



Geneva Initiative June 2020 - Public Opinion Poll:

42% Oppose annexation, only 32% support

The Geneva Initiative's Two-State Coalition commissioned a poll of Israeli public opinion in early June on the issue of annexation. The poll was conducted by the Midgam Institute headed by the highly respected pollsters Mano Geva and Mina Tzemach, by phone and internet, and included 621 respondents **representing the general population in Israel** over the age of 18, with a maximum margin of error of 3.9%.

The results of the poll indicate that **opposition to annexation (41.7%)** in Israeli society is significantly higher **than support (32.2%)**; The support decreases significantly even more when a possible deterioration on the ground, or damage to the peace agreement with Jordan are presented.

Only 13.8% believe annexation will increase the chances to reach peace, while 47.9% believe it will reduce such chances.

When presented with a list of policy **priorities for government**, only 3.5% listed annexation among their top priorities (Much lower than economy – 42.4%, public health – 24.6% and security – 17.4%).

"The Israeli Government doesn't have a mandate from the public to go for annexation. Israelis want to see negotiations and don't understand why unilateral and dangerous steps should be taken now, in the midst of an economic and health crisis," said Gadi Baltiansky, Israeli Director of the Geneva Initiative.

The poll also shows that only half of Likud voters support annexation, while a vast majority of Blue and White voters oppose it. Below, **the full poll results:**

Do you support or oppose annexation of territories?	Support	32.2%
	Oppose	41.7%
	No Opinion	26.1%

For those who support annexation – if following annexation, there is a wave of terror which may lead to the killing of soldiers and civilians, would you support or oppose annexation?	Support	43.5%
	Oppose	37.8%
	No opinion	18.7%



For those who support annexation – if the annexation significantly harms the peace agreements with Jordan and/or Egypt, will you support or oppose annexation?	Support	60.8%
	Oppose	21.8%

What is the main reason you support annexation?	Greater land of Israel it belongs to us	54.2%
	Security	6.9%
	Expanding the territory of the state	6.9%
	Many Jews live there	4.5%

From the following issues, what are the two most important issues in your opinion for the government to address?	Recovery from the economic crisis	42.4%
	Preparation for another wave of the corona virus	24.6%
	Fighting corruption	10.1%
	Security and fighting terror	17.4%
	Annexation of territories	3.5%

In your opinion, will annexation increase or reduce the chances of reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians?	Increase	13.8%
	Reduce	47.9%
	Will not have any influence	28.4%
	No opinion	9.9%

In your opinion, will annexation increase or reduce the polarization in Israeli society?	Increase	45.1%
	Reduce	9.8%
	Will not have any influence	30.6%
	No opinion	14.5%

On the question of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which course do you prefer to take place now?	Two-state solution	42.0%
	Annexation of territories and settlements	25.6%
	Continuation of the current situation status quo	22.8%
	No opinion	9.5%

Do you support or oppose opening direct negotiations between the Israeli government and Palestinian leadership?	Support	64.8%
	Oppose	22.8%
	No opinion	12.5%

In your opinion, do Palestinians have the right to establish an independent state next to the state of Israel in the framework of a peace agreement, or not?	Yes	54.3%
	No	33.3%
	No opinion	12.4%

		Who did you vote for in the last elections held on March 2, 2020?		
		The Likud led by Binyamin Netanyahu	Blue and White led by Benny Gantz	Labour- Gesher – Meretz led by Amir Peretz, Orly Levy-Abekasis, and Nitzan Horowitz
Do you support or oppose annexation of the settlements?	Support	48.0%	14.0%	0.0%
	Oppose	30.0%	59.5%	75.8%
	No opinion	22.0%	26.5%	24.2%

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