



Quick Survey about the Legal Reforms (Feb. 9–13, 2023)

1. Should the Supreme Court, with an expanded bench, have the power to strike down a law enacted by the Knesset, when the law is incompatible with the Basic Laws of the State of Israel?

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
Yes, with a simple majority	35.9	16.9	52.2
Yes, with a two-thirds majority	30.5	27.4	34.9
The Supreme Court should not have the power to strike down a law enacted by the Knesset even when the law is incompatible with the Basic Laws of the State of Israel	23.9	41.3	8.9
Don't know	9.7	14.4	4.0
Total	100	100	100

Do you support or oppose the following legislative proposals?

2. Modifying the method of appointing ministry legal advisors so that they are the minister's political appointees

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
Strongly support	15.1	29.9	4.1
Support	16.2	27.0	7.4
Oppose	16.8	14.2	16.4
Strongly oppose	41.6	12.5	68.5
Don't know	10.3	16.4	3.6
Total	100	100	100

3. Barring the Court from intervening in decisions by politicians or public officials, even if they are grossly unreasonable

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
Strongly support	10.9	18.9	4.3
Support	13.7	24.8	5.8



Oppose	21.9	24.3	17.8
Strongly oppose	45.4	19.9	68.2
Don't know	8.1	12.1	3.9
Total	100	100	100

4. Do you support or oppose Justice Minister's Levin proposal that when the Supreme Court strikes down a law enacted by the Knesset on the grounds that it contravenes Basic Laws, the Knesset will be empowered to override the court with a majority of 61 Knesset members (the majority that every coalition possesses in any case)?

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
Support	24.5	47.6	6.5
Support, but only with a significantly larger majority	22.9	29.3	17.3
Oppose	44.9	15.0	70.7
Don't know	7.7	8.1	5.5
Total	100	100	100

5. With which of these two positions do you agree?

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
That of the senior economists, who warned that the changes to the judicial system would harm the Israeli economy	53.3	15.4	85.7
That of Prime Minister Netanyahu, who said that the changes to the judicial system would not have a negative effect on the Israeli economy	34.7	70.9	6.9
Don't know	12.0	13.7	7.4
Total	100	100	100

6. With regard to the Judicial Appointments Committee, which of these positions do you support?

	All	Coalition	Opposition



	respondents		
Adding politicians so that the coalition will also have a majority in the selection of judges	22.9	43.0	6.6
Maintaining the current principle requiring agreement between the politicians and the justices	63.1	39.4	84.6
Other	3.9	4.4	2.8
Don't know	10.1	13.2	6.0
Total	100	100	100

If the changes to the judicial system are approved, the Coalition will be able to advance various ideas and the Court's power of judicial review will be reduced. On a scale of 1=not at all worried to 5=extremely worried, how concerned are you about the possibility of a change for the worse in each of these areas:

7. Gender equality

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	24.2	47.3	5.1
2	6.2	9.8	3.5
3	13.1	13.3	8.9
4	11.2	8.8	13.6
5 - Extremely worried	41.7	15.8	67.8
Don't know	3.6	5.0	1.1
Total	100	100	100

8. LGBTQ rights

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	36.1	53.1	19.7
2	7.1	11.2	3.4
3	8.8	8.7	8.9
4	9.3	7.1	11.8
5 - Extremely worried	34.1	13.6	53.9

Don't know	4.6	6.3	2.3
Total	100	100	100

9. The rights of Israeli Arabs

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	31.0	55.9	11.9
2	9.2	13.6	6.0
3	11.3	6.9	14.7
4	9.0	2.2	15.8
5 - Extremely worried	35.6	16.6	49.4
Don't know	3.9	4.8	2.2
Total	100	100	100

10. Extra rights for young ultra-Orthodox men who did not serve in the IDF

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	27.1	41.3	14.6
2	8.1	10.6	4.6
3	10.1	13.7	6.3
4	10.5	11.0	10.7
5 - Extremely worried	40.2	19.0	61.7
Don't know	4.0	4.4	2.1
Total	100	100	100

11. Politicization of the civil service

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	17.0	32.4	4.7
2	6.7	11.1	2.2
3	12.7	16.2	8.5
4	11.6	8.4	14.5
5 - Extremely worried	44.5	20.2	66.6
Don't know	7.5	11.7	3.5
Total	100	100	100

12. Restrictions on public transportation on the Sabbath

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	25.7	48.1	7.6
2	7.2	10.8	3.7
3	10.6	11.5	9.2
4	13.8	8.1	15.9
5 - Extremely worried	39.9	17.2	62.7
Don't know	2.8	4.3	0.9
Total	100	100	100

13. Restrictions on freedom of expression or statements of a different political view

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	21.1	40.3	4.9
2	5.4	8.2	2.5
3	10.2	10.7	8.4
4	12.1	12.6	12.3
5 - Extremely worried	47.7	23.4	71.1
Don't know	3.5	4.8	0.8
Total	100	100	100

14. Real damage to my savings

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	20.6	38.4	5.0
2	6.0	8.0	5.0
3	8.5	8.6	7.2
4	11.9	9.3	14.7
5 - Extremely worried	48.7	30.6	65.5
Don't know	4.3	5.1	2.6
Total	100	100	100

15. A weakening of the possibility of protecting IDF soldiers accused of war crimes by foreign tribunals

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition

1 - Not at all worried	22.9	31.8	13.0
2	5.9	7.2	4.0
3	10.3	10.7	9.9
4	10.7	7.8	14.0
5 - Extremely worried	45.0	36.7	56.7
Don't know	5.2	5.8	2.4
Total	100	100	100

16. A reduction in foreign investments or flight of investors from Israel

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
1 - Not at all worried	25.0	41.1	6.8
2	9.0	13.7	5.6
3	11.3	10.1	11.8
4	12.4	9.4	16.1
5 - Extremely worried	36.7	18.2	57.9
Don't know	5.6	7.5	1.8
Total	100	100	100

17. Do you agree or disagree that the Knesset should work to enact a broadly accepted constitution that is based on the principles of the Declaration of Independence?

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
Strongly agree	29.1	19.4	38.6
Agree	34.6	40.2	33.3
Don't really agree	11.7	14.5	9.5
Absolutely disagree	9.0	6.7	7.4
Don't know	15.6	19.2	11.2
Total	100	100	100

18. Do you agree or disagree that in order to bridge the gulf between the two political camps there should be dialogue about the legislative proposals and an attempt to reach a compromise about them?

	All respondents	Coalition	Opposition
Strongly agree	33.2	20.5	43.7
Agree	38.7	39.8	39.9



Don't really agree	11.8	18.1	6.4
Absolutely disagree	10.0	14.4	6.7
Don't know	6.3	7.2	3.3
Total	100	100	100

The quick survey about the legal reforms, second week of February 2023, was carried out by the Viterbi Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute. The survey was conducted online and by telephone (to fill in sectors that are not appropriately represented on the internet) on February 9–13, 2023. A total of 606 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 150 in Arabic—constituting a representative sample of the adult population of Israel aged 18 and over. The maximum sampling error for all respondents is $\pm 3.56\%$, at a confidence level of 95%. The field work was conducted by the Smith Institute. For the full data file, go to <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>.