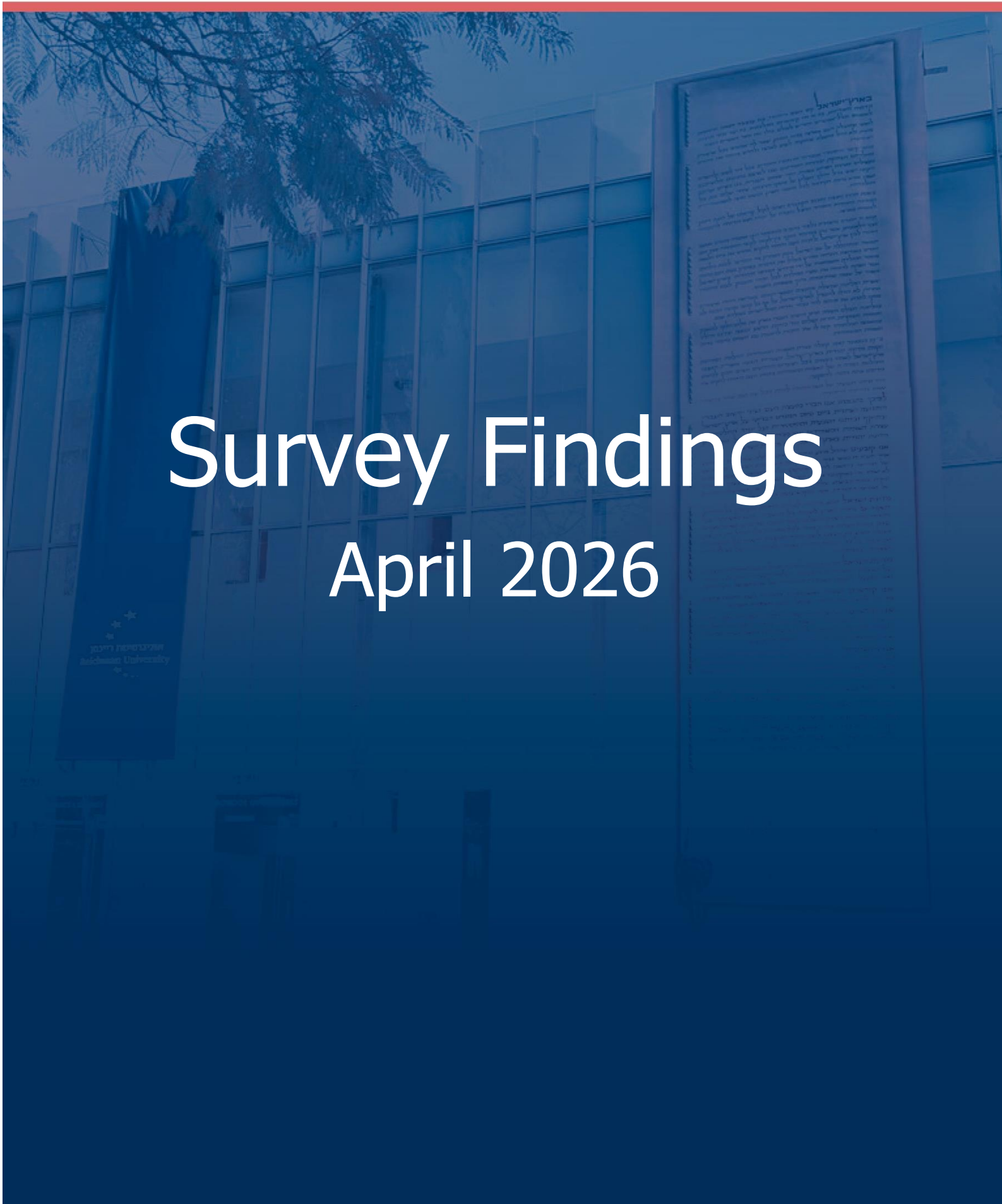




Survey Findings

April 2026



Summary

Settler Violence in the West Bank

- Approximately two-thirds of Israelis believe that settler violence constitutes a serious problem amounting to Jewish terrorism.
- A majority of Israelis believe that settlers who engage in violence in the West Bank constitute a fringe group of marginal youth.
- Approximately half of Israelis believe that settler violence is a marginal issue relative to Palestinian violence.
- Approximately half of Israelis believe that settler violence in the West Bank harms the settlement movement.
- Approximately two-thirds of Israelis believe that settler violence in the West Bank harms Israel's international standing.

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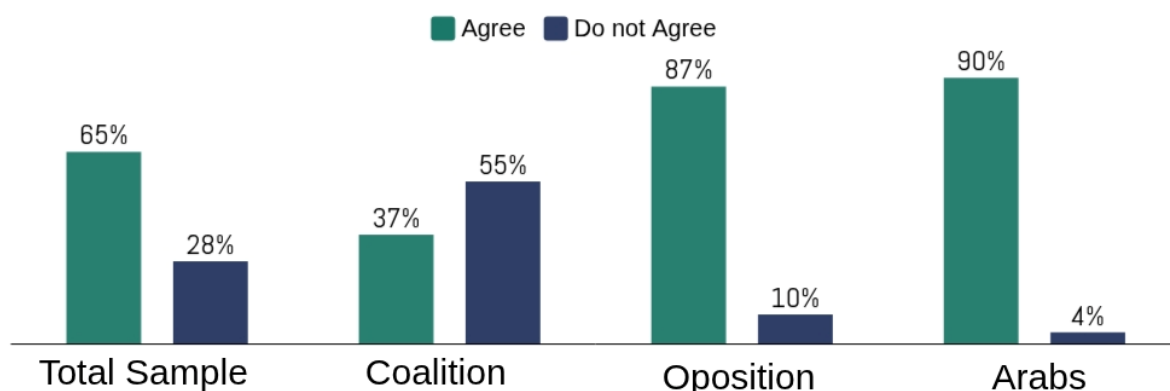
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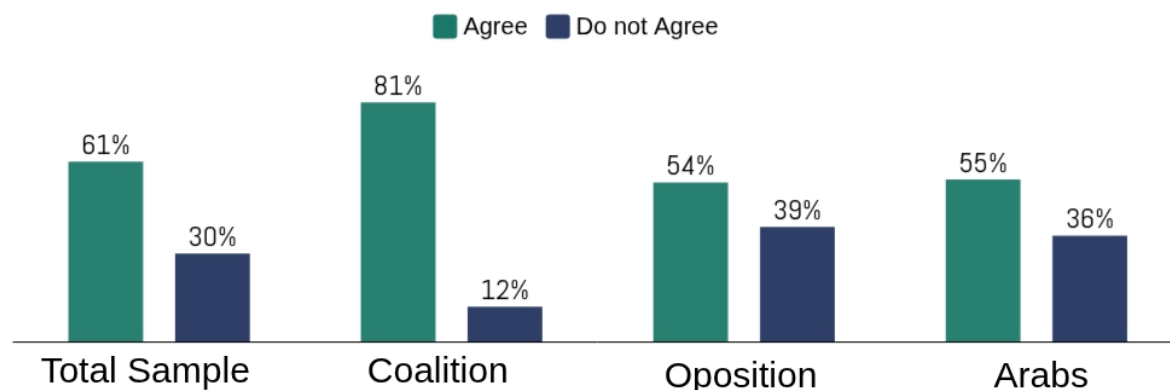
To what extent do you agree that settler violence constitutes a serious problem amounting to Jewish terrorism?



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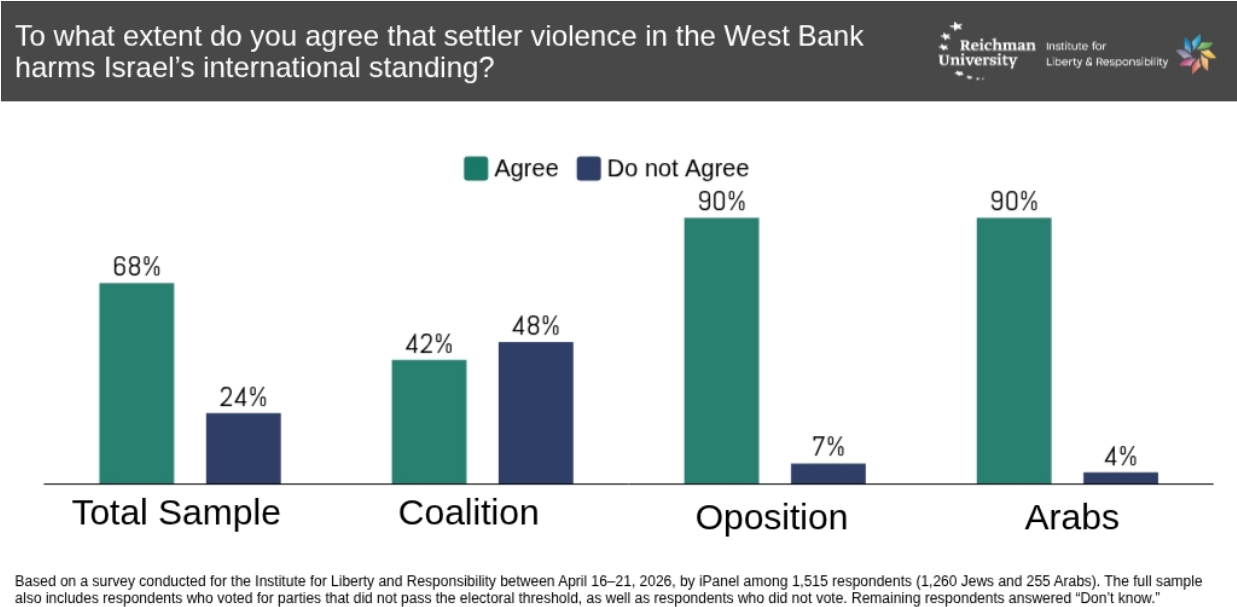
A majority of Israelis believe that settlers who engage in violence in the West Bank constitute a fringe group of marginal youth. This view is shared by both coalition and opposition voters, although support for this position is substantially higher among coalition voters.

To what extent do you agree that settlers engaging in violence in the West Bank are a small group of marginal youth and are not representative of the settler population?

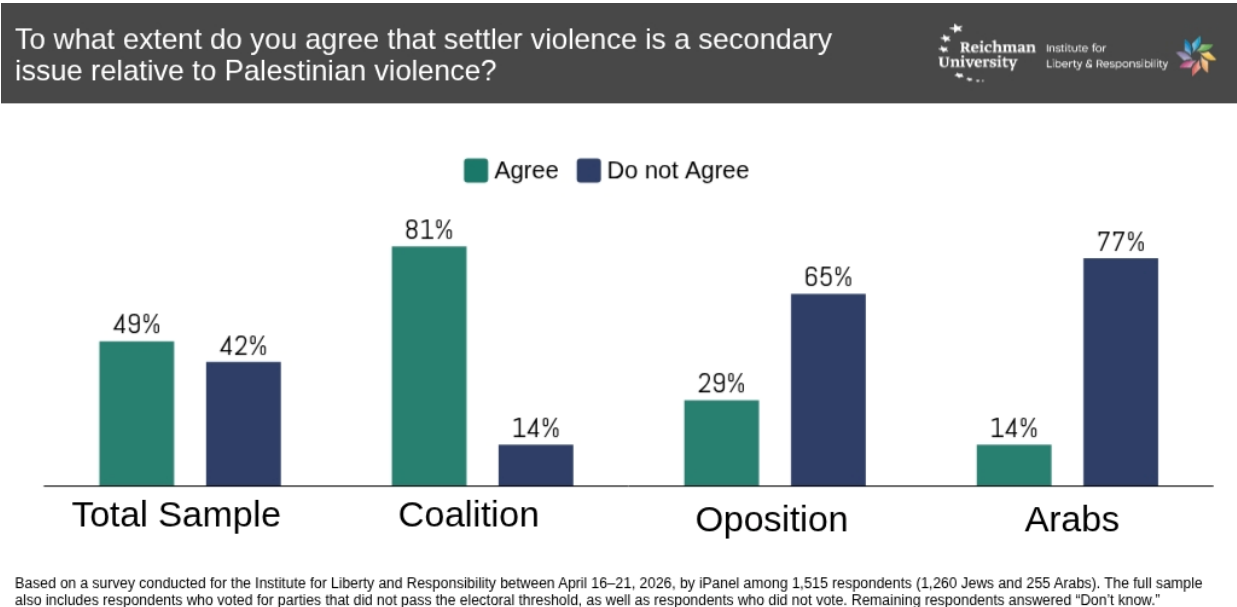


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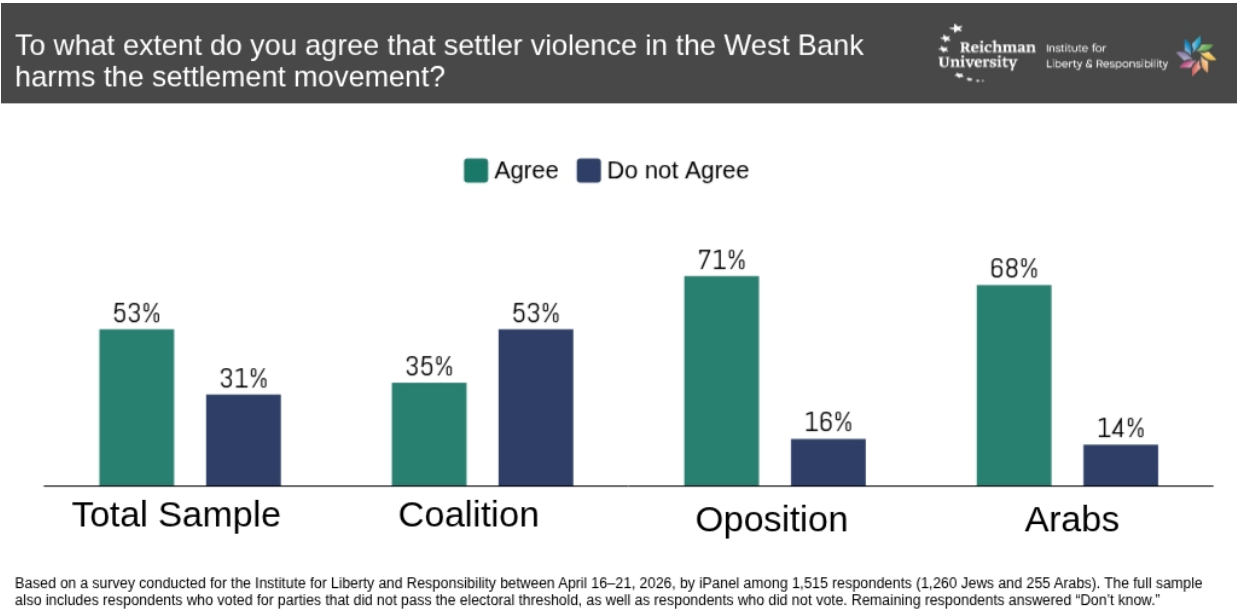
Approximately two-thirds of Israelis believe that settler violence in the West Bank harms Israel’s international standing. Coalition voters are divided on this issue.



Approximately half of Israelis believe that settler violence is a marginal issue relative to Palestinian violence. A gap is evident between coalition and opposition voters on this issue. A large majority of coalition voters hold this view, whereas a majority of opposition voters do not.



Approximately half of Israelis believe that settler violence in the West Bank harms the settlement movement. Approximately one-third of coalition voters share this view. A majority of opposition voters, as well as a majority of the Arab public, believe that settler violence undermines the settlement movement.



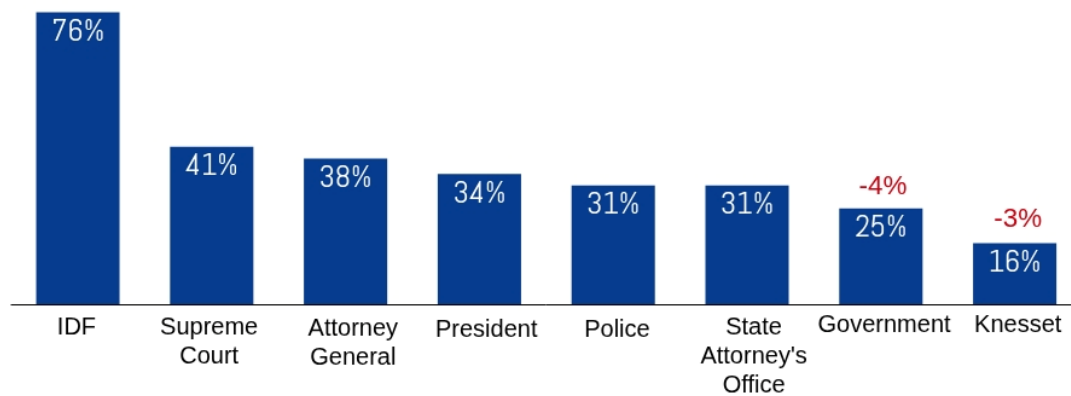


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Public Trust In State Institutions (April 26)



Indicates the change compared to the previous month





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