



New poll of Jewish and Arab citizens: Huge gap between attitudes that Jews attribute to Arab citizens about the recent terrorist attacks perpetrated by Arab citizens, and the actual attitudes of Arab citizens

* 98% of Arab citizens oppose violence toward Jews; 91% of Jews oppose violence toward Arabs

* A large majority of both Jews and Arabs fear for their own safety following the recent attacks and believe that eradicating violence is a goal shared by everyone

aChord: Social Psychology for Social Change, based at the Hebrew University, surveyed Jews and Arabs following the terror attacks last week in Beersheba and Hadera. The survey, conducted on Monday and Tuesday, March 28th and 29th, polled a representative sample of 495 Jewish citizens and 369 Arab citizens.

Survey results indicate that a large majority of Jews and Arabs in Israel feel similarly about strongly opposing the violence. **However, the findings also uncover large gaps in the way Jews perceive the opinions of Arab citizens and the reality.** The results show that many Jewish citizens have highly inaccurate and prejudiced views on Arab citizens' attitudes toward violence against Jews.

➤ Arab citizens are against nationalist violence

Only 56% of Israeli Jews believe that the majority of Arab citizens oppose violence carried out against Jews.

The reality: 98% of Arab citizens oppose violent acts against Jews.

This figure is higher than the comparable percentage of Jews who oppose violence toward Arabs: **91%**.

➤ Do the perpetrators of the recent terrorist acts represent Arab society?

Only 56% of Jews think that the perpetrators **do not represent** Arab society.

The real figure: 93% of Arabs think that the perpetrators **do not represent** Arab society.

➤ Feelings in common: fear, and the desire to eradicate the violence

75% of Arab citizens fear for their own safety after the recent attacks; 64% of Jewish citizens fear for their own safety after the recent attacks.

95% of Arab citizens believe that eradicating violence is a goal shared by both sides; 79% of Jews believe that eradicating violence is a goal shared by both sides.

The survey was conducted by Dr. Yossi Hasson, Yara Nasser, and Nimrod Nir.

It consisted of an online sample that included 865 Israeli citizens, 495 Jewish and 369 Arab, and was conducted by I-Panel. Running period: 28-29.03.2022.