

Israeli Voice Index –February 2023

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	19.2	5.2	16.8
Moderately optimistic	22.2	13.9	20.8
Moderately pessimistic	22.5	23.4	22.6
Very pessimistic	31.1	54.6	35.2
Don't know	5.0	2.9	4.6
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	8.8	2.8	7.8
Moderately optimistic	26.1	9.8	23.3
Moderately pessimistic	35.4	32.1	34.9
Very pessimistic	25.3	49.8	29.5
Don't know	4.4	5.5	4.5
Total	100	100	100

3. How would you characterize Israel's overall situation today?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	7.9	3.3	7.1
Good	20.6	3.9	17.8
So-so	27.2	26.1	27.0
Bad	22.4	28.6	23.5
Very bad	20.7	37.7	23.6
Don't know	1.2	0.4	1.0
Total	100	100	100

In your opinion, in each of the following areas, how does Israel's situation today compare to its situation in the period before the formation of the current government?

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4. Economy:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	23.9	13.3	22.1
Much better	12.4	3.2	10.8
Slightly better	14.7	12.3	14.3
Slightly worse	20.4	28.1	21.7
Much worse	25.1	40.8	27.8
Don't know	3.5	2.3	3.3
Total	100	100	100

5. Security:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	24.1	14.8	22.5
Much better	12.6	7.0	11.6
Slightly better	14.6	6.7	13.3
Slightly worse	24.3	15.9	22.8
Much worse	21.2	51.8	26.4
Don't know	3.2	3.8	3.4
Total	100	100	100

6. Tensions between the different groups in Israeli society:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	10.7	14.3	11.3
Much better	5.9	3.6	5.5
Slightly better	7.2	9.6	7.6
Slightly worse	20.4	16.6	19.8
Much worse	52.1	52.7	52.2
Don't know	3.7	3.2	3.6
Total	100	100	100

7. Foreign and diplomatic relations (Israel's standing in the world):

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same	18.5	17.2	18.2
Much better	15.0	5.1	13.3
Slightly better	10.3	9.1	10.1



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Slightly worse	25.3	14.5	23.5
Much worse	25.4	46.4	29.0
Don't know	5.5	7.7	5.9
Total	100	100	100

During the four months since the elections, have you given serious thought or taken action to:

8. Obtain a foreign passport:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Have not given it serious thought or taken action	59.0	66.5	60.3
Have given it serious thought but not taken action	16.6	19.4	17.1
Taken action	5.9	3.7	5.6
Not relevant to me (I have a foreign passport / I do not have funds I can transfer)	18.5	10.4	17.0
Total	100	100	100

9. Transfer funds abroad:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Have not given it serious thought or taken action	65.2	65.6	65.3
Have given it serious thought but not taken action	14.4	14.2	14.3
Taken action	3.2	2.7	3.1
Not relevant to me (I have a foreign passport / I do not have funds I can transfer)	17.2	17.5	17.3
Total	100	100	100

10. Do you agree or disagree that the use of violence for political ends is never justified?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	63.6	35.7	58.8
Somewhat agree	18.2	6.8	16.2

Somewhat disagree	8.0	10.1	8.4
Strongly disagree	6.0	44.3	12.6
Don't know	4.2	3.1	4.0
Total	100	100	100

11a. [half of the sample] How do you feel about the state of internal security in Israel in the foreseeable future?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	9.1	4.4	8.3
Quite optimistic	21.8	10.8	19.9
Quite pessimistic	35.7	27.4	34.3
Very pessimistic	29.0	49.1	32.4
Don't know	4.4	8.3	5.1
Total	100	100	100

11b. [half of the sample] How do you feel about the state of external (military) security in Israel in the foreseeable future?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	11.9	3.5	10.5
Quite optimistic	36.8	16.4	33.3
Quite pessimistic	28.6	28.7	28.6
Very pessimistic	13.3	37.6	17.5
Don't know	9.4	13.8	10.1
Total	100	100	100

12. Have you participated in one or more of the protest activities against the reform to the justice system (demonstrations, signing petitions, etc.)?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Yes	19.4	14.3	18.5
No	80.6	85.7	81.5
Total	100	100	100

13. In your opinion, can broad public protests influence the government, and if so, how?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Can cancel the reform	5.8	15.0	7.4
Can moderate the reform	33.5	26.6	32.3

Can delay the reform	14.1	20.5	15.2
Cannot influence the reform	32.5	27.5	31.7
Don't know	14.1	10.3	13.4
Total	100	100	100

For each of the following actions, do you think it is allowed or forbidden to perform it in the context of public protests against the government on a matter of supreme national importance?

14. Demonstrate:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Allowed	94.2	76.0	91.1
Forbidden	4.0	21.0	6.9
Don't know	1.8	3.0	2.0
Total	100	100	100

15. Block roads for several hours:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Allowed	38.3	45.5	39.5
Forbidden	55.6	47.0	54.1
Don't know	6.1	7.5	6.4
Total	100	100	100

16. Go on strike and cease engaging in commerce:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Allowed	60.7	61.9	60.9
Forbidden	33.1	35.2	33.5
Don't know	6.2	2.9	5.6
Total	100	100	100

17. Block entrances to public and government buildings:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Allowed	33.7	48.0	36.1
Forbidden	59.6	47.1	57.4
Don't know	6.7	4.9	6.5
Total	100	100	100

18. Not pay taxes:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Allowed	17.6	34.9	20.6
Forbidden	76.0	53.6	72.2
Don't know	6.4	11.5	7.2
Total	100	100	100

19. Not show up for IDF reserve duty:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Allowed	18.8	41.5	22.7
Forbidden	72.6	43.1	67.6
Don't know	8.6	15.4	9.7
Total	100	100	100

20. The month of Ramadan is about to begin, and as in the past, it is possible that security tensions will rise during this period. To what extent are you worried or not worried that you or someone close to you will be harmed in a terror attack during this period?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very worried	20.7	31.0	22.5
Quite worried	40.7	24.6	37.9
Not so worried	22.5	17.6	21.7
Not at all worried	12.9	20.0	14.1
Don't know	3.2	6.8	3.8
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for February 2023 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 February 27 to March 5, 2023, 608 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 173 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 $.359\pm\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the dialogue Institute. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>