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1. How do you feel about Israel's situation in the following areas in the foreseeable future? Democratic rule

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	10.6	4.1	9.5
Quite optimistic	32.4	18.6	30.1
Quite pessimistic	31.7	42	33.5
Very pessimistic	20.8	32	22.7
Don't know	4.5	3.3	4.2
Total	100	100	100

2. How do you feel about Israel's situation in the following areas in the foreseeable future? The security situation

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	6.5	2.7	5.9
Quite optimistic	33.3	7.4	28.9
Quite pessimistic	35.6	37.2	35.9
Very pessimistic	22.9	52.7	28
Don't know	1.7	--	1.3
Total	100	100	100

3. How do you feel about Israel's situation in the following areas in the foreseeable future? The economic situation

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	7.7	--	6.4
Quite optimistic	27.3	15.4	25.3
Quite pessimistic	34.2	33.9	34.2
Very pessimistic	28.3	48.7	31.8
Don't know	2.5	2	2.3
Total	100	100	100

4. How do you feel about Israel's situation in the following areas in the foreseeable future? Social cohesion

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	3.9	3.4	3.8
Quite optimistic	18.1	12.7	17.1
Quite pessimistic	35.4	38	35.9
Very pessimistic	38.5	44	39.4
Don't know	4.1	1.9	3.8
Total	100	100	100

5. In your opinion, to what extent is the security of Israel one of President Trump's main considerations?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very large extent	6.3	36.6	11.4
To a fairly large extent	34.9	22.6	32.8
To a fairly small extent	39.9	29.5	38.1
To a very small extent	14.4	4.7	12.8
Don't know	4.5	6.6	4.9
Total	100	100	100

Assuming that the United States and Iran reach an agreement to end the war, do you think that the agreement will include or will not include provisions that achieve each of the following goals? [Goals presented in a random order]

6. Prevent the continuation of the Iranian nuclear weapons program

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it will include	17.4	18	17.5
Think it will include	39.9	30.6	38.3
Think it will not include	26	33.2	27.2
Certain it will not include	11.7	12.1	11.8
Don't know	5	6.1	5.2
Total	100	100	100

7. Remove the Iranian ballistic missile threat

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it will include	7.2	11.3	7.9
Think it will include	23.3	26.1	23.8
Think it will not include	39.7	41.9	40.1
Certain it will not include	23.6	15.3	22.2
Don't know	6.2	5.4	6
Total	100	100	100

8. Weaken the regime of the ayatollahs

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it will include	6.4	12.6	7.5
Think it will include	20.7	20.7	20.7
Think it will not include	34.5	42	35.8
Certain it will not include	30.2	20	28.5
Don't know	8.2	4.7	7.5
Total	100	100	100



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9. If the war with Iran has indeed ended, to what extent do you think this serves Israel's security interests?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To very large extent	9.8	22.6	11.9
To a fairly large extent	19.3	38.1	22.5
To a fairly small extent	36.4	29.4	35.2
To a very small extent/Not at all	26.3	3.3	22.4
Don't know	8.2	6.6	8
Total	100	100	100

10. On a scale from 1 = very poor to 5 = very good, how would you rate Israel's handling of Hezbollah in the north?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1 = very poor	29.9	20	28.2
2	23.1	27.4	23.8
3	25.5	28.8	26.1
4	13.1	6.6	12
5 = very good	6.4	1.3	5.5
Don't know	2	15.9	4.4
Total	100	100	100

11. Would you support or oppose a law to restrict prime ministers to two terms of office, assuming that the law would only apply to those who became prime minister after it passed?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly support	39.6	12.7	35
Somewhat support	25.7	25.9	25.8
Somewhat oppose	12.6	19.4	13.7
Strongly oppose	9.8	19.2	11.4
Don't know	12.3	22.8	14.1
Total	100	100	100

12. In your opinion, should Prime Minister Netanyahu stand or not stand at the upcoming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain he should stand	22.2	1.3	18.6
Think he should stand	17.4	9.3	16
Think he should not stand	15.1	48.1	20.7
Certain he should not stand	41.6	34.6	40.4



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Don't know	3.7	6.7	4.3
Total	100	100	100

13. In your opinion, which of the two main political blocs is better prepared for the election campaign at the current time?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The coalition bloc is better prepared	25.7	2	21.7
The opposition bloc is better prepared	13.9	27.2	16.2
Both blocs are equally well prepared	18.5	24.7	19.5
Neither of the two blocs is prepared	28	14.7	25.8
Don't know	13.9	31.4	16.8
Total	100	100	100

14. In your estimation, which of the two blocs has a better chance of forming the next government?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The current coalition bloc has a better chance	36	6.7	31
The current opposition bloc has a better chance	26.2	33.2	27.4
Both blocs have an equal chance	18.3	22.1	18.9
Don't know	19.5	38	22.7
Total	100	100	100

15. If the political bloc that you do not support wins the upcoming elections and forms the next government, will you consider or not consider leaving Israel?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain I will consider it	4.8	3.3	4.5
Think I will consider it	13	12	12.8
Think I will not consider it	16.6	51.3	22.5
Certain I will not consider it	58.6	25.4	52.9
Don't know	7	8	7.3
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for May 2026 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 May 31 to June 5, 2026, 603 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 $\pm 3.57\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Shihuv-i2r Research and Polling Institute. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>