



# **Perceptions and Positions Regarding the Consequences of Attaining / Not Attaining a Peace Agreement with the Palestinians**

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Following are the findings of a public opinion poll taken during the first week of November 2013 among 500 people as a representative sample of the adult population (18+) of Israel.

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## Summary of Poll Findings

**If Netanyahu were to bring a peace agreement with the Palestinians to a referendum, would you vote for or against?**

	Entire Sample	Jews
For	67%	65%
Against	26%	28%
Didn't Respond	7%	7%

**Party Breakdown (based on the 2013 elections)**

	Kadima and Livni's Party	Labor	Likud Beiteinu	Haredim	Jewish Home	Meretz	Yesh Atid	Didn't vote
For	100%	89%	58%	35%	24%	100%	89%	71%
Against		11%	31%	58%	72%		9%	18%
Didn't Vote			10%	8%	3%		2%	12%

**If Netanyahu were to bring a peace agreement with the Palestinians to a referendum, do you think the agreement will or will not receive majority support?**

	Entire Sample	Jews
Certain that it will	16%	11%
Think that it will	34%	37%
Think it will not	34%	37%
Certain that it will not	16%	15%

**If elections for the Knesset were held today, which party would you vote for?**

(Data is presented in percentages)

	Current Political Map	If Netanyahu forms a new party
Likud Beiteinu	22.5	11.6
New Party led by Netanyahu	-	17.5
Labor	10.9	8.2
Yesh Atid	8.9	6.2
Jewish Home	6.6	9.6
Meretz	4.6	4.8
Shas	4.6	4.8
United Torah Judaism	4.6	5.1
Livni's Party	2.5	2.8
Kadima	2	1.4
Haven't decided	16.2	16.4

If Netanyahu will establish a new political party, the mobility list is as follows:

- 30% of Likud voters
- 9% of Labor voters
- 11% of Yesh Atid voters
- 9% of Livni's voters
- 6% of Meretz voters

**1. Perceptions about the prospects of negotiations with the Palestinians resulting in a peace agreement**

**What are the chances that negotiations with the Palestinians will result in a peace agreement?**

	Entire Sample	Jews
Chances for a peace agreement		
Very high	4%	1%
Somewhat high	7%	6%
Somewhat low	44%	47%
Very low	45%	46%

**If Israel and the Palestinians will not be able to reach a peace agreement in the current round of talks, do you support or oppose the United States formulating an agreement and bringing it the parties' decision?**

	Entire Sample	Jews
Attitudes toward U.S. intervention in formulating a peace agreement		
Definitely agree	11%	8%
Somewhat agree	26%	24%
Somewhat disagree	21%	23%
Definitely disagree	43%	45%

## 2. Consequences of Negotiations Ending in Failure

	Entire Sample	Jews
<b>a. Can the failure of negotiations lead to a bi-national state</b>		
Certain that it can	10%	6%
Think that it can	19%	19%
Think it cannot	36%	40%
Certain it cannot	35%	35%
<b>b. Is there a concern of conflict resolution effort moving to the UN</b>		
Certain there is a concern	19%	17%
Think there is a concern	46%	48%
I think there is no concern	22%	23%
Certain there is no concern	14%	13%
<b>c. Will the U.S. veto a UN proposal to end the conflict</b>		
Certain it will veto	20%	20%
Think it will veto	40%	43%
Think it will not veto	28%	28%
Certain it will not veto	11%	9%
<b>d. Who will be blamed by the U.S.</b>		
Israel	31%	35%
Palestinians	21%	17%
Israel and the Palestinians to the same degree	47%	47%
<b>e. Who will be blamed by the majority of the world's states?</b>		
Israel	67%	75%
Palestinians	12%	10%
Israel and the Palestinians to the same degree	20%	14%
<b>f. Will the failure of the negotiations damage Israeli-U.S. relations?</b>		
Certain it will damage the relationship	14%	14%
Think it will damage the relationship	35%	37%
Think it will not damage the relationship	35%	38%
Certain it will not damage the relationship	16%	16%
<b>g. Will there be damage to Israel's economic situation?</b>		
Will lead to very significant economic damage	14%	10%
Will lead to significant economic damage	13%	13%

Will lead to some economic damage	42%	45%
Will lead to small economic damage	14%	15%
Will not lead to economic damage	19%	18%
<b>h. Will the failure lead to increased sanctions against Israel?</b>		
Certain it will lead to more sanctions	19%	18%
Think it will lead to more sanctions	46%	49%
Think it will not lead to more sanctions	22%	22%
Certain it will not lead to more sanctions	14%	11%
<b>i. Will the economic situation of individual citizens be damaged?</b>		
Will be damaged to a great extent	6%	3%
Will be damaged to a large extent	7%	7%
Will be damaged to some extent	24%	24%
Will be damaged to a small extent	19%	20%
Will not be damaged	44%	46%
<b>j. Will the failure of the negotiations lead to the renewal of terror?</b>		
Certain it will lead to the renewal of terror	29%	29%
Think it will lead the renewal of terror	43%	46%
Think it will not lead the renewal of terror	22%	22%
Certain it will not lead the renewal of terror	6%	3%
<b>k. Is there a concern about being hurt by terror?</b>		
Great concern	33%	30%
Some concern	39%	45%
Generally unconcerned	14%	15%
Unconcerned at all	14%	10%
<b>l. What will bring more security – a peace agreement or the lack thereof?</b>		
A peace agreement will result in more security	63%	59%
Not signing a peace agreement will result in more security	37%	41%

## What will bring more security – a peace agreement or the lack thereof? (Party Breakdown)

	<u>Kadima and Livni's Party</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Likud Beiteinu</u>	<u>Haredim</u>	<u>Jewish Home</u>	<u>Meretz</u>	<u>Yesh Atid</u>	<u>Didn't vote</u>
A peace agreement will result in more security	82%	84%	47%	33%	24%	93%	77%	71%
Not signing a peace agreement will result in more security	18%	16%	53%	67%	76%	7%	23%	29%

## Is there a contradiction between the wish to maintain Israel's democratic character and the wish to maintain its Jewish character? Which of the two do you prefer?

	<u>Entire Sample</u>	<u>Jews</u>
Prefer to maintain Israel's democratic character	39%	32%
Prefer to maintain Israel's Jewish character	38%	43%
There is not a contradiction between Israel's democratic and Jewish characters	23%	25%

### Party Breakdown:

	<u>Kadima and Livni's Party</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>Likud Beiteinu</u>	<u>Haredim</u>	<u>Jewish Home</u>	<u>Meretz</u>	<u>Yesh Atid</u>	<u>Didn't vote</u>
Prefer to maintain Israel's democratic character	45%	47%	27%	2%	7%	87%	46%	35%
Prefer to maintain Israel's Jewish character	27%	17%	39%	88%	62%	7%	25%	47%
There is not a contradiction between Israel's democratic and Jewish characters	27%	36%	34%	10%	31%	7%	29%	18%

	Entire Sample	Jews
<b>Who will have a majority in a binational state?</b>		
Jewish majority	38%	36%
Arab Majority	62%	64%
<b>Will it be necessary to harm Palestinian civil rights? (legislation that will prevent them from voting?)</b>		
Certain it is necessary	26%	29%
Think it is necessary	25%	28%
Think it is unnecessary	22%	23%
Certain it is unnecessary	27%	20%
<b>Would you want to live in a binational state?</b>		
Certain I would	32%	24%
Think I would	23%	26%
Think I would not	20%	23%
Certain I would not	25%	27%
<b>Would you want your children to live in a binational state?</b>		
Certain I would	21%	12%
Think I would	24%	25%
Think I would not	19%	22%
Certain I would not	38%	42%
<b>General assessment: a binational state – good or bad solution?</b>		
Very good solution	14%	10%
Pretty good solution	21%	19%
Pretty bad solution	23%	25%
Very bad solution	42%	46%