6
Don't know/Refuse to answer	14.0	7.9	12.9
Total	100	100	100

**6. To what extent are the events in Ukraine, in your opinion, likely to affect Israel's strategic position in the regional and the international arena**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very large extent	11.1	15.3	11.9
To a moderately large extent	42.4	29.8	40.1
To a moderately small extent	28.3	30.8	28.8
To a very small extent	5.2	6.7	5.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	13.0	17.4	13.8
Total	100	100	100

**7. In your opinion, is the Israeli government's cautious approach to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which involves not taking a firm stance against Russia, right or not?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Definitely right	24.5	18.6	23.5
Moderately right	44.8	36.5	43.3
Not so right	16.2	15.4	16.0
Definitely not right	4.0	10.8	5.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	10.5	18.7	12.0
Total	100	100	100



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8. Which grade from 1=poor to 5=excellent would you give the Bennett-led government's policy on contending with the fifth wave of COVID-19, which now seems to be ending?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = poor	28.4	11.9	25.5
2	12.7	7.7	11.8
3	20.2	27.5	21.5
4	25.8	28.2	26.2
5 = excellent	8.2	17.9	9.9
Don't know	4.7	6.8	5.1
Total	100	100	100

9. What, in your opinion, are the chances that in the foreseeable future there will be another wave of some variant of COVID-19?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high	19.7	10.5	18.1
Moderately high	48.1	29.3	44.7
Moderately low	13.3	34.1	17.1
Very low	3.3	15.2	5.5
Don't know	15.6	10.9	14.6
Total	100	100	100

10. And if another wave hits, to what extent, in your opinion, is Israel with its accumulated experience now prepared to deal with it successfully?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very large extent	9.5	17.3	10.9
To a moderately large extent	39.6	44.3	40.4
To a moderately small extent	27.0	28.2	27.2
To a very small extent	16.5	4.6	14.3
Don't know	7.4	5.6	7.2
Total	100	100	100

11. Is your personal situation today, compared to your situation two years ago before the outbreak of COVID-19:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Much better	7.5	4.7	7.0
A little better	11.4	7.9	10.8
Not changed	52.4	39.1	50.0
A little worse	19.2	22.1	19.7



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Much worse	6.4	21.5	9.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.1	4.7	3.4
Total	100	100	100

**12. In light of the tensions between the different elements in the government, alongside the fact that new elections could well put most of the coalition parties in the opposition, what, in your opinion, are the chances that the government will continue to exist at least until the end of the year?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high chances	10.1	8.4	9.8
Moderately high chances	40.7	33.0	39.3
Moderately low chances	24.3	32.0	25.6
Very low chances/No chance at all	8.3	5.3	7.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	16.6	21.3	17.6
Total	100	100	100

**13. In your opinion, who is currently the “strongman” in the government?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Naftali Bennett	11.2	13.4	11.6
Yair Lapid	8.3	10.2	8.6
Gideon Saar	1.0	2.0	1.2
Benny Gantz	4.2	8.3	4.9
Avigdor Liberman	19.5	9.3	17.7
Mansour Abbas	15.1	7.3	13.7
Meirav Michaeli	0.8	1.6	1.0
Nitzan Horowitz	0.5	1.4	0.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	39.4	46.5	40.6
Total	100	100	100

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