

**The Israeli-Jewish Collective Memory of the Israeli-Arab/Palestinian Conflict –
Data**

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| 1. Which of the following sentences best describes your opinion with regard to the distribution of responsibility between the Jews and Arabs (including Palestinians) for the outbreak and continuation of the Israeli-Arab conflict? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | The Arabs (including the Palestinians) are primarily responsible for the outbreak of the conflict and its continuation | 43.4 |
| 2 | The Arabs and the Jews are more or less equally responsible | 46 |
| 3 | The Jews are primarily responsible | 4.2 |
| 4 | Do not know | 6.4 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 2. To the best of your knowledge, what was the degree of sincerity of Israeli efforts versus those of the Arabs (including the Palestinians) to achieve peace through out the conflict? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Israel was very sincere but the Arabs were not sincere | 27 |
| 2 | Israel was somewhat sincere and the Arabs not | 30.4 |
| 3 | Both parties were sincere in about an equal degree | 28.2 |
| 4 | The Arabs were somewhat sincere and Israel not | 1.6 |
| 5 | The Arabs were very sincere and Israel not | 0.4 |
| 6 | Do not know | 12.4 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 3. To the best of your knowledge, what was the quality of the relations between the Jews and Palestinians in Eretz-Israel (the land of Israel) in the centuries that preceded the beginning of the Zionist immigration to Eretz-Israel in the end of the 19th century? Relations were: | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Very bad | 6.6 |
| 2 | Somewhat bad | 16.8 |
| 3 | Medium | 31.2 |
| 4 | Somewhat good | 29.4 |
| 5 | Very good | 3.8 |
| 6 | Do not know | 12.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

4. To the best of your knowledge, what portion of the entire population of Eretz-Israel consisted of Palestinians before the Jewish pioneers began arriving at the end of the 19th century?

The Palestinians were:

| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
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| 1 | The exclusive inhabitants of the land | 0.6 |
| 2 | The vast majority | 22.8 |
| 3 | The majority | 36.6 |
| 4 | Minority | 15.8 |
| 5 | An insignificant minority | 6.0 |
| 6 | Do not know | 18.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

5. To the best of your knowledge, who is responsible for the violence between the Jews and Palestinians that occurred in Eretz-Israel from the end of the 19th century until the eruption of the War of Independence?

The source of responsibility for the violence is:

| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
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| 1 | Only the Palestinians | 20.6 |
| 2 | Mostly the Palestinians | 37.8 |
| 3 | Quite equally both parties | 23.8 |
| 4 | Mostly the Jews | 3.6 |
| 5 | Only the Jews | 1.0 |
| 6 | Do not know | 13.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

6. According to the United Nations' division resolution of '47, what portion of Eretz-Israel were the Palestinians supposed to get, relative to their representation in the population?

The Palestinians got according to the resolution:

| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
|-----|--|------------------------|
| 1 | A part of the land much bigger than their representation in the population | 10 |
| 2 | A part of the land bigger than their representation | 19.2 |
| 3 | A part of the land equal to their representation | 20.4 |
| 4 | A part of the land smaller than their representation | 19 |
| 5 | A part of the land much smaller than their representation | 4.8 |
| 6 | Do not know | 26.6 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 7. What portion of the Palestinians wanted to initiate a war against the Jews following the UN resolution of '47 for the establishment of Israel? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | The vast majority of the Palestinians wanted to initiate a war | 26.8 |
| 2 | The majority | 33.6 |
| 3 | About half | 9.8 |
| 4 | A minority | 10.6 |
| 5 | An insignificant minority | 1.4 |
| 6 | Do not know | 17.8 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 8. What were the reasons for the departure of Palestinian refugees during the War of Independence? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | The refugees left due to fear and calls of leaders to leave | 40.8 |
| 2 | The refugees left due to fear, calls of leaders and expulsion by the Jews | 39.2 |
| 3 | The refugees were expelled by the Jews | 8 |
| 4 | Do not know | 12 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 9. What portion of the Israeli-Arabs (excluding those in East Jerusalem) have planned or taken part in terrorist activities against Israel since the War of Independence until today? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Almost all Israeli-Arabs acted like this | 4.8 |
| 2 | Most of them acted like this | 17 |
| 3 | About half of them | 15.6 |
| 4 | A minority of them | 35.8 |
| 5 | An insignificant minority of them | 17 |
| 6 | Do not know | 9.8 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 10. What were the main reasons for the entry into Israel of Arab/Palestinian infiltrators between the end of the War of Independence and the beginning of the Sinai War in '56? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | All of them entered with the intent to commit terrorist acts (such as murder and sabotage) | 12.4 |
| 2 | Most of them entered with the intent to commit terrorist acts | 20.2 |
| 3 | About half entered with the intent to commit terrorist acts, while half entered with economic-social aims (such as cultivation of fields and visiting relatives) | 32.2 |
| 4 | Most entered with economic-social aims | 12.2 |
| 5 | All entered with economic-social aims | 2 |
| 6 | Do not know | 21 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 11. Why did Israel initiate the '56 Sinai War? Israel attacked: | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Entirely because it had no other alternatives in response to aggressive actions by the Arabs | 28.6 |
| 2 | Mostly because it had no other alternatives | 30 |
| 3 | Partly because it had no other alternatives and partly because it sought to conquer and control Egyptian territories | 14.2 |
| 4 | Mostly because it sought to conquer and control Egyptian territories | 4.6 |
| 5 | Entirely because it sought to conquer and control territories | 1.6 |
| 6 | Do not know | 21 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 12. What was Israel's motivation in initiating the '67 Six Day War? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Solely as a defense measure in response to war threats by Arab countries | 37.2 |
| 2 | Mostly as a defense measure in response to war threats | 34.6 |
| 3 | Partly as a defense measure and partly because it sought to conquer and control Arab territories | 12.8 |
| 4 | Mostly because it sought to conquer and control Egyptian territories | 1.6 |
| 5 | Solely because it sought to conquer and control territories | 2 |
| 6 | Do not know | 11.8 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 13. Prior to the '73 Yom Kippur War: | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | There were no peace initiatives between Israel and the Arabs | 17.8 |
| 2 | There were peace initiatives between Israel and the Arabs, but they failed due to the Arabs | 20.2 |
| 3 | There were peace initiatives that failed due to both parties | 26.6 |
| 4 | There were peace initiatives that failed due to the Israelis | 5.2 |
| 5 | Do not know | 30.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 14. What happened in the Yom Kippur War with regard to the balance of power between Israel and the Arabs? It became clear that Israel is: | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Much stronger than the Arabs and will not incur danger in fighting them | 17 |
| 2 | Stronger than the Arabs | 43.2 |
| 3 | Equal in its power to the Arabs | 5.6 |
| 4 | Not as strong as the Arabs and might incur danger in fighting them | 19.2 |
| 5 | Weaker than the Arabs | 6 |
| 6 | Do not know | 9 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 15. What were Israel's aims in the '82 Lebanon War? Israel's aims were: | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Only to prevent terror attacks against it from Lebanon | 20.4 |
| 2 | Mainly to prevent terror attacks from Lebanon | 26.4 |
| 3 | Partly to prevent terror attacks; and partly to build a new regional order in Lebanon | 32 |
| 4 | Mainly to build a new regional order in Lebanon | 6 |
| 5 | Only to build a new regional order in Lebanon | 2 |
| 6 | Do not know | 13.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 16. What were the reasons for establishing settlements in the West Bank and Gaza? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | For security purposes only, in order to prevent attacks against Israel from these territories | 6.6 |
| 2 | Mainly for security purposes | 9.6 |
| 3 | Quite equally for security purposes and ideological reasons | 44 |
| 4 | Mainly due to ideological reasons | 23.2 |
| 5 | Only due to ideological reasons | 10.4 |
| 6 | Do not know | 6.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 17. What have been the main reasons for violence against Israel by the Palestinian terrorist organizations? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Only the inherently violent nature of the Palestinians | 23.8 |
| 2 | Primarily because of their violent nature | 23.8 |
| 3 | Because of their violent nature of and Israel's behavior during the conflict | 31.6 |
| 4 | Primarily because of Israel's behavior | 6.2 |
| 5 | Entirely because of Israel's behavior | 2.6 |
| 6 | Do not know | 12 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 18. What were the primary reasons for eruption of the '87 Intifada? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Mainly natural hatred towards Israel | 23.6 |
| 2 | Somewhat due to hatred | 17.2 |
| 3 | More or less equally due to hatred and other reasons (such as unwillingness to be controlled and harsh treatment by Israel) | 32 |
| 4 | Somewhat due to other reasons | 6.6 |
| 5 | Mainly due to other reasons | 6.4 |
| 6 | Do not know | 14.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

19. To what extent did the IDF exhibit moral conduct (refraining from illegal violent activities) during the '87 Intifada? Grade it on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 represents zero moral conduct and 7 represents absolute moral conduct.

| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Zero moral conduct | 1.4 |
| 2 | A little moral conduct | 2.6 |
| 3 | More than a little moral conduct | 6.6 |
| 4 | Medium moral conduct | 14.2 |
| 5 | Significant moral conduct | 17.8 |
| 6 | Almost absolute moral conduct | 13.4 |
| 7 | Absolute moral conduct | 23.4 |
| 8 | Do not know | 20.6 |
| | Total | 100 |

20. Who is responsible for the failure of the peace process based on the Oslo agreements of the '90s?

| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
|-----|--|------------------------|
| 1 | The Palestinians are almost entirely responsible for the failure | 25.6 |
| 2 | The Palestinians are primarily responsible | 25 |
| 3 | Both parties are more or less equally responsible | 28.4 |
| 4 | Israel is primarily responsible | 3.2 |
| 5 | Israel almost entirely | 2.8 |
| 6 | Do not know | 15 |
| | Total | 100 |

21. To what extent was the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt implemented by the Egyptian government?

| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
|-----|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Minimally | 20 |
| 2 | More than minimally | 11.2 |
| 3 | Medium | 33.2 |
| 4 | More than medium | 12.6 |
| 5 | Fully | 8.6 |
| 6 | Do not know | 14.4 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 22. What were the reasons for the failure of the negotiations between Barak and Arafat in Summer 2000? | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Barak offered Arafat a very generous peace agreement but Arafat declined mainly because he did not want peace | 55.6 |
| 2 | Both parties are responsible for the failure since, for example, Barak's offer was insufficiently generous, and Arafat was unwilling to make compromises | 25.4 |
| 3 | Arafat did want peace but Barak was not generous enough in meeting the needs of the Palestinians | 3 |
| 4 | Do not know | 16 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 23. The 2000 Intifada erupted due: | | |
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| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Solely because of an a priori plan by Arafat to engage in a violent clash with Israel | 22.8 |
| 2 | Mainly because of an a priori plan by Arafat | 23 |
| 3 | Partly because of an a priori plan by Arafat and partly a Spontaneous popular uprising | 25.8 |
| 4 | Mainly to a spontaneous popular uprising | 9.2 |
| 5 | Solely to a spontaneous popular uprising | 6 |
| 6 | Do not know | 13.2 |
| | Total | 100 |

| 24. What was the extent of moral conduct during fighting ("purity of arms") by the Jews throughout the conflict? | | |
|---|------------------|------------------------|
| No. | Possible answers | % choosing this answer |
| 1 | Very high | 23 |
| 2 | High | 36.8 |
| 3 | Medium | 28.2 |
| 4 | Low | 4 |
| 5 | Very low | 1.4 |
| 6 | Do not know | 6.6 |
| | Total | 100 |