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Survey After a Year of the “Iron Swords” War (Israeli Voice Index – September 2024)

1. How would you describe your sense of personal security today compared to your feelings before the events of October 7?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
No change	15.1	11.3	14.5
Much better	3.1	3.0	3.1
Slightly better	9.3	3.8	8.4
Slightly worse	31.7	26.2	30.8
Much worse	39.6	53.5	42.0
Don't know	1.2	2.2	1.2
Total	100	100	100

2. And how would you describe your financial situation today compared to your situation before the events of October 7?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
No change	47.6	16.9	42.3
Much better	3.0	0.0	2.5
Slightly better	8.4	3.5	7.5
Slightly worse	28.4	38.3	30.1
Much worse	10.7	40.3	15.7
Don't know	1.9	1.0	1.9
Total	100	100	100

3. To what extent has your personal life (such as work, media consumption, get-togethers with family and friends, etc.) returned to normal, or close to normal, recently?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Not at all	6.2	23.1	9.1
To a fairly small extent	25.6	49.1	29.6
To a fairly large extent	41.3	18.9	37.5
To a very large extent	24.6	6.9	21.5
Don't know	2.3	2.0	2.3
Total	100	100	100

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Following the events of October 7 and the war, how (if at all) has your behavior changed regarding the following?



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4. Use of antidepressants:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
No change	90.1	80.7	88.5
I've started	4.4	7.3	4.9
I've increased	4.5	11.0	5.6
I've reduced	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total	100	100	100

5. Consumption of alcohol:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
No change	90.1	84.9	89.2
I've started	2.2	3.5	2.4
I've increased	5.2	6.7	5.4
I've reduced	2.5	4.9	3.0
Total	100	100	100

6. Accessing mental health care:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
No change	87.8	70.5	84.9
I've started	5.3	7.8	5.7
I've increased	5.4	16.4	7.2
I've reduced	1.5	5.3	2.2
Total	100	100	100

7. Use of social media:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
No change	48.7	38.2	46.9
I've started	2.8	4.1	3.0
I've increased	40.4	50.1	42.0
I've reduced	8.1	7.6	8.1
Total	100	100	100

8. How would you rate the level of solidarity (the sense of “togetherness”) today of Israeli society as a whole (Jews, Arabs, and all other citizens), on a scale from 1 = no solidarity at all to 10 = a very high level of solidarity?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1- No solidarity (sense of “togetherness”) at all	14.5	17.3	15.0
2	6.9	6.9	6.9
3	12.8	8.8	12.1
4	10.5	8.0	10.1
5	14.9	22.7	16.3
6	11.6	10.8	11.5
7	12.5	4.5	11.2
8	9.1	6.0	8.6
9	2.6	3.3	2.8
10- Very high level of solidarity/sense of “togetherness”	2.6	6.6	3.3
Don’t know	2.0	5.1	2.2
Total	100	100	100

How would you rate the level of solidarity (the sense of “togetherness”) today of Israeli society as a whole (Jews, Arabs, and all other citizens), on a scale from 1 = no solidarity at all to 10 = a very high level of solidarity?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Low (1-4)	44.7	41.0	44.1
Medium (5-6)	26.5	33.5	27.7
High (7-10)	26.8	20.4	25.8
Don’t know	2.0	5.1	2.4
Total	100	100	100
Average (1-10)	4.72	4.67	4.71

9. In your opinion, has the time come to end the war in Gaza?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it has	21.5	85.2	32.4
Think it has	23.5	8.1	20.9
Think it has not	15.1	3.7	13.1
Certain it has not	27.5	1.1	23.0
Don’t know	12.4	1.9	10.6
Total	100	100	100

10.[For respondents who said certain and think it has in the previous question] In your opinion, what is the main reason why the war in Gaza should be ended?
[Responses presented in a random order]

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Because the fighting has already achieve most of what can be achieved	15.0	10.8	13.7
Because continuing the fighting endangers the hostages	55.8	45.1	52.6
Because this will improve relations with the United States	0.5	5.6	2.0
Because ending the war in Gaza will enable the decision-makers and the IDF to turn their attention to the northern front	20.1	7.3	16.3
Because of the high cost in human life and the desire for quiet, peace and security	3.0	13.8	6.2
Other	3.2	6.5	4.2
Don't know	2.4	10.9	5.0
Total	100	100	100

11.In your opinion, who should control the Gaza Strip after the end of the war?
[Responses presented in a random order]

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Israel	39.0	8.6	33.9
An multinational force	40.2	20.1	36.8
The Palestinian Authority	7.8	30.3	11.6
A weakened Hamas	0.9	8.2	2.1
Other	1.9	0.9	1.7
Don't know	10.2	31.9	13.9
Total	100	100	100

12.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	32.0	12.0	28.6
Bringing the hostages home	59.2	77.3	62.3
Don't know	8.8	10.7	9.1
Total	100	100	100

On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, what grade would you give each of the following for their management of the negotiations over a deal for the return of the hostages? [Responses presented in a random order]

13. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	47.2	81.0	52.9
2	10.6	8.7	10.3
3	12.0	5.2	10.8
4	12.1	1.6	10.3
5- excellent	14.5	3.1	12.6
Don't know	3.6	0.4	3.1
Total	100	100	100

14. The negotiating team including the head of the Mossad and the head of the Shin Bet:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	17.9	40.2	21.7
2	13.5	17.5	14.2
3	26.1	18.5	24.8
4	21.0	5.8	18.4
5- excellent	9.0	9.1	9.0
Don't know	12.5	8.9	11.9
Total	100	100	100

15. The mediating countries:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	36.2	33.6	35.8
2	19.5	17.3	19.1
3	24.9	23.3	24.7
4	9.2	8.9	9.1
5- excellent	1.7	12.2	3.5
Don't know	8.5	4.7	7.8
Total	100	100	100

16. In your opinion, are the protests by the Hostages and Missing Families Forum improving or damaging the likelihood of a deal for the return of the hostages?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly improving it	7.4	44.4	13.7

Somewhat improving it	13.8	23.8	15.5
Neither improving nor damaging it	25.9	23.1	25.4
Somewhat damaging it	16.1	3.9	14.0
Strongly damaging it	29.4	2.9	24.9
Don't know	7.4	1.9	6.5
Total	100	100	100

17. Some people argue that the extensive and continued evacuation of residents of the north has turned out to be a mistake. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	17.3	25.2	18.6
Somewhat agree	23.8	21.8	23.4
Somewhat disagree	25.1	19.8	24.2
Strongly disagree	18.6	17.3	18.4
Don't know	15.2	15.9	15.4
Total	100	100	100

On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, what grade would you give to each of the following individuals for their functioning since October 7? [Responses presented in a random order]

18. Prime Minister Netanyahu:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	46.6	80.0	52.3
2	12.6	9.7	12.1
3	12.7	5.1	11.4
4	15.0	2.3	12.8
5- excellent	12.2	2.9	10.6
Don't know	0.9	0.0	0.8
Total	100	100	100

19. Defense Minister Gallant:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	20.0	51.8	25.4
2	16.7	18.1	16.9
3	28.6	13.1	26.0
4	24.6	6.9	21.6
5- excellent	7.3	5.6	7.0

Don't know	2.8	4.5	3.1
Total	100	100	100



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20.IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	19.9	52.4	25.4
2	14.2	18.8	15.0
3	23.7	11.7	21.6
4	26.6	6.9	23.2
5- excellent	10.2	6.0	9.5
Don't know	5.4	4.2	5.3
Total	100	100	100

21.Head of the Opposition Yair Lapid:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	47.9	33.5	45.4
2	14.7	14.6	14.7
3	20.0	19.2	19.9
4	10.1	18.5	11.6
5- excellent	2.4	11.5	4.0
Don't know	4.9	2.7	4.4
Total	100	100	100

22.Minister of National Security Itamar Ben-Gvir:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	56.9	87.4	62.1
2	10.2	6.8	9.6
3	11.7	2.1	10.1
4	11.1	2.0	9.6
5- excellent	9.2	0.6	7.8
Don't know	0.9	1.1	0.8
Total	100	100	100

23.Former minister Benny Gantz:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	26.0	36.2	27.7
2	21.0	19.8	20.8
3	27.9	22.5	27.0
4	16.8	11.3	15.9
5- excellent	4.2	6.5	4.6

Don't know	4.1	3.7	4.0
Total	100	100	100



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24. In your opinion, what is the greatest external existential threat facing Israel?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The Iranian nuclear threat	26.2	7.4	23.0
International isolation and boycotts	9.6	14.0	10.4
The Israeli-Palestinian conflict	6.8	16.6	8.5
A full-scale multi-front war	40.6	26.8	38.3
Loss of American support for Israel	9.6	22.5	11.8
Other	3.2	1.4	2.9
Don't know	4.0	11.3	5.1
Total	100	100	100

In your opinion, what is the likelihood that the United States will take the following actions with regard to its relations with Israel? [Responses presented in a random order]

25. Sign a new nuclear deal with Iran, in contravention of Israel's position on the issue:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Low likelihood	33.3	50.2	36.1
Medium likelihood	38.5	32.1	37.4
High likelihood	17.5	10.4	16.3
Don't know	10.7	7.3	10.2
Total	100	100	100

26. Join international sanctions against Israel:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Low likelihood	66.9	59.3	65.6
Medium likelihood	21.6	21.9	21.7
High likelihood	6.6	12.9	7.6
Don't know	4.9	5.9	5.1
Total	100	100	100

27. Vote against Israel in international institutional settings:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Low likelihood	54.6	52.3	54.2
Medium likelihood	28.3	33.7	29.2

High likelihood	12.3	9.5	11.8
Don't know	4.8	4.5	4.8
Total	100	100	100

28. Dramatically reduce military aid to Israel:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Low likelihood	35.2	47.5	37.3
Medium likelihood	43.2	32.5	41.4
High likelihood	16.1	15.2	16.0
Don't know	5.5	4.8	5.3
Total	100	100	100

29. In your opinion, do the Palestinian people have or not have the right to their own state?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain they do	7.6	72.9	18.7
Think they do	20.7	16.2	20.0
Think they do not	17.8	4.2	15.5
Certain they do not	43.3	5.2	36.8
Don't know	10.6	1.5	9.0
Total	100	100	100

On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, how would you rate the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in the following areas: [Responses presented in a random order]

30. Combat readiness:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	1.8	29.8	6.5
2	1.9	15.8	4.3
3	8.6	23.2	11.0
4	31.0	14.1	28.1
5- excellent	55.4	11.5	47.9
Don't know	1.3	5.6	2.2
Total	100	100	100

31. Moral conduct in combat:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	3.3	59.0	12.8
2	3.0	8.5	4.0
3	9.1	15.3	10.1

4	22.4	5.5	19.5
5- excellent	60.4	8.3	51.6
Don't know	1.8	3.4	2.0
Total	100	100	100

32. Do you support or oppose investigating soldiers when suspicions arise of abuse of Palestinians from Gaza who are being held in detention by the IDF?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly support	13.3	59.7	21.2
Somewhat support	21.2	15.7	20.2
Somewhat oppose	14.9	9.3	13.9
Strongly oppose	46.5	11.7	40.5
Don't know	4.1	3.6	4.2
Total	100	100	100

33. In your opinion, what punishment should be given to someone found guilty of abusing detainees from Gaza held by the IDF?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The usual punishment defined by law for such cases	28.9	77.0	37.1
A reduced punishment, as these detainees were suspected of involvement in terrorism	60.3	13.1	52.2
Don't know	10.8	9.9	10.7
Total	100	100	100

On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = excellent, how would you rate the police in the following areas: [Responses presented in a random order]

34. Crime prevention:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	42.6	76.5	48.4
2	20.3	9.9	18.5
3	22.2	10.5	20.2
4	10.1	1.1	8.5
5- excellent	3.2	2.0	3.0
Don't know	1.6	0.0	1.4
Total	100	100	100

35. Politically nonpartisan law enforcement:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1-very poor	45.5	65.1	48.8
2	17.1	13.6	16.5
3	17.3	16.0	17.1
4	8.6	2.4	7.6
5- excellent	6.6	2.4	5.9
Don't know	4.9	0.5	4.1
Total	100	100	100

36. In your opinion, which of the following policy steps is the main step that the government of Israel should use in order to reduce the budget deficit created as a result of the cost of the war? [Responses presented in a random order]

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Raise taxes	2.2	3.4	2.4
Uniformly cut the budgets of all government ministries	46.7	34.1	44.5
Cut the budgets of only some government ministries, in accordance with government priorities	34.2	27.1	33.0
A special mandatory loan arrangement (as used in previous wars—the government borrows money from the public to be repaid at a predetermined date)	7.4	14.8	8.6
Don't know	9.5	20.6	11.5
Total	100	100	100

How have the following affected or not affected relations between Israel and the diaspora?

37. The events of October 7 and the “Iron Swords” war:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Improved relations	57.9	39.7	54.8
Not affected relations	10.6	20.0	12.2
Worsened relations	23.3	20.3	22.8
Don't know	8.2	20.0	10.2
Total	100	100	100

38. The increased harassment of Jews abroad:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Improved relations	62.6	44.5	59.5
Not affected relations	12.5	18.5	13.5
Worsened relations	17.4	13.8	16.8
Don't know	7.5	23.2	10.2
Total	100	100	100

39. In general, are you optimistic or pessimistic about Israel's future?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	20.5	7.1	18.2
Quite optimistic	28.9	18.1	27.1
Quite pessimistic	30.9	35.0	31.6
Very pessimistic	13.2	34.3	16.8
Don't know	6.5	5.5	6.3
Total	100	100	100

40. When do you think elections should be held?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Before the end of 2024	41.0	75.9	46.9
During 2025	17.5	9.4	16.1
The government should be allowed to complete its term, and elections should be held as scheduled in 2026	37.5	9.1	32.6
Don't know	4.0	5.6	4.4
Total	100	100	100

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