

Findings of the Public Opinion Survey

Below are the findings of a public opinion survey that was carried out on the 27-28 of June 2017. The respondents were 700 people who formed a representative sample of the adult Jewish population in Israel. The poll has a margin of error of 3.7%.

The respondents were sorted by socioeconomic factors such as: gender, age, and level of religious observance and also by political factors, such as: voting history from the 2015 parliamentary elections and political worldview.

Distribution of the sample according to background variables

Gender: 50% male, 50% female

Age:

29 or younger	27%
30-49	37%
50+	36%

Level of religious observance:

Ultra Orthodox (Charedi)	10%
Orthodox (Dati)	11%
Traditional (Mesorati)	29%
Secular (Chiloni)	50%

Political worldview:

Very right + right wing	39%
Center right	22%
Center	21%
Center left	12%
Left wing + very left	6%

Summary of Findings:

- 82%, a significant majority, of the Jewish population in Israel **does not believe** that the Palestinian leadership will recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people. This is the dominant belief among all political affiliations other than those who self-identify as Leftist-

68% of whom **do believe** that the Palestinian leadership will recognize Israel as the Jewish state.

- 41% do not believe that there is any way to convince the Palestinians to recognize Israel as a state for the Jewish people. 20% of respondents believe that such recognition can be achieved through “diplomatic efforts,” while 14% believe it can be achieved through “military dominance” and 14% believe that “economic sanctions/ economic pressure” would succeed. Among those under the age of 29 and those who self-identify as right-wing, about 20% believe that “military dominance” would succeed. Among self-identified leftists, 67% believed in “diplomatic efforts.”
- 84% of respondents agreed that, in its next conflict with Hamas or Hezbollah, Israel should “let the IDF win,” defined as continuing military operations until such a point when Israel’s enemies recognized their defeat. On the right, this sentiment was nearly universal (95%). Among political moderates 79% agreed, while on the Left just over half of respondents **disagreed**.
- 77% of the Jewish public **support** redefining the term “Palestinian refugee” as currently used by the United Nations Reliefs and Works Agency (UNRWA), to be identical to the definition of refugee used for all other nations. This is the majority opinion among all political streams in Israel, including the Left.
- 72% **do not agree** that a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be achieved through the “Land for Peace” principle. On this question the differences between right-wing and left-wing respondents were especially pronounced: on the Right 92% **disagreed** while on the Left 97% **agreed**.
- “**The Palestinians Leadership’s refusal to recognize Israel as a Jewish State**” was rated number one among reasons that a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians has not yet been achieved. Other reasons: “lack of international support” (14%), “insistence on a Right of Return for millions of Palestinian refugees” (14%), and “Settlements” (6%) were rated much lower.
- When the terms “defeat/submission” are used in relation to the Palestinians or “victory” in relation to Israel, the results are slightly more polarized:
 - o 67% agreed with the statement “Israeli victory will only be achieved when the Palestinians recognize Israel as the the state of the Jewish People”, with about 3/4 of the Right agreeing and about 3/4 of the Left disagreeing.
 - o 65% agreed with the statement “The reason that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict still continues is that none of the military operations or diplomatic engagements with the Palestinian leadership have led to Israeli victory or final resolution”. This statement was supported equally by those on the Right and Left.
 - o 65% of respondents agreed with the statement “Moving the American Embassy to Jerusalem will be seen by the majority of Palestinians as a defeat”. This statement was supported equally by those on the Right and Left.
 - o 58% agreed with the statement “A peace agreement with the Palestinians will only be possible once the Palestinian leadership recognizes the fact that it has been defeated in its struggle against Israel”. On the right 70% agreed while on the Left 84% disagreed.

Detailed Findings

1. Do you believe that the Palestinian Leadership will ever recognize Israel as the Jewish State?

Agree	18%
Disagree	82%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Disagree	Agree		
82%	18%	Total	
80%	20%	Male	Gender
83%	17%	Female	
85%	15%	29 or Younger	Age
83%	17%	30-49	
76%	24%	50+	
99%	1%	Charedi	Religious Observance
91%	9%	Dati	
86%	14%	Mesorati	
75%	25%	Chiloni	
89%	11%	Likud	Voted in 2015
63%	37%	Zionist Camp	
81%	19%	Yesh Atid	
85%	15%	Kulanu	
94%	6%	HaBayit Yehudi	
100%	0%	Shas	
87%	13%	Yisrael Beteinu	
97%	3%	Yahadut HaTorah	
42%	58%	Meretz	
92%	8%	Very right + Right	worldview Political
91%	9%	Center right	
76%	24%	Center	
67%	33%	Center left	
32%	68%	Left + very left	

2. Which of the following factors, if any, do you believe will make the Palestinians recognize Israel as the Jewish State?

Military Dominance	14%
Diplomatic Efforts	20%
Economic Pressure/Sanctions	14%
American Recognition of Jerusalem as Capital	7%

Other	4%
None	41%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Nothing	Other	Jerusalem as Capital	Economic Sanctions	Diplomatic efforts	Military Dominance		
41%	4%	7%	14%	20%	14%	Total	
36%	7%	6%	13%	21%	17%	Male	Gender
45%	2%	8%	14%	19%	12%	Female	
44%	2%	7%	8%	17%	22%	29 or Younger	Age
39%	5%	6%	18%	19%	13%	30-49	
40%	7%	10%	12%	25%	6%	50+	
64%	3%	3%	6%	6%	18%	Charedi	Religious Observance
58%	0%	4%	7%	10%	21%	Dati	
39%	5%	11%	15%	18%	12%	Mesorati	
34%	5%	7%	15%	26%	13%	Chiloni	
41%	3%	9%	16%	15%	16%	Likud	Voted In 2015
22%	6%	8%	17%	41%	6%	Zionist Camp	
34%	7%	9%	15%	19%	16%	Yesh Atid	
47%	0%	2%	17%	15%	19%	Kulanu	
60%	2%	8%	6%	8%	16%	Habayit Hayehudi	
60%	0%	7%	13%	7%	13%	Shas	
26%	6%	3%	26%	13%	26%	Yisrael Beteinu	
58%	3%	6%	11%	11%	11%	Yahadut HaTorah	
20%	17%	13%	4%	42%	4%	tzMere	
52%	3%	4%	11%	9%	21%	right + Right Very	Political worldview
40%	5%	11%	17%	11%	16%	Center right	
34%	3%	6%	20%	28%	9%	Center	
35%	7%	13%	7%	35%	3%	Center left	
14%	9%	4%	6%	67%	0%	Left + very left	

3. Do you agree with the following statement: “The reason that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict still continues is that none of the military operations or diplomatic engagements with the Palestinian leadership have led to Israeli victory.”

Agree	65%
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Disagree	35%
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Socioeconomic Factors:

Disagree	Agree		
35%	65%	Total	
38%	62%	Male	Gender
33%	67%	Female	
35%	65%	29 or Younger	Age
35%	65%	30-49	
35%	65%	50+	
45%	55%	Charedi	Religious Observance
37%	63%	Dati	
37%	63%	Mesorati	
31%	69%	Chiloni	Voted in 2015
34%	66%	Likud	
37%	63%	Zionist Camp	
34%	66%	Yesh Atid	
26%	74%	Kulanu	
48%	52%	HaBayit Yehudi	
20%	80%	Shas	
32%	68%	Yisrael Beteinu	
43%	57%	Yahadut HaTorah	
17%	83%	Meretz	worldview Political
39%	61%	Very right + Right	
31%	69%	Center right	
36%	64%	Center	
24%	76%	Center left	
39%	61%	Left + very left	

4. Do you agree with the statement: “A peace agreement with the Palestinians will only be possible once the Palestinian leadership recognizes the fact that it has been defeated in its struggle against Israel?”

Agree	58%
Disagree	42%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Disagree	Agree		
42%	58%	Total	
38%	62%	Male	Gender
46%	54%	Female	
44%	56%	29 or Younger	Age
44%	56%	30-49	
36%	64%	50+	
37%	63%	Charedi	Religious Observance
33%	67%	Dati	
35%	65%	Mesorati	
49%	51%	Chiloni	
32%	68%	Likud	Voted in 2015
56%	44%	Zionist Camp	
53%	47%	Yesh Atid	
32%	68%	Kulanu	
40%	60%	HaBayit Yehudi	
33%	67%	Shas	
29%	71%	Yisrael Beteinu	
40%	60%	Yahadut HaTorah	
71%	29%	Meretz	
31%	69%	Very ghtri + Right	worldview Political
36%	64%	Center right	
47%	53%	Center	
62%	38%	Center left	
84%	16%	Left + very left	

5. Do you agree with the statement: “Israeli victory can only be achieved once the Palestinians recognize Israel as the Jewish State”?

Agree	67%
Disagree	33%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Disagree	Agree		
33%	67%	Total	
36%	64%	Male	Gender
31%	69%	Female	
36%	64%	29 or Younger	Age
32%	68%	30-49	
32%	68%	50+	
35%	65%	Charedi	Religious

35%	65%	Dati	Observance
26%	74%	Mesorati	
36%	64%	Chiloni	
23%	77%	Likud	Voted in 2015
40%	60%	Zionist Camp	
39%	61%	Yesh Atid	
30%	70%	Kulanu	
30%	70%	HaBayit Yehudi	
27%	73%	Shas	
26%	74%	Yisrael Beteinu	
29%	71%	Yahadut HaTorah	
67%	33%	Meretz	
24%	76%	Very right + Right	worldview Political
29%	71%	Center right	
35%	65%	Center	
47%	53%	Center left	
74%	26%	Left + very left	

6. Founded in 1949, UNRWA is a UN agency that aims to provide support and employment opportunities only to Palestinian refugees in the Middle East, in contrast to the United Nations Refugee Agency which deals with all other refugees. According to UNRWA, Palestinian refugees are fundamentally different from all other refugees in that descendants of Palestinian refugees are also considered refugees. Do you support Israel's efforts to change UNRWA's definition of Palestinian refugee to match the definition used for all other refugees in the world?

Support	77%
Do Not Support	23%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Do not Support	Support		
23%	77%	Total	
17%	83%	Male	Gender
29%	71%	Female	
28%	72%	29 or Younger	Age
23%	77%	30-49	
19%	81%	50+	
23%	77%	Charedi	Religious Observance
30%	70%	Dati	
21%	79%	Mesorati	
23%	77%	Chiloni	

32%	68%	Likud	Voted in 2015
12%	88%	Zionist Camp	
18%	82%	Yesh Atid	
21%	79%	Kulanu	
22%	78%	yitHaBa Yehudi	
27%	73%	Shas	
23%	77%	Yisrael Beteinu	
11%	89%	Yahadut HaTorah	
21%	79%	Meretz	
31%	69%	Very right + Right	worldview Political
18%	82%	Center right	
26%	74%	Center	
9%	91%	Center left	
16%	84%	Left + very left	

7. Do you agree with the following statement: The principle of “Land for Peace” can be the basis for a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Agree	28%
Disagree	72%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Disagree	Agree		
72%	28%	Total	
67%	33%	Male	Gender
76%	24%	Female	
83%	17%	29 or Younger	geA
68%	32%	30-49	
66%	34%	50+	
84%	16%	Charedi	Religious Observance
96%	4%	Dati	
78%	22%	Mesorati	
62%	38%	Chiloni	
88%	12%	Likud	Voted in 2015
36%	64%	Zionist Camp	
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90%	10%	Yisrael Beteinu	
77%	23%	Yahadut HaTorah	

17%	83%	Meretz	
92%	8%	Very right + Right	worldview Political
18%	20%	Center right	
26%	31%	Center	
9%	70%	Center left	
16%	97%	Left + very left	

8. In your opinion, what is the primary reason that a lasting peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians has yet to be achieved?

Settlements	6%
The Palestinian Leadership's refusal to recognize Israel as the Jewish State	43%
Lack of international support for Israel and mounting international pressure upon Israel	14%
Palestinian insistence on a "Right of Return" for millions of Palestinian refugees to Israeli soil	14%
The conflict over holy sites in Jerusalem	9%
Palestinian hatred towards Israel, Palestinian desire to destroy Israel, lack of Palestinian interest in peace	5%
The stance of the Israeli government	1%
The conflict is unsolvable	1%
Other	7%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Other answers	Jerusalem Holy Sites	Right of Return	International Pressure on Israel	Refusal to recognize state	Settlements		
14%	9%	14%	14%	43%	6%	Total	
16%	7%	19%	10%	43%	5%	Male	Gender
13%	10%	11%	16%	43%	7%	Female	
12%	8%	10%	23%	44%	4%	29 or Younger	Age
13%	10%	16%	11%	43%	7%	30-49	
20%	7%	15%	8%	42%	7%	50+	
28%	8%	6%	6%	51%	1%	iChared	Religious

19%	9%	9%	15%	49%	0%	Dati	Observance
12%	8%	16%	9%	51%	4%	Mesorati	
12%	9%	16%	18%	36%	10%	Chiloni	
12%	5%	14%	16%	49%	3%	Likud	in 2015 Voted
12%	13%	16%	8%	39%	12%	Zionist Camp	
9%	7%	20%	15%	41%	8%	Yesh Atid	
13%	9%	17%	11%	47%	2%	Kulanu	
8%	6%	8%	16%	62%	0%	Yehudi HaBayit	
13%	27%	13%	7%	40%	0%	Shas	
6%	10%	10%	16%	45%	13%	Beteinu Yisrael	
23%	3%	9%	11%	51%	3%	HaTorah Yahadut	
25%	13%	17%	0%	8%	38%	Meretz	
15%	6%	11%	12%	54%	2%	right + Right Very	Political worldview
12%	4%	15%	19%	47%	3%	Center right	
12%	13%	17%	15%	34%	8%	Center	
11%	19%	18%	9%	30%	12%	Center left	
32%	11%	10%	7%	6%	34%	Left + very left	

9. Do you agree that, in its next conflict with Hamas or Hezbollah, Israel should “Allow the IDF to win,” and continue military operations until the enemy admits defeat?

Agree	84%
Disagree	16%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Disagree	Agree		
16%	84%	Total	
13%	87%	Male	Gender
19%	81%	Female	
13%	87%	29 or Younger	Age
18%	82%	30-49	
16%	84%	50+	
9%	91%	Charedi	Religious Observance
6%	94%	Dati	
11%	89%	Mesorati	
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14%	86%	Yahadut HaTorah	
46%	54%	Meretz	
5%	95%	Very right + Right	Political Worldview
13%	87%	Center right	
21%	79%	Center	
34%	66%	erCent left	
53%	47%	Left + very left	

10. Do you agree with the statement: “Moving the American Embassy to Jerusalem will be seen by the majority of Palestinians as a defeat?”

Agree	65%
Disagree	35%

Socioeconomic Factors:

Disagree	Agree		
35%	65%	Total	
32%	68%	Male	Gender
39%	61%	Female	
37%	63%	29 or Younger	Age
38%	62%	30-49	
28%	72%	50+	
21%	79%	Charedi	Religious Observance
34%	66%	Dati	
37%	63%	Mesorati	
38%	62%	Chiloni	
34%	66%	Likud	Voted in 2015
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27%	73%	Shas	
35%	65%	Yisrael Beteinu	
11%	89%	Yahadut HaTorah	
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32%	68%	Very right + Right	Political Worldview
38%	62%	Center right	

36%	64%	Center	
38%	62%	Center left	
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