National Security Index
Public Opinion Survey 2018–2019
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To what extent do you agree with each of the following sentences?

Israel’s Strategic Situation

- 58% agree: We will forever live by the sword
- 61% agree: Israel is a ‘villa in the jungle’
- 40% agree: Israeli democracy is at risk
- 52% agree: Israel’s strategic position has never been better
To what extent do you agree with each of the following sentences?

Israel and the World

63% The Jews are the chosen people
53% A people that dwells alone
47% The entire world is against us
To what extent do you agree with each of the following sentences?

Treatment of Others

- 62%: Arabs only understand force
- 81%: If someone comes to kill you—kill him first
What is Israel’s most significant external threat?

- Northern arena: 29%
- Nuclear Iran: 20%
- Terrorism: 10%
- Israeli-Palestinian conflict: 21%
- Hamas: 14%
- Political isolation: 6%
Is Israel prepared to address the following challenges?

Prepared:

- **87%** Simultaneous military conflict on northern front and in Gaza
- **78%** Significant and persistent terrorist Attacks
- **76%** Social polarization
- **69%** Political corruption
- **56%** International isolation of Israel
- **51%** Reduced US support of Israel

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Can a peace agreement with the Palestinians be achieved in the near future?

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- 2001: 56%
- 2002: 54%
- 2003: 68%
- 2004: 65%
- 2005: 61%
- 2006: 66%
- 2007: 69%
- 2008: 69%
- 2009: 70%
- 2010: 71%
- 2011: 76%
- 2012: 64%
- 2013: 60%
- 2014: 63%
- 2015: 40%
- 2016: 37%
- 2017: 36%
- 2018: 31%

No

Yes
Do you support a two-state solution?

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- 71% in 2006
- 69% in 2009
- 60% in 2012
- 59% in 2015
- 55% in 2016
- 58% in 2017
2018 - Support a two-state solution:

- 97% Jewish: Left
- 89% Jewish: Arab
- 58% Arab
- 73% Secular
- 29% Religious

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What is Israel’s best option regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

- 22% Transitional agreements to separate from the Palestinians
- 13% Maintaining the status quo
- 9% Israeli annexation of Judea and Samaria and establishment of one state
- 40% Strive to reach a comprehensive agreement
- 16% Annex Jewish settlement blocs in Judea and Samaria
What will be the consequences of another failure in the political process between Israel and the Palestinians?

- 14% International community will force Israel to cede control over the territories.
- 29% Intifada will break out.
- 42% Status quo will continue.
- 15% Israel will undertake unilateral steps such as annexation of Ma’ale Adumim.
Do you support or object to proactive IDF activity aimed at preventing an Iranian presence in Syria, even at the price of war?

73% For

27% Against
For:

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How should Israel react if Iran renews its nuclear activity?

- **20%** Pressure the US to achieve a better nuclear deal
- **7%** Urge the US to return to the existing nuclear deal
- **10%** Military assault on Iran’s nuclear facilities *without* coordinating with the US
- **10%** Work toward replacing the Iranian regime
- **49%** Military assault on Iran’s nuclear facilities in coordination with the US
- **4%** Establish a diplomatic channel vis-à-vis Iran
How much do you trust each of the following institutions?

- IDF: 88%
- Mossad: 88%
- Israel Security Agency (GSS): 80%
- Police: 60%
Is the value system that guides the IDF senior command similar or different from the value system that is generally accepted by most Israelis?

66% Similar

34% Different
IDF has clear rules on opening fire on terrorists. According to these rules, a neutralized terrorist who no longer poses a threat should not be killed.

37% Disagree ......... 63% Agree
Agree:

- Left: 90%
- Right: 53%
- Religious: 72%
- Secular: 42%
Does media coverage assist or harm Israel's national resilience?

- 46% Assists
- 54% Harm

Is the Israeli media reliable in its reporting of the political-security situation?

- 62% Reliable
- 38% Unreliable
How do you feel about Israel’s Arab citizens?

- **42%**
  - We need to respect them, but suspect them

- **32%**
  - They are citizens with equal rights

- **23%**
  - They are potential enemies

- **3%**
  - They are citizens without equal rights
What value is most important to you?

- **State with Jewish Majority**
  - 1988: 33%
  - 2018: 51%

- **Peace**
  - 1988: 33%
  - 2018: 18%

- **Greater Israel**
  - 1988: 19%
  - 2018: 12%

- **Democratic State**
  - 1988: 15%
  - 2018: 19%