

The Peace Index – January 2014

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1. What is your position on holding peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority?

	Jews
1. Strongly in favor	33.9
2. Somewhat in favor	27.5
3. Somewhat opposed	14.0
4. Strongly opposed	19.4
5. Don't know / Refuse	5.2

2. Do you 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
1. Strongly believe	6.7
2. Somewhat believe	19.6
3. Somewhat don't believe	21.3
4. Don't believe at all	50.0
5. Don't know / Refuse	2.3

3. In your opinion, to what extent is it important or not important that, in a framework agreement with the Palestinians, they recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people?

	Jews
1. Very important	62.6
2. Moderately important	14.4
3. Not so important	7.6
4. Not important at all	13.2
5. Don't know/ Refuse	2.2

4. (only for those who answered “Very important” or “Moderately important”)

Why, in your opinion, is it important that the Palestinians recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people; is it mainly because:

	Jews
1. Such recognition entails recognizing the basic principle of Zionism	40.8
2. Such recognition is a fair recompense for Israel recognizing the Palestinian state as the state of the Palestinian people	19.4
3. Such recognition would enable Israel to deal in the future with demands to change Israel into a state of all its citizens	28.8
4. All to the same extent	4.3
5. None of those; something else	3.7
6. Don't know/ Refuse	3.1

5. Cabinet ministers and security officials have been talking a lot about anti-Israeli incitement in Palestinian education and propaganda. Some claim there is no point in continuing the peace talks because such incitement proves that the Palestinians are not at all interested in reaching an agreement. However, some claim that there is a reasonable chance that if there is incitement, it will abate and perhaps stop completely after an agreement is reached that is acceptable to the Palestinians. With which of these two claims do you agree more?

	Jews
1. With the first claim—that there is no point in continuing the talks because the incitement proves that the Palestinians do not want peace	54.0
2. With the second claim—that it can be reasonably assumed that if an agreement is reached that is also acceptable to the Palestinians, the incitement will abate or even stop	40.8
3. Don't know/ Refuse	5.2

6. Do you support or not support the proposal by Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman that, in an agreement with the Palestinians, Israel would annex the large settlement blocs while the Triangle and Arab-populated parts of the Galilee would be annexed to the Palestinian state?

	Jews
1. Strongly support	18.7
2. Moderately support	24.4
3. Don't support very much	19.0
4. Don't support at all	32.1
5. Don't know / Refuse	5.8

7. What, in your opinion, are the chances that Lieberman's proposal would be accepted by the Palestinian Authority?

	Jews
1. Very high chances	1.9
2. Moderately high chances	5.4
3. Moderately low chance	25.4
4. Very low chances	61.0
5. Don't know / Refuse	6.3

8. And what are the chances that most of the Israeli Arabs would accept Lieberman's proposal?

	Jews
1. Very high chances	1.3
2. Moderately high chances	7.4
3. Moderately low chances	23.0
4. Very low chances	62.1
5. Don't know / Refuse	6.2

9. And if the Americans soon present a framework agreement that is an outline for an Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement, will or will this not affect the position of Netanyahu and his government in the context of the negotiations with the Palestinians?

	Jews
1. It will not have a significant effect because the Israeli government will always uphold the principles that are important to it, and it makes no difference what the Americans say	23.8
2. It will have a significant effect because Netanyahu cannot allow himself to ignore the U.S. position or world public opinion by disregarding such an agreement	66.9
3. Don't know / Refuse	9.2

10. If parties currently in the government, such as Bayit Yehudi or Yisrael Beiteinu, threaten to bolt the government if Netanyahu accepts the framework agreement that the Americans present, what are the chances that he will allow them to leave and work for a new government with other parties, such as Labor and the haredi parties, that currently are in the opposition?

	Jews
1. Very low chances	19.5
2. Moderately low chances	23.0
3. Moderately high chance	31.1
4. Very high chances	17.4
5. Don't know / Refuse	9.0

11. Recently there have been more and more calls in Europe and the United States to impose economic and other sanctions on Israel and force it to curb the building in the territories and moderate its positions on the terms of a peace agreement with the Palestinians. What, in your opinion, are the chances that this trend will intensify and harsh sanctions will be imposed on Israel, including a full boycott of the export of products from Israel?

	Jews
1. High chances	21.2
2. Moderately high chances	28.7
3. Moderately low chances	29.9
4. Very low chances	17.1
5. Don't know / Refuse	3.0

12. If such harsh sanctions were to be imposed on Israel by Europe and the United States, to what extent, in your opinion, would Israel be able or unable to cope with them successfully and maintain the same positions on the settlements and the negotiations?

	Jews
1. I'm sure it will not be able	16.0
2. I think it will not be able	30.2
3. I think it will be able	27.5
4. I'm sure it will be able	21.7
5. Don't know / Refuse	4.6

13. In return for a final peace agreement, in your opinion should or should not Israel agree to the return of a limited number of Palestinian refugees to Israel?

	Jews
1. I'm sure it should	2.5
2. I think it should	13.7
3. I think it should not	17.9
4. I'm sure it should not	62.6
5. Don't know / Refuse	3.4

14. In return for a final peace agreement would you support or oppose Israel acknowledging its partial responsibility for the suffering that was caused to the Palestinians, for example, in creating the (abovementioned) refugee problem?

	Jews
1. I'm sure I would not agree	51.9
2. I think I would not agree	22.2
3. I think I would agree	16.2
4. I'm sure I would agree	7.1
5. Don't know / Refuse	2.7

15. In a few more months President Peres will end his tenure and elections will be held for a new president of the state of Israel. Would you prefer that the new president come from the political world, the world of science and the humanities, or the world of economics and business?

	Jews
1. From the world of economics and business	14.5
2. From the world of science and the humanities	39.8
3. From the political world	29.8
4. It does not matter	9.1
5. Other	1.6
6. Don't know / Refuse	5.1

16. Whom would you prefer to elect the president?

	Jews
1. As currently practiced, the members of the Knesset	16.1
2. A public council that would be specially formed for this purpose of people with a recognized public status in various fields	19.6
3. The general public	58.6
4. Other	1.5
5. Don't know / Refuse	4.2