

## Israeli Voice Index – August 2024



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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	9.9	3.4	8.8
Moderately optimistic	28.6	20.2	27.1
Moderately pessimistic	32.9	26.1	31.7
Very pessimistic	24.0	49.0	28.2
Don't know	4.6	1.3	4.2
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	7.3	2.5	6.5
Moderately optimistic	35.5	18.2	32.6
Moderately pessimistic	36.7	29.9	35.5
Very pessimistic	16.9	48.1	22.2
Don't know	3.6	1.3	3.2
Total	100	100	100

### 3. And what do you think Israel should do now on the northern front?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Continue the fighting in the current format of focusing on Hezbollah forces	8.6	4.9	8.0
Respond more aggressively to Hezbollah, but refrain from striking at Lebanon's infrastructure	20.7	5.4	18.1
Launch an assault deep into Lebanon that includes striking at its infrastructure	46.2	6.0	39.4
Pursue a diplomatic agreement with Hezbollah, despite the chances of an additional conflict with Hezbollah in the future	16.8	76.6	27.0
Don't know	7.7	7.1	7.5
Total	100	100	100

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**4. Are you optimistic or pessimistic that a deal for the return of the hostages will be reached soon?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	3.3	14.2	5.1
Moderately optimistic	12.2	33.6	15.8
Moderately pessimistic	49.1	21.9	44.5
Very pessimistic	29.4	27.1	29.0
Don't know	6.0	3.2	5.6
Total	100	100	100

**5. In the context of the negotiations over a deal that will include the return of the hostages, Prime Minister Netanyahu is demanding that Israel continues to control the Philadelphi Corridor along the border between Gaza and Egypt. In your opinion, is this demand:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Largely based on military and strategic considerations	58.4	13.0	50.7
Largely intended to prevent a deal from being reached, for Netanyahu's own political reasons	33.0	66.5	38.7
Don't know	8.6	20.5	10.6
Total	100	100	100

**6. US Secretary of State Blinken has said that "this is maybe the last opportunity to get the hostages home." Do you think that this characterization of "last opportunity" is correct or incorrect?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much correct	16.1	24.1	17.4
Somewhat correct	27.5	25.0	27.1
Not so correct	24.1	23.2	23.9
Not at all correct	21.2	17.6	20.6
Don't know	11.1	10.1	11.0
Total	100	100	100

**7. Sources in the US administration reportedly told the New York Times that “Israel has achieved all that it can militarily in the Gaza Strip.” Do you think that this is correct or incorrect?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much correct	7.1	13.6	8.2
Somewhat correct	16.8	19.4	17.3
Not so correct	30.5	29.1	30.2
Not at all correct	36.1	22.7	33.8
Don't know	9.5	15.2	10.5
Total	100	100	100

**8. To what extent is the tension between Prime Minister Netanyahu and Minister of Defense Gallant having or not having a negative impact on the management of the war in Gaza and in the north?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much having a negative impact	22.3	34.8	24.5
Somewhat having a negative impact	42.0	38.2	41.3
Not so much having a negative impact	18.1	11.0	16.9
Having no negative impact at all	4.0	7.7	4.7
Don't know	13.6	8.3	12.6
Total	100	100	100

**To what extent is the tense anticipation of an attack by Iran and Hezbollah affecting or not affecting the following:**

**9. Your daily behavior**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very great extent	7.4	37.7	12.6
To a fairly great extent	19.9	25.8	20.9
To a fairly small extent	42.8	21.9	39.3
Not at all	29.9	14.6	27.2
Total	100	100	100

**10. Your mood**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very great extent	11.3	42.4	16.6
To a fairly great extent	28.5	25.3	28.0
To a fairly small extent	36.8	16.5	33.3
Not at all	23.4	15.8	22.1
Total	100	100	100

**11. Relative to previous years, this summer have you and your family undertaken trips, hikes, leisure activities, and visits around the country?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Much more than in previous years	1.6	4.2	2.0
A little more than in previous years	2.8	6.0	3.3
The same as in previous years	23.7	13.0	21.9
A little less than in previous years	26.5	19.7	25.3
Much less than in previous years	44.3	56.4	46.4
Don't know	1.1	0.7	1.1
Total	100	100	100

**12. (For those who gave responses 4 or 5 to the previous question) What is the main reason that you undertook fewer trips, hikes, leisure activities, and visits around the country?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Because of the security situation	57.4	44.3	55.0
Because of the economic situation	4.8	7.8	5.4
Both of these reasons to the same extent	30.6	44.9	33.2
Neither of these reasons	7.2	3.0	6.4
Total	100	100	100

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