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**The feasibility of voluntary evacuation of settlers living
east to the security barrier prior to an agreement**

Findings of the 2013 survey

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Foreword

Methodology of the survey

The survey, which was conducted in August 2013, is the third survey in a detailed study conducted by the Macro Center for Political Economics on the subject of settlers' willingness to evacuate. The first survey was conducted in April 2008, and the second was conducted in January 2012.

Survey Population

The population sampled in the three surveys comprises settlers living in communities east of the security barrier, based on the assumption that the settlement blocks (which are west of the barrier) will stay under Israeli sovereignty, as reflected in various international parameters. The survey population does not include outposts residents, as outposts are not recognized by the state and their residents are registered as residents in other municipalities.

Sample Size

The first survey (2008) sampled 698 individuals, with a 3.9% sampling error.

The second survey (2012) sampled 1,007 individuals, with a 3.1% sampling error. Before the survey was conducted, three focus groups were conducted.

The last survey sampled 501 individuals, with a 4.5% sampling error.

Survey Methodology

- Survey questions (see the next page) were formulated by Macro Center staff.
- Data collection for all three of the surveys was conducted by telephone (except for the focus groups) by various companies: 2008 – Smith Consulting and Research Ltd, 2012 – Dahaf Institute, 2013 – Midgam (the last two led by Dr. Mina Tzemach).
- Data analysis was conducted by the Macro Center.
- Survey findings in this booklet are compared with data from previous surveys and were found similar within the sampling error for all of the questions.



The questionnaire

Suppose that in the next few months the Israeli government approaches the residents in your settlement and explains that in order to prepare for the possibility of evacuating settlements in case of a peace agreement, it is offering residents the option to voluntarily move to a settlement blocks which will stay within Israel's border or to a community within the Green Line. Residents will receive compensation which will allow suitable alternative housing, what is the probability that you will agree to move in such conditions?

1. Certain I will agree
2. Think I will agree
3. Think I will not agree
4. Certain I will not agree

There are several decision-making mechanisms for significant political decisions. Please note for each of the following mechanisms if it is legitimate or not (for each of the options the answers are: (1) Certain the decision is legitimate; (2) Think the decision is legitimate; (3) Think the decision is illegitimate; (4) Certain the decision is illegitimate):

1. A simple majority in the Knesset
2. A supermajority in the Knesset (at least 70 MKs)
3. A majority in a referendum
4. A supermajority in a referendum (60%)
5. Knesset elections on the issue

If a political agreement with the Palestinians is approved in a mechanism you believe is legitimate, and your settlement will not remain in Israeli sovereignty, will you (your family) be willing to evacuate in return for compensation?

1. Certain I will agree
2. Think I will agree
3. Think I will not agree
4. Certain I will not agree

Can each of the following factors motivate your willingness to move from your settlement? (for each of the options the answers are: (1) Certain it will motivate; (2) Think it will motivate; (3) Think it will not motivate; (4) Certain it will not motivate)

1. The option to move the entire settlement to the settlements blocks, to the Negev or to the Galilee
2. Suitable compensation
3. Suitable employment or vocational training for you and your spouse
4. A peace agreement you can trust
5. Psychological guidance and a support system for children
6. A government decision to freeze construction in the settlements
7. Wanting to be away from radical factions
8. Security instability in Judea and Samaria



Would you prefer to live within the Green Line or in the settlement blocks in Judea and Samaria that will stay in Israel's borders? (Sample: those who answered that certainly/think would agree to evacuate prior to/following an agreement)

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1. Within the Green Line
2. In the settlement blocks

To which area within the Green Line would you prefer to move? (Sample: those who preferred absorption within the green line)

If settlers who move to the Galilee or Negev receive higher compensation than settlers moving to other areas, where would you prefer to move?

1. Galilee or Negev
2. An area in Israel's center or Jerusalem
3. The settlement blocks

If a political agreement is signed with the Palestinians in 5 years, what do you think is most likely to happen to your settlement?

1. The settlement will be evacuated, residents will receive compensation and move to various communities
2. The entire settlement will be moved to a territory within Israel's borders
3. The settlement will not be evacuated and will continue to exist under the Palestinian Authority
4. The settlement will be annexed to Israel



Findings

1. Voluntary evacuation

Figure 1.1 Willingness to evacuate voluntarily prior to an agreement

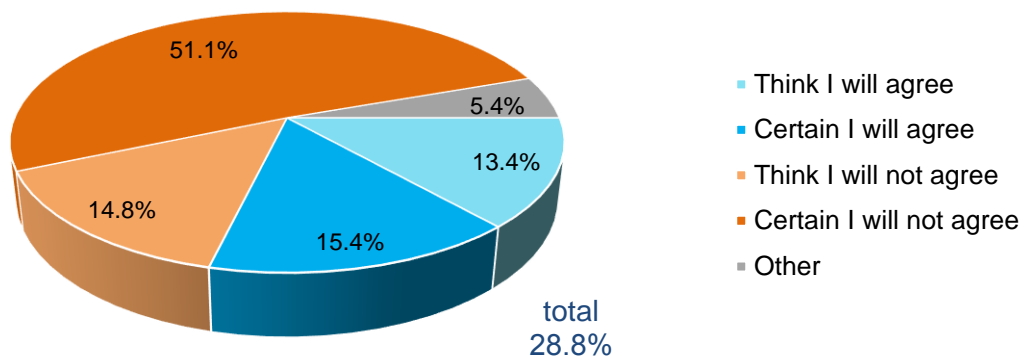
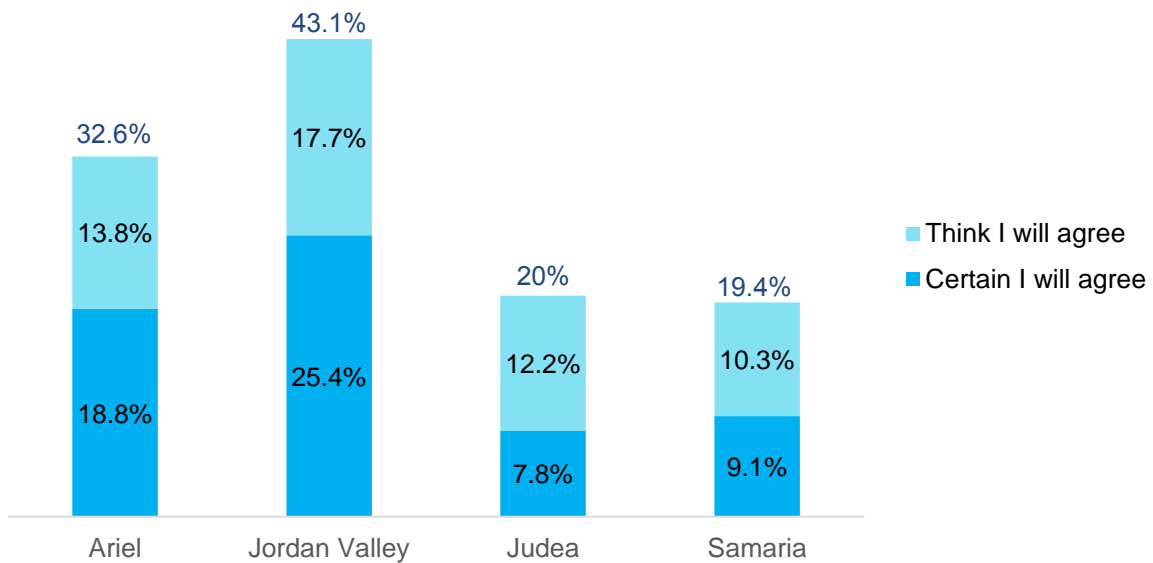


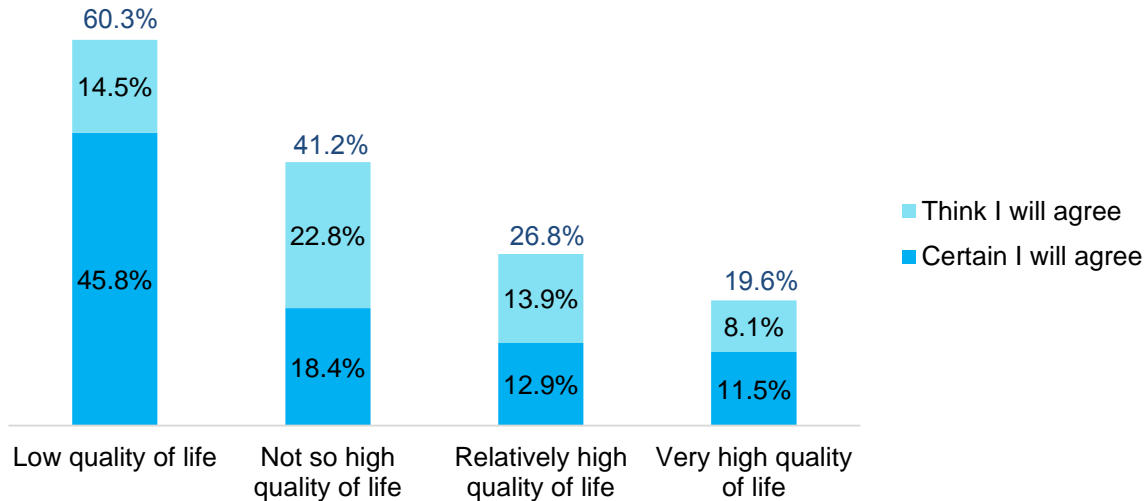
Figure 1.2 Willingness for voluntary evacuation prior to an agreement, by areas of living



- Samaria: Binyamin regional council, Shomron regional council, Beit El
- Judea: Har Hevron regional council, Gush Etzion regional council, Kiryat Arba
- Jordan Valley: Jordan Valley regional council, Megilot regional council, Ma'ale Efraim



Figure 1.3 Willingness to evacuate voluntarily prior to an agreement, by quality of life*



* Quality of life – by self-evaluation

Figure 1.4 Willingness to evacuate voluntarily prior to an agreement, by age

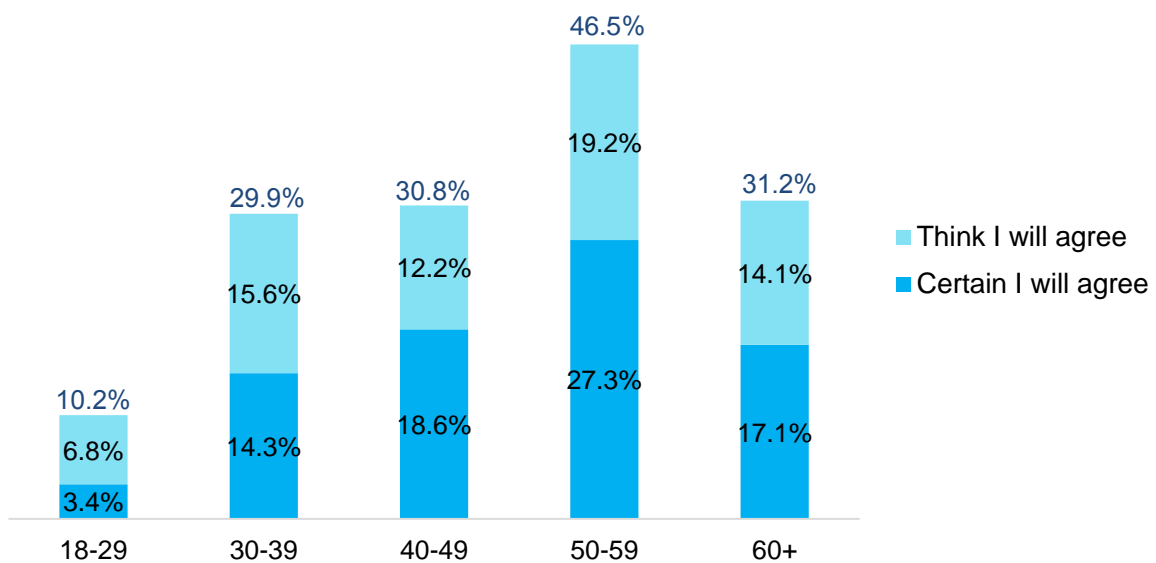
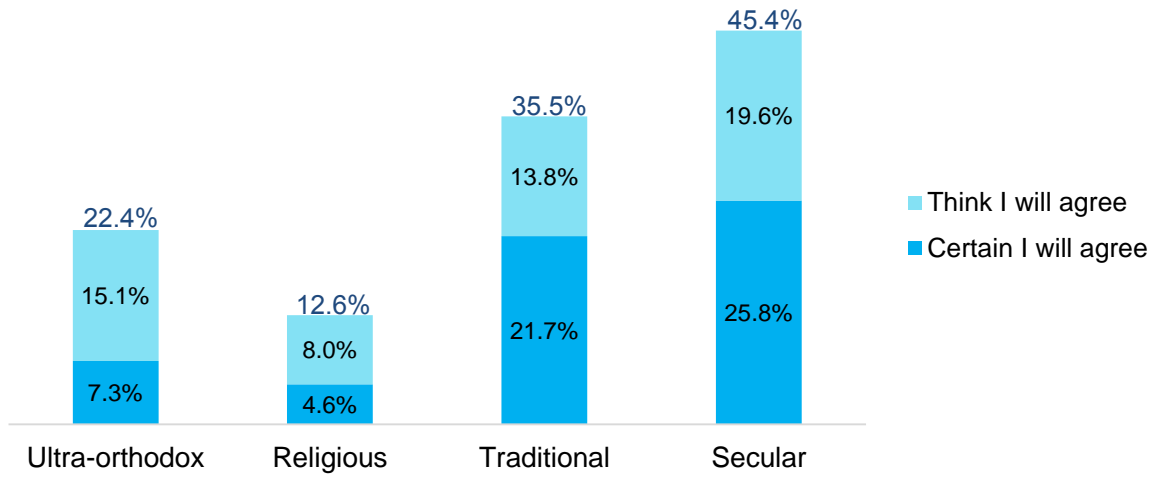




Figure 1.5 Willingness to evacuate voluntarily prior to an agreement, by religious affiliation





2. Evacuation following an agreement

(The data in this chapter includes those who are willing to evacuate voluntarily prior to an agreement)

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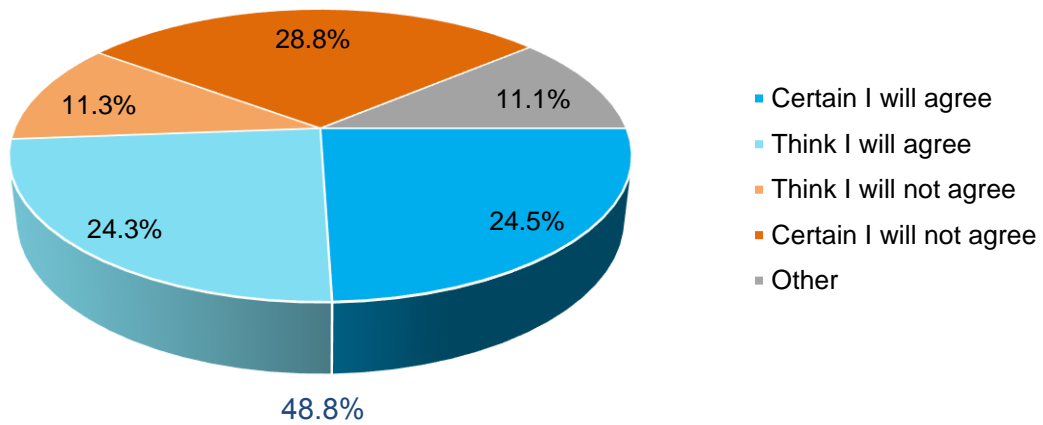
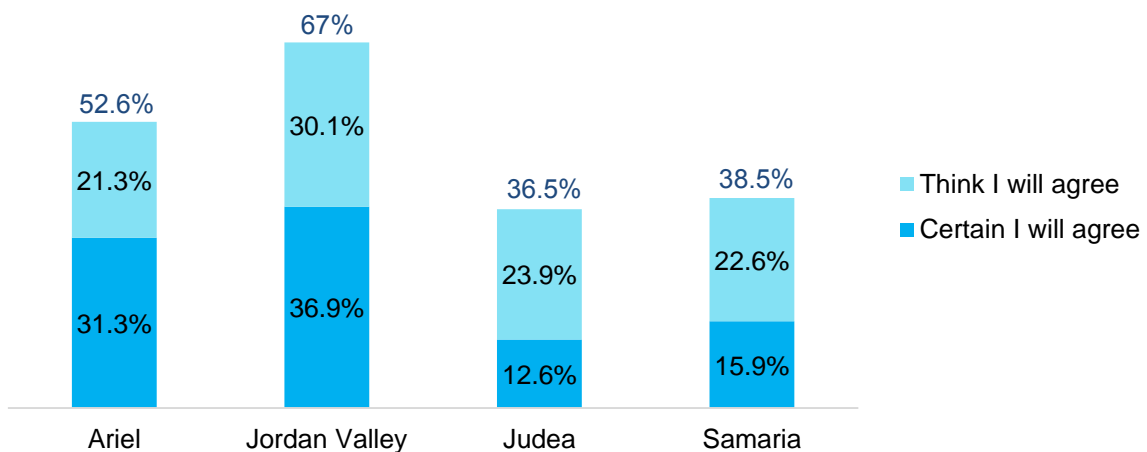


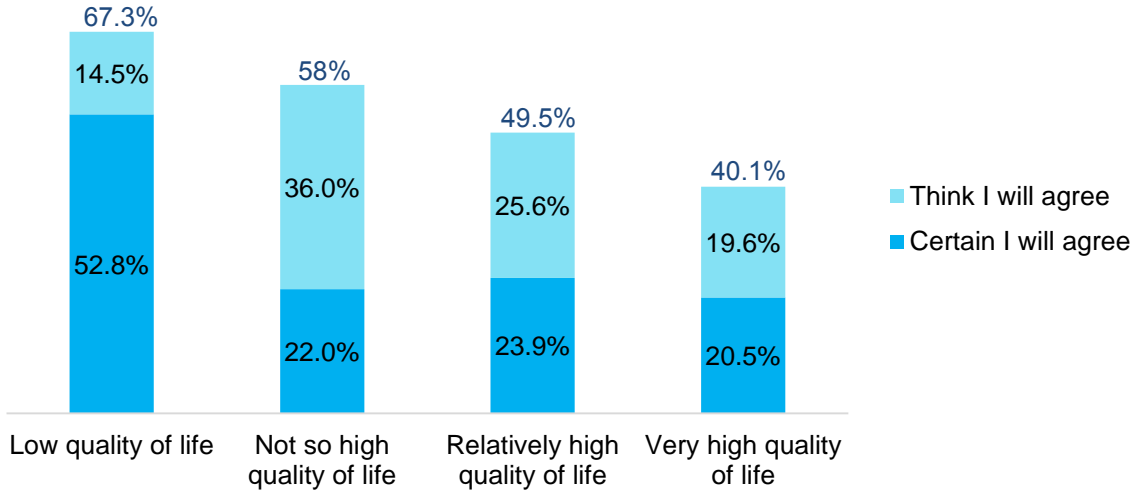
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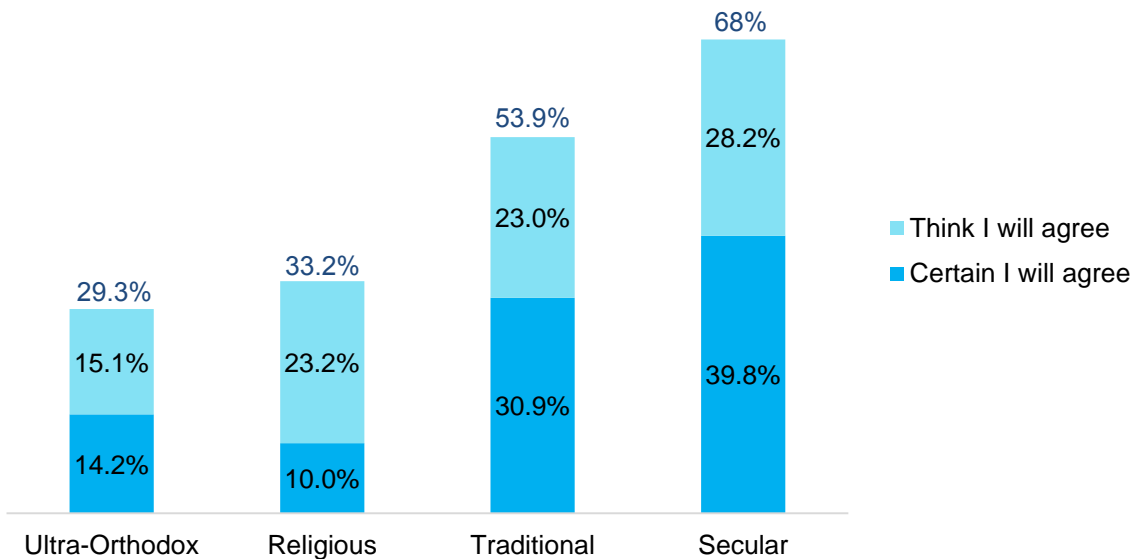


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* Quality of life – by self-evaluation

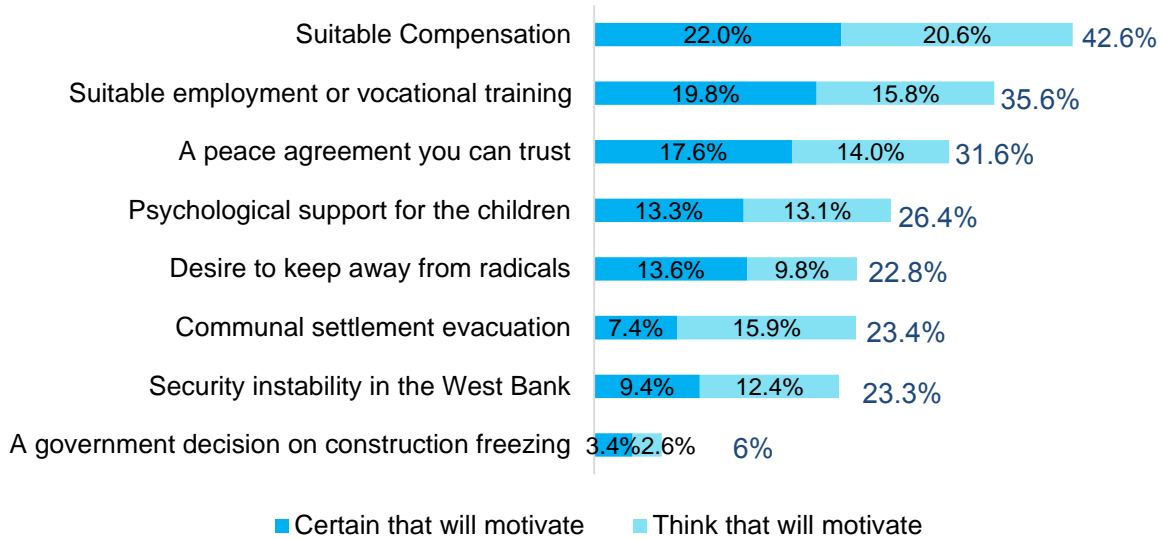
Figure 2.4 Willingness to evacuate following an agreement by religious affiliation





3. Motivation factors for willingness to evacuate Among the entire sample

Figure 3.1 Motivation factors for willingness to evacuate



Figures 3.2 Motivation factors among those willing to evacuate voluntarily prior to an agreement

- Certain that will motivate
- Think that will motivate

Each figure shows how many respondents of those who were willing to evacuate voluntarily also found a certain motivation as contributing to their motivation to evacuate

Figure 3.2(a) Suitable Compensation

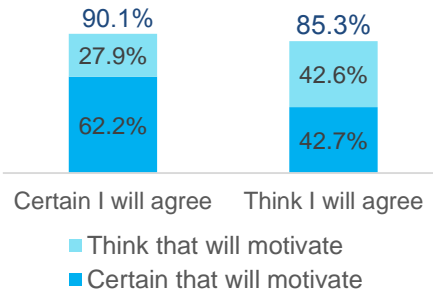


Figure 3.2(b) Suitable employment or vocational training

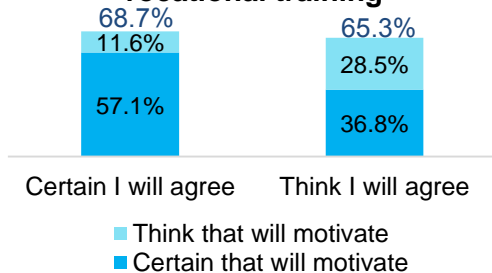


Figure 3.2(c) A peace agreement you can trust

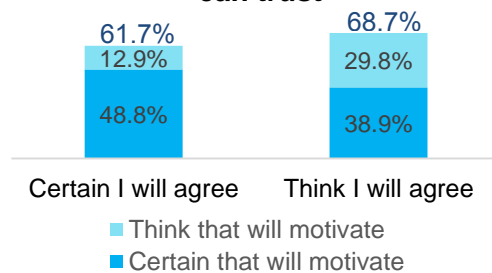




Figure 3.2(d)
Desire to keep away from radicals

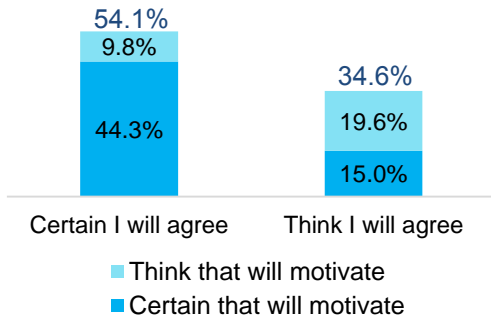
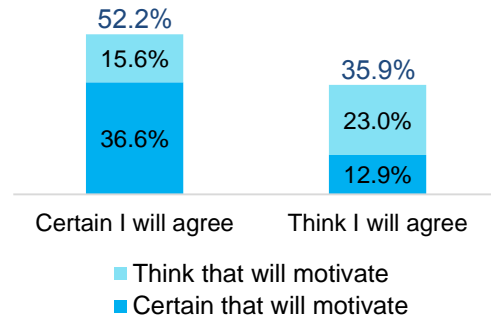


Figure 3.2(e)
Security instability in the West Bank



Figures 3.3: Motivation factors for willingness to evacuate, by gender

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Suitable Compensation

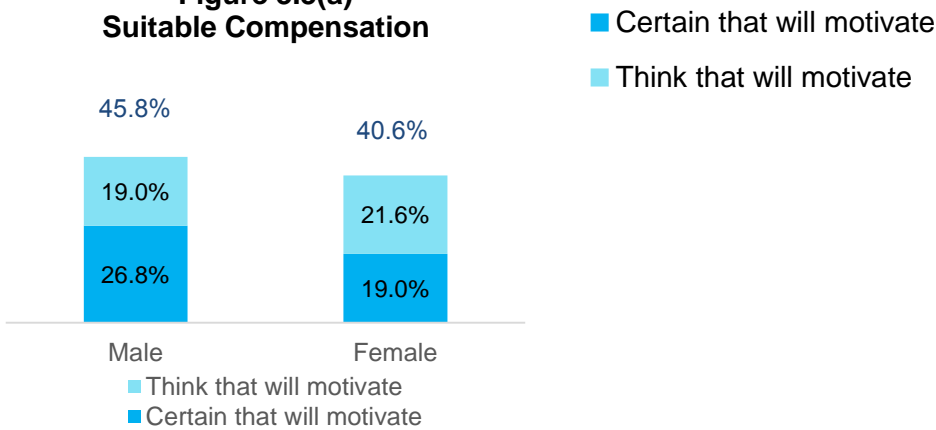


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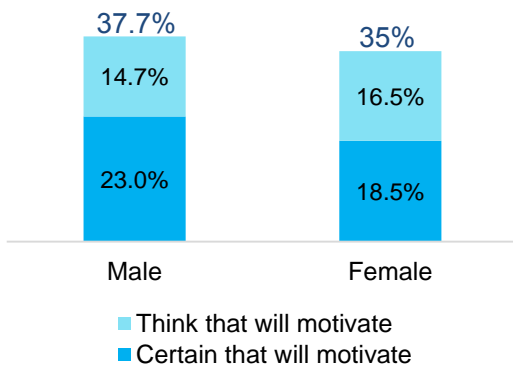


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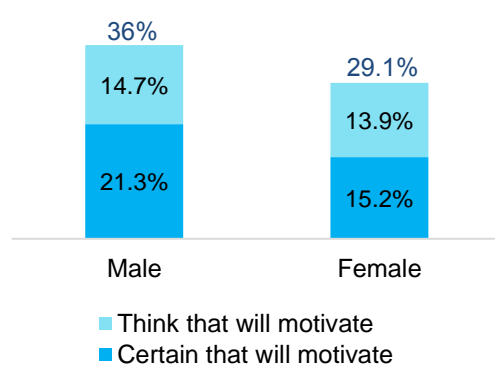




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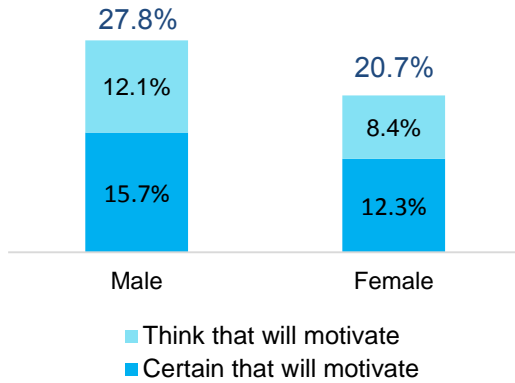
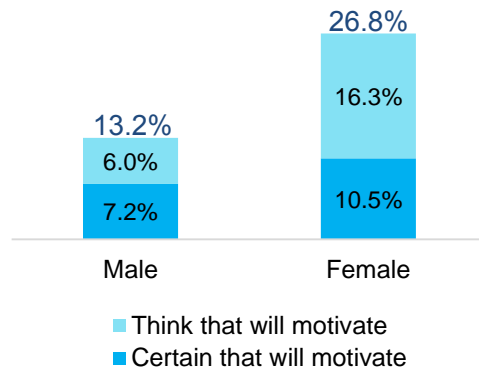


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Figures 3.4: Motivation factors for willingness to evacuate, by age

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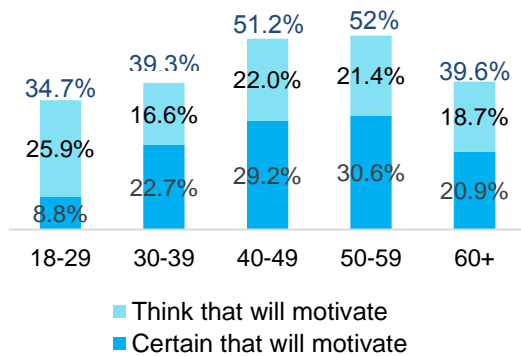


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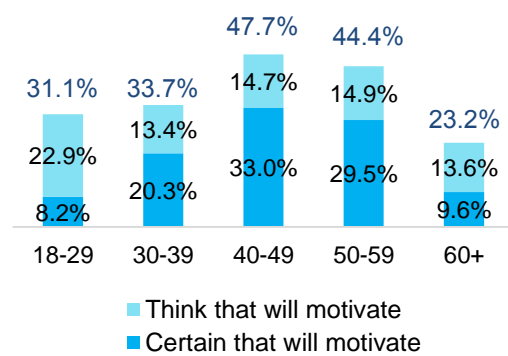


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Psychological support for children

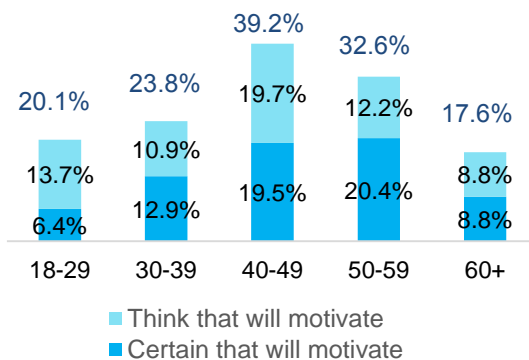


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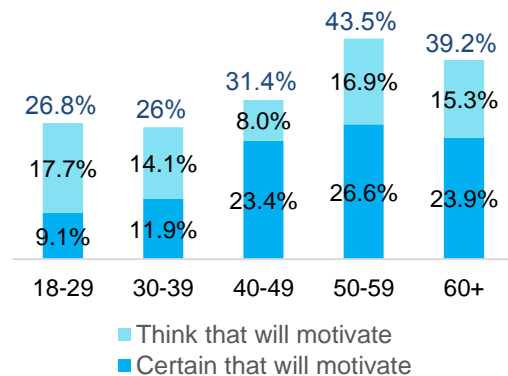




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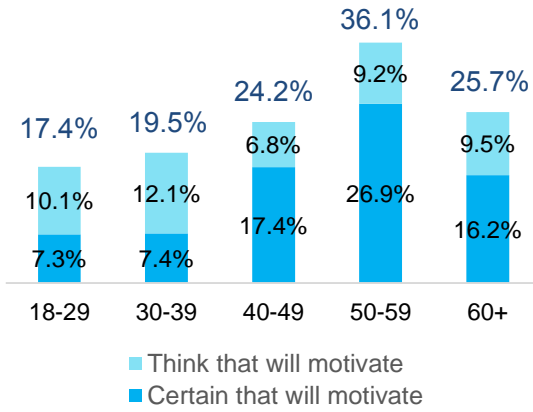
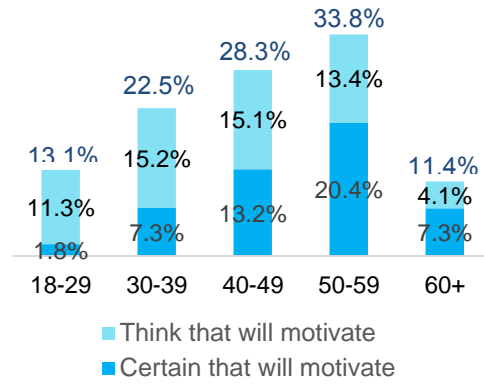


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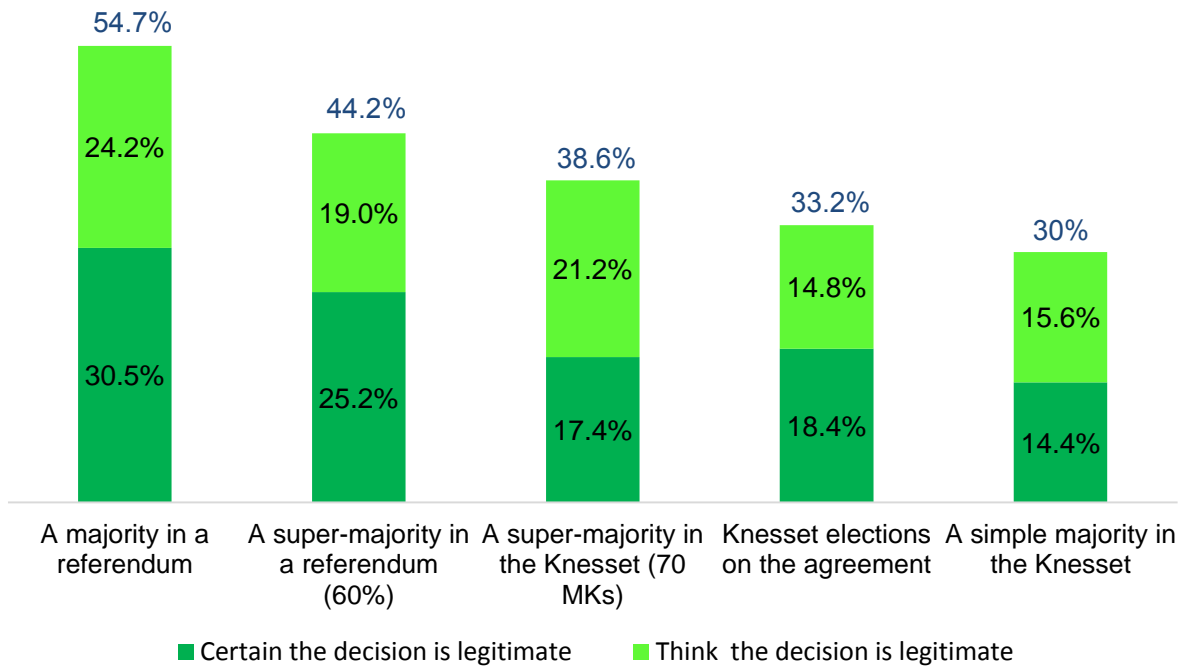


■ Certain that will motivate ■ Think that will motivate



4. Legitimacy of decision making mechanisms

Figure 4.1 Legitimacy of decision making mechanisms on an agreement and evacuation of settlers





5. Preferred areas for absorption in Israel

Figure 5.1 Preferred areas for absorption in Israel

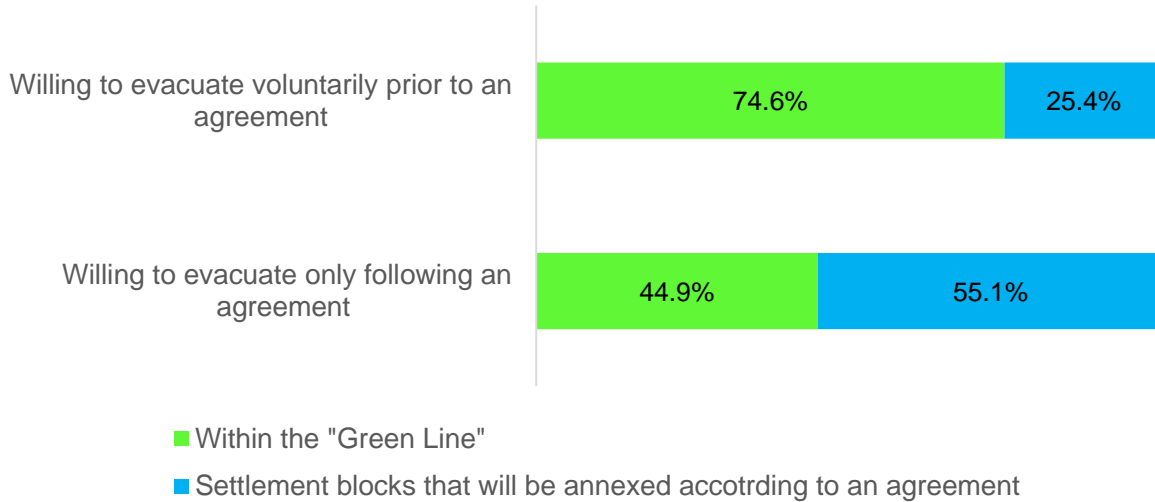
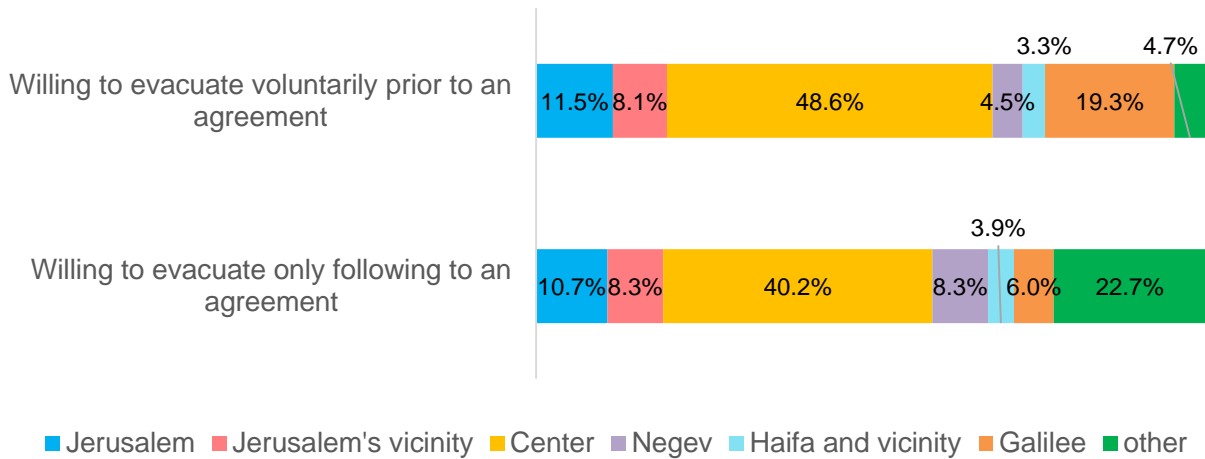


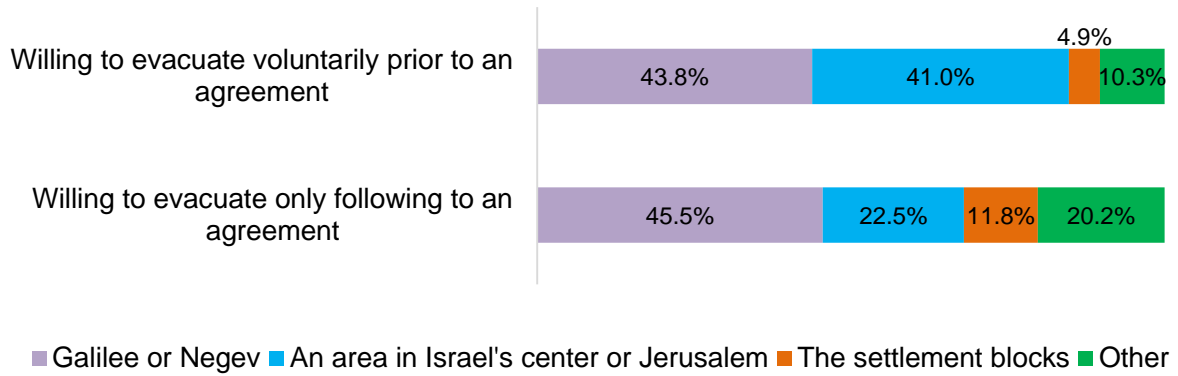
Figure 5.2 Preferred area for absorption within the "Green Line" *



* "other" includes those who refused to answer



Figure 5.3: Preferred areas of absorption with increased compensation for resettling in the Galilee or the Negev





6. Future of one's settlement following an agreement

Figure 6.1: Future of one's settlement following an agreement

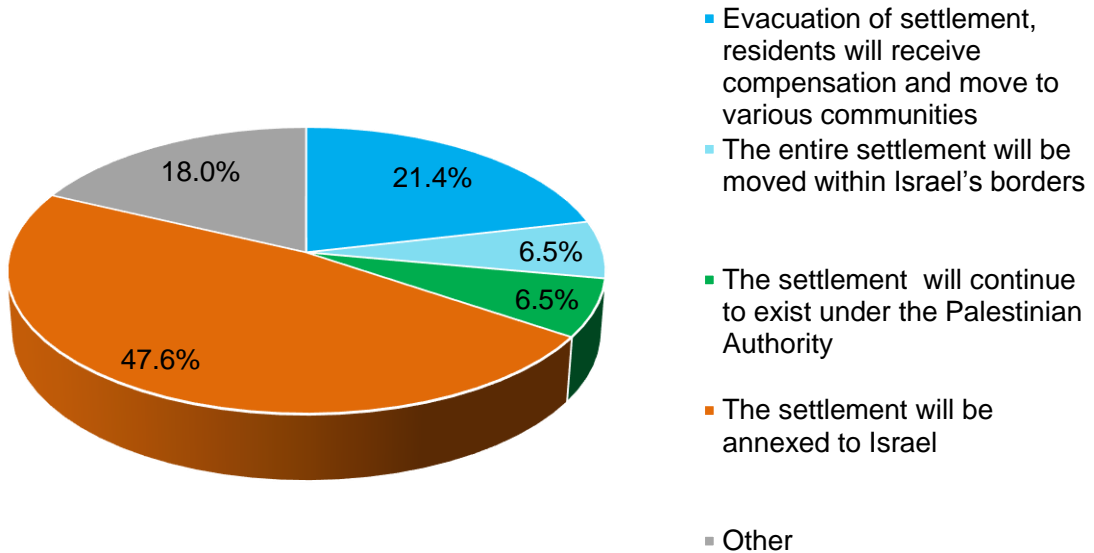


Figure 6.2(a): Among those willing to evacuate voluntarily prior to an agreement

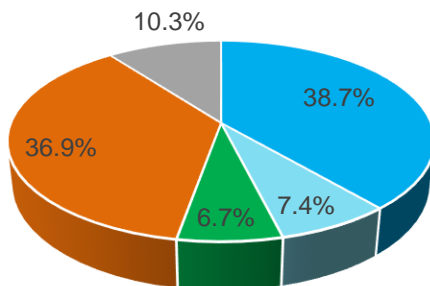
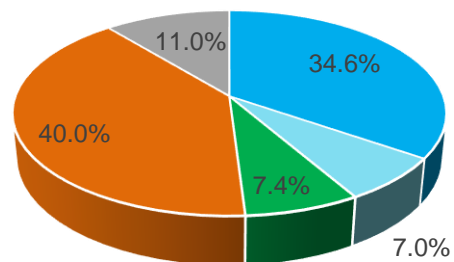


Figure 6.2(b): Among those willing to evacuate following an agreement or prior to one



- Evacuation of settlement, residents will receive compensation and move to various communities
- The settlement will continue to exist under the Palestinian Authority
- The entire settlement will be moved within Israel's borders
- The settlement will be annexed to Israel
- Other