

Findings - The Peace Index- August 2019

The survey was conducted by the Midgam Institute between 3-5 September 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 opinion regarding negotiations for peace between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	89	17.9%	54	53.6%	143	23.8%
Moderately in favor	179	35.7%	28	28.4%	207	34.5%
Moderately opposed	115	23.0%	5	4.6%	119	19.9%
Very much opposed	80	15.9%	6	6.2%	86	14.3%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	38	7.5%	7	7.1%	45	7.5%
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 in the coming years?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much believe	13	2.7%	7	7.3%	21	3.5%
Moderately believe	72	14.4%	27	26.7%	99	16.5%
Moderately disbelieve	184	36.9%	27	27.3%	212	35.3%
Very much disbelieve	211	42.1%	29	28.9%	239	39.9%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	19	3.9%	10	9.9%	29	4.9%
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	58	11.6%	43	42.5%	101	16.7%
Moderately support	135	27.1%	30	30.4%	166	27.6%
Moderately oppose	78	15.6%	7	7.3%	85	14.2%
Very much oppose	193	38.6%	9	9.3%	202	33.7%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	36	7.1%	11	10.5%	46	7.7%
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	19	3.9%	28	28.4%	48	8.0%
Moderately support	55	11.0%	31	31.4%	86	14.4%
Moderately oppose	91	18.1%	8	7.6%	98	16.4%
Very much oppose	293	58.5%	17	16.5%	309	51.5%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	42	8.5%	16	16.1%	58	9.7%
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	44	8.8%	4	4.4%	48	8.1%
Moderately in favor	128	25.5%	14	14.0%	142	23.6%
Moderately opposed	99	19.8%	22	22.4%	122	20.3%

Very much opposed		189	37.9%		44	43.6%		233	38.8%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer		40	8.0%		16	15.6%		56	9.2%
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	36	7.2%	2	2.1%	38	6.3%
Moderately in favor	100	19.9%	12	11.7%	111	18.6%
Moderately opposed	169	33.7%	21	21.2%	190	31.7%
Very much opposed	150	30.1%	57	56.9%	207	34.5%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	45	9.1%	8	8.1%	53	8.9%
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	97	19.3%	20	20.1%	117	19.5%
Creation of a binational state between the Jordan and the sea with full and equal rights for Jews and Palestinians	17	3.3%	3	2.8%	20	3.3%

Annexation of the territories and the creation of one state under Israeli rule with limited rights to Palestinians	94	18.7%	7	7.0%	101	16.8%
Continuing the existing situation	241	48.2%	56	55.6%	296	49.4%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	52	10.4%	15	14.5%	67	11.1%
Sum total	500	100	100	100%	600	100%

5. Which government would you like to see formed after the coming elections?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
A right-wing government headed by the Likud with the ultra-Orthodox parties.	146	29.2%	1	0.6%	147	24.4%
A government headed by the Likud with the Blue-White party but without the ultra-Orthodox parties	90	18.0%	2	2.5%	93	15.4%
A government headed by the Likud with the Blue-White party with the ultra-Orthodox parties	49	9.8%	1	0.7%	50	8.2%
A government headed by the Blue-White party with the Likud but without the ultra-Orthodox parties	77	15.4%	9	9.1%	86	14.3%
A government headed by the Blue-White party with the Likud and the	13	2.7%	1	0.6%	14	2.3%

ultra-Orthodox parties						
A center-left government headed by the Blue-White party without the ultra-Orthodox parties.	80	16.0%	65	64.7%	145	24.1%
Don't know	45	18.9%	22	21.9%	67	11.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

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

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
A right-wing government headed by the Likud with the ultra-Orthodox parties.	230	46.0%	29	29.0%	259	43.1%
A government headed by the Likud with the Blue-White party but without the ultra-Orthodox parties	57	11.5%	4	3.6%	61	10.2%
A government headed by the Likud with the Blue-White party with the ultra-Orthodox parties	68	13.6%	11	10.6%	79	13.1%
A government headed by the Blue-White party with the Likud but without the ultra-Orthodox parties	39	7.8%	13	13.4%	53	8.8%
A government headed by the Blue-White party with the Likud and the	33	6.6%	4	3.8%	37	6.1%

ultra-Orthodox parties						
A center-left government headed by the Blue-White party without the ultra-Orthodox parties.	15	3.1%	12	12.0%	27	4.6%
Don't know	57	11.5%	28	27.6%	85	14.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

7. Which of the following considerations will guide you when you vote in the following elections?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Voting for the party that is the closes to my political positions, with no connection to its chances to form the next government.	257	51.3%	61	60.9%	318	52.9%
Voting for the largest party in the bloc that I support, in order to increase its chances of forming the next government.	137	27.5%	12	12.4%	150	25.0%
Another consideration	52	10.4%	8	8.3%	60	10.1%
I don't intend to vote.	28	5.5%	9	8.7%	36	6.1%
Don't know	26	5.2%	10	9.7%	36	6.0%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

8. Benjamin Netanyahu and Moshe Feiglin agreed that, if the Zehut Party withdrew from the coming elections, cannabis legalization for medical use would be advanced. In addition, Netanyahu announced to the media that he viewed Feiglin as a minister in the government he would form. In your opinion, is that agreement proper or improper.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Definitely proper	85	17.0%	6	5.7%	91	15.1%

Relatively proper	123	24.6%	19	18.6%	142	23.6%
Relatively improper	95	19.1%	18	18.5%	114	19.0%
Definitely improper	123	24.7%	28	27.6%	151	25.2%
Don't know	73	14.6%	30	29.7%	103	17.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

9. Should the following lists be allowed to run for the Knesset?

Otzma Yehudit

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Should not be allowed	138	27.5%	50	49.7%	187	31.2%
Should be allowed	284	56.8%	28	27.6%	311	51.9%
Don't know	79	15.7%	23	22.6%	101	16.9%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Joint Arab List

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Should not be allowed	281	56.2%	2	1.9%	283	47.2%
Should be allowed	166	33.2%	92	92.3%	258	43.0%
Don't know	53	10.6%	6	5.8%	59	9.8%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

10. In your opinion, what is the main reason that the prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, did not initiate a wide-ranging military operation against Hamas, like Operation Protective Edge in 2014?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Because he feared that this would harm	173	34.5%	52	52.4%	225	37.5%

his chances in the coming election.						
His decision involved practical-security considerations that an operation wasn't warranted.	269	53.8%	24	23.7%	293	48.8%
Don't know/ refuse to answer	58	11.7%	24	23.9%	82	13.7%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

11. According to reports in the Israeli and American media, there has recently been a certain warming in relations between the United States and Iran. In addition, the United States has expressed opposition to the air force attacks carried out by Israel in Iraq, which contradicted United States interests. In your opinion, how, if at all, will these developments affect the political-security situation of Israel, if Israel continues its present policies towards Iran?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Will negatively affect the situation	149	29.8%	20	19.6%	168	28.1%
Will not affect the situation	233	46.5%	54	54.4%	287	47.8%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	118	23.7%	26	26.0%	144	24.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

12. With the start of the new school year, what is your opinion about the following:

Teachers' salaries

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Definitely adequate	81	16.1%	49	48.9%	130	21.6%
Relatively adequate	91	18.1%	15	15.4%	106	17.6%
Relatively inadequate	148	29.6%	16	15.7%	164	27.3%
Definitely inadequate	131	26.2%	9	9.1%	140	23.3%
Don't know/Refuse to answer	50	9.9%	11	10.9%	61	10.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Teachers' status in Israeli society

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Definitely appropriate	74	14.7%	52	51.9%	126	20.9%
Relatively appropriate	132	26.5%	20	20.3%	152	25.4%
Relatively inappropriate	173	34.7%	12	12.5%	186	31.0%
Definitely inappropriate	94	18.9%	10	9.7%	104	17.3%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	26	5.3%	6	5.6%	32	5.3%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Professional level of teachers in Israel

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Definitely appropriate	78	15.7%	66	66.4%	145	24.1%
Relatively appropriate	171	34.2%	13	13.2%	184	30.7%
Relatively inappropriate	160	32.0%	8	7.7%	168	27.9%
Definitely inappropriate	49	9.8%	8	8.0%	57	9.5%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	42	8.4%	5	4.7%	47	7.8%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

The teacher in Israel as an educational figure

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Definitely appropriate	112	22.4%	55	55.2%	167	27.8%
Relatively appropriate	175	34.9%	20	20.0%	195	32.5%
Relatively inappropriate	141	28.2%	10	9.7%	151	25.2%
Definitely inappropriate	42	8.5%	10	10.4%	53	8.8%

Don't know/ Refuse to answer	30	6.0%	5	4.6%	34	5.7%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

13. The prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, called on the public and ordered the Likud ministers to boycott Channel 12 because they had broadcast the series Our Boys and also due to the information leaks about his being investigated, which he called "a terrorist attack". In your opinion, in a democratic state, is it justified or unjustified for a prime minister to call for a boycott of a broadcasting channel for publicizing material which does not break any law?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
It is certainly justified	54	10.9%	2	1.7%	56	9.4%
I think that it is justified	65	12.9%	3	3.3%	68	11.3%
I think that it is unjustified	131	26.1%	14	13.6%	144	24.0%
It is certainly unjustified	198	36.6%	66	66.1%	264	44.0%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	52	10.4%	15	15.3%	67	11.2%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%