

Findings - The Peace Index- May 2021

The Peace Index is conducted by Dr. Nimrod Rosler and Prof. Ephraim Yaar under the auspices of The International Program in Conflict Resolution and Mediation of Tel Aviv University.

The survey was conducted by the iPanel research institute between 26 May 2021- 30 May 2021 among 611 respondents: 510 Jewish respondents and 101 Arab respondents. The survey was carried out in Hebrew and Arabic. 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	94	18%	41	41%	135	22%
Moderately in favor	182	36%	33	33%	215	35%
Moderately opposed	85	17%	6	6%	91	15%
Very much opposed	96	19%	11	11%	107	18%
Don't know	53	10%	10	10%	63	10%
Sum total	510	100%	101	100%	611	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	24	5%	12	12%	36	6%
Moderately believe	106	21%	31	31%	137	22%
Moderately disbelieve	180	35%	25	25%	205	34%
Very much disbelieve	183	36%	20	20%	203	33%
Don't know	17	3%	13	13%	30	5%
Sum total	510	100%	101	100%	611	100%

- 3-4 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	54	11%	35	35%	89	15%
Moderately support	171	34%	29	29%	200	33%
Moderately oppose	80	16%	8	8%	88	14%
Very much oppose	163	32%	7	7%	170	28%
Don't know	42	8%	22	22%	64	10%
Sum total	510	100%	101	100%	611	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	11	2%	28	28%	39	6%
Moderately support	41	8%	30	30%	71	12%
Moderately oppose	103	20%	7	7%	110	18%
Very much oppose	301	59%	14	14%	315	52%
Don't know	54	11%	22	22%	76	12%
Sum total	510	100	101	100%	611	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%	10	10%	63	10%
Moderately in favor	96	19%	9	9%	105	17%

Moderately opposed	102	20%	16	16%	118	19%
Very much opposed	204	40%	47	47%	251	41%
Don't know/	55	11%	19	19%	74	12%
Sum total	510	100%	101	100%	611	100%

Continuing the existing situation

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	14	3%	5	5%	19	3%
Moderately in favor	120	24%	12	12%	132	22%
Moderately opposed	167	33%	23	23%	190	31%
Very much opposed	157	31%	38	38%	195	32%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	52	10%	23	23%	75	12%
Sum total	510	100%	101	100%	611	100%

5. 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
The creation of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.	110	22%	24	24%	134	22%
The creation of a binational state with full equal rights to	10	2%	17	17%	27	4%

Jews and Palestinians.						
Annexation of the territories and the establishment of one state controlled by Israel and with limited rights for Palestinians	62	12%	2	2%	64	10%
Continuing the present situation.	254	50%	30	30%	284	46%
Don't know	74	15%	28	28%	102	17%
Sum total	509	100	101	100%	611	100

6. Did the latest round of fighting lead you to reconsider your opinion regarding the continuation of the conflict with the Palestinians?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Yes, it led me to consider more support for an agreed upon political solution to the conflict.	101	20%	24	24%	125	20%
Yes, it led me to consider more support for a unilateral political solution to the conflict.	33	6%	11	11%	44	7%
Yes, it led me to consider more support for a unilateral military solution to the conflict	106	21%	2	2%	108	18%
No, it did not lead me to reconsider my	223	44%	32	32%	255	42%

opinion about the conflict.							
Don't know	47	9%	32	32%	79	13%	
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7-8.To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Netanyahu wanted to arouse the recent outbreak of violence.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much agree	92	18%	53	53%	145	24%
Moderately agree	93	18%	19	19%	112	18%
Moderately do not agree	68	13%	4	4%	72	12%
Do not agree at all	193	38%	5	5%	198	32%
Don't know	64	13%	20	20%	84	14%
Sum total	510	100%	101	100%	611	100%

Netanyahu dealt successfully with the recent outbreak of violence.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much agree	73	14%	5	5%	78	13%
Moderately agree	155	30%	7	7%	162	27%
Moderately do not agree	133	26%	21	21%	154	25%
Do not agree at all	126	25%	49	49%	175	29%
Don't know	23	5%	19	19%	42	7%
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The recent outbreak of violence was justified.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent

Very much agree	128	25%	15	15%	143	23%
Moderately agree	89	17%	12	12%	101	17%
Moderately do not agree	61	12%	17	17%	78	13%
Do not agree at all	201	39%	36	36%	237	39%
Don't know	31	6%	21	21%	52	9%
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The countries of the world are hostile towards Israel.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much agree	139	27%	16	16%	155	25%
Moderately agree	233	46%	21	21%	254	42%
Moderately do not agree	105	21%	19	19%	124	20%
Do not agree at all	17	3%	19	19%	36	6%
Don't know	16	3%	26	26%	42	7%
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9. Which of the sides gained more significant achievements in the recent violence between Israel and Hamas?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Israel	253	50%	13	13%	266	44%
Hamas	54	11%	23	23%	77	13%
The two sides equally	53	10%	10	10%	63	10%
Neither of the sides	126	25%	34	34%	160	26%
Don't know	24	5%	21	21%	45	7%
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10. How should Israel deal with the present situation in the Gaza Strip?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent

Maintain the existing situation and continue to transfer funds from other countries to the Strip, while reacting militarily to firing from Gaza into Israel.	34	7%	4	4%	38	6%
Act to reach a long-term agreement with Hamas in Gaza, in return for improvement in the economic situation, for instance, by constructing a seaport.	140	27%	58	58%	198	32%
Use military means to cause Hamas rule in to collapse	291	57%	5	5%	296	48%
Don't know	45	9%	34	34%	79	13%
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11-12. To what extent can we trust each of the following groups.

Hamas activists

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	466	91%	21	21%	487	80%
Minimally	28	5%	19	19%	47	8%
Greatly	6	1%	12	12%	18	3%
Very greatly	3	1%	14	14%	17	3%
Don't know	7	1%	35	35%	42	7%
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Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	284	56%	8	8%	292	48%
Minimally	149	29%	18	18%	167	27%
Greatly	39	8%	21	21%	60	10%
Very greatly	15	3%	25	25%	40	7%
Don't know	23	5%	29	29%	53	9%
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Palestinians living in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank)

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	248	49%	9	9%	257	42%
Minimally	182	36%	25	25%	207	34%
Greatly	42	8%	22	22%	64	10%
Very greatly	14	3%	13	13%	27	4%
Don't know	24	5%	32	12%	56	9%
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Arab citizens of Israel

	Jews	
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	109	21%
Minimally	246	48%
Greatly	108	21%
Very greatly	27	5%
Don't know	20	4%
Sum total	510	100%

Jewish citizens of Israel

	Arabs	
	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	11	11%
Minimally	33	33%
Greatly	21	21%
Very greatly	7	7%
Don't know	29	29%

Sum total	101	100%
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13-14. What is the measure of your support for the following goals regarding relations between Jews and Arabs in Israel?

Increasing equality between the two groups

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	97	19%	53	52%	150	25%
Moderately in favor	177	35%	23	23%	200	33%
Moderately against	108	21%	2	2%	110	18%
Very much against	89	17%	3	3%	92	15%
Don't know	39	8%	20	20%	59	10%
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Increasing cooperation between the two groups

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	137	27%	38	38%	175	29%
Moderately in favor	209	41%	34	34%	243	40%
Moderately against	76	15%	10	10%	86	14%
Very much against	49	10%	1	1%	50	8%
Don't know	39	8%	18	18%	57	9%
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Increasing separation between the two groups

	Jews	Arabs	Total
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	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	93	18%		9	9%		102	17%
Moderately in favor	117	23%		15	15%		132	22%
Moderately against	147	29%		18	18%		165	27%
Very much against	104	20%		35	35%		139	23%
Don't know	49	10%		24	24%		73	12%
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Strengthening Jewish control

	Jews	
	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	238	47%
Moderately in favor	132	26%
Moderately against	56	11%
Very much against	36	7%
Don't know	48	9%
Sum total	510	100%

Strengthening opposition to Jewish control

	Arabs	
	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	12	12%
Moderately in favor	19	19%
Moderately against	15	15%
Very much against	24	24%
Don't know	31	31%
Sum total	101	100%

15. In your opinion, what should be done now about the political situation?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Act to establish a unity government led by Lapid and Bennett	140	27%	15	15%	155	25%
Act to establish a unity government led by Lapid but without Bennett	77	15%	19	19%	96	16%
Act to establish a right-wing government led by Netanyahu with the support of Ra'am (Abbas)	17	3%	3	3%	20	3%
Act to establish a right-wing government under Netanyahu without the support of Ra'am (Abbas)	157	31%	1	1%	158	26%
Dissolve Knesset and have new elections	61	12%	26	26%	87	14%
Don't know	58	11%	37	37%	95	16%
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16. To what extent do you support/ oppose promoting the following proposed laws?

A law to prevent a person who has been accused of a criminal act from serving as prime minister.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in Favor	242	47%	60	60%	302	49%

Moderately in favor	88	17%	15	15%	103	17%
Moderately against	54	11%	3	3%	57	9%
Very much against	78	15%	1	1%	79	13%
Don't know	48	9%	22	22%	70	11%
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A law establishing direct elections for prime minister.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	140	27%	17	17%	157	26%
Moderately in favor	151	26%	22	22%	153	25%
Moderately against	78	15%	13	13%	91	15%
Very much against	103	20%	20	20%	123	20%
Don't know	58	11%	29	29%	87	14%
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