

Israeli Voice Index – January 2024
(incorporating the War in Gaza Public Survey 10)



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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	11.7	4.5	10.5
Moderately optimistic	34.5	12.4	30.7
Moderately pessimistic	30.7	32.7	31.0
Very pessimistic	17.2	42.5	21.5
Don't know	5.9	7.9	6.3
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	7.8	4.2	7.2
Moderately optimistic	34.7	16.4	31.6
Moderately pessimistic	34.8	26.5	33.4
Very pessimistic	17.4	45.6	22.2
Don't know	5.3	7.3	5.6
Total	100	100	100

3. Recently, it has been argued that there is a contradiction between Israel's two war goals – toppling Hamas and bringing the hostages home. In your opinion, which of the two should be Israel's main goal today?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Toppling Hamas	42.3	7.7	36.4
Bringing the hostages home	46.8	68.7	50.6
Don't know	10.9	23.6	13.0
Total	100	100	100

4. Do you support or oppose the notion that as part of a deal to end the war – which will include long-term military quiet, guarantees from the United States, and a peace agreement with Arab states such as Saudi Arabia – Israel should agree to the establishment of a Palestinian state?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly support	8.4	50.2	15.6
Somewhat support	20.5	18.9	20.2
Somewhat oppose	15.6	6.5	14.0

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Strongly oppose	43.9	3.6	37.0
Don't know	11.6	20.8	13.2
Total	100	100	100

5. The IDF chief of general staff has decided to suspend the work of the review committee he established to investigate the events of October 7. Do you support or oppose this decision?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly support	22.4	15.1	21.1
Somewhat support	24.0	13.0	22.1
Somewhat oppose	21.2	16.0	20.3
Strongly oppose	18.6	34.6	21.4
Don't know	13.8	21.3	15.1
Total	100	100	100

6. According to media reports, the IDF chief of general staff has said that the investigation by the State Comptroller's Office into the events of October 7 with regard to the military leadership should be postponed, in order to allow the IDF to focus on the fighting. Do you support or oppose the chief of staff's position on this issue?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly support	36.2	15.9	32.7
Somewhat support	33.3	12.9	29.8
Somewhat oppose	12.3	16.2	13.0
Strongly oppose	8.9	27.3	12.1
Don't know	9.3	27.7	12.4
Total	100	100	100

7. In your opinion, when should the next Knesset elections be held?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
On their original date, in November 2026	24.8	5.3	21.5
At the end of the war	41.0	24.7	38.2
As soon as is possible under the provisions of the law (within around three months)	28.0	56.6	32.9
Don't know	6.2	13.4	7.4
Total	100	100	100

8. In your opinion, to what extent is the State of Israel successfully ensuring the security of its citizens at the present time?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very large extent	6.5	4.0	6.1
To a fairly large extent	35.7	20.5	33.1
To a fairly small extent	43.4	32.7	41.6
Not at all	10.6	25.3	13.1
Don't know	3.8	17.5	6.1
Total	100	100	100

9. In its ruling last week, the International Court of Justice in The Hague did not accept South Africa's claims that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza and did not order a ceasefire, but it did issue a series of temporary orders requiring Israel to minimize harm to civilians and infrastructure in Gaza and to allow the entry of humanitarian aid. In your opinion, with regard to Israel, is this ruling:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very harsh	16.8	7.4	15.2
Fairly harsh	33.3	11.3	29.5
Fairly lenient	33.6	27.3	32.5
Very lenient	5.5	18.8	7.7
Don't know	10.8	35.2	15.1
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for January 2024 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 28-30 January 2024, 619 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 153 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 $.359\pm\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Midgam Institute. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>