

Public doesn't think Israel won May Gaza war, but was justified - INSS

An INSS fellow also said that nuclear treaty moves should be coordinated with US, and that adding jobs for Gazans won't pacify Hamas.

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A 59% plurality of Israelis believe that Israel did not win the war with Hamas in Gaza this past May, a recent INSS survey and report found.

Paradoxically, the same general public also viewed the war as justified, though there were disputes about which reasons for war could be defined as worthwhile.

The impetus for the study was the ongoing discourse since the 2006 Second Lebanon War about how the public perceives victory in military conflicts when neither side achieves an unconditional surrender from the other.

Breaking down the 59%, 44% answered that neither side won, and 15% percent answered that both sides lost.

Only 32% thought that Israel won.

The study, authored by senior research fellow at **INSS** and **Tel Aviv University** lecturer **Zipi Israeli** and INSS media relations associate **Ruth Pines**, pointed out that the public had similar feelings about the Second Lebanon War and the 2014 Gaza War, both during the conflicts and in hindsight.

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