

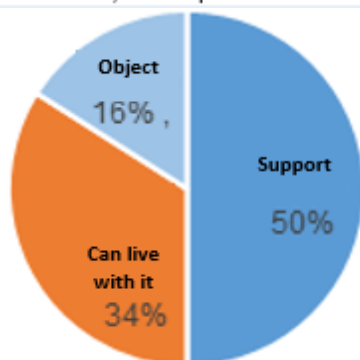
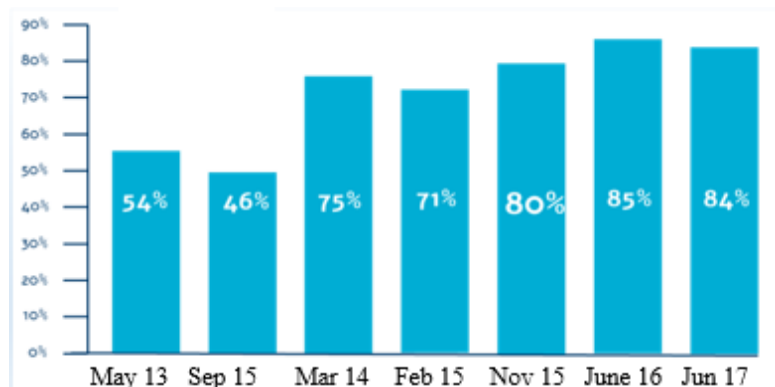
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Israeli Regional Initiative Survey - June 2017: Majority of the Israeli Public Supports a Regional Package Deal

In the run-up to the Herzliya Conference of the Policy and Strategy Institute at the Herzliya Interdisciplinary Center and the IRI session taking place today (we invite you to join the live streaming^[1] of the session), we commissioned a study to gauge attitudes among the Israeli public toward the regional opportunity for a solution to the conflict, which has recently been put back on the table in light of the broad convergence of interests between Israel and the moderate Arab states. The study examined the public attitudes toward a regional package deal consisting of 11 components and the parameters of a permanent Israeli-Palestinian agreement alongside additional accords between Israel and the Arab states (details of the components below). Following are the highlights of the findings:

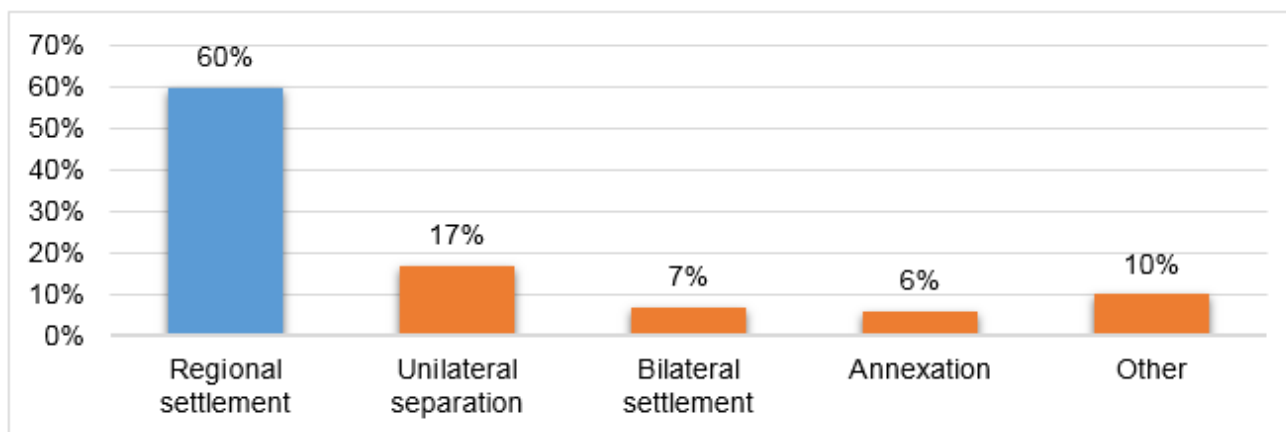
1. Broad, continuing support for the regional deal

% of those polled accept the “regional package deal” and all its components. 50% of the public vary between “supportive” and “highly supportive”, and 34% stated they “could live with such a deal”. In other words, only 16% of those polled objected to this proposal. The deal scored high levels of support also among right-wing voters. Of those who described themselves as belonging to the Bait Yehudi (Jewish Home), Yisreal Beitenu (Israel Our Home) and Likud voters, only 24% objected to the deal. The data arising from the survey is consistent with the steady growth in public support for the regional solution to the conflict, as has been gauged through our surveys over the last four years.



2. Support for the regional deal compared with other political alternatives

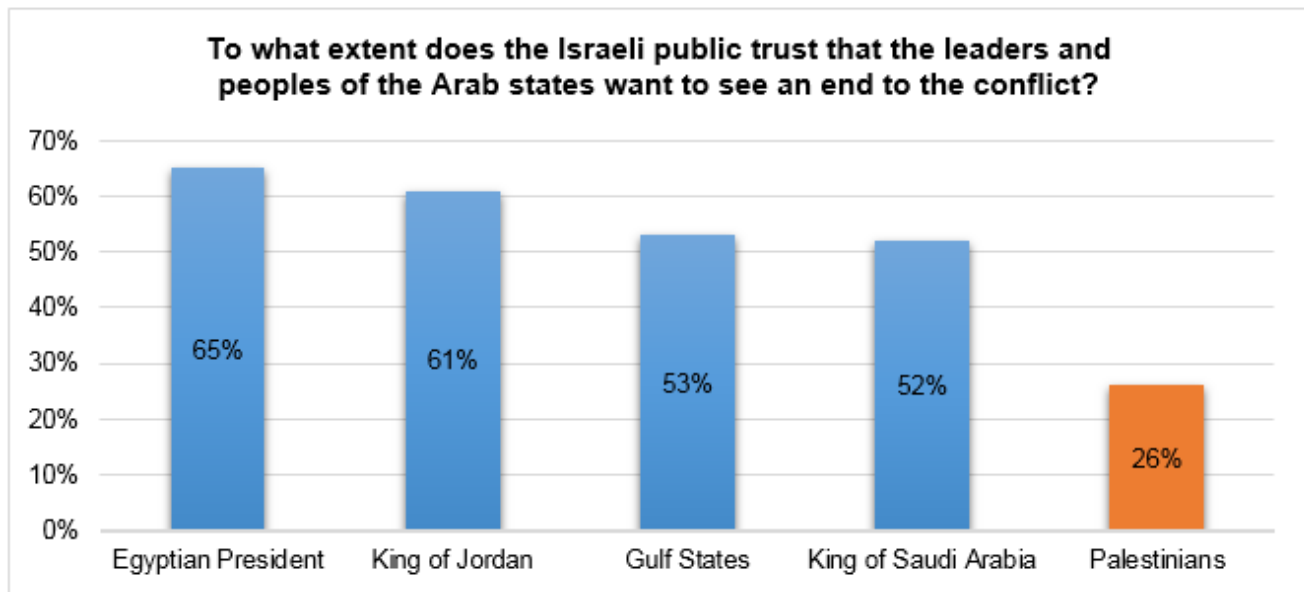
One of the most noteworthy findings is the across-the-board support for the regional deal compared with other political alternatives. When asked which of the political options they prefer, 60% of those surveyed chose the regional deal, while 17% expressed support for a unilateral approach, 7% opted for a bilateral agreement with the Palestinians only and 6% supported annexing Judea and Samaria.



3. Confidence in the leaders of the Arab countries, as opposed to limited trust in the Palestinians

In view of the claims that Israel has no partner on the Palestinian side, we examined to what extent the public regards the Arab leaders to be true partners in achieving an agreement. Whereas only 26% of those polled said they believed the Palestinians were interested in ending the conflict, the level of trust rose sharply when we asked about the leaders of the Arab countries: 61% said the king of Jordan was interested in ending the

conflict, 65% responded similarly regarding the Egyptian president, 52% regarding the Saudi king and 53% regarding the leaders of the Gulf States.



Components of the regional package deal presented to the subjects

1. The permanent settlement between Israel and the Palestinians will realize the vision of two-state for the two peoples, where Israel's permanent borders will be based on the 1967 borders with land swaps, and will include all of the settlement blocks.
2. The Palestinian state will be demilitarized, and Israel will be guaranteed its security arrangements, with emphasis on its eastern border through the presence of Israeli forces and with Jordanian-Israeli cooperation and Egyptian-Israeli cooperation.
3. The Palestinian refugees will not be given the right of return to Israeli territory with the exception of a symbolic number of returnees, all of whom will be subject to Israeli consent.
4. In the final agreement, Jerusalem will be recognized as the capital of Israel and only the Arab neighborhoods of east Jerusalem will be a part of the Palestinian capital city, so that 350 thousand East Jerusalem Arabs will no longer be Israeli citizens and will become citizens of the Palestinian state.
5. The holy sites on the Temple Mount will be administered jointly by Israel, the Arab states and an international body. They will be assigned special status, free of sovereignty, while guaranteeing freedom of access to believers of all faiths.
6. The Arab states and Israel will set up a regional security apparatus to jointly combat the Iranian nuclear threat, Hezbollah, Hamas, and al Qaeda terrorism.
7. The Arab states and Israel will build economic cooperation, opening up a new market for Israel consisting of 300 million consumers throughout the Arab world, improving the prospects for economic and social growth for all Israeli citizens.

8. The Arab states will establish full diplomatic relations with Israel, will cease their hostility toward Israel and the incitement against it in the media and in the education system.
9. Following the agreement, the threat of an international economic boycott of Israel will be permanently lifted.
10. The United States, the other super powers, and the Arab states will ensure that the Palestinians will fulfill their side of the settlement and will deal with any attempt by Hamas to derail the agreement.
11. Upon signing the regional package deal, Israel, the Palestinians and the Arab states will officially declare an end to the conflict and the ending of all claims.

***** The study was conducted together with the 'New Wave Research Group'; 507 respondents were surveyed from the Jewish population within Israel *****

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