

Israeli Voice Index –May 2022

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	3.1	7.7	3.9
Moderately optimistic	30.5	14.9	27.9
Moderately pessimistic	37.2	34.6	36.7
Very pessimistic	22.6	38.2	25.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.6	4.6	6.3
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	3.9	5.6	4.2
Moderately optimistic	33.6	13.9	30.2
Moderately pessimistic	35.3	34.6	35.2
Very pessimistic	21.3	41.5	24.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.9	4.4	5.7
Total	100	100	100

After around a year since the formation of the current government, has your personal estimation of the following individuals changed for the worse or for the better, or stayed the same?

3. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Stayed the same	17.0	26.1	18.6
Changed very much for the better	11.4	6.2	10.5
Changed somewhat for the better	14.9	15.0	14.9
Changed somewhat for the worse	16.8	16.7	16.8
Changed very much for the worse	34.2	29.0	33.3
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.7	7.0	5.9
Total	100	100	100

4. Foreign Minister and Alternate Prime Minister Yair Lapid

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Stayed the same	28.9	30.3	29.2
Changed very much for the better	12.2	14.4	12.6



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Changed somewhat for the better	11.0	13.2	11.3
Changed somewhat for the worse	13.9	14.4	14.0
Changed very much for the worse	26.5	21.9	25.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	7.5	5.8	7.2
Total	100	100	100

5. Current Head of the Opposition and former Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Stayed the same	44.6	26.4	41.5
Changed very much for the better	10.5	6.8	9.8
Changed somewhat for the better	9.1	10.9	9.4
Changed somewhat for the worse	12.7	15.2	13.1
Changed very much for the worse	17.2	34.9	20.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.9	5.8	6.0
Total	100	100	100

6. Minister of Defense Benny Gantz

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Stayed the same	34.8	33.1	34.5
Changed very much for the better	8.7	8.8	8.7
Changed somewhat for the better	19.0	10.8	17.6
Changed somewhat for the worse	18.8	15.9	18.3
Changed very much for the worse	11.6	22.7	13.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	7.1	8.7	7.4
Total	100	100	100

7. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the conduct of the MKs of the party for which you voted at the last elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very satisfied	11.6	8.6	11.1
Quite satisfied	36.8	24.5	34.7
Quite dissatisfied	24.7	19.2	23.7
Very much dissatisfied	13.2	21.5	14.6
I didn't vote at the last elections	5.1	23.1	8.2
Don't know/Refuse to answer	8.6	3.1	7.7
Total	100	100	100

8. If new Knesset elections were held today, would you vote for the same party you voted for at the last elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I definitely would	33.1	24.8	31.7
I think I would	27.9	15.7	25.8
I think I would not	10.5	10.4	10.4
I definitely would not	8.6	16.2	9.9
Don't know	12.8	6.1	11.7
I didn't vote at the last elections	4.5	21.4	7.3
I don't think I'd vote	2.6	5.4	3.2
Total	100	100	100

In your opinion, compared with the period before the formation of the current government, is Israel's situation today in each of the following areas better, worse, or the same?

9. The economy

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	15.3	14.3	15.1
Much better	8.8	8.1	8.7
A little better	17.8	11.4	16.7
A little worse	22.2	19.2	21.7
Much worse	30.8	42.1	32.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.1	4.9	5.1
Total	100	100	100

10. Defense

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	22.0	19.4	21.5
Much better	9.0	8.4	8.9
A little better	12.7	13.9	12.9
A little worse	19.4	24.9	20.4
Much worse	31.9	30.3	31.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.0	3.1	4.6
Total	100	100	100

11. Tensions between different groups in Israeli society

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	19.2	13.4	18.2
Much better	5.5	8.0	5.9
A little better	12.3	11.5	12.2
A little worse	24.7	21.3	24.2
Much worse	32.4	42.7	34.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	5.9	3.1	5.4
Total	100	100	100

12. Foreign affairs (Israel's standing in the world)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	19.0	21.7	19.4
Much better	12.4	7.2	11.5
A little better	15.1	16.9	15.4
A little worse	23.9	16.5	22.7
Much worse	23.0	28.5	24.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.6	9.2	7.0
Total	100	100	100

13. Lack of corruption among the country's leaders

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	19.9	17.0	19.4
Much better	18.0	14.9	17.5
A little better	16.0	13.3	15.5
A little worse	12.2	20.1	13.6
Much worse	23.9	24.7	24.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	10.0	10.0	10.0
Total	100	100	100

14. The situation of Arab citizens of Israel

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	20.1	16.8	19.5
Much better	26.5	5.8	22.9
A little better	25.2	14.6	23.4
A little worse	8.4	17.8	10.0
Much worse	10.1	41.5	15.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	9.7	3.5	8.8
Total	100	100	100

15. If the government loses its Knesset majority, which of the following possibilities do you think would be preferable?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Holding new Knesset elections	34.2	53.5	37.5
Continuing with the current government as a minority government, with some opposition party providing external support on certain issues	26.8	28.4	27.1
Forming a new coalition, without elections being held, which will win the confidence of [at least] 61 Knesset members	35.2	12.7	31.4
Other	3.8	5.4	4.0
Total	100	100	100

16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “The Nation-State Law should be amended so that it includes the principle of full equality for non-Jewish citizens of the state”?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much agree	14.5	72.0	24.3
Somewhat agree	21.8	18.4	21.2
Somewhat disagree	19.5	0.8	16.3
Very much disagree	32.2	3.2	27.3
Don't know/Refuse to answer	12.0	5.6	10.9
Total	100	100	100

17. The government of Israel intends giving fathers the opportunity to take two weeks’ paternity leave, paid for by National Insurance, on condition that the mother has gone back to work – this, in addition to maternity leave for mothers. Do you support or oppose this step?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Support the proposal as it stands	26.7	27.2	26.8
Support, but it shouldn’t be made conditional on the mother returning to work	30.0	32.7	30.4
Support, but it should be longer than two weeks	10.9	10.9	10.9
Support, but fathers should be able to take leave at the same time as the mother	17.3	12.5	16.4
Oppose, because of the financial cost	5.5	6.2	5.6

Oppose, for a different reason	2.3	2.4	2.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	7.3	8.1	7.4
Total	100	100	100

18. In your opinion, what has happened in recent years to the public image in Israeli society of career soldiers in the IDF?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much improved	2.1	2.4	2.2
Slightly improved	9.0	9.5	9.1
Not changed	33.2	31.8	33.0
Slightly deteriorated	26.5	11.6	23.9
Very much deteriorated	14.9	7.7	13.7
Don't know/Refuse to answer	14.3	37.0	18.1
Total	100	100	100

19. Today, would you recommend to a family member or friend who had completed their mandatory military service to choose a military career of long-term professional service in the IDF?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure I would	9.0	4.3	8.2
I think I would	34.1	13.1	30.5
I think I would not	24.4	21.9	24.0
I'm sure I would not	12.7	39.4	17.3
Don't know/Refuse to answer	19.8	21.3	20.0
Total	100	100	100

20. In your opinion, does the IDF successfully retain the most suitable people as career officers?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it does	2.6	11.9	4.2
I think it does	27.3	17.8	25.7
I think it does not	37.8	27.0	35.9
I'm sure it does not	13.1	18.4	14.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	19.2	24.9	20.2
Total	100	100	100

21. In your opinion, are the financial and other rewards given to IDF career officers during and after their service appropriate, relative to how much they invest in fulfilling their responsibilities?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The rewards are much higher than their investment	10.0	15.1	10.9
The rewards are slightly higher than their investment	15.6	10.8	14.8
The rewards are appropriate to their investment	22.8	12.6	21.0
The rewards are slightly lower than their investment	17.7	12.9	16.9
The rewards are much lower than their investment	12.1	10.0	11.8
Don't know/Refuse to answer	21.8	38.6	24.6
Total	100	100	100

[The following questions are only for non-Haredi Jews]

22. How important do you think it is that school students participate in an annual school trip?

	Jews
Very important	54.2
Quite important	29.8
Not so important	9.7
Not at all important	1.8
Don't know	4.5
Total	100

23. In your opinion, what is the main benefit of the annual school trip?

(Responses to be presented in a rotating order, one response only)

	Jews
Direct encounters with different communities and places in Israel	31.9
Building relations with classmates outside of the school setting	31.9
Acquiring new information about subjects that are not addressed in class	14.0
Enjoyment and fun	12.5
Other	5.3

Don't know	4.4
Total	100

24. And in your opinion, what do the students think is the main benefit of the annual school trip?

	Jews
Direct encounters with different communities and places in Israel	8.3
Building relations with classmates outside of the school setting	19.4
Acquiring new information about subjects that are not addressed in class	5.7
Enjoyment and fun	62.4
Other	1.4
Don't know	2.7
Total	100

25. On every trip, there are always some problems and risks. In your opinion, what is the main thing to be worried about with annual school trips?

	Jews
Security risks	11.8
The high financial cost, which not all students can afford	10.3
Bullying of students by their classmates	13.4
Medical incidents (injury, heatstroke, dehydration, etc.)	24.0
Alcohol consumption and drug use	16.2
Safety failures	17.5
Other	2.2
Don't know	4.6
Total	100

26. In your opinion, who is supposed to be the leading educational figure on the annual school trip?

	Jews
The homeroom teacher	44.7
Another subject teacher from the school faculty	6.1
The Israel studies teacher	11.6
An external professional guide	32.2
The students, as part of peer learning	5.4
Total	100



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27. Do you currently have, or have you had during the last ten years, children of elementary-, middle-, or high-school age?

	Jews
Yes	34.2
No	65.8
Total	100

The Israeli Voice Index for May 2022 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 23 to 25 May 2022, 609 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 151 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 $\pm 3.59\%$ 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>