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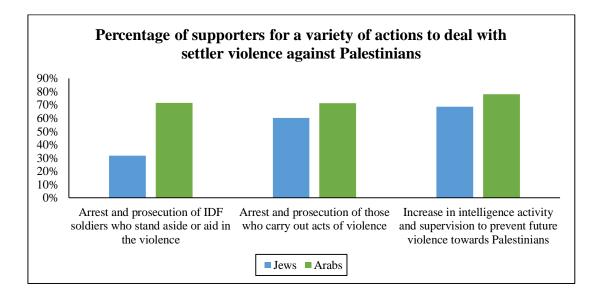
# Peace Index – December 2021

### Dr. Nimrod Rosler and Dr. Alon Yakter

The present Peace Index is dedicated with great admiration and respect to Professor Eppie Yaar, who directed the Peace Index for 27 years and continues to guide it today as mentor and advisor.

### Jewish violence towards Palestinians

- Among opinion holders, more than three-quarters of the Jewish public hardly feel any guilt or shame for Israel's control of the Palestinians in the territories, while these feelings only exist among a majority of leftwing supporters. Among Arab opinion holders in Israel, about two-thirds feel guilt or shame about Israeli control.
- Regarding the worsening acts of violence by settlers towards Palestinians, among opinion holders, two-thirds of the Jewish public support prosecuting those who carry out these violent acts, but a similar percentage oppose prosecution of soldiers who stand aside or who aid in these acts. In the Arab public, a great majority support prosecution in both cases.



## Violence in Arab society in Israel

• Regarding the increasing violence in Arab society, there is **widespread support among the general public for a variety of steps** to promote programs to

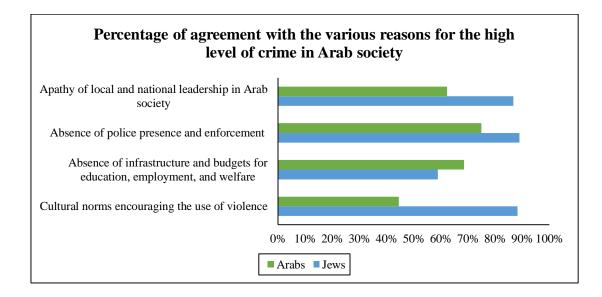


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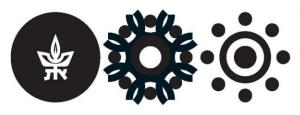
integrate young Arabs, to expand police enforcement and to quickly advance investigation and prosecution of those suspected of criminal activity. There is also **comprehensive support among the Jewish public for intervention by the General Security Services (Shin Bet)** to gather information and to investigate, and this **support, not to be taken for granted, is expressed by two-thirds of the Arab public.** 

• The most common explanations among the Arab public for the violence in their society are the absence of police presence, absence of infrastructure and budgets and apathy of local and national Arab leadership. Among the Jewish public the most common explanations are the absence of police presence but also cultural norms encouraging the use of violence.



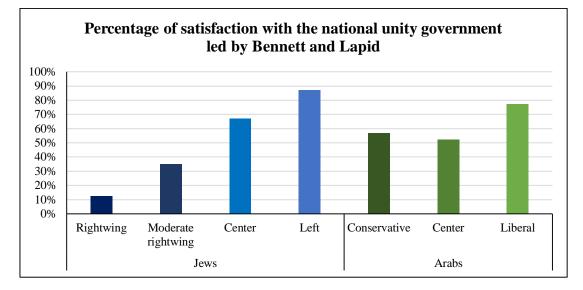
### The national unity government and corona treatment

• About half of the Jewish public are not satisfied with the formation of the national unity government, in comparison to a quarter of the Arab public. With regard to coping with the Corona crisis, half of the Jewish public are satisfied as opposed to a third of the Arab public.



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### The future of the conflict

- In reference to the future of the conflict with the Palestinians, there is a decrease in support for the two-state solution among the Jewish public and an increase in support for annexation of the territories. In addition, there has been a decrease in comparison to the last index in opposition to continuing the existing situation, alongside a slight increase in the belief that the existing situation will continue in the foreseeable future.
- Among the Arab public, about two-thirds of the respondents support the two-state solution and half support a bi-national state. The two solutions perceived as having the best chances of being realized are the two-state solution and continuation of the present situation.

### **Negotiation Index**

Jewish sample: 39.3 (a decrease of 3 points since the last index)

The negotiation index is calculated by weighing two questions: Level of support for negotiations with the Palestinian Authority, and level of trust that negotiations with the Authority will lead to peace in the coming years.

The Peace Index is conducted by Dr. Nimrod Rosler from the International Program in Conflict Resolution and Mediation of Tel Aviv University and Dr. Alon Yakter from the School of Political Science, Government and International Affairs, Tel Aviv University.

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The survey was conducted on the internet by the iPanel company from 14 November 2021 to 5 December 2021, among 1,113 respondents, a representative sample of the entire adult population (aged 18 and over) in Israel. Maximum margin of error for the entire sample is +/-4.1% at a confidence level of 95%.

**Correction:** Due to a technical fault, the data of the Peace Index for the Arab population from March 2020 until May 2021 refer to the ages of 18-34 only.

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