

# War in Gaza Public Opinion Survey (2)

18-19/10/2023

To what extent do you trust each of the following institutions?

## 1. The media:

|             | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Not at all  | 24.9 | 19.5  | 24.0           |
| Not so much | 34.2 | 39.0  | 35.0           |
| Quite a lot | 27.5 | 26.6  | 27.4           |
| Very much   | 11.6 | 7.8   | 11.0           |
| Don't know  | 1.8  | 7.1   | 2.6            |
| Total       | 100  | 100   | 100            |

## 2. The police:

|             | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Not at all  | 7.3  | 46.8  | 13.8           |
| Not so much | 29.8 | 29.8  | 29.8           |
| Quite a lot | 38.4 | 12.6  | 34.2           |
| Very much   | 21.0 | 4.5   | 18.3           |
| Don't know  | 3.5  | 6.3   | 3.9            |
| Total       | 100  | 100   | 100            |

## 3. The IDF:

|             | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Not at all  | 2.3  | 40.1  | 8.5            |
| Not so much | 9.3  | 22.1  | 11.4           |
| Quite a lot | 28.9 | 14.7  | 26.5           |
| Very much   | 58.3 | 8.8   | 50.2           |
| Don't know  | 1.2  | 14.3  | 3.4            |
| Total       | 100  | 100   | 100            |

## 4. The government:

|             | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Not at all  | 45.9 | 63.0  | 48.7           |
| Not so much | 32.0 | 19.2  | 29.9           |
| Quite a lot | 14.7 | 6.3   | 13.3           |
| Very much   | 5.9  | 1.2   | 5.1            |
| Don't know  | 1.5  | 10.3  | 3.0            |
| Total       | 100  | 100   | 100            |



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**On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, what grade would you give each of the following for their level of preparedness before the war broke out?**

**5. Israel's defense institutions (IDF, Shin Bet):**

|               | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---------------|------|-------|----------------|
| 1 = Very poor | 28.7 | 32.4  | 29.3           |
| 2             | 20.0 | 29.2  | 21.5           |
| 3             | 21.7 | 17.6  | 21.0           |
| 4             | 16.9 | 5.5   | 15.0           |
| 5 = Excellent | 10.2 | 11.4  | 10.4           |
| Don't know    | 2.5  | 3.9   | 2.8            |
| Total         | 100  | 100   | 100            |
| Average (1-5) | 2.6  | 2.3   | 2.5            |

**6. The health system and hospitals:**

|               | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---------------|------|-------|----------------|
| 1 = Very poor | 6.6  | 11.5  | 7.4            |
| 2             | 11.4 | 19.5  | 12.7           |
| 3             | 20.3 | 28.8  | 21.7           |
| 4             | 37.8 | 18.2  | 34.6           |
| 5 = Excellent | 20.0 | 17.5  | 19.6           |
| Don't know    | 3.9  | 4.5   | 4.0            |
| Total         | 100  | 100   | 100            |
| Average (1-5) | 3.6  | 3.1   | 3.5            |

**7. The home front defense system:**

|               | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---------------|------|-------|----------------|
| 1 = Very poor | 15.8 | 28.1  | 17.8           |
| 2             | 17.5 | 29.6  | 19.4           |
| 3             | 21.6 | 21.6  | 21.6           |
| 4             | 26.0 | 6.3   | 22.8           |
| 5 = Excellent | 14.5 | 5.2   | 13.0           |
| Don't know    | 4.6  | 9.2   | 5.4            |
| Total         | 100  | 100   | 100            |
| Average (1-5) | 3.1  | 2.2   | 2.9            |

**8. The local authority or municipality where you live:**

|               | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---------------|------|-------|----------------|
| 1 = Very poor | 10.1 | 25.5  | 12.6           |
| 2             | 11.5 | 22.1  | 13.2           |
| 3             | 21.2 | 20.2  | 21.0           |
| 4             | 31.6 | 11.9  | 28.4           |
| 5 = Excellent | 20.2 | 10.8  | 18.7           |
| Don't know    | 5.4  | 9.5   | 6.1            |
| Total         | 100  | 100   | 100            |
| Average (1-5) | 3.4  | 2.6   | 3.3            |

**9. How would you assess the level of resilience of the Israeli public since the outbreak of the war?**

|            | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Very high  | 43.9 | 23.7  | 40.6           |
| Quite high | 44.6 | 32.6  | 42.6           |
| Quite low  | 8.5  | 17.0  | 9.8            |
| Very low   | 1.3  | 7.8   | 2.3            |
| Don't know | 1.7  | 18.9  | 4.7            |
| Total      | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**Regarding you and your immediate family members, are you worried or not worried in the near future about the following?**

**10. Your physical security:**

|                    | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|--------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Very worried       | 22.8 | 38.5  | 25.4           |
| Quite worried      | 40.2 | 30.9  | 38.7           |
| Not so worried     | 24.0 | 18.6  | 23.1           |
| Not at all worried | 11.5 | 4.6   | 10.4           |
| Don't know         | 1.5  | 7.4   | 2.4            |
| Total              | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**11. Your economic security:**

|                    | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|--------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Very worried       | 26.2 | 36.4  | 27.9           |
| Quite worried      | 31.0 | 32.3  | 31.2           |
| Not so worried     | 26.4 | 15.4  | 24.6           |
| Not at all worried | 14.9 | 9.1   | 13.9           |

|            |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Don't know | 1.5 | 6.8 | 2.4 |
| Total      | 100 | 100 | 100 |



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**12. In your opinion, does the government currently have or not have a clear plan for the next phases of the operation in Gaza?**

|                     | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Certain it does     | 8.8  | 6.4   | 8.4            |
| Think it does       | 38.6 | 16.8  | 35.1           |
| Think it does not   | 29.8 | 47.1  | 32.6           |
| Certain it does not | 14.4 | 17.0  | 14.8           |
| Don't know          | 8.4  | 12.7  | 9.1            |
| Total               | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**13. Are the instructions that the IDF Home Front Command is providing to the public at the current time clear or unclear?**

|                  | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Very clear       | 28.2 | 6.5   | 24.6           |
| Quite clear      | 47.4 | 28.5  | 44.3           |
| Not so clear     | 16.9 | 30.0  | 19.0           |
| Not at all clear | 2.3  | 19.6  | 5.1            |
| Don't know       | 5.2  | 15.4  | 7.0            |
| Total            | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**14. Hezbollah has fired on northern Israel over recent days. With which of the following two statements do you agree more?**

|  | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|--|------|-------|----------------|
| Israel should make every effort to refrain from opening another front in the north against Hezbollah | 37.2 | 63.1  | 41.5           |
| Israel should strike against Hezbollah now in prevent to avoid a similar attack from the north       | 48.1 | 15.4  | 42.7           |
| Don't know   | 14.7 | 21.5  | 15.8           |
| Total  | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**15. To what extent do you think that Israel should take into consideration the suffering of the civilian Palestinian population in Gaza when planning the next phases of fighting there?**

|             | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Not at all  | 47.5 | 1.2   | 40.0           |
| Not so much | 35.9 | 4.5   | 30.8           |
| Quite a lot | 7.7  | 21.2  | 9.9            |
| Very much   | 5.2  | 62.1  | 14.6           |
| Don't know  | 3.7  | 11.0  | 4.7            |
| Total       | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**16. Do you agree or disagree that when undertaking military operations, the IDF should ensure that it is not breaking international laws and rules of war?**

|                   | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Strongly agree    | 14.3 | 71.2  | 23.6           |
| Somewhat agree    | 33.6 | 11.4  | 30.0           |
| Somewhat disagree | 26.2 | 3.8   | 22.6           |
| Strongly disagree | 19.4 | 1.1   | 16.4           |
| Don't know        | 6.5  | 12.5  | 7.4            |
| Total             | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**17. In your opinion, should the State of Israel conduct negotiations with Hamas for the release of kidnapped Israelis in return for the release of Hamas prisoners from Israeli prisons?**

|   | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|---|------|-------|----------------|
| Yes, immediately, even if it means halting the fighting | 9.2  | 60.0  | 17.5           |
| Yes, immediately, but don't stop the fighting           | 36.7 | 6.2   | 31.7           |
| Not right now; only at the end of the fighting          | 15.6 | 7.4   | 14.2           |
| No  | 26.6 | 7.4   | 23.5           |
| Other   | 1.8  | 0.0   | 1.5            |
| Don't know  | 10.1 | 19.0  | 11.6           |
| Total   | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**18. Where have you been working since the outbreak of the war?**

|  | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|--|------|-------|----------------|
| Entirely at home, the same as before the war                                       | 8.0  | 6.0   | 7.7            |
| Partly at home and partly at my usual workplace                                    | 13.1 | 9.4   | 12.5           |
| Entirely at home because of the war, though beforehand I worked outside of my home | 18.2 | 32.6  | 20.5           |
| At my usual workplace, the same as before the war                                  | 25.5 | 32.0  | 26.6           |
| I wasn't working before the war, and I'm not working now                           | 24.0 | 15.8  | 22.7           |
| Other  | 2.3  | 4.2   | 2.5            |
| Military reserve service   | 2.6  | 0.0   | 2.2            |
| Worked before, not working now   | 6.3  | 0.0   | 5.3            |
| Total  | 100  | 100   | 100            |

**19. In general, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of Israel?**

|                      | Jews | Arabs | General Public |
|----------------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Very optimistic      | 22.9 | 9.9   | 20.8           |
| Somewhat optimistic  | 42.6 | 26.1  | 39.9           |
| Somewhat pessimistic | 19.6 | 24.5  | 20.4           |
| Very pessimistic     | 7.8  | 29.2  | 11.3           |
| Don't know           | 7.1  | 10.3  | 7.6            |
| Total                | 100  | 100   | 100            |

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*War in Gaza Public Opinion Survey (2) 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 18-19 October 2023, 507 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 103 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 4.04% ± at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Menachem Lazar Research. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>*