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6(Q1.) On the whole, are you satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the way Israeli democracy works?

1. SATISFIED
2. FAIRLY SATISFIED
4. NOT VERY SATISFIED
5. NOT AT ALL SATISFIED
  
8. DON'T KNOW

7 (Q2.) In some countries, people believe the elections are conducted fairly and in other countries, people believe that the elections are conducted unfairly. Where would you place the last election in Israel on a scale of one to five? (where ONE means that the last election was conducted fairly and FIVE means that the last election was conducted unfairly)

1. LAST ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED FAIRLY
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. LAST ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED UNFAIRLY
  
8. DON'T KNOW

8 (Q3.) Do you usually see yourself as close to any particular political party?

1. YES
5. NO
  
8. DON'T KNOW

9-10 (Q3a.) Which party is that? (FIRST PARTY MENTIONED)

01. Likud (Likud-Gesher-Tzomet block)
02. Avoda (Left block)
03. Shas (Religious block)
04. Mafdal (Religious block)
05. Meretz (Left block)
06. Tzomet (Likud-Gesher-Tzomet block)
07. Gesher (Likud-Gesher-Tzomet block)
08. Yahadut Hatorah (Religious block)
09. Moledet (Right block)
10. Haderech hashelishit
11. Israel ba'aliya
12. Hadash (Hadash-Balad block)
13. Balad (Hadash-Balad block)
14. Mada (Mada-Islamic block)

- 15. Islamic movement (Mada-Islamic block)
- 16. Reshima arvit meuhedet (Mada-Islamic block)
- 17. Hadash-Balad block
- 18. Mada-Islamic block
- 19. Likud-Gesher-Tzomet block
- 20. Left block
- 21. Right block
- 22. Religious block
- 00. INAPPLICABLE (5 or 8 in Q3)
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 99. NOT AVAILABLE

11-12 (Q3a.) Which party is that? (SECOND PARTY, IF VOLUNTEERED)

13-14 (Q3a.) Which party is that? (THIRD PARTY, IF VOLUNTEERED)

15-16 (Q3a(1)-1.) Which party in the block do you feel closest to?

FIRST BLOCK PARTY MENTIONED

99 Don't know, close to the entire block

17-18 (Q3a(1)-2.) Which party in [NAME OF BLOCK] do you feel close to?

SECOND BLOCK PARTY MENTIONED (IF VOLUNTEERED)

19 (Q3c.) (if more than one party mentioned)  
Nevertheless, do you feel yourself a little closer to one of the political parties than the others?

- 1. YES
- 5. NO
- 8. DON'T KNOW

20-21 (Q3d) Which party is that?

22 (Q3e.) How close do you feel to this party (or block), that you mentioned?

- 1. VERY CLOSE
- 2. SOMEWHAT CLOSE
- 3. NOT VERY CLOSE
- 8. DON'T KNOW

23 (Q4.) To what extent do you think political parties in Israel care what the public thinks?

1. POLITICAL PARTIES IN ISRAEL CARE WHAT THE PUBLIC THINKS
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. POLITICAL PARTIES IN ISRAEL DON'T CARE WHAT PUBLIC THINK
8. DON'T KNOW

24 (Q5.) To what extent do you think that political parties are necessary to make our regime work as it should?

1. POLITICAL PARTIES ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE OUR REGIME WORK
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. POLITICAL PARTIES ARE NOT NEEDED TO MAKE OUR REGIME WORK
8. DON'T KNOW

(Q7.) We'd like to know what you think about the main political parties. I will now read to you names of parties and ask you to rate them on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly dislike that party and 10 means that you strongly like that party. If I come to a party you haven't heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, just say so. The first party is Likud.

25-26 (Q7a) Where would you place Likud on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF
98. DON'T KNOW

27-28 (Q7b) Where would you place Avoda on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF
98. DON'T KNOW

29-30 (Q7c) Where would you place Shas on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF  
98. DON'T KNOW

31-32 (Q7d) Where would you place Mafdal on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF  
98. DON'T KNOW

33-34 (Q7e) Where would you place Meretz on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF  
98. DON'T KNOW

Read (Q8) And now, using the same scale, I'd like to ask you how much you like or dislike some political leaders. Again, if I come to a leader you haven't heard of or you do not know enough about, just say so. The first political leader is Benjamin Netanyahu.

35-36 (Q8a) Where would you place Benjamin Netanyahu (Likud) on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF  
98. DON'T KNOW

37-38 (Q8b) Where would you place Shimon Peres (Avoda) on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF  
98. DON'T KNOW

39-40 (Q8c) Where would you place Arie Deri (Shas) on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF  
98. DON'T KNOW

41-42 (Q8d) Where would you place Zvulun Hamer (Mafdal) on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF

98. DON'T KNOW

43-44 (Q8e) Where would you place Yosi Sarid (Meretz) on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
STRONGLY DISLIKES STRONGLY LIKES

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF

98. DON'T KNOW

45 (Q9) What do you think about the state of the economy these days in Israel? Would you say that the state of the economy is very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad, or very bad?

1. VERY GOOD
2. GOOD
3. NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD
4. BAD
5. VERY BAD

8. DON'T KNOW

46 (Q10) Would you say that over the past twelve months, the state of the economy in Israel has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

1. GOTTEN BETTER
3. STAYED THE SAME
5. GOTTEN WORSE

8. DON'T KNOW

47 (Q10a.) (if better) Would you say much better or somewhat better?

1. MUCH BETTER
2. SOMEWHAT BETTER

8. DON'T KNOW

47 (Q10b.) (if worse) Would you say much worse or somewhat worse?

4. SOMEWHAT WORSE
5. MUCH WORSE

8. DON'T KNOW

48 (Q11.) To what extent do you think members of Parliament know what ordinary people think?

1. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT KNOW WHAT ORDINARY PEOPLE THINK
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT DON'T KNOW WHAT ORDINARY PEOPLE THINK
8. DON'T KNOW

49 (Q12.) During the past twelve months, have you had any contact with a Member of Parliament?

1. YES
5. NO; NO CONTACT AT ALL
8. DON'T KNOW

50 (Q13.) To what extent do you think it makes a difference who is in power.

1. IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE WHO IS IN POWER
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHO IS IN POWER
8. DON'T KNOW

51 (Q14.) Some people say it makes no difference who people vote for. Others say that who people vote for can make a difference to what happens. What do you think?

1. WHO PEOPLE VOTE FOR WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. WHO PEOPLE VOTE FOR CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
8. DON'T KNOW

52 (Q15.) Do you believe most people in Israel usually say what they think about politics when people are asked to express an opinion, or do you believe most people usually hide what they really think about politics?

1. MOST PEOPLE IN ISRAEL USUALLY SAY WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT POLITICS

2.

3.

4.

5. MOST PEOPLE IN ISRAEL USUALLY HIDE WHAT THEY REALLY THINK ABOUT POLITICS

8. DON'T KNOW

59-60(Q16a) A lot is said about left and right in politics. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
LEFT RIGHT

98. DON'T KNOW

Using the same scale, where would you place:

61-62 (Q16b.) Where would you place Likud on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
LEFT RIGHT

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF

98. DON'T KNOW

63-64 (Q16c.)Where would you place Avoda on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
LEFT RIGHT

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF

98. DON'T KNOW

65-66 (Q16d.) Where would you place Shas on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
LEFT RIGHT

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF

98. DON'T KNOW

67-68 (Q16e.) Where would you place Mafdal on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
LEFT RIGHT

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF  
98. DON'T KNOW

69-70 (Q16f.) Where would you place Meretz on this scale?

00. 01. 02. 03. 04. 05. 06. 07. 08. 09. 10.  
LEFT RIGHT

96. HAVEN'T HEARD OF  
98. DON'T KNOW

7 In the last elections, for whom did you vote for PM?

1. NETANIAHU
2. PERES
3. BLANK BALLOT (REFRAIN OR DISSATISFACTION BY ALL CANDIDATS)
4. DID NOT VOTE THOUGH I HAD THE RIGHT TO VOTE
5. DID NOT VOTE BECAUSE I HAD NO RIGHT TO VOTE
6. REFUSE TO ANSWER

8-9 And for which party did you vote for Knesset last election?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
14. REFUSE TO ANSWER

14 (Political Information Item #1)  
To the best of your knowledge, who is the new chairman of Knesset?

1. CORRECT
2. INCORRECT
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSE TO ANSWER



15 (Political Information Item #2)  
To the best of your knowledge, what part of the government budget does the defense budget take?

1. LESS THEN 10% (INCORRECT)
2. BETWEEN 10%-40% (CORRECT)
3. BETWEEN 40%-75% (INCORRECT)
4. MORE THEN 75% (INCORRECT)
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSE TO ANSWER

16 (Political Information Item #3)  
To the best of your knowledge, according to the new law, is there a limit on the number of terms the PM can serve?

1. YES, TWO TERMES (CORRECT)
2. YES, BUT DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OR INCORRECT ABOUT THE NUMBER (PARTLY CORRECT)
3. NO LIMITATION (INCORRECT)
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSE TO ANSWER

#### **BACKGROUND (DEMOGRAPHIC) VARIABLES**

17-18 Age: How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_  
00. REFUSE TO ANSWER

19 Sex: Respondent's gender:

1. MALE
2. FEMALE
9. NO ANSWER

20 Education: How many years did you study?

1. DIDN'T STUDY (NONE)
2. LESS THEN 8 YEARS (INCOMPLETE PRIMARY)
3. COMPLETE PRIMARY (8 YEARS)
4. STUDIED HIGHSCHOOL DIDN'T GRADUATE (INCOMPLETE SECONDARY)
5. HIGHSCHOOL GRADUATE (SECONDARY COMPLETED)
6. POST-SECONDARY TRADE / VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
7. UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE INCOMPLETE
8. UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COMPLETED
9. REFUSE TO ANSWER

- 21 Marital Status: What is your marital status?
1. MARRIED OR LIVING TOGETHER AS MARRIED
  2. WIDOWED
  3. DIVORCED OR SEPARATED (MARRIED BUT SEPARATED / NOT LIVING WITH LEGAL SPOUSE)
  4. SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED
  
  8. DON'T KNOW
  9. REFUSE TO ANSWER
- 22 Are you a member of a union (Histadrut)?
1. YES
  2. NO
  
  8. DON'T KNOW
  9. REFUSE TO ANSWER
- 23 Is someone living in household a member of a union (Histadrut)?
1. SOMEONE ELSE (OTHER THAN R) IS MEMBER OF A UNION
  2. NO ONE ELSE (OTHER THAN R) IS A MEMBER OF A UNION
  
  8. DON'T KNOW
  9. REFUSE TO ANSWER
- 24-25 How do you define your employment status? What do you do?
01. EMPLOYED - FULL TIME (32+ HOURS WEEKLY)
  02. EMPLOYED - PART TIME (15-32 HOURS WEEKLY)
  03. EMPLOYED - LESS THAN 15 HOURS
  04. HELPING FAMILY MEMBER
  05. UNEMPLOYED
  06. STUDENT, IN SCHOOL, IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING
  07. RETIRED
  08. HOUSEWIFE, HOME DUTIES
  09. PERMANENTLY DISABLED
  10. OTHERS, NOT IN LABOR FORCE
  11. SOLDIER (COMPULSORY SERVICE)
  98. DON'T KNOW
  99. REFUSE TO ANSWER

- 26 Who is your employment?
0. INAPPLICABLE (NOT IN LABOR FORCE, NEVER HAD A JOB)
  1. WORKS FOR GOVERNMENT
  2. WORKS FOR GOVERNMENT OWNED FIRM
  3. WORKS FOR MIXED OWNERSHIP FIRM (GOVERNMENT+PRIVATE)
  4. WORKS FOR A PRIVET FIRM
  5. SELF-EMPLOYED \ FAMILY BUSINESS
  6. WORKS FOR HISTADRUT (UNION)
  8. DON'T KNOW
  9. NO ANSWER
- 27 Field of occupation (sector)
0. INAPPLICABLE (NOT IN LABOR FORCE, NEVER HAD A JOB)
  1. AGRICULTURAL (INCLUDING FORESTRY, FISHERIES)
  2. INDUSTRY: MINING, ENERGY, MACHINE, CHEMICAL, METAL EXTRACTION, ENGINEERING, BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION)
  3. SERVICES: TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, TRADE, RETAIL, DISTRIBUTION, REPAIR SERVICES, BANKING, INSURANCE, FINANCE, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH, CULTURE, EDUCATION, RECREATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE, MUSEUM, LIBRARY, SPORT, ARMED FORSES)
  4. OTHER
  8. DON'T KNOW
  9. NO ANSWER
- 28-29 Occupation:
01. PHYSICAL, MATHEMATICAL, ENGINEERING SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS
  02. OTHER PROFESSIONALS
  03. GENERAL MANAGERS
  04. OFFICE CLERKS
  05. CUSTOMER SERVICES CLERKS
  06. MODELS, SALES PERSONS AND DEMONSTRATORS
  07. SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY WORKERS
  08. EXTRACTION AND TRADE WORKERS
  09. LABORERS
  10. ARMED OCCUPATION
  11. STUDENT
  12. HOUSE WIFE
  13. NO OCCUPATION\UNEMPLOYED
  14. OTHER PROFETION
  15. ARMED FORCES – COMPULSORY SERVICE
  16. TEACHING PROFESSIONALS
  98. DON'T KNOW REFUSED

- 30-31 Occupation of spouse
- 32-36 What is the monthly household income after tax? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. DON'T KNOW
  - 9. REFUSE TO ANSWER
- 37-38 Number of people in household (including soldiers) \_\_\_\_\_
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 39-40 Number of people in household under the age of 18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 98. DON'T KNOW
- 41 Do you observe a religious tradition?
- 1. OBSERVE NO RELIGIOUS TRADITION
  - 2. OBSERVE SOME RELIGIOUS TRADITION
  - 3. OBSERVE MOST RELIGIOUS TRADITION
  - 4. OBSERVE ALL RELIGIOUS TRADITION
  - 8. DON'T KNOW
  - 9. REFUSED
- 42 ATTENDANCE AT RELIGIOUS SERVICES
- 0. MISSING
  - 1. NEVER
  - 2. ONCE A YEAR
  - 3. MORE THEN ONCE A YEAR
  - 4. ONCE A MONTH
  - 5. TWO OR MORE TIMES A MONTH
  - 6. ONCE A WEEK
  - 7. NUMBER OF TIMES A WEEK
  - 8. EVERY DAY
  - 0. DON'T KNOW
  - 9. REFUSED
- 43-44 Do you define yourself as:
- 18. CHRISTIAN (NO DENOMINATION GIVEN)
  - 20. JEWISH
  - 37. DRUSE
  - 80. OTHER RELIGIONS
  - 98. DON'T KNOW
  - 99. REFUSED

45-47      What language is usually spoken at home?

000. MISSING

008. ARABIC, LEVANTINE (ISRAEL)

048. HEBREW

109. RUSSIAN

48-49      Where were you born? (Ethnicity)

00. MISSING

01. Jew – North Africa\Ethiopia

02. Jew – Asia

03. Jew – East Europe

04. Jew – Western and Central Europe

05. Jew – America, Australia, South Africa

06. Jew – Israel, father born in Israel

07. Jew – Israel, father born in North Africa\Ethiopia

08. Jew – Israel, father born in Asia

09. Jew – Israel, father born in East Europe

10. Jew – Israel, father born in Western and Central Europe

11. Jew – Israel, father born in America, Australia, South Africa

12. Arab

52      Rural/Urban Residence.

1. RURAL AREA OR VILLAGE (INCLUDING KIBUTZ)

2. SMALL OR MIDDLE-SIZED TOWN

3. RURAL SETTLEMENT

4. LARGE TOWN OR CITY

5. NOT CLEAR