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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	5.2	7.1	5.5
Moderately optimistic	34.6	27.0	33.3
Moderately pessimistic	42.5	26.7	39.9
Very pessimistic	11.4	24.1	13.5
Don't know/Refuse to answer	6.2	15.1	7.7
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	8.6	6.9	8.3
Moderately optimistic	47.2	26.8	43.8
Moderately pessimistic	29.5	32.6	30.0
Very pessimistic	9.8	22.8	12.0
Don't know/Refuse to answer	4.9	11.0	5.9
Total	100	100	100

3. (Jews) How important or unimportant is it to you that the party you intend to vote for has people who served as senior officers in the IDF toward the top of its list of candidates?

	Jews
Very important	11.9
Fairly important	34.7
Not so important	34.5
Not at all important	15.4
Don't know/Refuse to answer	3.5
Total	100

3. (Arabs) In your opinion, ahead of the upcoming elections, would it be desirable or undesirable for Ra'am to reunify with the Joint List?

	Arabs
Very desirable	31.4
Fairly desirable	22.3
Not so desirable	14.7
Not at all desirable	12.8

Don't know/Refuse to answer	18.8
Total	100

4. Which of the following factors will most strongly influence your decision on which party to vote for at the upcoming elections? (Responses to be presented in a random order)

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The party's platform on foreign policy and security	12.3	10.2	11.9
The party's platform on issues of religion and state	16.8	5.4	14.9
The party's platform on the economy and the high cost of living	30.1	33.2	30.6
The party's platform on the climate crisis	0.5	0.6	0.5
The identity of the party leader	19.1	9.4	17.5
The party I voted for in the past	10.9	11.9	11.1
Don't know/Refuse to answer	4.6	14.2	6.2
Don't intend to vote	1.8	13.8	3.8
Other	3.9	1.2	3.5
Total	100	100	100

5. (Jews) At the upcoming Knesset elections, who do you intend to vote for?

	Jews
The same party as most of your family and friends	38.0
The same political camp (Right, Center, or Left) as most of your family and friends, but not the same party	22.7
A party from a different political camp from most of your family and friends	8.2
Don't know who they vote for	23.5
Don't intend to vote	3.0
Other	4.6
Total	100

5. (Arabs) At the upcoming Knesset elections, who do you intend to vote for?

	Arabs
The same party as most of your family and friends	31.9
A different party from most of your family and friends	11.3
Don't know who they vote for	30.3
Don't intend to vote	25.9

Other	0.7
Total	100



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6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “It doesn’t matter who you vote for, it doesn’t change the situation.”

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much agree	4.4	18.9	6.8
Somewhat agree	21.7	31.0	23.3
Somewhat disagree	34.1	30.5	33.5
Very much disagree	37.4	15.8	33.7
None of the above	2.5	3.9	2.7
Total	100	100	100

7. What grade would you give in general to the state education system on a scale from 1 = not good at all, to 10 = excellent?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Not good at all	12.5	13.0	12.6
2	4.8	4.5	4.7
3	11.8	7.3	11.0
4	14.8	7.7	13.6
5	19.6	19.2	19.6
6	15.3	20.2	16.1
7	12.5	8.3	11.8
8	4.1	6.5	4.5
9	0.4	2.4	0.7
10 = Excellent	0.3	7.8	1.6
Don't know/not relevant	3.9	3.1	3.8
Total	100	100	100

8. Do you believe or not believe that improving teachers’ working conditions and pay will bring better teachers into the education system?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it will bring better teachers into the education system	28.6	27.9	28.5
Think it will bring better teachers into the education system	43.3	28.2	40.8
Think it will not bring better teachers into the education system	15.9	21.0	16.7

Certain it will not bring better teachers into the education system	6.2	11.4	7.1
Don't know/not relevant	6.0	11.5	6.9
Total	100	100	100

9. A large part of the Israeli economy moved to a five-day working week years ago. Do you think that the education system should also be shifted to a five-day working week?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it should	17.8	31.9	20.2
Think it should	33.9	38.2	34.6
Think it should not	25.2	15.6	23.6
Certain it should not	15.2	4.3	13.3
Don't know/not relevant	7.9	10.0	8.2
Total	100	100	100

10. In your opinion, which of the following factors has the strongest influence on the current difficulty in reaching an agreement between the state and the Teachers' Union?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Power issues or political considerations on the part of the Teachers' Union led by Yaffa Ben-David	35.0	15.5	31.7
Power issues or political considerations on the part of the finance minister and the Ministry of Finance	29.3	43.2	31.6
The distance between the two sides' positions	22.8	22.4	22.7
Other	2.0	0.0	1.6
Don't know/not relevant	10.9	18.9	12.3
Total	100	100	100

11. In your opinion, should the signing of an agreement with the teachers by the state be made conditional on a binding commitment not to open another work dispute for at least the next five years, in order to stabilize the system and ensure peace and quiet?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it should	26.0	19.4	24.9
Think it should	41.4	32.2	39.8
Think it should not	15.3	18.2	15.8

Certain it should not	4.4	5.7	4.6
Don't know/not relevant	12.9	24.5	14.9
Total	100	100	100



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12. Do you support or oppose opening private schools in Israel, so that those who are able and willing to pay can obtain a better education for their children, or one that better suits their values?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly support	12.7	11.9	12.6
Somewhat support	28.4	32.9	29.2
Somewhat oppose	28.6	31.8	29.2
Strongly oppose	22.0	16.4	21.1
Don't know/not relevant	8.2	6.9	8.0
Total	100	100	100

13. On a scale from 1=very poor to 5=excellent, what grade would you give to the minister of education, Yifat Shasha-Biton, for her functioning in the current dispute between the Teachers' Union and the Ministry of Finance?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	17.3	10.8	16.2
2	15.6	11.5	14.9
3	30.4	29.7	30.3
4	14.4	17.7	15.0
5 = Excellent	4.1	7.4	4.7
Don't know/not relevant	18.1	22.8	18.9
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for August 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 21 to 24 August 2022, 602 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 152 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>