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## 1. 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	10.0	74.9	20.9
Yes, immediately, but don't stop the fighting	44.3	6.2	37.8
Not right now; only at the end of the fighting	11.7	4.2	10.4
No	26.6	2.0	22.4
Other	1.9	0.0	1.6
Don't know	5.5	12.7	6.9
Total	100	100	100

## 2. To what extent did the government's focus on advancing its judicial reforms affect the timing chosen by Hamas to carry out its attack on October 7:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not at all	16.5	13.0	15.9
Not so much	9.5	17.6	10.8
Quite a lot	25.6	29.8	26.3
Very much	36.1	30.4	35.1
Don't know	12.3	9.2	11.9
Total	100	100	100

## 3. To what extent did the government's focus on advancing its judicial reforms affect Israel's preparedness for such an attack:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not at all	15.6	16.4	15.7
Not so much	12.1	16.1	12.8
Quite a lot	20.0	21.0	20.1
Very much	41.8	34.8	40.6
Don't know	10.5	11.7	10.8
Total	100	100	100

**4. How would you rate the resilience of the Israeli public during the war until now?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high	45.5	19.1	41.0
Quite high	44.6	38.6	43.6
Quite low	5.4	18.3	7.6
Very low	1.1	10.8	2.8
Don't know	3.4	13.2	5.0
Total	100	100	100

**On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, what grade would you give each of the following for their functioning during the war until now?**

**5. Prime Minister Netanyahu:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	44.2	72.1	48.9
2	12.6	12.0	12.5
3	14.9	7.0	13.6
4	12.5	1.0	10.6
5 = Excellent	13.9	0.9	11.7
Don't know	1.9	7.0	2.7
Total	100	100	100

**6. The senior command of the IDF:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	5.4	55.5	13.9
2	7.8	9.9	8.2
3	18.5	12.7	17.6
4	28.4	6.1	24.6
5 = Excellent	37.1	5.4	31.7
Don't know	2.8	10.4	4.0
Total	100	100	100

**7. IDF combat forces:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	0.4	36.0	6.4
2	0.5	16.9	3.3
3	4.0	11.3	5.3
4	11.3	8.1	10.8
5 = Excellent	81.3	8.9	69.0

Don't know	2.5	18.8	5.2
Total	100	100	100



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### 8. The IDF Spokesperson:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	1.8	42.5	8.7
2	1.6	17.1	4.2
3	6.5	17.2	8.3
4	15.0	5.2	13.3
5 = Excellent	71.2	5.8	60.2
Don't know	3.9	12.2	5.3
Total	100	100	100

### 9. ZAKA Search and Rescue:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	0.6	9.2	2.1
2	0.9	7.5	2.0
3	1.3	16.1	3.8
4	6.3	23.0	9.2
5 = Excellent	86.7	25.5	76.3
Don't know	4.2	18.7	6.6
Total	100	100	100

10. As a non-profit organization, a large part of the funding for ZAKA Search and Rescue comes from donations. Given the major national role played by the organization following the events of October 7, do you think that ZAKA should be adopted as a public service and thus be fully funded and managed by the state?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it should	61.6	44.9	58.8
Think it should	24.7	31.2	25.8
Think it should not	6.5	6.6	6.5
Certain it should not	1.5	0.0	1.3
Don't know	5.7	17.3	7.6
Total	100	100	100

On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, what grade would you give each of the following for their functioning since the outbreak of the war?

**11. The established non-profit organizations that also operate in normal times, such as ERAN, Yad Sarah, and Latet:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	1.8	4.3	2.2
2	2.4	10.0	3.7
3	9.2	20.2	11.0
4	20.1	22.6	20.5
5 = Excellent	42.6	19.9	38.8
Don't know	23.9	23.0	23.8
Total	100	100	100

**12. The new civic organizations founded during the war in response to the unforeseen needs:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	1.2	3.7	1.6
2	1.2	2.4	1.4
3	4.6	20.7	7.4
4	16.6	23.0	17.7
5 = Excellent	71.3	24.0	63.3
Don't know	5.1	26.2	8.6
Total	100	100	100

**13. To what extent do you feel part of the State of Israel and its problems?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much	70.3	33.9	64.1
Quite a lot	23.5	35.8	25.6
Not so much	4.3	20.0	7.0
Not at all	0.9	3.7	1.4
Don't know	1.0	6.6	1.9
Total	100	100	100

**14.If you could receive American citizenship or citizenship of another Western country, would you prefer to move there to live or would you prefer to remain in Israel?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Prefer to move there to live	7.7	26.1	10.8
Prefer to remain in Israel	80.5	58.9	76.9
Don't know	11.8	15.0	12.3
Total	100	100	100

**15.In your opinion, when the fighting in the Gaza Strip is over, what should Israel do?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Retain a military presence in the Gaza Strip for now and maintain security control	28.5	6.7	24.8
Remain in the Gaza Strip and establish Jewish settlements there	30.1	0.6	25.1
Leave the Gaza Strip and relinquish any economic or humanitarian responsibility for Gaza	33.1	70.7	39.5
Other	1.8	0.0	1.5
Don't know	6.5	22.0	9.1
Total	100	100	100

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	26.8	7.7	23.6
Somewhat optimistic	44.7	18.9	40.4
Somewhat pessimistic	16.0	39.7	20.0
Very pessimistic	4.1	20.4	6.9
Don't know	8.4	13.3	9.1
Total	100	100	100

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*War in Gaza Public Opinion Survey (4) 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 5-6 November 2023, 502 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 104 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>*