

Findings - The Peace Index- February 2019

The survey was conducted by the Midgam Institute between 10-11 March 2019 among 600 respondents, 500 Jewish respondents and 100 Arab respondents. The survey was carried out in Hebrew, Arabic and Russian. Calculations were adjusted so that the respondents would constitute a representative national sample of the adult population aged 18 and above. Maximum sampling error: +/-4.1%.

1. What is your position regarding negotiations for peace between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	87	17.5%	24	23.7%	111	18.5%
Moderately in favor	177	35.3%	42	42.1%	219	36.4%
Moderately opposed	117	23.3%	8	7.9%	124	20.7%
Very much opposed	78	15.7%	14	13.9%	92	15.4%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	41	8.2%	12	12.5%	54	8.9%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

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

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much believe	28	5.6%	7	6.8%	35	5.8%
Moderately believe	103	20.7%	29	29.5%	133	22.1%
Moderately disbelieve	172	34.4%	17	17.2%	189	31.6%
Very much disbelieve	173	34.6%	37	36.7%	210	35.0%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	23	4.7%	10	9.8%	33	5.5%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

3. For each of the solutions to the Israel-Palestinian conflict, indicate the extent to which you support or oppose it.

The creation of an independent Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much support	61	12.2%	38	38.1%	99	16.5%
Moderately support	134	26.9%	32	31.6%	166	27.7%
Moderately oppose	99	19.9%	4	4.2%	104	17.3%
Very much oppose	168	33.7%	11	11.0%	179	29.9%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	37	7.3%	15	15.1%	52	8.6%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

The creation of a binational state between the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea with full and equal rights for Jews and Palestinians

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much support	9	1.7%	36	35.7%	44	7.4%
Moderately support	58	11.6%	18	18.4%	77	12.8%
Moderately oppose	114	22.8%	13	13.0%	127	21.2%
Very much oppose	276	55.3%	15	15.4%	292	48.6%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	43	8.6%	18	17.5%	60	10.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Annexation of the occupied territories and the creation of one state under Israeli rule with limited rights for Palestinians.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	43	8.7%	5	4.6%	48	8.0%
Moderately in favor	103	20.7%	11	11.2	115	19.1%
Moderately opposed	105	21.0%	27	26.6%	132	21.9%
Very much opposed	193	38.5%	38	38.2%	231	38.5%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	55	11.1%	19	19.3%	75	12.5%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Continuing the existing situation

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	39	7.8	5	5.2	44	7.4
Moderately in favor	117	23.4	8	7.8%	125	20.8%
Moderately opposed	148	29.5%	20	20.2%	168	28.0%
Very much opposed	144	28.8	54	53.8%	198	33.0%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	52	10.4%	13	13.0%	65	10.8%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

4. Which of these solutions do you believe has the best chance of being achieved in the foreseeable future?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Creation of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel	106	21.3%	24	23%	130	21.7%
Creation of a binational state between the Jordan and the sea with full and equal rights for Jews and Palestinians	23	4.6%	4	3.8%	27	4.5%
Annexation of the territories and the creation of one state under Israeli rule with limited rights to Palestinians	74	14.7%	12	12.3%	86	14.3%
Continuing the existing situation	230	45.9%	42	41.9%	272	45.3%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	67	13.5%	18	18.2%	86	14.3%
Sum total	500	100	100	100%	600	100%

5. With the assumption that one of the following two situations will occur- After the elections, Netanyahu succeeds in forming a coalition. Two- The attorney general decides to issue indictments against Netanyahu after a hearing, which of the following considerations should predominate?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
The consideration that the rule of law should lead to his standing trial, and if he is found guilty,	247	49.4%	42	41.6%	288	48.1%

to his resignation.							
The consideration that the voters' will should lead to his continuing to serve as prime minister and Netanyahu should not stand trial for as long as he is serving.	207	41.5%	32	32.4%	240	40%	
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	46	9.2%	26	26%	72	12.0%	
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%	

6. In your opinion, was the attorney general's decision to issue indictments against Netanyahu in the three cases professional and unbiased or did it stem from bias and pressures from both supporters and opponents of Netanyahu?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Stemmed from bias against Netanyahu and the wish to influence the elections	183	36.6%	24	23.7%	207	34.5%
Stemmed from professional and unbiased considerations	188	37.5%	45	44.6%	232	38.7%
Stemmed from bias in favor of Netanyahu and the wish to show leniency in the indictments against him	42	8.5%	9	8.7%	51	8.5%
Don't know	87	17.4%	23	23.0%	110	18.4%

Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%
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7. For each of the following issues, please cite the extent to which it is a consideration in your decision about whom to vote for.

Corruption and morality

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very important consideration	209	51.8%	58	57.7%	267	44.5%
Important consideration	152	30.4%	18	17.7%	170	28.3%
Not an important consideration	94	18.2%				
Not at all an important consideration	16	3.3%	2	1.6%	18	3.0%
Don't know	29	5.8%	17	17.0%	46	7.7%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Security-political

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very important consideration	267	53.4%	43	43.3%	310	51.7%
Important consideration	172	34.4%	28	28.1%	200	33.4%
Not an important consideration	28	5.5%	9	9.3%	37	6.2%
Not at all an important consideration	10	1.9%	2	1.8%	11	1.9%
Don't know	24	4.7%	18	17.5%	41	6.9%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Socio-economic

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very important consideration	255	51.0%	44	44.5%	300	49.9%
Important consideration	182	36.3%	33	32.6%	214	35.7%

Not an important consideration	31	6.2%	6	6.1%	37	6.2%
Not at all and important consideration	9	1.9%	1	0.7%	10	1.7%
Don't know	23	4.6%	16	16.1%	39	6.5%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Religion and tradition

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very important consideration	115	22.9%	34	33.5%	148	24.7%
Important consideration	113	22.6%	26	26.3%	139	23.2%
Not an important consideration	149	29.8%	10	9.9%	159	26.5%
Not at all and important consideration	98	19.6%	15	14.7%	113	18.8%
Don't know	26	5.1%	15	15.5%	41	6.8%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

8. What type of government would you prefer after the coming elections?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Right-wing government	202	40.3%	8	7.5%	209	34.9%
Right-center government	123	24.6%	6	6.0%	129	21.5%
National unity government-Right, center and left	78	15.6%	16	16.3%	95	15.8%
Center-left government	60	12.0%	8	7.5%	68	11.3%
Left-wing government	14	2.9%	38	38.4%	53	8.8%
Don't know	23	4.5%	24	24.3%	47	7.8
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

9. In your opinion, which type of government has the best chance of being formed?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Right-wing government	194	38.0%	33	33.3%	227	37.9%
Right-center government	182	36.3%	25	25.3%	207	34.5%
National unity government- Right, center and left	50	9.9%	7	6.9%	57	9.4%
Center-left government	27	5.4%	7	7.2%	34	5.7%
Left-wing government	3	0.7%	2	2.4%	6	1.0%
Don't know	44	8.8%	25	24.8%	69	11.5%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

10. How would you evaluate the Blue and White party led by Benny Ganz, Yair Lapid, Boogie Yaalon and Gabi Ashkenazi on a political-security scale?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Right-wing party	16	3.3%	15	14.8%	31	5.2%
Right-center party	86	17.1%	37	36.6%	122	20.4%
Center party	114	22.8%	5	4.9%	119	19.8%
Left- center party	146	29.2%	5	5.0%	151	25.2%
Left-wing party	89	17.8%	7	6.6%	95	15.9%
Don't know	49	9.8%	32	32.1%	81	13.5%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

11. In your opinion, should the prosecution offer Netanyahu plea bargaining determining that he will resign from all political positions in return for cancellation of the indictments issued against him?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Yes. Netanyahu should be	66	13.2%	9	8.6%	74	12.4%

offered a plea bargain							
No. The indictments should be cancelled without a plea bargain	137	27.3%	8	7.8%	144	24.1%	
No. He should stand trial like any other citizen	227	54.4%	54	54.4%	281	46.9%	
No opinion, Refuse to answer	71	14.1%	29	29.2%	100	16.7%	
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%	

Permanent background variables:

1. From a political-security standpoint, how would you define yourself?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Right-wing	167	33.4%	6	6.1%	173	28.9%
Moderate right-wing	165	33.0%	5	4.9%	170	28.3%
Center	90	18.1%	49	48.7%	139	23.2%
Moderate left-wing	41	8.2%	5	5.3%	47	7.8%
Left-wing	13	2.6%	14	14.5%	28	4.6%
Don't know	16	3.2%	14	13.7%	30	4.9%
Refuse to answer	7	1.5%	7	6.7%	14	2.3%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

2. Which political list did you vote for in the last Knesset elections?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
The Zionist Camp: Labour and Hatenua: Joint list under the leadership of Yitzchak Herzog and Tsipi Livni	55	10.9%	1	1.4%	56	9.3%
The Likud under the leadership of	122	24.4%	7	6.8%	129	21.5%

Binyamin Netanyahu							
Yisrael Beitenu under the leadership of Avigdor Lieberman	40	7.9%				40	6.6%
Shas under the leadership of Arie Deri	22	4.3%	1	0.8%	22	3.7%	
Habayit Hayehudi under the leadership of Naftali Bennett	44	8.8%			44	7.4%	
Meretz under the leadership of Zehava Galon	17	3.4%	3	2.6%	20	3.3%	
Yahadut Ha-Torah / Agudat Yisrael	22	4.3%			22	3.6	
Yesh Atid under the leadership of Yair Lapid	44	8.7%	4	3.7%	47	7.9%	
Kulanu under the leadership of Moshe Kahlon	33	6.7%	1	0.9%	34	5.7%	
Yahad under the leadership of Eli Yishai	21	4.3%			21	3.6%	
Hareshima Hamishutefet/ Arab parties	2	0.3%	42	4.8%	44	7.3%	
Aleh Yarok-Proud (gay) of my choice)	4	0.9%			4	0.7%	
The Arab list			2	2.5%	2	0.4%	
Democracy Party	1	0.2%			1	0.1%	
Kulanu Haverim	6	1.1%			6	1.0%	
Meginim al Hayeladim	1	0.2%			1	0.1%	
Hapiratim-Hapetek Halavan							
I didn't vote even though I had the right to vote.	12	2.5%	18	16.4%	29	4.8%	
I didn't vote because I didn't have the right to vote.	16	3.2%	7	7.4%	23	3.9%	
Refuse to answer	32	6.4%	9	8.6	40	6.7%	

Another list	6	1.2%	7	7.2%	13	2.2%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Demographic variables

1. Gender

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Men	238	47.7%	49	48.5%	287	47.8%
Women	262	52.3%	51	51.5%	313	52.2%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

2. What is your age?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
18-24	68	13.6%	21	20.8%	89	14.8%
25-34	102	20.4%	26	25.7%	128	21.3%
35-44	96	19.1%	15	15.4%	111	18.5%
55-64	73	14.7%	11	10.6%	84	14.0%
65+	89	17.7%	8	7.9%	96	16.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

3. For Arabs

	Arabs	
	Frequency	Percent
Muslim	77	77.4%
Christian	11	11.2%
Druze	11	11.4%
Sum total	100	100%

For Jews

4. How would you define yourself:

	Jews	
	Frequency	Percent
Secular	217	43.5%
Traditional- Not so religious	119	23.8%
Traditional religious	61	12.3%
Religious	56	11.1%
Ultra-orthodox	47	9.4%

Sum total	600	100%
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For Arabs

5. How would you define yourself?

	Arabs	
	Frequency	Percent
Very religious	1	1.3%
Religious	32	32.5%
Traditional	49	48.5%
Secular	14	14.1%
Refuse to answer	4	3.6%
Sum total	100	100%

For all

6. The average income for a family in Israel is 13,500 NIS net. (For a single person, 7950 NIS net). In comparison to the average, your family income is:

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much under the average	85	17.0%	40	40.2%	125	20.9%
A bit under average	90	17.9%	28	28.0%	118	19.6%
Equal to the average	87	17.5%	18	18.2%	106	17.6%
A bit above average	135	27.0%	5	5.0%	140	23.3%
Very much above average	47	9.3%	2	2.3%	49	8.1%
Refuse to answer	57	11.4%	6	6.3%	63	10.5%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

7. What is your level of education?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Completed middle school or less	5	1.0%	14	14.3%	19	3.2%
Completed high school with no	41	8.2	28	28.2	69	11.5%

matriculation certificate							
Completed high school with a matriculation certificate	108	21.3%	17	17.3%	124	20.6%	
Post high school: Teacher's seminar, nursing school, engineering school	98	19.7%	5	5.3%	104	17.3%	
Academic Bachelor's Degree	144	28.8%	25	25.2%	169	28.2%	
Master's Degree or higher	90	18.1%	4	4.3%	95	15.8%	
Yeshiva	4	0.9%			4	0.7%	
Other	6	1.3%	2	2.2%	9	1.4%	
Refuse to answer	4	0.9%	3	3.2%	8	1.3%	
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%	

For Jews

8. Where were you born

	Frequency	Percent
Israel	382	76.5%
Former Soviet Union	78	15.6%
Asia/Africa	16	2.3%
Europe/America	23	4.6%
Sum total	600	100%

9. For those born in the Former Soviet Union. When did you immigrate to Israel?

	Frequency	Percent
Before 1990	5	6.1%
1990 and later	73	93.9%

Sum total	78	100%
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10. For those born in Israel: Where was your father born?

	Frequency	Percent
Israel	184	48.1%
Former Soviet Union	26	6.8%
Asia/Africa	80	20.9%
Europe/America	93	24.2%
Sum total	382	100%

For all

11. What is your family status?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Single/ Not living with a partner	91	18.2%	28	27.6%	119	19.8%
Married/ Living with a partner	351	70.2%	67	67.2%	418	69.7%
Divorced/ Separated/ Widow(er)	55	10.9%	3	2.8%	57	9.5%
Refuse to answer	3	0.6%	3	2.6%	6	0.8%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%