

(incorporating the War in Gaza Public Survey 12)



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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	11.6	7.3	10.8
Moderately optimistic	33.1	17.3	30.4
Moderately pessimistic	31.1	26.4	30.3
Very pessimistic	18.6	47.1	23.4
Don't know	5.6	1.9	5.1
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	6.8	9.1	7.2
Moderately optimistic	34.3	11.1	30.3
Moderately pessimistic	39.1	26.6	37.0
Very pessimistic	15.1	50.3	21.1
Don't know	4.7	2.9	4.4
Total	100	100	100

On a scale from 1 = very bad to 5 = very good, how would you define Israel's situation today in terms of:

3. Its international standing:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Not good at all	18.5	46.7	23.3
2	25.7	16.0	24.1
3	33.3	16.6	30.5
4	16.3	9.2	15.1
5=Very good	5.9	7.5	6.1
Don't know	0.3	4.0	0.9
Total	100	100	100

4. The likelihood of recovering in the foreseeable future:

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Not good at all	7.1	36.9	12.2
2	10.2	17.9	11.5

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3	31.5	25.4	30.4
4	30.1	6.5	26.1
5=Very good	17.0	9.2	15.7
Don't know	4.1	4.1	4.1
Total	100	100	100

5. In your opinion, what should the State of Israel do in the current situation?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Avoid expanding the military operation into Rafah in order not to endanger relations with Egypt and the deal being brokered for the release of the hostages	12.2	64.5	21.1
Expand the military operation into Rafah in order to pressure Hamas into agreeing to a better deal for the release of the hostages	74.1	16.9	64.4
Don't know	13.7	18.6	14.5
Total	100	100	100

6. The month of Ramadan is about to begin. Against the backdrop of the current security situation, what do you think will be the impact of the special restrictions that the government of Israel has imposed on the entry of Arab citizens of Israel to the Temple Mount area?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Will increase the likelihood of acts of violence and attacks occurring during Ramadan	44.9	68.8	49.0
Will not effect the likelihood of acts of violence and attacks occurring during Ramadan	17.4	11.0	16.3
Will reduce the likelihood of acts of violence and attacks occurring during Ramadan	22.4	8.6	20.0
Don't know	15.3	11.6	14.7
Total	100	100	100

7. Following the increase in the defense burden that has resulted from the events of October 7 and the Iron Swords war, the Israeli Defense Service Law is set to change: The period of mandatory service for men will be restored to three years (with increased remuneration applied to part of this period), reserve duty will be extended to the age of 46, and reservists will also have to serve for more days each year. In your opinion, should the exemption from military service granted to Haredim also be changed?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it should	47.0	20.7	42.5
Think it should	23.2	13.2	21.5
Think it should not	8.7	5.4	8.1
Certain it should not	13.6	17.5	14.3
Don't know	7.5	43.2	13.6
Total	100	100	100

8. Similarly, should the exemption from military service granted to Arab citizens of Israel also be changed?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it should	20.1	17.6	19.6
Think it should	22.3	10.0	20.2
Think it should not	19.1	15.8	18.5
Certain it should not	22.0	37.5	24.6
Don't know	16.5	19.1	17.1
Total	100	100	100

9. On a scale from 1 = not at all to 5 = fully, against the backdrop of the disagreements between the Israeli government and the US administration over a political agreement and the continuation of the fighting in Gaza, to what extent is it currently possible to rely on continued massive American support for Israel?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
1=Not at all	7.6	14.9	8.8
2	11.3	7.3	10.6
3	36.6	22.7	34.2
4	26.4	11.2	23.8
5=Fully	12.8	27.6	15.3
Don't know	5.3	16.3	7.3
Total	100	100	100

10. In your opinion, should the National Unity party, led by Benny Gantz and Gadi Eisenkot, remain in the government headed by Netanyahu or leave it?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Certain it should remain	25.7	12.4	23.4
Think it should remain	36.1	9.2	31.5
Think it should leave	12.2	15.2	12.7
Certain it should leave	11.2	39.6	16.0
Don't know	14.8	23.6	16.4
Total	100	100	100

11. To what extent do you feel part of the State of Israel and its problems?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very much	52.1	24.8	47.4
Quite a lot	33.6	21.2	31.5
Not so much	10.2	38.8	15.1
Not at all	2.0	11.4	3.6
Don't know	2.1	3.8	2.4
Total	100	100	100

12. How would you characterize your personal situation today?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very good	13.8	10.5	13.2
Good	45.3	16.7	40.5
So-so	34.1	43.6	35.7
Bad	5.2	17.4	7.3
Very bad	1.1	11.2	2.9
Don't know	0.5	0.6	0.4
Total	100	100	100

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