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Secular  Observant  Ultra-Orthodox

Observing religious tradition
Agree that "Democracy is the best form of government"
Structure of Israeli Society

- secular - 55%
- traditionalist - 27%
- orthodox - 9%
- ultra-orthodox - 9%
Supporting Democratic Values

- Equal Rights to All
- Equal Rights to Minorities (Israeli Arabs)
- Freedom of Expression
- Freedom of Religion
Legitimate ways to resist Government policies

- Using legal means only: 90
- Using also illegal means: 10
- Illegal & violent means: 0
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Thank You