

Annual Survey of the Center for Security and Democracy (October 2024)

This survey was conducted for the Center for Security and Democracy in partnership with the Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute, between October 7–13, 2024, using a representative sample of 600 Jews and 150 Arabs.

To what extent do you trust each of the following institutions?

1. The police

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Not at all	19.8	16.1	38.0
Not so much	34.9	37.8	20.5
Quite a lot	31.2	33.9	18.0
Very much	11.1	11.0	11.6
Don't know	3.0	1.2	11.9
Total	100	100	100

2. The IDF

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Not at all	7.3	2.8	29.2
Not so much	10.4	9.3	15.8
Quite a lot	28.3	31.0	15.4
Very much	50.0	55.0	25.2
Don't know	4.0	1.9	14.4
Total	100	100	100

3. The judicial system

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Not at all	26.5	27.2	22.7
Not so much	26.5	28.4	17.1
Quite a lot	25.6	25.6	26.0
Very much	17.0	16.7	18.5
Don't know	4.4	2.1	15.7
Total	100	100	100

4. In your opinion, in general, does the Israel Police behave fairly toward the Israeli public?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain it does	6.2	4.1	16.4
Think it does	39.9	41.8	30.8
Think it does not	33.9	36.4	21.7
Certain it does not	15.2	13.8	21.9
Don't know	4.8	3.9	9.2
Total	100	100	100

5. How worried are you that you or your family might be hurt by serious violence or shooting as part of a criminal event?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very worried	15.4	10.6	38.8
Quite worried	26.3	25.7	29.3
Not so worried	37.5	41.8	16.6
Not at all worried	15.5	16.9	8.7
Don't know	5.3	5.0	6.6
Total	100	100	100

Would you make a complaint to the police in the following cases?

6. If you were the victim of a violent crime

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain I would	61.8	61.2	64.7
Think I would	21.2	22.5	14.8
Think I would not	5.8	6.1	4.6
Certain I would not	8.2	8.5	6.8
Don't know	3.0	1.7	9.1
Total	100	100	100

7. If you witnessed a violent crime

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain I would	38.9	36.9	48.7

Think I would	31.2	33.9	18.4
Think I would not	12.9	13.0	12.4
Certain I would not	10.5	10.6	10.1
Don't know	6.5	5.6	10.4
Total	100	100	100

8. If you were the victim of property crime

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain I would	54.5	53.1	61.3
Think I would	25.4	27.7	14.2
Think I would not	8.4	8.5	7.9
Certain I would not	7.9	8.2	6.7
Don't know	3.8	2.5	9.9
Total	100	100	100

9. If you witnessed property crime

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain I would	31.5	27.3	52.0
Think I would	30.0	33.2	14.3
Think I would not	17.8	18.6	13.9
Certain I would not	13.5	14.0	11.2
Don't know	7.2	6.9	8.6
Total	100	100	100

To what extent would each of the following scenarios give you a feeling of security?

10. If large numbers of civilians carry firearms in public spaces

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very much	23.9	27.7	5.5
Quite a lot	23.8	28.0	3.4
Not so much	21.0	23.4	8.9
Not at all	25.1	16.5	66.8
Don't know	6.2	4.4	15.4
Total	100	100	100

11. If there is a licensed firearm in my home

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very much	29.2	33.4	8.9
Quite a lot	22.6	25.3	8.9
Not so much	18.8	19.9	13.4
Not at all	22.9	16.2	55.7
Don't know	6.5	5.2	13.1
Total	100	100	100

12. With which of the following statements do you agree more strongly? [Responses read in a random order]

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
The state should provide security to its citizens by deploying security forces more heavily	82.0	83.8	73.4
Civilians should carry weapons and take care of their own security	10.9	12.5	3.4
Don't know	7.1	3.7	23.2
Total	100	100	100

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

13. Pressure by politicians results in decisions made by the police command and by police officers in the field not being based solely on professional considerations

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	33.2	34.6	26.4
Somewhat agree	32.2	33.5	25.5
Somewhat disagree	14.1	15.3	8.2
Strongly disagree	9.2	8.0	15.5
Don't know	11.3	8.6	24.4
Total	100	100	100

14. Decisions by police officers in the field are mainly influenced by their personal and political views regarding different population groups (e.g., Arabs, LGBTQ, Haredim)

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
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Strongly agree	21.2	21.3	20.5
Somewhat agree	35.1	35.9	31.5
Somewhat disagree	22.0	24.9	8.3
Strongly disagree	9.2	8.2	14.2
Don't know	12.5	9.7	25.5
Total	100	100	100

15. In order to maintain the independence of the police, the minister of national security should refrain from involvement in appointments

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	40.8	41.6	36.9
Somewhat agree	19.7	20.4	16.6
Somewhat disagree	15.2	16.6	8.6
Strongly disagree	12.4	12.2	13.7
Don't know	11.9	9.2	24.2
Total	100	100	100

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

16. Demonstrations are an important tool for citizens in a democratic state, even if they disrupt public order and inconvenience other citizens

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	27.0	26.9	28.0
Somewhat agree	28.8	29.7	24.6
Somewhat disagree	19.8	21.4	11.6
Strongly disagree	18.6	20.1	11.5
Don't know	5.8	1.9	24.3
Total	100	100	100

17. The police maintain the correct balance between the freedom to protest and public order considerations (for example, freedom of movement)

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	8.1	8.3	7.3
Somewhat agree	29.3	30.6	23.0
Somewhat disagree	33.5	36.6	18.6

Strongly disagree	20.5	19.5	25.4
Don't know	8.6	5.0	25.7
Total	100	100	100

(Jewish respondents) To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

18. In the event of rocket fire on the Israeli population by one or more of the Palestinian organizations in Gaza, Israel should rain heavy fire on Palestinian population centers in order to make unforgettably clear the cost of such provocation

	Jews
Strongly agree	33.5
Somewhat agree	21.6
Somewhat disagree	18.2
Strongly disagree	20.7
Don't know	6.0
Total	100

19. Terrorists should be killed after they have been neutralized, even if they present no immediate danger

	Jews
Strongly agree	43.1
Somewhat agree	20.4
Somewhat disagree	13.9
Strongly disagree	17.7
Don't know	4.9
Total	100

20. If there are concerns that a building or a tunnel entrance has been booby trapped, a Palestinian citizen can be sent to check the site so as not to endanger IDF soldiers

	Jews
Strongly agree	31.5
Somewhat agree	17.7
Somewhat disagree	20.2

Strongly disagree	22.6
Don't know	8.0
Total	100

- 21. To what extent do you think that upholding the principles of ethical warfare (refraining from unnecessary killing and from harming innocent civilians) hinders or helps the IDF in the performance of its mission?**

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain it hinders	24.9	28.3	8.5
Think it hinders	28.6	31.9	12.8
Think it helps	17.0	15.5	24.0
Certain it helps	8.4	7.5	12.8
Neither hinders nor helps	7.3	6.5	11.1
Don't know	13.8	10.3	30.8
Total	100	100	100

- 22. To what extent do you agree or disagree that in order to facilitate the integration of Haredim into the IDF, it is reasonable to restrict women's military service in terms of roles, locations, and advancement opportunities?**

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	8.9	7.4	16.4
Somewhat agree	13.0	11.8	18.6
Somewhat disagree	19.8	19.9	19.2
Strongly disagree	48.9	55.9	14.5
Don't know	9.4	5.0	31.3
Total	100	100	100

- 23. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal that has been made repeatedly in recent years, to cancel mandatory conscription and make the IDF into a professional army in which soldiers are compensated accordingly?**

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	11.4	11.5	10.7
Somewhat agree	16.3	15.6	20.0
Somewhat disagree	24.1	25.5	16.9
Strongly disagree	33.3	36.1	20.0

Don't know	14.9	11.3	32.4
Total	100	100	100

24. If the efforts to draft Haredim are not successful, what would be the best way to address the IDF's need for additional personnel due to the war?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Extend the period of mandatory service	25.6	27.8	14.9
Expand and extend reserve service	24.6	23.1	32.1
Don't know	49.8	49.1	53.0
Total	100	100	100

25. In some countries, those who do not perform mandatory military service are required to pay higher taxes. Do you support or oppose adopting a similar policy in Israel?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly support	40.6	47.5	6.9
Somewhat support	23.9	25.1	18.2
Somewhat oppose	12.0	11.2	15.9
Strongly oppose	13.7	9.7	33.3
Don't know	9.8	6.5	25.7
Total	100	100	100

26. Do you agree or disagree that priority should be given to candidates who perform IDF reserve duty when hiring for jobs in the public sector, even if this harms the chances of other candidates?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	32.5	38.6	2.8
Somewhat agree	29.5	32.1	16.8
Somewhat disagree	16.8	15.5	23.0
Strongly disagree	10.1	6.8	26.2
Don't know	11.1	7.0	31.2
Total	100	100	100

27. To what extent do you trust the senior command of the IDF?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very much	21.9	23.3	15.1
Quite a lot	39.7	43.1	23.1
Not so much	22.6	22.3	24.2
Not at all	8.8	7.6	14.9
Don't know	7.0	3.7	22.7
Total	100	100	100

28. To what extent do you trust that the decisions made by Israel's political leadership regarding the war are mainly guided by professional considerations?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very much	11.0	12.0	6.2
Quite a lot	23.7	25.3	15.8
Not so much	29.4	30.5	24.2
Not at all	24.5	24.3	25.8
Don't know	11.4	7.9	28.0
Total	100	100	100

29. Should soldiers who are not of a senior rank be allowed to participate in demonstrations for or against government policy?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Not at all	32.9	37.0	12.5
Only soldiers in mandatory service should be allowed	4.8	5.4	1.9
Only soldiers in professional service should be allowed	6.2	6.0	6.9
All soldiers should be allowed	35.3	34.7	38.3
Don't know	20.8	16.9	40.4
Total	100	100	100

30. Have you been a victim of violence or crime during the last year?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Yes	6.8	6.5	8.2

No	93.2	93.5	91.8
Total	100	100	100

31. Have you asked the police for assistance during the last year (e.g., called the police, asked an officer for assistance, filed a complaint)?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Yes	16.2	17.7	8.7
No	83.8	82.3	91.3
Total	100	100	100

32. Have you participated in a demonstration or rally during the last year?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Yes	22.3	25.2	8.3
No	77.7	74.8	91.7
Total	100	100	100

33. Have you or a member of your immediate family performed regular or reserve military service during the Iron Swords war?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Yes	52.0	60.3	11.4
No	48.0	39.7	88.6
Total	100	100	100

The national survey of IDI's Center for Security and Democracy was carried out in partnership with the Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute. The survey was conducted via the internet and by telephone (to include groups that are under-represented on the internet) between October 7–13, 2024, with 600 men and women interviewed in Hebrew and 150 in Arabic, constituting a nationally representative sample of the adult population in Israel aged 18 and over. The maximum sampling error was $\pm 3.58\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. Field work was carried out by Shiluv I²R. The full data file is available at <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il/>.