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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	9.1	12.6	9.7
Moderately optimistic	26.5	21.2	25.6
Moderately pessimistic	36.4	27.2	34.8
Very pessimistic	23.8	37.1	26.1
Don't know	4.2	1.9	3.8
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	8.3	9.3	8.4
Moderately optimistic	33.8	25.8	32.4
Moderately pessimistic	34.6	31.1	34.0
Very pessimistic	19.0	32.5	21.3
Don't know	4.3	1.3	3.9
Total	100	100	100

3. What do you think is the most appropriate mechanism for an inquiry into the events of October 7?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
A state commission of inquiry (that is, a commission headed a judge with members appointed by the president of the Supreme Court)	65.9	58.3	64.6
A government commission of inquiry (that is, whose members are appointed by the government)	17.7	11.3	16.6
A review conducted by the state comptroller and internal reviews by the defense establishment and government ministries will suffice	9.3	23.8	11.7
Don't know	7.1	6.6	7.1
Total	100	100	100



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4. In your opinion, whose interests were better served by the first stage of the agreement between Israel and Hamas? [Responses 1 and 2 presented in a random order]

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Israel	21.4	17.2	20.7
Hamas	47.5	22.5	43.3
Both sides equally	23.3	51.7	28.2
Don't know	7.8	8.6	7.8
Total	100	100	100

5. In your opinion, if the first stage of the agreement between Israel and Hamas is carried out as agreed, should Israel proceed to the second stage, which includes a complete end to fighting, withdrawal from Gaza, and the release of Palestinian prisoners in exchange for the release of all the hostages?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it should	35.3	69.5	41.1
Think it should	30.6	22.5	29.2
Think it should not	14.1	2.6	12.1
Certain it should not	13.4	0.7	11.2
Don't know	6.6	4.7	6.4
Total	100	100	100

6. 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	37.7	7.3	32.6
A multinational force	46.0	22.5	42.0
The Palestinian Authority	7.8	24.5	10.6
A weakened Hamas	2.3	29.1	6.9
Other	1.5	1.3	1.5
Don't know	4.7	15.3	6.4
Total	100	100	100



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7. Does the security situation following the ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon allow or not allow the return of residents to their homes in the north of the country?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it allows it	7.1	35.1	11.9
Think it allows it	40.4	34.4	39.4
Think it does not allow it	36.4	21.2	33.8
Certain it does not allow it	9.4	6.0	8.8
Don't know	6.7	3.3	6.1
Total	100	100	100

8. Some people claim that the heads of the security agencies (the Mossad and the Shin Bet) should resign from their positions due to their responsibility for the events of October 7 only after the heads of the country's political leadership have taken responsibility and resigned. What is your opinion on this issue?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The heads of the security agencies should resign, regardless of whether the heads of the political leadership resign or not	61.1	42.4	57.9
The heads of the security agencies should resign, but only after the heads of the political leadership resign	28.0	25.2	27.5
The heads of the security agencies should not resign	5.3	23.8	8.5
Don't know	5.6	8.6	6.1
Total	100	100	100

9. In the context of the publication of the Levin-Sa'ar proposal regarding the Judicial Selection Committee, which of the following two options do you support more strongly?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Keeping the current structure of the Committee, which requires agreement about the judges chosen among all the professional representatives, and gives a veto on judicial appointments both to political representatives from the opposition and to the justices on the	41.9	41.7	41.9

Committee			
Changing the structure of the Committee in line with the Levin-Sa'ar proposal, so that only political representatives—from the coalition and the opposition—will have a veto on judicial appointments	31.8	18.5	29.5
I have no preference	15.9	31.8	18.6
Don't know	10.4	8.0	10.0
Total	100	100	100

10. In your opinion, would there be a difference in quality between the judges appointed using the current system and judges appointed using the system proposed by Levin and Sa'ar?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The judges appointed under the current system would be of a higher quality	34.6	36.4	34.9
The judges appointed under the new system would be of a higher quality	32.3	12.6	28.9
There would be no difference between them	16.4	40.4	20.5
Don't know	16.7	10.6	15.7
Total	100	100	100

11. In your opinion, is it correct or not correct at the current time to advance the Levin-Sa'ar proposal regarding the Judicial Selection Committee?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it is correct	17.7	9.3	16.3
Think it is correct	20.5	25.8	21.4
Think it is not correct	19.4	23.8	20.1
Certain it is not correct	27.5	25.8	27.2
Don't know	14.9	15.3	15.0
Total	100	100	100

12. Regarding the Levin-Sa'ar initiative to change the way in which judges are chosen by the Judicial Selection Committee, there have been calls for Justice Minister Levin to slow down the legislation in order to try to reach broad agreements between the coalition and the opposition.

What is your opinion?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Agree that efforts should be made to reach broad agreements, even at the cost of delaying the legislation	45.5	31.1	43.1
Oppose slowing down the legislation	18.0	17.2	17.9
Oppose trying to reach agreements, because I do not believe in the integrity of the negotiators	21.5	27.2	22.5
Don't know	15.0	24.5	16.5
Total	100	100	100

13. In your opinion, was US President Trump right or not right when he said that the ceasefire agreement and the release of the hostages were achieved thanks to his intervention?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain he was right	29.3	30.5	29.5
Think he was right	44.9	33.8	43.0
Think he was not right	12.1	15.2	12.6
Certain he was not right	5.3	13.2	6.6
Don't know	8.4	7.3	8.3
Total	100	100	100

14. In your opinion, what is the likelihood that President Trump will put serious pressure on Israel, or even impose sanctions, if the Netanyahu government does not fall in line with processes he initiates in the Middle East, such as a normalization agreement with Saudi Arabia?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high likelihood	26.2	25.2	26.0
Fairly high likelihood	47.4	42.4	46.5
Fairly low likelihood	14.9	17.9	15.4
Very low likelihood	3.6	7.9	4.4
Don't know	7.9	6.6	7.7
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for January 2025 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 January 28 to February 2, 2025, 604 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 151 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 $\pm 3.57\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Shiluv-i2r Research and Polling Institute. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>

