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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	13.2	9.1	12.5
Moderately optimistic	26.2	18.3	24.9
Moderately pessimistic	32.6	27.5	31.7
Very pessimistic	24.5	41.8	27.5
Don't know	3.5	3.3	3.4
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	11.8	6.1	10.9
Moderately optimistic	44.5	17.0	39.8
Moderately pessimistic	27.0	32.5	28.0
Very pessimistic	12.0	42.9	17.3
Don't know	4.7	1.5	4.0
Total	100	100	100

### 3. How would you characterize Israel's overall situation today?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	6.5	4.5	6.1
Good	18.1	11.4	17.0
So-so	34.4	13.4	30.8
Bad	25.6	35.2	27.2
Very bad	15.2	35.5	18.7
Don't know	0.2	0.0	0.2
Total	100	100	100

### 4. In your opinion, does the current situation in Syria, following the fall of the Assad regime, serve Israel's strategic interests or harm them?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much serves them	14.0	13.8	13.9
Somewhat serves them	42.2	20.7	38.5
Somewhat harms them	7.7	13.0	8.6
Very much harms them	2.2	6.6	3.0



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Neither serves nor harms them	14.5	23.7	16.0
Don't know	19.4	22.2	20.0
Total	100	100	100

**5. Israeli military forces are currently deployed inside the buffer zones with Syria. In your opinion, what should Israel do in this regard in the future?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Keep these territories permanently—the Syrian peak of Mount Hermon is an important strategic asset	42.5	12.7	37.5
Keep these territories until the security and political situation in Syria stabilizes / becomes clearer	44.6	25.2	41.3
Withdraw from these territories as soon as possible	5.6	50.6	13.3
Other:	0.5	0.7	0.5
Don't know	6.8	10.8	7.4
Total	100	100	100

**6. Prime Minister Netanyahu was recently quoted as saying: “If there is a deal, and I hope there will be, Israel will renew the fighting after it. There is no point in muting or hiding this, as renewing the fighting is intended to complete the goals of the war. This is not a barrier to a deal—it encourages a deal.” What do you think Israel should do?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Agree to a comprehensive deal for the release of all the hostages in return for Hamas’s demands for an end to the war	52.6	81.5	57.5
Agree to a deal for the release of some of the hostages in return for a temporary ceasefire in Gaza	13.0	7.6	12.1
Continue the military pressure on Hamas, which will lead to a more favorable deal in the future	27.4	2.6	23.2
Don’t know	7.0	8.3	7.2
Total	100	100	100



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**7. Do you agree or disagree with the opinion that Netanyahu should be offered a plea bargain granting him a pardon if he admits to the charges against him and in return retires from political life?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	18.4	27.3	19.9
Somewhat agree	17.7	29.3	19.7
Somewhat disagree	14.7	11.0	14.1
Strongly disagree	37.2	22.0	34.6
Don't know	12.0	10.4	11.7
Total	100	100	100

**8. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that Netanyahu's family members are overly involved in matters of state?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	42.0	53.6	43.9
Somewhat agree	20.3	24.8	21.1
Somewhat disagree	12.9	7.3	12.0
Strongly disagree	16.0	4.5	14.1
Don't know	8.8	9.8	8.9
Total	100	100	100

**9. The Haredi parties are making their support for the state budget conditional on an exemption from military service for yeshiva students. Failure to approve the budget by the date required by law (March 31, 2025) will lead to the Knesset being dissolved and new elections being held. What do you think is preferable?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Passing the law that exempts Haredim from military service in return for support for the budget from the Haredi parties, in order to avoid new elections	23.3	20.1	22.8
Not passing the law that exempts Haredim from military service and risking the budget not being approved and new elections being held	69.2	60.5	67.7
Don't know	7.5	19.4	9.5
Total	100	100	100



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**10. In your opinion, which of the following factors has the greatest impact on the expected rise in the cost of living in Israel this year? [Responses presented in a random order]**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The policies of Minister of Finance	22.7	22.4	22.6
The high cost of the war	48.3	57.4	49.8
The cost of the coalitionary agreements	16.7	13.1	16.1
Global economic trends	6.1	5.9	6.1
Don't know	6.2	1.2	5.4
Total	100	100	100

**11. In your opinion, will your standard of living be worsened or not by the expected rise in the cost of living?**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Will not be worsened	8.3	2.1	7.3
Will be worsened to a small extent	28.4	7.4	24.8
Will be worsened to a moderate extent	32.1	19.5	29.9
Will be worsened to a large extent	27.7	70.2	35.0
Don't know	3.5	0.8	3.0
Total	100	100	100

**12. 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	4.5	16.1	6.5
To a fairly small extent	19.6	40.8	23.2
To a fairly large extent	43.3	28.8	40.8
To a very large extent	31.3	12.4	28.1
Don't know	1.3	1.9	1.4
Total	100	100	100

**13. In general, do you think that 2025 will be for you personally:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A good year	33.9	23.6	32.2
Quite a good year	34.9	27.5	33.6
Not such a good year	16.9	26.4	18.5
Not a good year	5.2	12.5	6.5
Don't know	9.1	10.0	9.2
Total	100	100	100

**14. In general, do you think that 2025 will be for the State of Israel:**

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A good year	19.9	14.5	19.0
Quite a good year	26.2	14.1	24.2
Not such a good year	28.8	30.8	29.1
Not a good year	18.5	30.7	20.6
Don't know	6.6	9.9	7.1
Total	100	100	100

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*The Israeli Voice Index for December 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) between January 5-8 2025, 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  $\pm 3.58\%$  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>*