

Israeli Voice Index – December 2023

(incorporating the War in Gaza Public Survey 8)

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	11.3	8.2	10.8
Moderately optimistic	35.5	14.2	31.9
Moderately pessimistic	29.5	22.7	28.3
Very pessimistic	15.9	48.1	21.4
Don't know	7.8	6.8	7.6
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	9.2	2.5	8.1
Moderately optimistic	35.5	17.2	32.4
Moderately pessimistic	33.2	27.8	32.3
Very pessimistic	15.0	47.4	20.5
Don't know	7.1	5.1	6.7
Total	100	100	100

3. After the war, who would you like to be prime minister of Israel? (total sample)

	%
Benny Gantz	23%
Benjamin Netanyahu	15%
Naftali Bennett	6.5%
Yair Lapid	6.2%
Itamar Ben-Gvir	1.5%
Yossi Cohen	1%
Nir Barkat	0.7%
Gadi Eisenkot	0.5%
Yair Golan	0.5%
Yoav Gallant	0.4%
Another candidate from the Right	4%
Another candidate from the Center-Left	2%
Someone new / not a serving politician	4%



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Anyone but Bibi	4%
Don't know / declined to respond / no-one	30.5%



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So far, to what extent is the State of Israel succeeding in meeting the two main goals for the war set by the government?

4. Toppling Hamas:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very small extent	10.6	28.1	13.6
Fairly small extent	18.5	14.0	17.7
Moderate extent	38.1	23.4	35.6
Fairly large extent	21.7	10.4	19.8
Very large extent	7.8	3.4	7.0
Don't know	3.3	20.7	3.6
Total	100	100	100

5. Bringing the hostages home:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very small extent	14.3	28.8	16.7
Fairly small extent	26.8	16.2	25.0
Moderate extent	41.5	29.0	39.4
Fairly large extent	10.1	8.2	9.8
Very large extent	4.3	3.9	4.2
Don't know	3.0	13.9	4.9
Total	100	100	100

6. According to reports, the United States is demanding that Israel shifts to a different phase of the war in Gaza, with an emphasis on reducing the heavy bombing of densely populated areas. Should Israel agree to this demand?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it should	3.5	42.0	10.0
Think it should	12.4	13.7	12.7
Think it should not	30.3	14.8	27.7
Certain it should not	44.8	6.6	38.3
Don't know	9.0	22.9	11.3
Total	100	100	100

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

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Israel should make every effort to avoid opening up another front, with Hezbollah in the north	30.2	53.0	34.1
Israel should deal Hezbollah a heavy blow now, even at the cost of opening up another front in the north	57.3	19.6	50.9
Don't know/Refuse to answer	12.5	27.4	15.0
Total	100	100	100

8. What do you think is the best way to bring about the release of the Israeli hostages held by Hamas?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Continue the intensive fighting and try to have IDF forces free hostages	65.2	11.5	56.1
Release all the Palestinian prisoners held by Israel in return for the release of all the hostages, even if this means agreeing to Hamas's demand to halt the fighting	16.1	62.7	24.0
Don't know	13.0	25.2	15.1
Other	5.7	0.6	4.8
Total	100	100	100

9. In your opinion, will Prime Minister Netanyahu succeed or not succeed in keeping his coalition together after the end of the war?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain he will succeed	7.3	5.9	7.1
Think he will succeed	20.3	5.9	17.9
Think he will not succeed	33.5	23.5	31.8
Certain he will not succeed	27.7	50.1	31.5
Don't know	11.2	14.6	11.7
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for December 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 25-28 December 2023, 605 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>

