

Findings - The Peace Index- October 2019

The survey was conducted by the Midgam Institute between 27-28 October 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	86	17.2%	36	35.6%	122	20.3%
Moderately in favor	195	39.0%	49	48.6%	243	40.6%
Moderately opposed	102	20.4%	3	2.7%	105	17.4%
Very much opposed	80	15.9%	6	6.1%	86	14.3%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	37	7.7%	7	7.0%	44	7.4%
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	17	3.4%	15	14.9%	32	5.3%
Moderately believe	114	22.7%	33	33.1%	147	24.5%
Moderately disbelieve	172	34.5%	23	23.4%	196	32.6%
Very much disbelieve	182	36.5%	21	20.9%	203	33.9%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	15	2.9%	8	7.8%	22	3.7%
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	59	11.9%	22	22.4%	82	13.6%
Moderately support	145	28.9%	37	36.9%	181	30.2%
Moderately oppose	79	15.9%	12	11.7%	91	15.2%
Very much oppose	183	36.7%	18	17.7%	201	33.5%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	33	6.7%	11	11.3%	45	7.4%
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	14	2.8%	17	17.1%	31	5.2%
Moderately support	48	9.5%	35	35.1%	83	13.8%
Moderately oppose	117	23.4%	13	13.5%	131	21.8%
Very much oppose	274	54.8%	25	25.4%	299	49.9%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	47	9.4%	9	8.9%	56	9.4%
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	53	10.6%	8	7.9%	81	10.2%
Moderately in favor	95	18.9%	17	17.1%	112	18.6%
Moderately opposed	118	23.5%	23	23.2%	141	23.5%
Very much opposed	189	37.7%	35	34.5%	223	37.2%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	46	9.2%	17	17.3%	63	10.5%
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	46	9.3%	4	4.0%	50	8.4%
Moderately in favor	133	26.7%	23	22.8%	156	26.0%
Moderately opposed	130	26.0%	23	23.0%	153	25.5%
Very much opposed	137	27.5%	39	39.0%	177	29.4%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	53	10.5%	11	11.2%	64	10.6%
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	94	18.9%	13	12.7%	107	17.8%
Creation of a binational state between the Jordan and the sea with full and equal rights for Jews and Palestinians	19	3.9%	5	5.2%	25	4.1%
Annexation of the territories and the creation of one state under Israeli rule with limited rights to Palestinians	58	11.5%	12	11.5%	69	11.5%
Continuing the existing situation	279	55.8%	62	61.6%	341	56.8%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	49	9.9%	9	9.0%	58	9.7%
Sum total	500	100	100	100%	600	100%

5. In comparison to other difficult conflicts in the world, like the conflict between Turkey and the Kurds, in your opinion, to what extent is the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians similar or different from them?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very similar	32	6.4%	8	7.8%	40	6.7%
Similar	81	16.2%	18	17.8%	99	16.4%
Different	153	30.7%	25	25.1%	178	29.7%
Very different	142	28.4%	35	34.6%	177	29.4%
Don't know	92	18.3%	15	14.7%	106	17.7%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

6. In your opinion, to what extent does the continuing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians harm or not harm Israel?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Greatly harms	206	41.3%	30	30.3%	237	39.5%
Harms to a certain extent	206	41.2%	23	23.2%	229	38.2%
Does not harm to a certain extent	34	6.9%	28	28.2%	63	10.4%
Does not harm at all	31	6.1%	7	6.7%	37	6.2%
Don't know	22	4.4%	12	11.6%	34	5.7%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

7. In your opinion, do or don't decision makers in Israel do all that they can to prevent another round of fighting?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
They do all that they can.	100	20%	16	16.0%	116	19.3%
They do something, but not enough	271	54.1%	24	23.6%	294	49.1%
They don't do anything	104	20.9%	46	45.6%	150	25.0%
Don't know	25	5.0%	15	14.7%	40	6.6%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

8. Reports by the state comptroller and other experts in government functioning maintain that no fundamental and professional work is being devoted to examining alternative policies that could prevent war. Do you support or oppose legislation determining that decision makers must be required to develop and examine in depth alternative policies during routine times?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much support	96	19.2%	16	15.6%	112	18.6%
Support	213	42.7%	36	36.5%	250	41.6%
Oppose	65	13.0%	14	14.5%	80	13.5%
Very much oppose	34	6.8%	4	4.4%	38	6.4%

Don't know	92	18.4%	29	29.0%	121	20.2%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

9. After Netanyahu did not succeed in forming a government in the time allotted to him, the state president, Ruviv Rivlin, authorized Benny Ganz to form a coalition within the allotted time of 28 days. Do you want Ganz to succeed in forming a government within the time limit or not?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Want	269	53.7%	55	55.2%	324	54.0%
Do not want	164	32.8%	17	17.4%	181	30.2%
Don't know	68	13.5%	27	27.4%	95	15.8%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

10. On the assumption that Benny Ganz will succeed in forming a government, what kind of government would you like it to be?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
A center-left government with Lieberman, supported from the outside by the Arab Joint List	52	10.3%	63	62.5%	114	19.0%
A government with the Likud including Netanyahu, but without the ultra-Orthodox	105	21.0%	3	2.7%	108	17.9%
A government with the Likud without Netanyahu or the ultra-Orthodox	110	22.0%	12	11.9%	122	20.3%
A government with the Likud including Netanyahu and the ultra-Orthodox.	173	34.6%	1	1.2%	174	29.1%
A government with the Likud,	19	3.7%	1	0.7%	19	3.2%

without Netanyahu but with the ultra-Orthodox						
Other	42	8.4%	21	21.0%	63	10.5%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

11. If there is a third round of elections, will you vote for the same party you voted for in the last elections or another party?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
The same party	344	68.8%	63	63.0%	407	67.9%
Another party from the same bloc	39	7.7%	1	0.8%	39	6.6%
A party from a different bloc	13	2.5%	2	1.8%	14	2.4%
Will not vote	52	10.5%	20	20.4%	73	12.1%
Don't know	52	10.5%	14	14.0%	66	11.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

12. In the recent past, soldiers and officers of the IDF have been attacked by "hilltop youths" from the settlement of Yitzhar in Samaria. What is your opinion about the response of security forces to these attacks?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Too severe	47	9.4%	6	5.6%	53	8.8%
Suitable	142	28.4%	15	14.6%	156	26.1%
Too lenient	178	35.6%	56	56.5%	235	39.1%
Don't know	133	26.6%	23	23.4%	156	26.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

13. In your opinion, will the decision of US President Trump not to intervene in the Turkish army invasion of the Kurdish zone in Syria, affect his policy towards Israel?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
It will have a positive effect, deepening his obligation to Israel.	34	6.8%	16	15.8%	50	8.3%

It will have a negative effect.	135	27.0%	16	16.3%	152	25.5%
It will have no effect.	203	40.6%	51	50.9%	254	42.3%
Don't know	128	25.5%	17	17.0%	145	24.1%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

14. Following Netanyahu's hearing, if the attorney general decides to issue an indictment against him, in your opinion, should Netanyahu be offered a plea bargain in which he will resign from all of his political positions and in return, receive a significant lightening of his indictment, or not?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Yes. He should be offered a plea bargain	72	14.4%	6	5.9%	78	13.0%
No. The indictment should be revoked without a plea bargain	134	26.8%	9	8.5%	143	23.8%
Netanyahu should stand trial like any other citizen.	250	49.9%	74	73.7%	323	53.9%
Don't know	44	8.8%	12	11.8%	56	9.3%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

Permanent Background Variables

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

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Rightwing	144	28.7%	1	1.2%	145	24.2%
Moderate right	173	34.6%	1	0.7%	173	28.9%
Center	110	21.9%	43	42.7%	152	25.4%
Moderate left	41	8.2%	9	8.6%	50	8.3%
Leftwing	22	4.4%	24	24.4%	46	7.7%
Don't know	7	1.5%	12	12.1%	20	3.3%
Refuse to answer	3	0.7%	10	10.4%	14	2.3%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%

2. Which party did you vote for in the last elections?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Likud headed by Benjamin Netanyahu	128	25.5%	1	0.8%	128	21.4%
Blue-White headed by Benny Ganz and Yair Lapid	129	25.7%	10	9.9%	139	23.1%
Shas headed by Aryeh Deri	37	7.5%	2	1.5%	39	6.5%
Yahadut Hatorah headed by Yaacov Litzman	31	6.2%			31	5.2%
The Joint Arab List headed by Ayman Odeh	3	0.7%	53	53.3%	57	9.5%
Avodah-Gesher headed by Amir Peretz and Orly Levy Abekasis	23	4.6%	2	1.5%	25	4.1%
Yisrael Beitenu headed by Avigdor Lieberman	35	6.9%	1	0.8%	35	5.0%
Yamina headed by Ayelet Shaked	30	6.0%			30	5.0%
Hamachane Hademocrati headed by Horowitz, Shafir and Barak	20	4.1%	4	3.8%	24	4.0%
Otzma Yehudit headed by Itamar Ben Gvir	10	2.0%	1	0.9%	11	1.8%

Another party	4	0.8%	1	1.4%	5	0.9%
I didn't vote because I didn't have the right to vote.	1	0.2%			1	0.1%
I didn't vote although I had the right to vote.	44	8.7%	13	13.3%	57	9.5%
Refuse to answer	5	1.9%	13	12.8%	18	3.0%
Sum total	500	100%	100	100%	600	100%