

Israeli Voice Index –October 2023



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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	11.5	10.8	11.4
Moderately optimistic	31.1	14.8	28.3
Moderately pessimistic	28.7	23.9	27.9
Very pessimistic	18.6	40.1	22.2
Don't know	10.1	10.4	10.2
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	8.2	7.6	8.1
Moderately optimistic	37.6	10.6	33.0
Moderately pessimistic	33.7	30.5	33.2
Very pessimistic	14.6	41.8	19.2
Don't know	5.9	9.5	6.5
Total	100	100	100

How would you rate the functioning of government institutions since the beginning of the war on the following issues, on a scale from 1=very poor to 5=excellent?

3. Locating and funding alternative housing and necessary equipment for people evacuated from their homes:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor to	24.2	29.4	25.1
2	16.5	9.3	15.3
3	29.5	18.7	27.7
4	15.2	8.8	14.1
5=excellent	5.9	16.7	7.7
Don't know	8.7	17.1	10.1
Total	100	100	100

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4. Ensuring a regular supply of essential services (electricity and water) and foodstuffs to citizens:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor to	10.9	17.9	12.1
2	9.2	5.8	8.7
3	22.3	19.5	21.8
4	25.3	21.8	24.7
5=excellent	25.1	29.2	25.8
Don't know	7.2	5.8	6.9
Total	100	100	100

5. Organizing the education system:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor to	20.3	33.8	22.6
2	16.2	9.5	15.1
3	27.1	22.4	26.3
4	18.7	13.7	17.9
5=excellent	7.6	13.5	8.6
Don't know	10.1	7.1	9.5
Total	100	100	100

6. Managing Israel's public relations efforts abroad:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor to	37.5	28.8	36.0
2	16.1	7.1	14.5
3	18.9	15.2	18.3
4	13.0	7.5	12.1
5=excellent	7.5	22.9	10.1
Don't know	7.0	18.5	9.0
Total	100	100	100

7. Recently, many Haredim have expressed willingness to enlist in the IDF so as to play their part during the current emergency. Against this backdrop, what is your opinion today on drafting Haredim to the military?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Haredi youngsters should be drafted in the same way as youngsters from every other segment of the Jewish public	45.4	41.2	44.7
It is possible to grant an exemption to a small group of Haredim in order to study	32.2	8.9	28.3

Torah, but the majority of Haredi youngsters should be drafted			
Haredi youngsters should be exempted from military service so that they can study Torah	14.1	7.8	13.1
Don't know	8.3	42.1	13.9
Total	100	100	100

8. In your opinion, did the severe disagreements between those who supported the government's judicial reforms and those who opposed them affect or not affect Hamas's decision to carry out at this point in time its plans for the attack on the Gaza border region, which had been developed over a long period of time?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain they did affect it	44.6	25.5	41.3
Think they did affect it	30.7	19.1	28.7
Think they did not affect it	8.4	8.2	8.4
Certain they did not affect it	6.8	12.8	7.8
Don't know	9.5	34.4	13.8
Total	100	100	100

9. Several media outlets have reported tensions between Prime Minister Netanyahu and the heads of the IDF regarding the war in Gaza and conducting the northern front against Hezbollah. Who do you trust more on these issues?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The heads of the IDF	55.2	22.1	49.5
Prime Minister Netanyahu	6.9	8.8	7.3
The prime minister and the heads of the IDF to the same degree	18.9	14.4	18.1
None of them	19.0	54.7	25.1
Total	100	100	100

10. Would it be right or wrong to release Palestinian prisoners held by Israel in exchange for the release of the Israeli hostages held by Hamas?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it would be right	15.6	38.7	19.5
Think it would be right	24.1	21.8	23.7
Think it would be wrong	19.7	6.9	17.5
Certain it would be wrong	25.1	3.9	21.5
Don't know	15.5	28.7	17.8



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11. How would you characterize relations between Jewish citizens of Israel and Arab citizens of Israel today?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	0.3	8.4	1.7
Good	10.7	12.8	11.1
So-so	49.2	39.2	47.5
Bad	20.3	18.2	19.9
Very bad	12.1	14.4	12.5
Don't know	7.4	7.0	7.3
Total	100	100	100

12. If new elections were to be held in the foreseeable future, who do you think you would vote for?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The same party I voted for at the last elections	43.1	23.0	39.7
A different party, but in the same political bloc	16.4	6.8	14.8
A party in a different political bloc from the one I voted for at the last elections	6.9	3.4	6.3
Do not intend to vote	5.7	34.1	10.6
Not decided yet	26.4	31.6	27.3
Other	1.5	1.1	1.3
Total	100	100	100

13. With which of the following statements do you identify more?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
We should begin right now to examine who was responsible for the low level of preparedness for the Hamas attack of October 7, and remove them from decision-making positions	24.9	24.0	24.7
We should wait until the end of the war to examine who was responsible for the low level of preparedness for the Hamas attack	68.2	38.5	63.1
Don't know	6.9	37.5	12.2
Total	100	100	100

14. In your opinion, which of the following two statements is more correct?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The state should help find alternative housing only for people who left their homes following a government recommendation to vacate the area	45.8	30.9	43.2
The state should help find alternative housing also for people who decided to leave their homes because they felt unsafe, even if there was no government recommendation to vacate the area	44.7	46.7	45.0
Don't know	9.5	22.4	11.8
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for October 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 24-26 October 2023, 602 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 151 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 3.55%± 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>