**Israeli Voice Index –August 2023**

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

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| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 14.3 | 2.6 | 16.5 | Very optimistic |
| 20.7 | 11.9 | 22.4 | Moderately optimistic |
| 27.8 | 22.2 | 28.9 | Moderately pessimistic |
| 29.6 | 58.2 | 24.1 | Very pessimistic |
| 7.6 | 5.1 | 8.1 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **And how do you feel about Israel’s security situation in the foreseeable future?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 8.6 | 2.7 | 9.7 | Very optimistic |
| 26.9 | 9.4 | 30.2 | Moderately optimistic |
| 32.0 | 21.0 | 34.1 | Moderately pessimistic |
| 27.1 | 60.6 | 20.7 | Very pessimistic |
| 5.4 | 6.3 | 5.3 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **In your opinion, compared to the period before the formation of the current government, regarding external military-strategic security, is Israel’s situation today:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 9.7 | 1.6 | 11.2 | Much better |
| 10.5 | 7.1 | 11.2 | Slightly better |
| 27.0 | 23.5 | 27.7 | The same |
| 18.4 | 10.7 | 19.9 | Slightly worse |
| 30.5 | 52.3 | 26.3 | Much worse |
| 3.9 | 4.8 | 3.7 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **And in your opinion, compared to the period before the formation of the current government, regarding internal security (crime and internal terrorism), is Israel’s situation today:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 5.9 | 2.8 | 6.5 | Much better |
| 7.0 | 3.8 | 7.6 | Slightly better |
| 23.9 | 10.7 | 26.4 | The same |
| 17.2 | 5.3 | 19.5 | Slightly worse |
| 43.6 | 74.5 | 37.8 | Much worse |
| 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.2 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

**In your opinion, is it legitimate for young people to pursue courses of action to avoid being drafted into mandatory service in the IDF, in each of the following situations:**

1. **As part of their opposition to the judicial reforms being advanced by the government**:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 10.4 | 22.2 | 8.2 | Very legitimate |
| 12.8 | 15.4 | 12.3 | Fairly legitimate |
| 15.9 | 15.3 | 16.0 | Not so legitimate |
| 50.3 | 20.6 | 56.0 | Not at all legitimate |
| 10.6 | 26.5 | 7.5 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **If legislation is passed to exempt Haredim studying in yeshiva from military service?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 20.8 | 16.5 | 21.6 | Very legitimate |
| 17.4 | 15.5 | 17.7 | Fairly legitimate |
| 15.5 | 14.0 | 15.8 | Not so legitimate |
| 36.1 | 27.6 | 37.7 | Not at all legitimate |
| 10.2 | 26.4 | 7.2 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Do you support or oppose protest activities against the judicial reforms being advanced by the government?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 32.9 | 51.5 | 29.4 | Strongly support |
| 18.8 | 20.4 | 18.5 | Somewhat support |
| 16.3 | 10.9 | 17.4 | Somewhat oppose |
| 21.6 | 8.7 | 24.0 | Strongly oppose |
| 10.4 | 8.5 | 10.7 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **According to recent media reports, the United States is holding negotiations with Saudi Arabia on regional strategic planning, including a broad agreement with Israel. How important do you think it is for Israel to sign such an agreement?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 27.5 | 19.1 | 29.1 | Very important |
| 29.2 | 20.1 | 30.9 | Fairly important |
| 10.0 | 18.6 | 8.4 | Not so important |
| 8.5 | 24.9 | 5.4 | Not at all important |
| 24.8 | 17.3 | 26.2 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **In the discussions over this agreement, Saudi Arabia has apparently demanded that Israel agree for it to have nuclear capabilities for civilian purposes. In your opinion, can Israel agree to such a demand in order to reach an agreement with Saudi Arabia?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 5.3 | 16.9 | 3.1 | Certain it can |
| 15.6 | 18.2 | 15.1 | Think it can |
| 31.9 | 20.7 | 34.0 | Think it cannot |
| 25.4 | 16.9 | 27.0 | Certain it cannot |
| 21.8 | 27.3 | 20.8 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Do you agree or disagree that, in order to bridge divisions between the political camps, discussions should be held over legislative proposals and attempts made to reach compromises?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 37.7 | 35.6 | 38.1 | Strongly agree |
| 34.9 | 27.6 | 36.3 | Somewhat agree |
| 10.0 | 11.1 | 9.8 | Somewhat disagree |
| 9.3 | 12.1 | 8.8 | Strongly disagree |
| 8.1 | 13.6 | 7.0 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **The Supreme Court will soon discuss a petition demanding that the minister of justice be required to convene the Judicial Selection Committee. If the Court instructs the minister to convene the Committee, what should the minister of justice do?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 53.5 | 39.1 | 56.3 | Act in accordance with the Supreme Court’s ruling and convene the Committee |
| 21.3 | 21.7 | 21.2 | Continue to refuse to convene the Committee, until its composition is changed |
| 25.2 | 39.2 | 22.5 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **How do you think the Supreme Court should rule on the petition to strike down the law restricting the use of the reasonableness doctrine?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 23.3 | 8.6 | 26.1 | This is a basic law, and the Court is not empowered to discuss basic laws passed by the Knesset |
| 13.8 | 12.8 | 14.0 | The Court should reject the petition and leave the law as it is, because restricting the use of the reasonableness doctrine does not harm the democratic character of the state |
| 25.1 | 29.6 | 24.3 | The Court should accept the petition and revoke the law, because restricting the use of the reasonableness doctrine harms the democratic character of the state |
| 9.1 | 7.6 | 9.4 | The Court should accept the petition, because the legislative process in the Knesset was faulty/uncomprehensive |
| 28.7 | 41.4 | 26.2 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Do you support or oppose that Some bathing hours at springs administered by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority will be officially designated for separate bathing for men and women?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 17.2 | 25.4 | 15.6 | Strongly support |
| 23.3 | 16.7 | 24.6 | Somewhat support |
| 13.6 | 13.3 | 13.7 | Somewhat oppose |
| 39.4 | 36.0 | 40.0 | Strongly oppose |
| 6.5 | 8.6 | 6.1 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

1. **Overall, what do you think the coming (Jewish) year will be like for the State of Israel?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Public | Arabs | Jews |  |
| 10.7 | 2.2 | 12.3 | Much better than the year now ending |
| 12.0 | 4.8 | 13.4 | Slightly better than the year now ending |
| 22.2 | 19.9 | 22.6 | Similar to the year now ending |
| 14.7 | 11.5 | 15.3 | Slightly worse than the year now ending |
| 27.4 | 50.7 | 23.0 | Much worse than the year now ending |
| 13.0 | 10.9 | 13.4 | Don't know |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

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