

Israeli Voice Index –September 2022



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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 | 3.7 | 10.3 | 4.8 |
| Moderately optimistic | 32.7 | 22.2 | 30.9 |
| Moderately pessimistic | 39.1 | 35.2 | 38.5 |
| Very pessimistic | 16.1 | 25.6 | 17.7 |
| Don't know | 8.3 | 6.7 | 8.1 |
| 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 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| Moderately optimistic | 43.5 | 31.1 | 41.4 |
| Moderately pessimistic | 32.2 | 34.8 | 32.6 |
| Very pessimistic | 10.2 | 21.8 | 12.2 |
| Don't know | 7.8 | 6.0 | 7.5 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements

3. "Public transport should be available on Shabbat in areas with a secular majority":

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly agree | 42.1 | 52.6 | 43.9 |
| Somewhat agree | 21.7 | 26.4 | 22.5 |
| Somewhat disagree | 14.5 | 11.1 | 14.0 |
| Strongly disagree | 18.1 | 3.5 | 15.6 |
| Don't know | 3.6 | 6.3 | 4.0 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

4. "Politicians should be given more power in the Judicial Appointments Committee":

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly agree | 14.9 | 14.1 | 14.8 |
| Somewhat agree | 18.8 | 29.5 | 20.6 |
| Somewhat disagree | 23.1 | 21.5 | 22.8 |
| Strongly disagree | 25.6 | 19.0 | 24.5 |
| Don't know | 17.6 | 16.0 | 17.3 |

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| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |
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5. "The state should expand the social services it provides to citizens, such as education, welfare, and health, even if this means imposing higher taxes on citizens":

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly agree | 20.1 | 36.5 | 22.9 |
| Somewhat agree | 33.5 | 26.8 | 32.3 |
| Somewhat disagree | 27.2 | 21.6 | 26.2 |
| Strongly disagree | 12.1 | 12.6 | 12.2 |
| Don't know | 7.2 | 2.5 | 6.4 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

6. "The government formed after the elections should try to advance the two-state solution":

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly agree | 11.4 | 32.2 | 14.9 |
| Somewhat agree | 20.0 | 28.2 | 21.3 |
| Somewhat disagree | 19.7 | 17.6 | 19.4 |
| Strongly disagree | 37.8 | 10.9 | 33.2 |
| Don't know | 11.2 | 11.1 | 11.1 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

7. "The Nation-State Law should be amended to include the principle of full equality for Israel's non-Jewish citizens":

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly agree | 12.3 | 59.0 | 20.2 |
| Somewhat agree | 18.7 | 24.8 | 19.7 |
| Somewhat disagree | 23.1 | 7.4 | 20.4 |
| Strongly disagree | 34.6 | 4.5 | 29.5 |
| Don't know | 11.3 | 4.2 | 10.1 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

8. "It is preferable for Jews and Arabs in Israel to live separately from one another":

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly agree | 24.8 | 5.3 | 21.5 |
| Somewhat agree | 28.6 | 14.5 | 26.2 |
| Somewhat disagree | 22.5 | 24.2 | 22.8 |
| Strongly disagree | 12.5 | 49.7 | 18.8 |
| Don't know | 11.7 | 6.3 | 10.8 |

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|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|

9. In your opinion, do senior officials in the Ministry of Finance hold:

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---------------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Too much power | 45.9 | 25.1 | 42.4 |
| The right amount of power | 28.4 | 32.5 | 29.1 |
| Too little power | 6.2 | 16.5 | 7.9 |
| Don't know | 19.5 | 25.9 | 20.6 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

10. Of the following defense issues, which should be the main issue to be dealt with by the next government?

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---|------|-------|----------------|
| The Palestinian issue | 11.1 | 39.4 | 15.9 |
| The Iranian nuclear threat | 13.9 | 4.5 | 12.3 |
| Conventional threats along the country's borders (Syria, Hezbollah, Gaza) | 15.9 | 8.9 | 14.8 |
| The threat of terror within Israel | 46.9 | 26.2 | 43.4 |
| Other | 6.0 | 2.9 | 5.5 |
| Don't know | 6.2 | 18.1 | 8.2 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

11. And of the following internal issues, which should be the main issue to be dealt with by the next government?

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|--|------|-------|----------------|
| The fundamental problems of the education system | 12.6 | 14.4 | 12.9 |
| The fundamental problems of transport | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.3 |
| The fundamental problems of the high cost of living | 48.7 | 52.8 | 49.4 |
| The fundamental problems of the health system | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| The problem of the lack of apartments and the high cost of housing | 22.1 | 15.3 | 20.9 |
| Other | 4.3 | 2.5 | 4.0 |
| Don't know | 2.9 | 6.3 | 3.5 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

12. Do you support or oppose funding schools in Israel according to the extent to which they include core subjects (math, English, and others) in their curriculum according to Education Ministry guidelines—so that the more they teach core subjects, the higher their budget?

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly support | 34.2 | 35.2 | 34.4 |
| Somewhat support | 33.5 | 28.2 | 32.6 |
| Somewhat oppose | 11.3 | 17.6 | 12.4 |
| Strongly oppose | 10.6 | 8.5 | 10.2 |
| Don't know | 10.4 | 10.5 | 10.4 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

13. In your opinion, who is mainly responsible for the high cost of living in Israel?

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|--|------|-------|----------------|
| The current government, headed by Lapid and his predecessor, Bennett | 25.3 | 16.3 | 23.8 |
| The global economic situation | 12.2 | 20.3 | 13.5 |
| The previous government, headed by Netanyahu | 24.5 | 20.4 | 23.8 |
| All of them equally | 32.0 | 35.3 | 32.6 |
| Don't know | 6.1 | 7.6 | 6.3 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

14. Do you agree or disagree that Israel should carry out a military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities even without American agreement?

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly agree | 23.0 | 8.0 | 20.5 |
| Somewhat agree | 32.3 | 8.7 | 28.3 |
| Somewhat disagree | 20.1 | 23.2 | 20.6 |
| Strongly disagree | 6.5 | 35.4 | 11.4 |
| Don't know | 18.0 | 24.7 | 19.2 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

15. Currently, it does not appear that a nuclear agreement will be signed soon between Western countries and Iran. In your estimation, to what extent have the Israeli government's attempts to persuade the international community not to sign an agreement contributed to this outcome?

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|------------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| To a very large extent | 11.2 | 13.7 | 11.7 |
| To a large extent | 34.4 | 21.4 | 32.2 |
| To a small extent | 22.8 | 17.8 | 21.9 |
| Not at all | 7.5 | 13.0 | 8.4 |
| Don't know | 24.1 | 34.2 | 25.8 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

16. How, in your opinion, will the new (Jewish) year be in general from the standpoint of the country?

| | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---|------|-------|----------------|
| Much better than the year that is ending | 9.8 | 6.8 | 9.3 |
| A little better than the year that is ending | 20.8 | 12.8 | 19.4 |
| Like the year that is ending | 31.3 | 22.9 | 29.9 |
| A little less good than the year that is ending | 9.6 | 21.6 | 11.7 |
| Much less good than the year that is ending | 8.0 | 16.1 | 9.4 |
| Don't know | 20.4 | 19.8 | 20.3 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |

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