

War in Gaza Public Opinion Survey (5)

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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 functioning during the war?

1. The National Insurance Institute:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	8.6	9.3	8.7
2	9.7	14.6	10.6
3	26.0	39.0	28.1
4	24.1	19.3	23.3
5 = Excellent	12.2	9.7	11.8
Don't know	19.4	8.1	17.5
Total	100	100	100

2. The education system

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	13.3	18.6	14.2
2	17.6	23.2	18.5
3	28.3	24.8	27.7
4	21.7	18.1	21.1
5 = Excellent	9.5	6.8	9.1
Don't know	9.6	8.5	9.4
Total	100	100	100

3. The Brothers in Arms civilian logistics center:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	10.3	5.8	9.5
2	3.8	14.0	5.5
3	9.2	33.6	13.2
4	16.0	9.2	14.9
5 = Excellent	41.2	9.3	35.9
Don't know	19.5	28.1	21.0
Total	100	100	100

4. The state's treatment of evacuees:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Very poor	22.5	28.6	23.5
2	20.1	20.0	20.1
3	24.3	20.8	23.7
4	19.0	15.2	18.4



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5 = Excellent	7.4	6.5	7.2
Don't know	6.7	8.9	7.1
Total	100	100	100



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On a scale from 1 = not at all important to 5 = very important, how would you grade the importance of each of the following goals for the war?

5. Restoring Israeli deterrence in the region:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Not at all important	0.8	5.4	1.6
2	1.3	7.9	2.4
3	4.8	15.2	6.5
4	9.1	30.4	12.6
5 = Very important	80.5	30.9	72.3
Don't know	3.5	10.2	4.6
Total	100	100	100

6. Toppling the Hamas regime in Gaza and destroying its political and military infrastructures:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Not at all important	0.7	17.1	3.4
2	0.7	24.9	4.7
3	2.6	16.6	4.9
4	7.0	10.2	7.5
5 = Very important	86.7	18.8	75.4
Don't know	2.3	12.4	4.1
Total	100	100	100

7. Releasing all the hostages:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Not at all important	0.7	6.0	1.5
2	1.0	10.2	2.6
3	3.4	11.3	4.7
4	5.1	22.9	8.1
5 = Very important	87.9	43.1	80.5
Don't know	1.9	6.5	2.6
Total	100	100	100

8. Distancing all Gaza residents from the border with Israel by creating a security zone between Gaza and Israel:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = Not at all important	1.5	32.4	6.6
2	3.1	16.7	5.4
3	6.5	15.4	8.0
4	14.7	14.7	14.7
5 = Very important	70.3	11.8	60.6
Don't know	3.9	9.0	4.7
Total	100	100	100

9. And of all the above goals, which do you think is the most important?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Restoring Israeli deterrence in the region	8.2	20.9	10.3
Toppling the Hamas regime in Gaza and destroying its political and military infrastructures	36.5	8.1	31.8
Releasing all the hostages	48.8	49.7	48.9
Distancing all Gaza residents from the border with Israel by creating a security zone between Gaza and Israel	2.7	6.3	3.3
Don't know	3.8	15.0	5.7
Total	100	100	100

10. In your opinion, does the government currently have a clear plan of action for the day after the end of the fighting in Gaza?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it does	7.3	5.2	6.9
Think it does	24.1	7.7	21.3
Think it does not	40.5	36.0	39.8
Certain it does not	19.2	40.8	22.8
Don't know	8.9	10.3	9.2
Total	100	100	100

11. In recent weeks, Hezbollah has fired on the north of Israel. With which of the following statements do you most agree?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Israel should make every effort to avoid opening another front (with Hezbollah in the north)	29.9	62.5	35.3
Israel should immediately strike at Hezbollah to prevent it launching a similar attack to Hamas's	59.4	13.1	51.7
Don't know	10.7	24.4	13.0
Total	100	100	100

12. Since the beginning of the war, thousands of firearms have been issued to Israeli civilians in order to improve readiness to respond to terrorism, with more relaxed criteria applied than previously. There are concerns that this increase in the availability of firearms will lead to a rise in cases of domestic violence, or that weapons will end up in the hands of criminal organizations. What do you think should be done now?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Continue the policy of issuing firearms using the current criteria	51.0	5.5	43.4
Apply more stringent criteria for issuing firearms	32.7	44.6	34.7
Cease issuing firearms, even if that might harm readiness to respond immediately to terrorism	7.6	33.7	11.9
Don't know	8.7	16.2	10.0
Total	100	100	100

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The Nation-State Law should be amended so that it includes the principle of full equality for non-Jewish citizens of the state."

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	29.4	71.9	36.4
Somewhat agree	22.2	9.1	20.0
Somewhat disagree	19.6	3.9	17.0
Strongly disagree	18.1	2.5	15.5
Don't know	10.7	12.6	11.1
Total	100	100	100

14. At the beginning of the war, the prime minister promised that the judicial reforms would not be advanced, which was also the basis on which the National Unity party joined the emergency government. In recent days, it has appeared that Minister of Justice Levin is continuing to advance some of those reforms. In your opinion, what should Prime Minister Netanyahu do?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Intervene and halt the advance of the reforms by Minister Levin	56.6	74.1	59.5
Not intervene and allow Minister Levin to continue advancing the reforms	27.8	10.6	24.9
Don't know	15.6	15.3	15.6
Total	100	100	100

15. If the judicial reforms are advanced during the war, what should the National Unity party, led by Benny Gantz, do?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Remain in the government and the war cabinet	55.6	19.3	49.5
Resign from the government and the war cabinet	26.4	57.9	31.6
Don't know	18.0	22.8	18.9
Total	100	100	100

16. Since the outbreak of the war, the United States and President Biden have stood beside Israel in every respect—militarily, diplomatically, and more. There are now signs that the United States also has demands of Israel which are not always acceptable to the Israeli leadership, such as agreeing to a humanitarian ceasefire. In your opinion, what should Israel do?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Act in coordination with the Americans	39.4	69.4	44.3
Act only in accordance with the judgement of Israel's leadership	51.2	13.9	45.0
Don't know	9.4	16.6	10.6
Total	100	100	100

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