

Israeli Voice Index – May 2024

(incorporating the War in Gaza Public Survey 17)



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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	8.6	0.6	7.3
Moderately optimistic	25.1	5.3	21.7
Moderately pessimistic	35.4	29.0	34.3
Very pessimistic	24.9	62.6	31.4
Don't know	5.9	2.4	5.3
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	6.6	1.0	5.6
Moderately optimistic	25.5	4.6	21.9
Moderately pessimistic	43.4	32.4	41.5
Very pessimistic	19.8	61.5	27.0
Don't know	4.7	0.4	4.0
Total	100	100	100

3. 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	5.0	3.4	4.8
Think it does	12.9	3.4	11.2
Think it does not	42.0	25.0	39.1
Certain it does not	35.5	61.7	40.1
Don't know	4.5	6.5	4.9
Total	100	100	100

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On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, what grade would you give to the government of Israel, headed by Netanyahu, for its handling of the following issues?

4. The war in Gaza:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor	31.2	70.8	38.1
2	18.2	11.0	16.9
3	22.9	10.2	20.7
4	16.6	5.0	14.6
5 = excellent	10.1	1.2	8.6
Don't know	1.0	1.8	1.1
Total	100	100	100

5. The fighting against Hezbollah:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor	44.1	64.5	47.6
2	20.5	12.6	19.1
3	18.6	10.2	17.2
4	11.3	5.6	10.3
5 = excellent	3.9	3.8	3.9
Don't know	1.6	3.3	1.9
Total	100	100	100

6. The evacuees from the north:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor	48.7	66.5	51.8
2	18.2	10.6	16.9
3	13.5	12.5	13.3
4	11.9	6.5	11.0
5 = excellent	5.7	2.0	5.1
Don't know	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total	100	100	100

7. The evacuees from the south:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor	39.5	63.4	43.6
2	15.2	10.6	14.4
3	21.0	10.7	19.2

4	15.6	10.1	14.7
5 = excellent	7.1	2.4	6.3
Don't know	1.6	2.8	1.8
Total	100	100	100

8. PR efforts abroad:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor	52.9	59.6	54.0
2	16.8	10.3	15.7
3	16.0	15.6	15.9
4	7.4	6.3	7.2
5 = excellent	5.5	5.5	5.5
Don't know	1.4	2.7	1.7
Total	100	100	100

9. Relations with the US administration:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor	31.7	48.3	34.6
2	19.2	13.2	18.1
3	21.3	14.6	20.1
4	17.4	12.1	16.5
5 = excellent	10.0	10.1	10.0
Don't know	0.5	1.7	0.7
Total	100	100	100

10. Several countries are set to formally declare their recognition of a Palestinian state, despite Israel's fierce opposition to this step. In your opinion, what is the main reason for these declarations at this particular time?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The way in which Israel and the IDF have conducted the war in Gaza	17.7	45.3	22.4
These countries' ideological support for the right of the Palestinians to their own state, just like other peoples	13.0	16.8	13.7
Hatred of Israel	37.4	13.2	33.2
Bowing to Palestinian and international pressures	26.7	6.7	23.3
Other	0.8	0.7	0.8



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Don't know	4.4	17.3	6.7
Total	100	100	100

11. In your opinion, what is the most suitable response to these declarations for Israel to make?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Downgrade its diplomatic relations with these countries—for example, by recalling its ambassadors	12.7	5.7	11.5
Break off diplomatic relations with these countries	6.8	8.8	7.1
Use its relations with the United States and get the United States to pressure these countries not to make such declarations	18.7	11.4	17.4
Increase its PR efforts in these countries, to make clear the damage that these declarations do to Israel	39.6	12.7	34.9
Not respond	9.1	26.7	12.2
Other	3.6	5.1	3.8
Don't know	9.7	29.6	13.1
Total	100	100	100

12. The chief prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in The Hague recently announced in a media interview that he plans to submit a request for arrest warrants to be issued against Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Gallant for alleged actions taken as part of the fighting in Gaza, such as using starvation as a method of warfare and willfully harming civilians. In your opinion, what is the main reason for this step by the chief prosecutor?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The way in which Israel and the IDF have conducted the war in Gaza	10.3	49.6	17.1
Israel's ineffective PR efforts to explain its actions to the world	23.0	9.3	20.7
Long-standing anti-Israel bias at the Court	59.8	12.7	51.6
Other	1.5	0.7	1.4
Don't know	5.4	27.7	9.2
Total	100	100	100

13. Several laws that were part of the government's judicial reform, and that were supposedly taken off the table, will now seemingly be advanced by the reform's architects during the Knesset's summer session. In your opinion, against the backdrop of the continuing war and the need for unity among Israelis, is it correct or not correct to advance parts of the reform at the current time?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it is correct	12.8	10.4	12.3
Think it is correct	12.1	16.4	12.9
Think it is not correct	16.8	19.4	17.2
Certain it is not correct	49.0	39.0	47.3
Don't know	9.4	14.8	10.3
Total	100	100	100

14. In your opinion, how (if at all) will partial advancement of the judicial reform affect the current scale of the civil protests against the government?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not affect it	6.8	17.5	8.7
Greatly strengthen it	43.1	20.9	39.3
Somewhat strengthen it	27.4	17.2	25.7
Somewhat weaken it	5.8	12.6	7.0
Greatly weaken it	4.7	14.3	6.3
Don't know	12.1	17.5	13.1
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for May 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 26 until 28 May 2024, 600 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 150 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 $3.58 \pm\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Dialogue Research and Polling Institute. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>