

The International MA Program in Conflict Resolution and Mediation

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Findings - The Peace Index – September 2023

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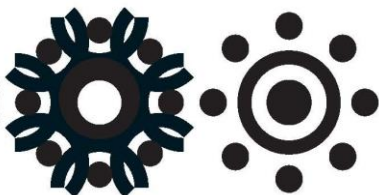
The survey was conducted in Hebrew and in Arabic by the iPanel research institute between August 29 and September 5, 2023 among 612 respondents: 510 Jewish respondents and 102 Arab respondents. Calculations were adjusted so that the respondents would constitute a representative national sample of the adult population aged 18 and above. Maximum sampling error: +/- 4.2%

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	74	14.5%	52	51.0%	126	20.6%
Moderately in favor	169	33.1%	30	29.4%	199	32.5%
Moderately opposed	121	23.7%	4	3.9%	125	20.4%
Very much opposed	96	18.8%	2	2.0%	98	16.0%
Don't know	50	9.8%	14	13.7%	64	10.5%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	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	17	3.3%	11	10.8%	28	4.6%
Moderately believe	69	13.5%	29	28.4%	98	16.0%
Moderately disbelieve	198	38.8%	38	37.3%	236	38.6%
Very much disbelieve	199	39.0%	15	14.7%	214	35.0%
Don't know	27	5.3%	9	8.8%	36	5.9%
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3. In your opinion, what is the position among Jews regarding peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	13	2.5%	5	4.9%	28	4.5%
Moderately in favor	71	13.9%	20	19.6%	98	16.0%
Moderately opposed	158	31.0%	36	35.3%	236	38.6%
Very much opposed	204	40.0%	29	28.4%	214	35.0%
Don't know	64	12.5%	12	11.8%	36	5.9%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

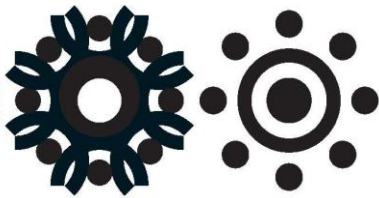
4. In your opinion, do Jews believe or not believe that negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will lead to peace between Israel and the Palestinians in the coming years?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much believe	5	1.0%	4	3.9%	9	1.5%
Moderately believe	39	7.6%	18	17.6%	57	9.3%
Moderately disbelieve	168	32.9%	40	39.2%	208	34.0%
Very much disbelieve	253	49.6%	29	28.4%	282	46.1%
Don't know	45	8.8%	11	10.8%	56	9.2%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

- 5-6. 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



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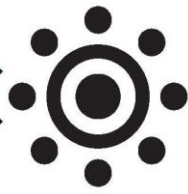
Very much support	57	11.2%	48	47.1%	105	17.2%
Moderately support	134	26.3%	22	21.6%	156	25.5%
Moderately oppose	78	15.3%	10	9.8%	88	14.4%
Very much oppose	196	38.4%	6	5.9%	202	33.0%
Don't know	45	8.8%	16	15.7%	61	10.0%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

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	1.8%	21	20.6%	30	4.9%
Moderately support	46	9.0%	23	22.5%	69	11.3%
Moderately oppose	113	22.2%	17	16.7%	130	21.2%
Very much oppose	275	53.9%	17	16.7%	292	47.7%
Don't know	67	13.1%	24	23.5%	91	14.9%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

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

	Jews		Arabs		%	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	55	10.8%	5	4.9%	60	9.8%
Moderately in favor	98	19.2%	7	6.9%	105	17.2%
Moderately opposed	105	20.6%	17	16.7%	122	19.9%



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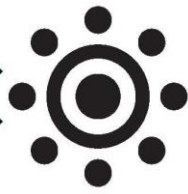
Very much opposed	192	37.6%	53	52.0%	245	40.0%
Don't know	60	11.8%	20	19.6%	80	13.1%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

Continuing the existing situation

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much in favor	23	4.5%	4	3.9%	27	4.4%
Moderately in favor	118	23.1%	11	10.8%	129	21.1%
Moderately opposed	162	31.8%	28	27.5%	190	31.0%
Very much opposed	130	25.5%	40	39.2%	170	27.8%
Don't know	77	15.1%	19	18.6%	96	15.7%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

7. 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.	75	14.7%	35	34.3%	110	18.0%
Creation of a binational state between the Jordan and the sea with full and equal rights for Jews and Palestinians	11	2.2%	14	13.7%	25	4.1%
Annexation of the territories	65	12.7%	6	5.9%	71	11.6%



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and the creation of one state under Israeli rule with limited rights to Palestinians						
Continuing the existing situation	294	57.6%	33	32.4%	327	53.4%
Don't know	65	12.7%	14	13.7%	79	12.9%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

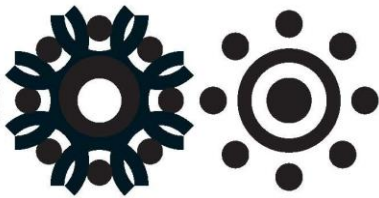
8. To what extent to you believe that continuing the conflict with the Palestinians harms or does not harm Israel?

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very greatly harms	252	49.4%	35	34.3%	287	46.9%
Harms	166	32.5%	38	37.3%	204	33.3%
Minimally harms	65	12.7%	15	14.7%	80	13.1%
Does not harm at all	10	2.0%	5	4.9%	15	2.5%
Don't know	17	3.3%	9	8.8%	26	4.2%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

9-10. To what extent do you support or oppose the following steps to deal with crime in Arab society:

Increasing police enforcement against crime organizations and illegal gun possession:

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much support	427	83.7%	76	74.5%	503	82.2%
Moderately support	64	12.5%	7	6.9%	71	11.6%



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Moderately oppose	8	1.6%	8	7.8%	16	2.6%
Completely oppose	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	3	0.5%
Don't know	8	1.6%	11	10.8%	19	3.1%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

Swift advancement of investigation and prosecution for those suspected of criminal activity.

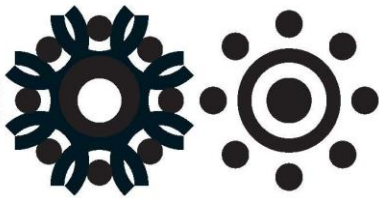
	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much support	399	78.2%	78	76.5%	477	77.9%
Moderately support	78	15.3%	7	6.9%	85	13.9%
Moderately oppose	10	2.0%	6	5.9%	16	2.6%
Completely oppose	5	1.0%	1	1.0%	6	1.0%
Don't know	18	3.5%	10	9.8%	28	4.6%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

Intervention of the Shin Bet General Security Services in gathering intelligence and investigation of crime organizations and illegal weapons.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Very much support	293	57.5%	55	53.9%	348	56.9%
Moderately support	127	24.9%	17	16.7%	144	23.5%
Moderately oppose	36	7.1%	10	9.8%	46	7.5%
Completely oppose	27	5.3%	10	9.8%	37	6.0%
Don't know	27	5.3%	10	9.8%	37	6.0%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

Advancing programs and budgets to integrate Arab youngsters in the education and employment markets.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent



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Very much support	184	36.1%	69	67.6%	253	41.3%
Moderately support	187	36.7%	13	12.7%	200	32.7%
Moderately oppose	67	13.1%	6	5.9%	73	11.9%
Completely oppose	43	8.4%	4	3.9%	47	7.7%
Don't know	29	5.7%	10	9.8%	39	6.4%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

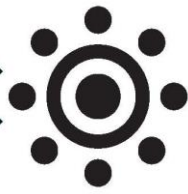
11-12. In your opinion, what is the reason for the high levels of crime in Arab society?

a. The absence of infrastructures and budgets for education, employment and welfare.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	51	10.0%	2	2.0%	53	8.7%
To a small extent	91	17.8%	6	5.9%	97	15.8%
To a medium extent	162	31.8%	27	26.5%	189	30.9%
To a great extent	184	36.1%	59	57.8%	243	39.7%
Don't know	22	4.3%	8	7.8%	30	4.9%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

b. Cultural norms in Arab society encouraging the use of violence.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	10	2.0%	20	19.6%	30	4.9%
To a small extent	41	8.0%	25	24.5%	66	10.8%
To a medium extent	90	17.6%	28	27.5%	118	19.3%
To a great extent	351	68.8%	22	21.6%	373	60.9%
Don't know	18	3.5%	7	6.9%	25	4.1%
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c. Absence of police presence and enforcement.

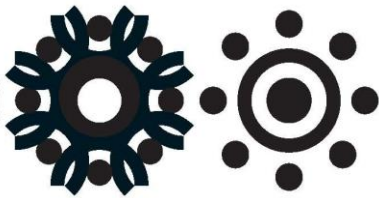
	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	18	3.5%	4	3.9%	22	3.6%
To a small extent	30	5.9%	6	5.9%	36	5.9%
To a medium extent	102	20.0%	14		116	19.0%
To a great extent	346	67.8%	71	69.6%	417	68.1%
Don't know	14	2.7%	7	6.9%	21	3.4%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

d. Cultural norms in Jewish society ignoring violence against Arabs.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	115	22.5%	7	6.9%	122	19.9%
To a small extent	107	21%	12	11.8%	119	19.4%
To a medium extent	133	26.1%	34	33.3%	167	27.3%
To a great extent	116	22.7%	36	35.3%	152	24.8%
Don't know	59	7.6%	13	12.7%	52	8.5%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

13. To what extent do you support the changes in the judicial system advanced by the government

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
Greatly support the changes advanced by the government	122	23.9%	2	2.0%	124	20.3%
Somewhat support the changes advanced by	96	18.8%	6	5.9%	102	16.7%



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Somewhat oppose the changes advanced by the government	80	15.7%	21	20.6%	102	16.5%
Greatly oppose the changes advanced by the government	156	30.6%	56	54.9%	212	34.6%
Don't know	56	11.0%	17	16.7%	73	11.9%
Sum total	510	100%	102	100%	612	100%

14-15. To what extent should the protest deal with the following issues?

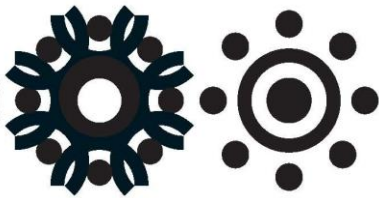
[For those who answered that they somewhat or greatly oppose the proposed judicial changes.]

a. Stopping the changes in the judicial syst

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
To a great extent	186	78.8%	56	72.7%	242	77.3%
To a certain extent	34	14.8%	14	18.2%	49	15.7%
To a small extent	10	4.2%	6	7.8%	16	5.1%
Not at all	5	2.1%	1	1.3%	6	1.9%
Sum total	236	100%	77	100%	313	100%

b. Dealing with violence in Arab society

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
To a great extent	95	40.3%	61	79.2%	156	49.8%
To a certain extent	86	36.4%	10	13.0%	96	30.7%



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To a small extent	39	16.5%	6	7.8%	45	14.4%
Not at all	16	6.8%	0	0.0%	16	5.1%
Sum total	236	100%	77	100%	313	100%

c. Mobilization to the army or national service for all

a.	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
To a great extent	151	64.0%	17	22.1%	168	53.7%
To a certain extent	53	22.5%	20	26.0%	73	23.3%
To a small extent	22	9.3%	19	24.7%	41	13.1%
Not at all	10	4.2%	21	27.3%	31	9.9%
Sum total	236	100%	77	100%	313	100%

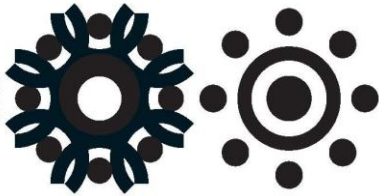
d. Ending control over Palestinians and the conflict with them.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
To a great extent	54	22.9%	45	58.4%	99	31.6%
To a certain extent	69	29.2%	17	22.1%	86	27.5%
To a small extent	58	24.6%	11	14.3%	69	22.0%
Not at all	55	23.3%	4	5.2%	59	18.8%
Sum total	236	100%	77	100%	313	100%

[For those who answered that they somewhat or greatly support the proposed judicial changes]

a. Completing the changes in the judicial system.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
To a great extent	131	60.1%	2	25.0%	133	58.8%
To a certain extent	71	32.6%	5	62.5%	76	33.6%



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To a small extent	14	6.4%	0	0.0%	14	6.2%
Not at all	2	0.9%	1	12.5%	3	1.3%
Sum total	218	100%	8	100%	226	100%

b. Advancing settlement in Judea and Samaria

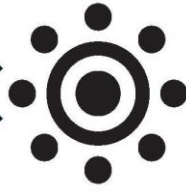
	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
To a great extent	113	51.8%	0	0.0%	113	50%
To a certain extent	74	33.9%	4	50.0%	78	34.5%
To a small extent	23	10.6%	2	25.0%	25	11.1%
Not at all	8	3.7%	2	25.0%	10	4.4%
Sum total	218	100%	8	100%	226	100%

c. Advancing changes in the education and higher education systems.

	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
To a great extent	113	61%	2	25.0%	135	59.7%
To a certain extent	65	29%	4	50.0%	69	30.5%
To a small extent	18	8.3%	1	12.5%	19	8.4%
Not at all	2	0.9%	1	12.5%	3	1.3%
Sum total	218	100%	8	100%	226	100%

d. Advancing changes in the communications channels

e.	Jews		Arabs		Total	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
To a great extent	80	36.7%	3	37.5%	83	36.7%
To a certain extent	85	39.0%	4	50.0%	89	39.4%
To a small extent	35	16.1%	0	0.0%	35	15.5%
Not at all	18	8.3%	1	12.5%	19	8.4%



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