

Israel National Elections Study 2006

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Hi, my name is..... I am an interviewer on behalf ofWe are conducting a poll on political topics, and I'd like to hear your opinions regarding various issues. I'd appreciate it if you would devote some time to it.

6. In your opinion, what is Israel's general situation?

1. very good 2. good 3. so so 4. not good 5. bad

7. What do you think about the way the government is handling the problems that exist in Israel today?

1. handling them in a very good way 2. handling them in a good way 3. handling them in a bad way
4. handling them very badly

8 – 9. What do you think is the most important problem the government must take care of? (mark only one)

10. Do you think that the economic situation in the past 3 years has improved, didn't change, or got worse?

1. improved a lot 2. improved a bit 3. didn't change 4. got a bit worse 5. got much worse

11. And what about your own personal economic status? Would you say that for the past year your personal status:

1. improved a lot 2. improved a bit 3. didn't change 4. got a bit worse 5. got much worse

Here is a 9 step ladder that depicts where the country might be in terms of national security. The top of the ladder is 9 and that is the best possible situation that you can think of and 1 is the worst. One which rank do you think the country is?

		Worst situation									Best situation
12	Today, in terms of national security	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
13	5 years ago	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
14	5 years from now	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	

15. In a peace agreement with the Palestinians, should Israel agree or disagree to a territorial compromise and to the evacuation of settlements in Judea and Samaria?

1. Should definitely agree 2. should agree 3. should disagree 4. should definitely disagree

16. And if it would not be possible to achieve a peace agreement with the Palestinians in the next few years, should Israel undertake another unilateral separation?

1. Yes definitely Yes No Definitely no

17. If Ehud Olmert will be elected prime minister, what are the chances odds that he would undertake unilateral separation in Judea and Samaria?

1. great odds 2. certain odds 3. low odds 4. no chance

18. What are the odds that the peace between Israel and the Arab states will grow stronger in the next 3 years?

1. great odds 2. medium odds 3. low odds 4. very low odds.

19. And what are the odds for a war to break out between Israel and an Arab state in the next 3 years?

1. great odds 2. medium odds 3. low odds 4. very low odds

20. Do you think it is possible to achieve a peace agreement with the Palestinians?

1. definitely yes 2. I think so 3. I don't think so 4. definitely no

21. What do you think are the aspirations of the in the long run?

1. to return some of the territories occupied in the six days war
2. to return all the territories occupied in the six days war
3. to conquer the state of Israel
4. to conquer the state of Israel and to destroy a significant part of the Jewish population in Israel.

22. If there will be a peace agreement with the Palestinians and the Arab states, do you think the Israeli – Arab conflict will come to an end?

1. I'm sure it will come to an end
2. I think it will come to an end
3. I think it won't come to an end
4. I'm sure it won't come to an end

23. What should Israel stress in order to avoid war with an Arab state?

1. Having peace talks
2. Strengthening its military might

24. To what extent are you worried or not worried that you or a member of your family could be injured in your daily life?

1. Very worried
2. Worried
3. Not worried
4. Not worried at all

(Not asked of Arabs)

If we think of the likely direction of development of Israel, there are four important values that conflict with each other to a certain extent but which are important to various people to varying degrees.

25,26,27,28. Of these four values, which one is the most important one for you? And what's the second? And the third? And the fourth?

To what extent do you consider each of the following situations as a threat?

		Not at all threatening						Very threatening
29	Returning territories for peace	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
30	Biological and chemical weapons in the hands of an enemy state	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
31	A non-democratic regime in Israel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32	Unilateral separation from the Palestinians	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
33	Nuclear weapons in the hands of an enemy state	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
34	The establishment of a Palestinian state	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
35	The continuation of the intifada	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
36	A war with Syria	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

37. (not asked of Arabs): There are situations in which there is a contradiction between democracy and halacha (Jewish religious law). In the case of such a contradiction, should the principles of democracy be favored, or should the commandments of Jewish halacha be followed?

1. the principles of democracy should always be followed
2. it depends
3. halacha should always be followed

38. Some think that the government should make sure that everybody has a job and a decent standard of living. Others think that the government shouldn't interfere and should let everyone take care of himself. What do you think?

1. the government should make sure
2. It depends
3. the government shouldn't interfere

39. There are situations in which there is a contradiction between the rule of law and national security interests. In the case of such a contradiction, should the rule of law prevail or should national security interests prevail?

1. the rule of law should prevail
2. it depends
3. national security interests should prevail

40. Do you think Israel should agree or disagree to the establishment of a Palestinian state in Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza strip as part of a permanent settlement?

1. should definitely agree
2. I think should agree
3. I think should not agree
4. should definitely not agree

41. As part of a permanent settlement with the Palestinians, should Israel be prepared to give up or should it retain the Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem in order to reach such a settlement?

1. definitely give up
2. give up
3. retain
4. definitely retain

42. Should Israel return to Syria territories in the Golan in return for a peace treaty and security arrangements acceptable to the IDF?

1. No, 2. Israel should return a small part of the Golan 3. Israel should return a significant part of the Golan 4. Israel should return all of the Golan Heights

43. And what is your opinion regarding the evacuation of Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza as part of a permanent agreement?

1. Nothing should be evacuated. 2. I am prepared to evacuate small and isolated settlements 3. I am willing to evacuate all the settlements including the large blocs of settlements

44. (not asked of Arabs): Do you think the Israeli government should or should not see to it that public life in Israel be conducted according to Jewish religious tradition?

1. should definitely see to it 2. maybe should see to it 3. I do not think the government should see to it 4. The government should definitely not see to it

45. Regarding the economic structure of life in Israel, do you support a more socialist approach or a more capitalist one?

1. definitely capitalist 2. more capitalist than socialist 3. more socialist than capitalist 4. definitely socialist

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Definitely disagree			Definitely agree
46	Even if there are problems in democracy, it's still the best political system	1	2	3	4
47	A politician tends not to consider the opinion of the simple citizen	1	2	3	4
48	No matter who you vote for, it won't change anything	1	2	3	4
49	The peace process must be stopped even at the a risk of another war	1	2	3	4
50	Territories should be returned in exchange for peace	1	2	3	4
51	The government should encourage the emigration of Arabs from Israel	1	2	3	4

53. To what extent do you talk with your friends and family about political issues?

1. a great amount 2. a certain amount 3. a small amount 4. not at all

54. To what extent can you and your friends effect government policy?

1. a great amount 2. a certain amount 3. a small amount 4. not at all

Here you have a 9 stages scale describing different situations a person can be on. The top of the ladder is 9 and that is the best possible situation that you can think of and 1 is the worst. On which rank would you place yourself?

		worst								best
55	Your personal status today?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
56	Your personal status 5 years ago?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
57	Your personal status 5 years from now?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

58. Generally speaking, to what extent are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Israeli democracy functions?

1. very dissatisfied 2. dissatisfied 3. satisfied 4. very satisfied

Here is a scale from 1 to 10 to express support or rejection of a group or a person. "1" describes strong rejection/ hate, and "10" describes strong support/ love.

		Hate/rejection								Love/support	
59	Kadima	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
60	Labor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
61	Likud	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
62	Meretz	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
63	Ihud leumi – Mafdal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
64	Israel Beiteinu	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
59	Kadima	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
60	Labor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

61	Likud	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
62	Meretz	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
63	Ihud leumi – Mafdal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
64	Israel Beiteinu	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
65	Shas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

66 – 67. In sum, among these parties, which one do you support most?

		Hate/rejection									Love/support
68	Ehud Olmert	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
69	Amir Peretz	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
70	Binyamin Netanyahu	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
71	Shimon Peres	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
72	Eli Yishai	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
73	Ariel Sharon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
74	Avigdor Liberman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
75	Yossi Beilin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
76	Beni Eylon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
77	Natan Sharansky	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

78 – 79. Who do you think will deal best with the economic problems of Israel: Kadima leaders, the Likud leaders, to Labor's leaders? Who is in second place?

1. Kadima's leaders 2. Likud's leaders 3. Labor's leaders 4. (don't read): all of them to the same degree
5. (don't read): none of them in second place: _____

80 – 81. And regarding the social problems in Israel?

1. Kadima's leaders 2. Likud's leaders 3. Labor's leaders 4. (don't read): all of them to the same degree
5. (don't read): none of them in second place: _____

82 – 83. And regarding the foreign and security issues in Israel?

1. Kadima's leaders 2. Likud's leaders 3. Labor's leaders 4. (don't read): all of them to the same degree
5. (don't read): none of them in second place: _____

Do you think there are or are not differences among the parties on the following issues?

		Great differences				Almost no differences			
84	Jerusalem	1	2	3	4	5			
85	economy	1	2	3	4	5			
86	Social policy	1	2	3	4	5			
87	State and religion	1	2	3	4	5			
88	Peace and territories	1	2	3	4	5			
89	Terror	1	2	3	4	5			

90. There are different factors that bring people to vote for a certain party for the Knesset. Among the 4 following factors, which is the main factor that influences your vote for a certain party?

1. identifying with the party
2. the party's candidates for the Knesset
3. the party's stand on certain issues
4. the political status of the party in the coalition or in the opposition

To what extent do each of the following issues effect or not effect your voting?

		A great deal	Some	Little	Not at all
91	Jerusalem	1	2	3	4
92	economy	1	2	3	4
93	Social policy	1	2	3	4
94	State and religion	1	2	3	4
95	Peace and territories	1	2	3	4
96	Terror	1	2	3	4
97	Corruption	1	2	3	4

6. Among the following issues, which will have the greatest effect on your voting in the coming elections – the political process with the Palestinians, the defense situation in Israel, the socio-economic situation,

relationships between the religious and non-religious, corruption and the rule of law, or the unity of the people?

1. the political process with the Palestinians
2. the defense situation
3. the socio-economic situation
4. relationships between religious and nonreligious
5. corruption and the rule of law
6. the unity of the people
7. (do not read) other
8. (do not read) I do not know

7-8. there is a lot of talk about left and right in politics. How would you rank yourself from 0 to 10, 0 means left and 10 means right and 5 is in the middle.

Left 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Right

How would you rate the following parties on the left-right scale from 0 to 10, 0 stands for left, and 10 stands for right and 5 is in the middle.

		Left										right
11-12	Likud	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13-14	Labor	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15-16	Kadima	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
17-18	Shas	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
19-20	Ihud Leumi - Mafdal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
21-22	Israel Beiteinu	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
23-24	Meretz	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

25. Would you be willing or would you not be willing to have taxes raised, so that you would have to pay more taxes, in order for the country to be able to deal with the problems it faces?

1. yes
2. No

Should the country spend more money, less money or the same as it does today on the following issues:

		more	less	The same as today
26	Education	1	2	3
27	Ecology	1	2	3
28	Yeshivot and religious institutes	1	2	3
29	Health	1	2	3
30	Security	1	2	3
31	Welfare payments (unemployment, old age, disability, child support)	1	2	3
32	Settlements	1	2	3
33	The Arab sector	1	2	3
34	Creating jobs	1	2	3
35	Roads and car accidents	1	2	3

Below is a list of different characteristics of parties. Please indicate which characteristic is most suitable to Kadima, Labor or Likud? Do not read 4 and 5 to those who answer 1, 2 or 3 and ask to whom do these characteristics suit the least?

		Most suitable Kadima	Most suitable Likud	Most suitable Labor	Suits all the same	Doesn't suit any of them		Least suitable Kadima	Least suitable Likud	Least suitable Labor
36	a party that will stand for its principles in negotiations on territory and peace	1	2	3	4	5	37	1	2	3
38	a party the will keep the democratic regime in the	1	2	3	4	5	39	1	2	3

	state									
40	a party that will lead to a true peace with the Arabs	1	2	3	4	5	41	1	2	3
42	a party that will handle terrorism successfully	1	2	3	4	5	43	1	2	3
44	a party that will ensure a Jewish majority in the state	1	2	3	4	5	45	1	2	3
46	A party that is involved in corruption	1	2	3	4	5	47	1	2	3
48	a party that will decrease social gaps	1	2	3	4	5	49	1	2	3

Below is a list of characteristics of leaders. Please tell which politician suits the characteristic best: Ehud Olmert, Binyamin Netanyahu or Amir Peretz? **Do not read 4 and 5. To those who said 1, 2 or 3, ask to whom this characteristic suits the least.**

		To whom the characteristic suits best?						To whom the characteristic suits least		
		Olmert	Netanyahu	Peretz	All	None		Olmert	Netanyahu	Peretz
50	Leadership abilities	1	2	3	4	5	51	1	2	3
52	reliable	1	2	3	4	5	53	1	2	3
54	prefers the country's good to other interests	1	2	3	4	5	55	1	2	3
56	Good negotiating capability	1	2	3	4	5	57	1	2	3
58	will protect rule of law	1	2	3	4	5	59	1	2	3

60. Among the following issues, which in your opinion is at the center of the election campaign? Are these elections mainly about the political process with the Palestinians, or the defense situation, or the socio-economic situation, the religious- nonreligious relationships, corruption and the rule by law or the unity of the people? **(Read answers 1-3 in changing order).**

1	The peace process with the Palestinians	5	Corruption and the rule of law
2	The security situation	6	The unity of the people
3	The socio – economic situation	7	(do not read) other
4	religious – nonreligious relations	8	(do not read) I don't know

61. With which political tendency do you identify?

1	Left	5	Right
2	Moderate left	6	(do not read) religious
3	Center	7	(do not read) none of them
4	Moderate right		

62. There is a lot of talk on right and left in politics. Where would you rank yourself on the scale left-right where 1 is the extreme right and 7 is the left? Right 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Left

63. Do you read a daily newspaper every day?

1. Almost never 2. Every now and then 3. Approximately once a week 4. Twice or three times a week 5. I read one daily newspaper almost once a day 6. I read more than one newspaper almost every day

64-65. Which newspaper do you usually read, which is your main newspaper? **(do not read)**

1. Yediot Aharonot 2. Maariv 3. Haaretz 4. Vesty 5. Novosty Nadaly 6. Kul el-Arab 7. Al Sinara 8. Al Athad 9. Panorama 10. other (which? for the interviewer to write down)

66. Do you usually watch the news on TV?

1. Almost never 2. not so often 3. once a week or so 4. 2- 3 times a week 5. I watch the news at least once a day 6. I watch the news more than once a day

67-68. And which TV channel do you usually watch? (do not read) 1. channel 1 2. channel 2 3. channel 9 (Israel +) 4. channel 10 5. RTVI 6. Al ghazeera 7. Arab MBC from Dubai 8. other (which? for the interviewer to write down)

69. Do you usually watch the election campaign broadcasts on TV?

(for interviews before the beginning of broadcasts (March 7, 2006): Do you intend to watch the campaign broadcasts on TV?)

1. every day 2. usually 3. sometimes 4. not very often 5. never

70. Do you surf sites of political parties?

1. I do not surf the internet at all 2. I surf but not sites of parties 3. I surf once in a while the sites of parties 4. yes, quite often

71. **Those who answered 3 or 4 ask:** Which parties' sites do you surf?

1. the ones which I support. 2. Only parties which I dislike 3. All kinds of parties

72. Are you a member, supporter, or an activist of any of the parties?

1. no, I am not a supporter or an activist in any of the parties 2. I am a supporter of a party but not a member 3. I am a member of a party 4. I am an active member in a party 5. I am a member and hold a position in a party

73-74. If the elections for Knesset were held today, for which party would you vote for? (do not read answers)

1	Kadima	13	The Pensioners
2	Likud	14	Hazit Leumit Yehudit (Marzel)
3	Labor	15	Herut (Kleiner)
4	Israel Beiteinu (Lieberman)	16	Tafnit (Dayan)
5	Ihud Leumi + Mafdal	17	Balad
6	Yahadut Ha'tora	18	Raam – Taal
7	Shas	19	Hadash
8	Meretz/Yachad	95	Other _____
9	Shinui (Levental)	96	Blank ballot
10	Hetz (Poraz)	97	Undecided
11	The Green Party	98	Do not intend to vote
12	Green Leaf	99	Refuse to answer

And now we would like to ask you about the chance of each one of the following parties to be a member of the coalition after the elections. Here you have a scale between 0 to 10, where 0 means you think there is no chance the party will be a member of the coalition, 50 means that the party's chances are half and half, and 100 means that it will certainly be a member of the coalition.

		Chances
75 – 77	What's the chance that Kadima will be in the next government?	
78 – 80	The Labor?	
81 – 83	The Likud?	
84 - 86	And _____ (the party he said he will vote for in the previous question)	

And what about the number of MKs these parties will have in the next Knesset? How many MKs will...have?

		Number of MKs
87 – 88	Kadima?	
89 - 90	Labor?	
91 - 92	Likud?	
93 - 94	And _____ (the party he said he will vote for in the previous question)	

And now we want to ask you about the chances of different coalitions after the elections. On a scale of 0 to 100, 0 means you give no chance for a certain coalition, 50 means that the coalition's chances are half and half, and 100 means that you are sure this coalition will exist. Naturally you can give any number

between 0 to 100. On such a scale, what are the chances that after the elections, there will be a coalition between:

		Chances
6-8	Kadima-Labor	
9-11	Kadima-Likud	
12-14	Kadima-Likud-Haredi parties (Shas and/or Yahadut Ha'tora)	
15-17	Kadima-Labor-Haredi parties (Shas and/or Yahadut Ha'tora)	
18-20	Kadima-Likud-right wing parties	
21-23	Kadima-Labor-Meretz	
24-26	Kadima, Labor, Likud, right wing parties and Haredi parties – national unity government	

And how supportive would you be of the following coalitions after the elections (read the coalitions in a different order) on a 10 point scale where "1" means strong rejection and "10" means strong support, and the rest are levels in between:

		reject										support
27	Kadima-Labor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
28	Kadima-Likud	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
29	Kadima-Likud-Haredi parties (Shas and/or Yahadut Ha'tora)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
30	Kadima-Labor-Haredi parties (Shas and/or Yahadut Ha'tora)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
31	Kadima-Likud-right wing parties	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
32	Kadima-Labor-Meretz	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
33	Kadima, Labor, Likud, right wing parties and Haredi parties – national unity government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

34-35. And in the final analysis, among these possibilities, which would you prefer? _____

36-37. And if there were two ballots in the coming elections, one for Prime Minister and one for the Knesset, for whom would you vote for Prime Minister?

1. Peretz 2. Olmert 3. Netanyahu 4. Other: _____ 5. Blank ballot 6. I don't know 7. I wouldn't vote

38-39. And for the Knesset? _____ (for the interviewer: use the code in question 73)

40-41. For which party did you vote in the previous elections in 2003? (do not read the answers)

1	Likud	10	Israel Baaliya
2	Labor – Meimad	11	The Green party
3	Shinui	12	Balad
4	Meretz	13	Raam
5	Ihud Ha'leumi	14	Hadash
6	Mafdal	15	Other: _____
7	Yahadut Ha'tora	96	Blank ballot
8	Shas	97	I didn't vote although I had the right to vote
9	Am Ehad	98	I didn't vote; I did not have the right to vote

42. For whom did you vote for prime minister in 2001? 1. Barak 2. Sharon 3. blank ballot 4. I didn't vote although I have the right to vote 5. I didn't vote; I did not have the right to vote

(for Jews) Which of the following concepts best defines your identity? (read) and the second? And the third? And the fourth?

1. Israeli 2. Jewish 3. Ashkenazi/ Sfaradi 4. religious/ secular

43-46. first: _____ second: _____ third: _____ fourth: _____

(for Arabs): Which of the following concepts best defines your identity? (read) and the second? And the third? And the fourth?

1. Israeli 2. Palestinian 3. Arab 4. My religion (Muslim/ Christian/ Druze)

47-50. first: _____ second: _____ third: _____ fourth: _____

51. To the best of your knowledge, what is the minimum threshold for representation in the Knesset?

1. right answer: 2% 2. wrong answer 3. I do not know

52. To the best of your knowledge, what percentage of the government's budget goes to security? (don't read answers)

1. less than 10% 2. between 10% - 40% 3. between 40% - 75% 4. more than 75% 5. I do not know

53. To the best of your knowledge, who is the Knesset's chairman? (do not read answers)

1. right answer: Reuven Rivlin 2. wrong answer 3. I do not know

54-55. How old are you? _____

56. To what extent do you observe religious tradition?

1. not at all 2. a little bit 3. a lot 4. I observe all of it

57-58. (not for Arabs): Where were you born? (write a state)_____ (if in the former USSR, write the name of the republic)

60-61. (not for Arabs): for those who were not born here: When did you come to Israel? _____ -

62. (not for Arabs): for the interviewer: if R came from the USSR after 1989, circle: 1. from the USSR

63-64. (only for immigrants from the former USSR): in what city did you live before you came to Israel?

65-66. (only for immigrants from the former USSR): what was the nationality written in your internal Soviet passport?

1. Jewish 2. other: _____ 3. empty/nothing 4. I did not have an internal passport 5. I don't remember

67. (only for immigrants from the former USSR): Regarding your friends in Israel, would you say that most of them are:

1. immigrants from the former USSR 2. mostly Israelis that are not immigrants 3. half and half

68. (only for immigrants from the former USSR): would you like to see a Russian party participating in the coming elections?

1. of course 2. I think so 3. I don't think so 4. of course not

69-70. (not for Arabs): where was your father born? (write the name of the state): _____ if in the USSR, write the name of the republic)

72-73. (not for Arabs): where was your mother born? (write the name of the state): _____ if in the USSR, write the name of the republic)

75-76. How many years did you study? (including elementary school)_____

77. (for those who finished 12 years and more): Do you have an academic degree? 1. yes 2. No

78-79. Describe your profession or your main job (if R is not working, his last job) (to the interviewer: be specific as you can: not just a doctor but an eye doctor etc.)

Write here: _____

80. The average monthly expenditure for a family of 4 people was NIS 9,300 last month. Does your family spend: 1. Much more than that 2. a little more than that 3. about the average 4. a little less than that 5. much less than that

81. Are you worried of losing your job? 1. not at all worried 2. a little worried 3. very worried 4. I have lost my job lately and am looking for one 5. I am not working and I am not looking for a job

82-83. How many rooms do you have in your house? _____

84-85. How many people are living in the house? (including soldiers): _____

86. What is your social class? 1. high 2. medium-high 3. medium 4. low

87. religion: 1. Jewish 2. Muslim 3. Christian 4. Druze

88. (not for Arabs): How would you define yourself? 1. secular 2. traditional 3. religious 4. Haredi

89. Gender: 1. Male 2. Female

90-91. place of residency _____

92. Language of the interview: 1. Hebrew 2. Arab 3. Russian

93. Version: 1. Blue 2. Red 3. Orange

Date of interview: 94-95. day _____ 96. month: _____

Interviewee: _____ interviewer: _____ Phone Number: _____

POST-ELECTION SURVEY, March, April 2006

Hi, my name is..... I am an interviewer on behalf of Mahshov. Before the elections we interviewed (name provided) as part of an academic research project, and we are calling now to ask (him/her) a few questions. It won't take more than 4 or 5 minutes. Thank you.

To the interviewer: Interview ONLY the person listed. Do not substitute with a family member or anyone else.

5. Did you vote in the last Knesset elections? 1. Yes 2. No (skip to 8)

6-7 For which list did you vote in the last Knesset elections? (do not read answers)

1	Kadima	13	The Pensioners
2	Likud	14	Hazit Leumit Yehudit (Marzel)
3	Labor	15	Herut (Kleiner)
4	Israel Beiteinu (Liberman)	16	Tafnit (Dayan)
5	Ihud Leumi + Mafdal	17	Balad
6	Yahadut Ha'tora	18	Raam – Taal
7	Shas	19	Hadash
8	Meretz/Yachad	95	Other _____
9	Shinui (Levental)	96	Blank ballot
10	Hetz (Poraz)		
11	The Green Party		
12	Green Leaf		

8-9. And among the following coalitions, which coalition do you favor? (Interviewer: record the exact answer _____)

10. In general, are you pleased or not pleased with the election results?

1. Very pleased 2. Pleased 3. Not very pleased 4. Not pleased at all

11-12. When did you finally decide to vote for (mention the party name voted for from question 6. If R said in question 5 that R would not vote, ask when the final decision was made not to vote)

1. Election day
2. 2-3 days before the elections
3. A week before the elections
4. A month before the elections
5. A few months before the elections
6. From the beginning I knew what I would do

Interviewer: Record here if R provided a different answer, such as an event that took place at the time of the decision

13. How often did you watch the parties' election campaign spots on television?

1. Every evening 2. Almost every evening 3. a few times 4. never

14. Were you contact by a party or group during the campaign in an effort to convince you how to vote?

1. Yes 2. No

In the last elections many fewer voters participated than in the past. I will list a number of possible reasons for this and I will ask you to tell me how important or unimportant each of these reasons is to explain why people did not vote.

1. Extremely not important 2. Not important 3. not certain 4. important 5. Very important

15. No difference between the parties

16. It was clear who would win

17. It makes no difference for whom you vote because nothing changes

18. The public is sick of politics and politicians

19. People felt they did not have for whom to vote
 20. People don't care, they're apathetic

21-22. And among those reasons, which in your opinion was the most important for the low turnout?
 (Interviewer: Review answers 15-20 in a varying order)

23. There are many opinions about what these elections were about. I will read some sentences with different ideas about this. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

1 Strongly disagree 2. Disagree 3. not certain 4. agree 5. strongly agree

23. About the economic situation and the social gap in the country

24. About the disengagement plan and the future of the settlements in the territories

25. About the corruption of the politicians

26. About who will deal better with security challenges (Hamas election, the threat from Iran)

27. The elections were a protest against the establishment

28. In sum, what were these elections about in your opinion (only one response)
 (Interviewer: Review answers 23-27 in a varying order)

1. Political topic (Disengagement, negotiations with the Palestinians)
2. The security topic
3. The economic-social topic
4. Corruption

29. In your opinion, should these elections be seen or should they not be seen as a referendum on Olmert's plan for another disengagement in Judea and Samaria that will determine the border with the Palestinians?

1. definitely the elections should be seen as a referendum on these matters
2. the elections can be seen as a referendum on these matters
3. the elections cannot be seen as a referendum on these matters
4. definitely the elections should not be seen as a referendum on these matters

30. Do you think that the Israel Beiteinu party is primarily

1. a party that represents immigrants from the former Soviet Union
2. Not that

31-32. How old are you? _____

33. religion: 1. Jewish 2. Muslim 3. Christian 4. Druze

34-35. How many years did you study? (including elementary school) _____

36. Gender: 1. Male 2. Female

37. Language of the interview: 1. Hebrew 2. Arab 3. Russian

Date of interview: 38-39. day _____ 40. month: _____

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