

The Peace Index – February 2015

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1. What is your position on conducting peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly in favor	26.5%	51.9%	30.7%
Moderately in favor	33.5%	16.1%	30.6%
Moderately opposed	12.9%	6.6%	11.9%
Strongly opposed	18.1%	8.6%	16.5%
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.0%	16.7%	10.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2. Do you believe or not believe that negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will lead in the coming years to peace between Israel and the Palestinians?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly believe	5.3%	1.6%	4.7%
Moderately believe	21.7%	40.4%	24.8%
Moderately do not believe	22.6%	21.8%	22.4%
Do not believe at all	46.9%	22.5%	42.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	3.6%	13.7%	5.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

3. In your view, which bloc of parties has the greater chance to form the government after the upcoming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The right-wing bloc	61.0%	26.5%	55.3%
The center-left bloc	22.4%	30.0%	23.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	16.6%	43.5%	21.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

4. And which bloc would you want to form the government after the upcoming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The right-wing bloc	48.9%	10.6%	42.6%
The center-left bloc	35.8%	47.8%	37.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	15.3%	41.5%	19.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

5. U.S. national security adviser Susan Rice recently said that Netanyahu's decision to address the U.S. Congress is destructive to U.S.-Israeli relations. To what extent are her words a bad sign regarding the state of these relations?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To a very great extent	14.6%	14.8%	14.7%
To a moderately great extent	21.9%	4.1%	19.0%
To a moderately small extent	26.8%	12.4%	24.4%
To a very small extent/ Not at all	27.5%	25.8%	27.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.1%	42.9%	14.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

6. In your view, which of these two is the main consideration behind Prime Minister Netanyahu's refusal to cancel or postpone his visit to Washington to address Congress; did it stem more from:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The consideration that a speech of this kind will strengthen him in Israel for the upcoming elections	41.1%	26.8%	38.7%
His honest belief that his address can change the Americans' positions on the agreement with Iran and prevent the signing of an agreement that is bad for Israel	44.7%	11.7%	39.2%
Both to the same extent	6.4%	20.9%	8.8%
Don't know/Decline to answer	7.8%	40.5%	13.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

7. In your view, to what extent is Israel currently dependent on the United States in the following regards:?

Jews:

	Not dependent at all	Dependent to a moderately small degree	Dependent to a moderately large degree	Dependent to a very large degree	Don't know	Total
In the military-security regard	3.5%	11.3%	42.3%	40.5%	2.4%	100%
In the diplomatic-political regard	6.2%	13.9%	41.2%	33.9%	4.8%	100%
In the economic regard	4.5%	21.4%	41.3%	29.3%	3.5%	100%

Arabs:

	Not dependent at all	Dependent to a moderately small degree	Dependent to a moderately large degree	Dependent to a very large degree	Don't know	Total
In the military-security regard	8.0%	2.0%	15.4%	49.6%	25.0%	100%
In the diplomatic-political regard	2.6%	4.1%	20.4%	50.4%	22.5%	100%
In the economic regard	5.8%	5.0%	22.4%	47.0%	19.9%	100%

General Public:

	Not dependent at all	Dependent to a moderately small degree	Dependent to a moderately large degree	Dependent to a very large degree	Don't know	Total
In the military-security regard	4.2%	9.8%	37.8%	42.0%	6.1%	100%
In the diplomatic-political regard	5.6%	12.3%	37.7%	36.6%	7.7%	100%
In the economic regard	4.8%	18.7%	38.1%	32.2%	6.2%	100%

8. Who, in your opinion, is more responsible for the recent deterioration in the relations between the Israeli government headed by Netanyahu and the U.S. administration headed by Obama?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Mainly the U.S. administration headed by Obama	32.1%	7.9%	28.0%
Mainly the Israeli government headed by Netanyahu	27.1%	20.7%	26.0%
Both sides to an equal extent	34.4%	39.9%	35.3%
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.5%	31.4%	10.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

9. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that the severe reactions of President Obama and members of his administration to Netanyahu's address to the U.S. Congress are an attempt by the Americans to harm Netanyahu's chances in the upcoming Israeli elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly agree	18.5%	11.7%	17.4%
Moderately agree	24.1%	10.8%	21.9%
Don't agree so much	25.5%	22.9%	25.1%
Don't agree at all	23.4%	11.7%	21.4%
Don't know/Refuse	8.5%	42.9%	14.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

10. As it appears so far, in your opinion will Netanyahu's address to Congress mainly benefit or damage Israel's national interests?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Mainly benefit	39.3%	28.5%	37.5%
Mainly damage	29.1%	20.1%	27.6%
Neither benefit nor damage	17.9%	15.3%	17.5%
Don't know/Decline to answer	13.6%	36.1%	17.3%

Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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11. In the context of the debates surrounding the upcoming elections, the issue of the rights of same-sex couples (homosexuals and lesbians) has also made its way to the agenda. Do you support or oppose same-sex couples in the state of Israel having legal rights like those of other couples:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strongly support	35.7%	1.3%	30.0%
Moderately support	25.9%	6.7%	22.7%
Moderately oppose	10.6%	4.5%	9.6%
Strongly oppose	18.2%	72.2%	27.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	9.7%	15.3%	10.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

12. Some claim that no matter which party forms the next government, the peace process with the Palestinians will not advance because there is no solution to the disputes between the sides. Do you agree or disagree with this claim

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Don't agree at all	15.9%	16.4%	16.0%
Moderately disagree	16.5%	15.4%	16.3%
Moderately agree	22.1%	19.5%	21.7%
Strongly agree	41.4%	11.1%	36.4%
Don't know/Decline to answer	4.1%	37.5%	9.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

13. In your opinion, if a government headed by HaMahaneh HaTzioni (the Zionist Camp) (headed by Isaac Herzog and Tzipi Livni) is formed, will the policy on building in the settlements in Judea and Samaria change or not change compared to the policy of the Netanyahu government

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it won't change	8.5%	13.6%	9.4%
I think it won't change	16.7%	13.0%	16.1%
I think it will change	35.8%	21.9%	33.5%
I'm sure it will change	30.3%	17.8%	28.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.6%	33.6%	12.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

14. And if after the upcoming elections a government headed by Herzog/Livni is formed, will the Palestinian leadership then show or not show greater flexibility and readiness for concessions in the context of the peace negotiations?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
I'm sure it will show greater flexibility	8.7%	12.6%	9.4%
I think it will show greater flexibility	21.1%	9.7%	19.2%
I think it won't show greater flexibility	20.1%	11.1%	18.6%
I'm sure it won't show greater flexibility	43.4%	23.5%	40.1%
Don't know/Decline to answer	6.6%	43.1%	12.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

15. In your view, will the attitude of the U.S. administration toward a government headed by Herzog/Livni, if formed, be:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Friendlier than toward the government headed by Netanyahu	48.5%	20.3%	43.8%
Friendlier to the same extent as toward the government headed by Netanyahu	33.0%	17.1%	30.4%
Less friendly than toward the government headed by Netanyahu	6.9%	13.5%	8.0%
Depends on the policy of the government headed by Herzog/Livni	2.9%	10.8%	4.2%
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.6%	38.2%	13.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

16. Different factors lead people to vote for a particular party for the Knesset. Among the following factors, which, in your view, is the main one that will influence your decision on which party to vote for in the upcoming elections?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The party's platform and positions	27.6%	12.1%	25.0%
What the party did in the previous Knesset for people like you	14.4%	7.1%	13.2%
The party's list of candidates for the Knesset	10.4%	2.3%	9.0%
Loyalty to a party for which you voted in previous elections	13.2%	23.3%	14.9%
The head of the party	10.4%	0%	8.7%
The party's chances of being in the government after the elections	6.6%	2.4%	5.9%
All to the same degree/There is no main factor/None of them	5.0%	5.3%	5.0%
Other	4.4%	0%	3.7%
Don't know/Decline to answer	8.1%	47.5%	14.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%