



Public Poll Findings: Peace with the Palestinians

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Following are the findings of a public opinion poll taken between December 11-12, 2012 among 600 people as a representative sample of the adult population (18+) of Israel. The margin of error is 4%.

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Summary of Poll Findings

Israeli-Palestinian Peace Agreement

If the government of Israel brought to a referendum a peace agreement that would end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and whose implementation would take place only after the Palestinians would fulfill all their commitments with an emphasis on fighting terror, and the implementation would be monitored and verified by the United States, will you support or oppose an agreement based on the following principles:

1. Two states: Israel the state of the Jewish people and Palestine the state of the Palestinian people.
2. Palestinian refugees will have a right to return only to the new state of Palestine.
3. The Palestinian state will be demilitarized, without an army.
4. Borders will be based on the 1967 lines and will include land swaps equal in size that will take into consideration Israel's security needs and will maintain the large settlement blocks under Israeli sovereignty.
5. Jewish neighborhoods of Jerusalem will come under Israeli sovereignty and Arab neighborhoods under Palestinian sovereignty.
6. The Old City within the walls will be without sovereignty and will be jointly administered by the United States, Israel and the Palestinians. The Holy Places will be under the same religious supervision as current arrangements (for example, the Kotel will be under Israeli supervision and responsibility).

	Entire Sample	By Sector	
		Jews	Arabs
Support	68%	66%	80%
Oppose	25%	26%	14%
Didn't Respond	7%	8%	6%

*With specific security arrangements (described on the next page):

Jewish Sector	80%
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Those who opposed the original concept were asked a series of additional questions, each of which was asked only if the respondent opposed the previous question.

Note: these questions were presented only to the Jewish population

Those that opposed the basic question were asked:

A. And if, in addition, the United States would guarantee Israel's security as a Jewish state, would you then support or oppose the agreement?

Support	72% (+6%)
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Those that opposed question A were asked:

B. And if, in addition, a strong security fence will be built along the border, would you then support or oppose the agreement?

Support	74% (+2%)
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Those that opposed question B were asked:

C. And if, in addition, the implementation of the agreement were conditioned on the disarming of Hamas and ending its control of the Gaza Strip, would you then support or oppose the agreement?

Support	76% (+2%)
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Those that opposed question C were asked:

D. And if, in addition, the United States signed a mutual defense treaty with Israel under which – if needed – the United States would commit to defend Israel if attacked, would you then support or oppose the agreement?

Support	77% (+1%)
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Those that opposed question D were asked:

E. And if, in addition, the Arab League will endorse the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement and the Arab countries would commit to normalize relations with Israel, would you then support or oppose the agreement?

Support	80% (+3%)
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Summary of the cumulative support in each stage:

Basic	A	B	C	D	E
66%	72%	74%	76%	77%	80%

The following is a breakdown of the support levels of the general public according to the party they would vote for if elections were held today:

		Support	Oppose	Didn't Respond
	General Public	68%	25%	7%
	PARTY			
1.	Likud-Beytenu	58%	34%	8%
2.	Labor	89%	9%	2%
3.	Tzipi Livni	86%	10%	4%
4.	Yair Lapid	84%	13%	4%
5.	Shas	58%	42%	--
6.	Meretz	81%	15%	4%
7.	Jewish Home (Settlers)	47%	45%	8%
8.	Undecided	74%	14%	12%