

The Peace Index – October 2012

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

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly in favor	28.8	24.9	53.8
2. Somewhat in favor	36.5	40.8	8.5
3. Somewhat opposed	16.1	16.6	12.6
4. Strongly opposed	13.4	12.0	22.3
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	5.2	5.6	2.8

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

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly believe	6.3	3.7	23.1
2. Somewhat believe	19.8	20.7	14.1
3. Somewhat don't believe	28.1	30.5	12.5
4. Don't believe at all	44.5	43.6	50.3
5. I don't know\ refuse to answer	1.3	1.4	

3. In terms of Israel's interests, who would be the preferred winner of the U.S. elections next month?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The Democratic candidate, incumbent President Barack Obama	24.8	21.6	45.3
2. The Republican candidate, Mitt Romney	51.5	57.2	14.9
3. No difference	7.7	4.4	29.2
4. Don't know / Decline to answer	15.9	16.8	10.6

4. To what extent will the results of the U.S. election influence the Israeli public's voting in the upcoming Knesset elections?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Strongly influence it	9.3	5.6	33.5
2. Moderately influence it	16.9	16.9	16.8
3. Won't influence it very much	32.3	35.6	11.1
4. Won't influence it at all	32.4	33.3	26.3
5. It depends on who is elected	1.3	1.2	2.5
6. Don't know / Decline to answer	7.7	7.4	9.8

5. In your opinion, during Binyamin Netanyahu's current term as prime minister were there opportunities to restart the negotiations with the Palestinians that he did not take, or were there no such opportunities?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. There were such opportunities	35.3	32.1	55.9
2. There were no such opportunities	50.5	52.7	36.1
3. Don't know / Decline to answer	14.2	15.2	8.0

6. Some claim that when it comes to Israel's foreign and defense policy toward the Palestinians, it will make no difference which government is formed after the upcoming elections because the policy in this area will be quite similar in any case. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally agree	23.9	21.0	43.1
2. Somewhat agree	36.6	38.9	21.5
3. Somewhat disagree	21.3	23.8	5.5
4. Totally disagree	13.9	13.1	19.1
5. Don't know / Decline to answer	4.3	3.3	10.8

7. Some claim that when it comes to social and economic policy, it will make no difference which government is formed after the upcoming elections because any government's policy in this area will be pretty much the same. Do you agree or disagree with this claim?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally agree	22.5	17.4	55.6
2. Somewhat agree	26.0	28.8	7.4
3. Somewhat disagree	25.2	28.1	6.4
4. Totally disagree	21.1	21.1	21.4
5. Don't know / Decline to answer	5.2	4.6	9.2

8. In your opinion, is it desirable or undesirable for Arab parties to be members of the coalition government that will be formed?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Very desirable	9.4	4.6	40.6
2. Somewhat desirable	22.5	23.5	16.3
3. Somewhat undesirable	22.8	24.8	10.2
4. Very undesirable	37.2	39.1	24.7
5. It makes no difference to me	3.7	3.9	2.5
6. Don't know / Decline to answer	4.4	4.1	5.6

9. When you consider which party to vote for in the upcoming elections, what will be most important to you?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Who the leader of the party is	28.7	27.3	37.6
2. What the party's ideology is (i.e., its positions and ideas)	48.6	51.5	29.4
3. Both of the above to the same degree	15.2	16.7	5.3
4. Neither of the above	5.2	2.8	21.4
5. Don't know / Decline to answer	2.3	1.7	6.3

10. When it comes to ideology, which of the following will be most important to you when you consider which party to vote for?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. The party's positions on the security and peace issue	44.1	41.6	59.9
2. The party's positions on maintaining economic stability	21.4	20.8	25.5
3. The party's positions on social issues, such as reducing socio-economic gaps and education	28.6	31.1	12.1
4. Don't know/ No position / Decline to answer	5.9	6.5	2.5

11. In your opinion, is there or is there not a clear difference between the positions of the Labor Party and the Likud Party on issues of security and peace?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. There is a clear difference	47.0	49.9	27.7
2. There is no clear difference	39.2	37.9	47.5
3. Don't know/ No position / Decline to answer	13.9	12.1	24.9

12. A voter who does not support any of the parties casts a "white slip" (a blank ballot) in the ballot box. Until now, the Elections Committee has not published how many people cast blank ballots; rather, white slips and invalidated slips have been tallied together. Are you for or against publishing the number of white slips separately?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. Totally in favor	30.1	31.6	20.1
2. In favor	35.5	37.0	26.1
3. Against	14.5	11.9	30.7
4. Totally against	7.1	5.9	14.4
5. Don't know / Decline to answer	12.9	13.5	8.7

13. To what extent are you currently sure that you will be voting in the elections that will be held three months from now?

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I'm sure I will vote	67.9	72.9	35.6
2. I think I will vote	16.3	17.1	10.7
3. I think I will not vote	4.9	3.7	12.6
4. I am sure I will not vote	5.6	4.0	16.0
5. Don't know / Decline to answer	5.3	2.3	25.2

14. How sure are you currently of who you will vote for in the elections that will be held three months from now ? (Note: This question was not asked of respondents who answered the previous question by saying that they are sure they will not vote in the upcoming elections.)

	General Public	Jews	Arabs
1. I am sure who I am voting for	42.9	42.9	43.7
2. I think I know who I am voting for	30.1	30.9	21.9
3. I am not sure who I am voting for	14.0	13.3	21.2
4. I totally do not know who I am voting for	10.6	11.0	6.1
5. Don't know / Decline to answer	2.4	1.9	7.0