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## **Results of Palestinian Public Opinion Polls**

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#### **Background**

The Egyptian Government made an initiative to the Palestinian Authority aiming at putting things in order after the proposed Israeli pullout from the settlements in the Gaza Strip. While the Palestinian Authority welcomed the Egyptian initiative, some Palestinian political factions declared their reservations on some of its articles.

On the international arena, the International Court of Justice made its final verdict concerning the Separation Wall in the West Bank. The verdict calls on Israel to remove the Wall since it is not legal and to compensate the Palestinian families for the damage that the Wall caused to them. In this context, some officials at the US Administration warned Palestinians against resorting to the United Nations for dealing with the ICJ verdict.

On the Palestinian internal arena, the issue of local councils elections and the mechanisms of conducting them continues to dominate a good part of the on-going debates. The issue of giving women a quota in the local councils boards is another vital issue. The debate on elections exceeds the local councils elections to call for a presidential and legislative ones as soon as possible.

On the other side of the Palestinian arena Israel still continues its excursions inside Palestinian cities, villages and refugee camps with the same killing and destruction whether in the West Bank or in the Gaza Strip.

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## The Results

Following are the results of the seventh public opinion poll conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from 15-17 July, 2004. The University took full sponsorship of the whole poll.

The seventh poll undertakes several subjects which focused on the Egyptian initiative, the separation wall, the local Palestinian situation, the performance of Palestinian institutions, the legislative and local councils elections, in addition to the political affiliation of Palestinian people and other issues.

The sample included 1358 persons whose age group is 18 years and above and who have the right to vote. The sample forms one per thousand from among the total number of Palestinian people of this age group. The enclosed questionnaire was distributed on 859 persons from the West Bank and 499 persons from the Gaza Strip.

The sample was chosen randomly and the margin of error of the sample is about  $\pm 3\%$ . Still 2.5% of the members of the sample refused to answer the questionnaire.

## The Major Results:

- While 68.9% from among the respondents say that they know the details of the Egyptian initiative, 59.0% of them support it.
- Concerning the articles of the Egyptian initiative, 50.9% reject the article related to sending Egyptian security experts, 79.9% support the article related to uniting all security apparatuses under the leadership of the Palestinian Council of Ministers, and 80.2% support appointing an effective minister for the interior affairs with wide responsibilities.
- While 17.8% from among respondents see that the Egyptian initiative aims at helping the Palestinian people, 41.7% see that the initiative aims at supporting Sharon's Unilateral Disengagement Plan.
- While 46.0% from among respondents support the participation of Egypt and Jordan in the rehabilitation of Palestinian security apparatuses if Israel pulls out from the Gaza Strip, 51.4% reject that.
- 44.5% from among respondents give priority, after Israel pulls out, to creating job opportunities and fighting unemployment and poverty, while 6.0% believe that priority should be given to rehabilitating ministries and the civil institutions.
- 59.0% from among respondents believe that Israel will not be committed to the Quartet's conviction that an Israeli pull out from the Strip is part of the Road Map.
- 20.6% say that the Palestinian Authority will be able to control the Gaza Strip if Israel pulls out. 6.3% say that the Islamic factions will dominate. 15.8% say that there will be a security chaos if Israel pulls out, while 32.9% say that there will be some sort of understanding between the PA and the Palestinian factions.
- 25.1% from among respondents believe that the power which is most capable to have control over the Gaza Strip is Palestinian Authority's security



apparatuses, 6.8% believe that it is the military bodies of Palestinian political factions, 9.1% believe that it should be some international forces in co-operation with the Palestinian Authority, 8.3% believe that the power most capable is a joint force from the Palestinian Authority's apparatuses and the neighboring Arab countries, and 45.2% believe that a united leadership from among Palestinian factions and powers is most capable.

- 65.9% from among respondents believe that to give other countries a security role in Gaza or the West Bank is to belittle the Palestinian sovereignty.
- 33.2% support the existence of an Egyptian security role in the administration of the Strip if Israel pulls out; 24.7% support a Jordanian role in the West Bank if Israel pulls out from some parts, and 58.0% support the existence of international forces in the Strip until the rehabilitation of Palestinian institutions.
- 35.4% believe that the Palestinian Authority is incompetent in capitalizing on the International Court of Justice's verdict concerning the removal of the Separation Wall.
- 51.3% from among respondents reject the Palestinian Authority's adherence to the articles of the Road Map after Israel announced its Unilateral Disengagement Plan.
- 72.8% believe that the Road Map as an agreement is not viable any longer.
- 60.0% believe that Ahmed Qurai is incapable of performing fully as a prime minister.
- 60.7% of the represents support a new ceasefire between the Palestinians and the Israelis.
- 65.6% of the respondents believe that Israel is not concerned with a ceasefire with the Palestinians.
- 90.1% of the respondents believe that the military operations the Palestinian factions execute come on as a natural response to the Israeli military policies.
- 48.8% reject launching attacks against Israel from the Strip if Israel pulls out .
- 33.1% from among respondents believe that the Palestinian Authority despite the current circumstances that it goes through is capable of fighting corruption,
  - 31.6% believe that it is capable of maintaining a ceasefire,
  - 41.5% believe that is capable of controlling the internal security,
  - 35.7% believe that it is capable of improving the economic situation,
  - 58.8% believe that it is capable of conducting Legislative Council elections.
  - 66.2% believe that it is capable of conducting local councils elections.
  - 23.9% believe that it is capable of exiting the current political crisis.
- As for the evaluation of the performance of the Palestinian institutions in the current situation:
  - 28.0% say that they are satisfied with the performance of the Palestinian Government.
  - 27.2% say that they are satisfied with the performance of the Legislative Council.
  - 33.0% say that they are satisfied with the performance of the Palestinian judicious system.
  - 73.3% say that they are satisfied with the performance of Palestinian universities.
  - 56.4% say that they are satisfied with the performance of Palestinian civil societies.



- 28.5% say that they are satisfied with the Palestinian security apparatuses.
- 44.0% say that they are satisfied with the performance of the institutions of the private sector.
- 95.1% from among respondents support a unified Palestinian leadership.
- 73.7% from among respondents see that there is a necessity to restore consideration to the PLO.
- 59.6% support the on-going peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis.
- In the current circumstances 73.1% from among respondents say they do not feel secure, neither in themselves nor for their families and properties.
- As for the priorities of the respondents in the present, they come according to the following descending order.
  - 1- An average of 95.250% favor freeing prisoners from Israeli jails.
  - 2- An average of 93.122% favor the uplifting of roadblocks and check points placed between Palestinian cities and villages.
  - 3- An average of 91.090% favor creating job opportunities.
  - 4- An average of 90.147% favor the improvement of the economic situation.
  - 5- An average of 88.770% favor the improvement of the public health services.
  - 6- An average of 87.798% favor reinforcing Palestinian local security.
  - 7- An average of 87.673% favor the improvement of public education.
  - 8- An average of 73.049 favor receiving some aids.
- Only 1.9% of the respondents assert that they will reelect the same members of the PLC that they elected before, and 7.6% assert that they will reelect only some of the old members. While 14.9% assert that they will not reelect any of the previous members, 49.0% assert that they will decide on whom to vote for at the Polls. Further, 22.5% assert that they will not participate in the elections.
- As for the characteristics they desire to see in future candidates running for the PLC, they favor the following in a descending order.
  - 1- An average of 86.863% favor the educational qualifications.
  - 2- An average of 79.919% favor the patriotic record of the candidate.
  - 3- An average of 52.454% favor male gender.
  - 4- An average of 47.364% favor the political affiliation of the candidate.
  - 5- An average of 37.769% care for the economic situation of the candidate.
  - 6- An Average of 30.825% favor the female gender.
  - 7- An average of 30.648% care for the family belongness of the candidate.
  - 8- An average of 29.404% care for place of dwelling.



- 9- An average of 27.725% favor previous PLC members.  
10- An average of 27.548% care for kinship.

- In case of running for legislative elections, 17.8% choose Fateh block, 13.5% choose Hamas block, while a joint block between PLO and the Islamic movement received 12.2%.
- 64.2% from among respondents support the inclusion of a statement in the elections law that guarantees a quota for women in the Legislative Council (women quota).
- While 38.4% support conducting the local councils elections on stages, 38.2% support elections for local councils must be conducted simultaneously.
- while 67.4% from among respondents support the right of women to run for local council positions.
- 39.8% see that local councils should only offer public services, 3.4% see that local councils should play a political role, and 52.3% see that local councils should play the two roles together.
- 10.8% from among respondents assert that the current circumstances are suitable for conducting general elections while 33.3% assert that the circumstances are not suitable. 36.2% from among respondents say that it is possible to disregard the present circumstances and conduct elections, 14.4% however, say that it is not possible to disregard the present circumstances and conduct elections.
- 77.5% from among the respondents assert that the current Intifada influenced their economic situation negatively.
- As for those who say that the Intifada influenced their economic situation negatively, they assert that they were able to cope up with their economic situations according to the following priorities.
  - 1- An average of 85.601% say that they concentrate on necessities only without caring for other commodities.
  - 2- An average of 63.496% say that they defer paying bills (taxes and utilities).
  - 3- An average of 52.562% say that they depend on personal savings.
  - 4- An average of 45.065% say that they depend on loans from relatives.
  - 5- An average of 36.465% say that they depend on increasing work hours.
  - 6- An average of 34.439% say that they rely on aids.
  - 7- An average of 31.589% say that they resort to work in agriculture and home economy project.
  - 8- An average of 11.966% say that they depend on child labor.
- 39.7% from among respondents consider that the grants given to local Palestinian institutions from international institutions are used for personal gains for some of those who work in these institutions.
- Only 15.8% read local newspaper daily and 21.8% do not read them at all.



- 52.9% from among respondents prefer to read Al Quds newspaper, 26.6% prefer to read Al Ayyam newspaper, 11.4% prefer to read Al Hayat Al Jadeeda newspaper and 7.5% prefer to read Al Resaleh newspaper.
- Al Jazeera channel takes the highest percentage of viewing among the respondents (38.2%) and Al Hurra channel takes the lowest percentage.
- When asked about the effect of the Separation Wall on their lives, 60.0% from among the respondents say that it influences their lives in different forms.
- As for Political affiliations they were distributed as follows:
 

- People's Party	0.3
- Democratic Front	1.1
- Islamic Jihad	4.7
- Fateh	4.5
- Hamas	21.1
- Fida	0.1
- Public Front	2.7
- Independent Nationalist	8.0
- Independent Islamist	7.5
- None of the above	28.6
- Other	1.3



## General Results of the Poll

After the declaration made by Israel revealing its intention to withdraw from the Gaza Strip settlements, the Egyptian Government made an initiative to the Palestinian Authority aiming at ordering the political security situation after the proposed Israeli withdrawal. Do you know anything about this initiative?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I know many details	9.0	5.9	14.2
I know some details	59.9	54.2	69.7
I have not heard about it	31.3	39.8	16.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

We will read to you three items as stated in the Egyptian initiative. Please, give us your opinion on each item and your general opinion of the whole initiative.

<b>Unifying the security apparatuses under the leadership of the Council of Ministers</b>	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	25.8	13.5	40.9
I support	54.1	61.7	44.7
I reject	13.9	18.8	7.8
I strongly reject	3.4	3.5	3.3
No opinion; I do not know	2.9	2.5	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Sending Egyptian security experts to help in putting a plan for a ceasefire and to train some members of the Palestinian security.</b>	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	11.2	8.8	14.2
I support	39.7	44.4	33.8
I reject	33.1	37.9	27.2
I strongly reject	14.4	7.7	22.7
No opinion; I do not know	1.6	1.2	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Appointing an effective minister for the interior affairs with wide responsibilities.</b>	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	24.6	12.9	39.0
I support	55.6	66.2	42.6
I reject	12.4	15.2	9.0
I strongly reject	4.8	3.5	6.4
No opinion; I do not know	2.7	2.3	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**What is your opinion of the initiative in general?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly support it	10.5	6.5	15.4
I support it	48.5	55.8	39.5
I reject it	22.8	27.3	17.3
I strongly reject it	12.3	5.8	20.3
No opinion; I do not know	5.9	4.6	7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**In your opinion, the initiative that the Egyptian Government made to the Palestinian Authority is:**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
An independent initiative which aims at helping Palestinians	17.8	18.7	16.8
an initiative which aims at supporting the Road Map.	31.3	26.7	36.9
an initiative which aims at supporting the Israeli Unilateral Disengagement Plan that Sharon announced.	41.7	45.6	36.9
No opinion; I do not know.	9.2	9.0	9.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you support or reject involving Egypt and Jordan in the rehabilitation of Palestinian security apparatuses if Israel pulls out from the Gaza Strip?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza strip</b>
I strongly support	6.8	3.4	12.8
I support	39.2	34.9	31.1
I reject	34.3	38.4	27.3
I strongly reject	17.1	11.9	26.1
No opinion; I do not know	2.6	2.4	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>





**If Israel pulls out from the Gaza Strip, priority, in your opinion, should be given to:**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Rehabilitating and maintaining the infrastructure	26.5	31.5	17.8
Rehabilitating the Palestinian security apparatuses	11.5	9.0	15.8
Creating job opportunities and fighting unemployment and poverty	44.5	45.1	43.5
Rehabilitating ministries and the civil institutions.	6.0	4.9	7.8
Using the settlements that Israel will evacuate to rehouse Palestinians in them	8.9	7.1	12.0
No opinion; I do not know	2.7	2.4	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**The Quartet declared that any Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip will be part of the Road Map. Do you believe that Israel will be committed the Quartet's conviction?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Israel will be committed	3.2	3.0	3.6
It will not be committed	59.0	67.4	44.5
It will try to delude others	33.9	25.8	47.7
No opinion; I do not know	3.9	3.7	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**If Israel pulls out from the Gaza Strip within the framework of the Disengagement Plan that Sharon announced, what, in your opinion, will happen in the Strip?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
The Palestinian Authority will take over and will impose security and order	20.6	20.8	20.2
There will be chaos and the PA will not be able to have control on the situation	15.8	14.2	18.6
The Islamic factions will dominate and will start a confrontation with the PA	6.3	7.6	4.0
There will be an internal conflict among the Palestinian security apparatuses to win control over the Strip	18.9	16.8	22.4
There will be some sort of understanding between the PA and the Palestinian factions	32.9	35.4	28.7
No opinion; I do not know	5.5	5.2	6.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**If an Israeli withdrawal from the Strip takes place, which power, in your opinion will be most capable to control the security situation in the Strip?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
The security apparatuses of the Palestinian Authority	25.1	27.1	21.6
A unified leadership from among Palestinian factions and political powers	45.2	46.3	43.3
The military bodies of the Palestinian political factions	6.8	6.8	7.0
International forces in co-ordination with PA	9.1	7.7	11.4
A joint force from the Palestinian security apparatuses and the surrounding Arab countries.	8.3	7.3	10.0
No opinion; I do not know	5.4	4.8	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**Do you believe that giving some countries a security role in the administration of the areas in the West Bank and Gaza that Israel will evacuate will belittle the Palestinian sovereignty in these areas?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
It certainly will	27.4	25.0	31.5
It will	38.5	41.3	33.8
It will not	23.4	26.1	18.8
It certainly will not	5.7	2.7	10.8
No opinion; I do not know	5.0	4.9	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you support or reject an Egyptian security role in the administration of the Gaza Strip if Israel pulls out?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	4.7	1.9	9.6
I support	28.5	29.8	26.3
I reject	46.1	52.4	35.3
I strongly reject	17.7	13.3	25.5
No opinion; I do not know	2.9	2.7	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**If an Israeli withdrawal from areas in the West Bank takes place, do you support or reject a Jordanian security role in the administration of these areas?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	2.7	1.3	5.0
I support	22.0	21.4	23.0
I reject	48.6	56.3	35.3
I strongly reject	24.4	18.6	34.5
No opinion; I do not know	2.3	2.3	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**If an Israeli withdrawal from the Strip takes place, do you support or reject the existence of international forces until the rehabilitation of the civil and security institutions is completed?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	10.2	3.8	21.2
I support	47.8	52.6	49.5
I reject	29.5	34.0	21.8
I strongly reject	9.6	6.9	14.2
No opinion; I do not know	2.6	2.7	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**A verdict was issued from the International Court of Justice denying any legal status of the Separation Wall and asking Israel to remove it. Do you think that the PA will take advantage of this verdict in international political circles to compel Israel to abide by it?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
It will with high competence	17.0	17.5	16.2
It will with competence	41.3	42.8	38.7
It is not competent	35.4	35.3	35.7
No opinion; I do not know	6.3	4.4	9.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**After Israel declared its Unilateral Disengagement Plan, do you think that the Palestinian Authority is still obliged to execute its commitments as stated in the Road Map?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly do	10.4	8.3	14.0
I do	33.2	37.0	26.7
I do not	38.1	41.9	31.7
I strongly do not	13.2	7.6	22.8
No opinion; I do not know	5.1	5.2	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you think that the Road Map as an agreement is still viable?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly do	3.1	2.2	4.6
I do	20.0	20.7	18.6
I do not	47.5	53.9	36.5
I strongly do not	25.3	18.3	37.5
No opinion; I do not know	4.1	4.9	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you believe that Ahmad Qurai is still fully capable of carrying out the duties of his position as a Prime Minister?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly do	2.9	1.2	6.0
I do	29.7	34.3	21.8
I do not	42.3	43.7	39.9
I strongly do not	17.7	12.9	25.9
No opinion; I do not know	7.4	7.6	6.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**Do you support or reject a new ceasefire between the Palestinian Authority and Palestinian factions on the one hand and Israel on the other?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly support	11.6	6.9	19.8
I support	49.1	56.5	36.5
I reject	25.9	27.8	22.6
I strongly reject	10.6	6.3	18.0
No opinion; I do not know	2.7	2.6	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you believe that Israel is concerned with holding a ceasefire with the Palestinian factions?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly do	9.7	4.7	18.4
I do	20.6	22.9	16.6
I do not	49.0	57.6	34.3
I strongly do not	16.6	10.8	26.7
No opinion; I do not know	4.0	4.0	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you believe that the military operations that the Palestinian factions execute come as a natural reaction to the Israeli atrocities?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
I strongly do	52.4	45.5	64.1
I do	37.7	45.6	24.0
I do not	5.6	5.9	5.0
I strongly do not	2.7	1.4	4.8
No opinion; I do not know	1.7	1.5	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**If Israeli withdraws from the Strip do you support or reject launching attacks against Israel from inside the Strip?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza</b>
I strongly support	13.9	9.3	21.8
I support	23.0	38.8	23.0
I reject	39.2	43.0	32.9
I strongly reject	9.6	4.1	19.2
No opinion; I do not know	4.2	4.9	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**In view of the present realities that the PNA undergoes, do you believe that it is capable of:**

<b>Fighting corruption?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly believe that it is capable.	4.5	1.6	9.4
I believe so.	28.6	32.7	21.6
I believe that it is incapable.	45.9	49.5	39.9
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	18.9	4.2	26.9
No opinion; I don't know.	2.1	2.0	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Achieving a ceasefire?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly believe that it is capable.	4.3	1.5	9.2
I believe so.	27.3	31.7	19.8
I believe that it is incapable.	49.4	55.6	38.7
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	16.2	9.3	28.1
No opinion; I don't know.	2.7	1.9	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Imposing order on the interior situation?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly believe that it is capable.	3.8	1.4	8.0
I believe so.	37.6	41.1	31.7
I believe that it is incapable.	44.0	48.9	35.7
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	12.7	7.0	22.4
No opinion; I don't know.	1.8	1.6	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Improving the economic situation?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly believe that it is capable.	4.1	2.0	7.6
I believe so.	31.6	36.9	22.4
I believe that it is incapable.	46.2	50.2	39.5
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	15.5	8.3	28.1
No opinion; I don't know.	2.6	2.7	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Conducting Legislative Council elections?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly believe that it is capable.	2.6	4.1	9.8
I believe so.	52.6	61.2	37.7
I believe that it is incapable.	27.7	27.1	28.7
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	9.7	2.4	19.2
No opinion; I don't know.	3.8	3.4	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



<b>Conducting local council elections?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly believe that it is capable.	8.0	5.0	13.2
I believe so.	58.2	67.5	42.3
I believe that it is incapable.	23.1	21.1	26.7
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	7.1	3.5	13.2
No opinion; I don't know.	3.5	2.9	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Exiting the political limbo?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly believe that it is capable.	2.5	2.8	5.4
I believe so.	21.4	25.0	15.2
I believe that it is incapable.	49.3	54.1	41.1
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	21.2	14.8	32.3
No opinion; I don't know.	5.5	5.2	6.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**How do you assess the performance of the following Palestinian institutions in the present time?**

<b>The Palestinian Government</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Excellent	5.2	6.2	3.6
Good	22.8	24.0	20.8
Fair	36.4	37.6	34.3
Poor	33.4	29.6	39.9
I do not know; no opinion	2.2	2.7	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>The Palestinian Legislative Council</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Excellent	6.0	6.5	5.0
Good	21.2	23.6	17.0
Fair	32.9	33.1	32.7
Poor	35.6	31.2	43.3
I do not know; no opinion	4.2	5.2	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>The Judicious System</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Excellent	7.1	8.3	5.0
Good	25.9	28.6	21.2
Fair	29.5	27.5	33.1
Poor	31.0	26.9	38.1
I do not know; no opinion	6.5	8.6	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Palestinian Universities</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Excellent	28.4	32.6	21.0
Good	44.9	46.1	44.7
Fair	19.4	14.8	27.3
Poor	4.6	4.1	5.3
I do not know; no opinion	2.8	3.5	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



<b>Civil Societies</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Excellent	15.5	17.9	11.2
Good	40.9	43.2	37.1
Fair	26.5	22.8	32.9
Poor	11.7	9.7	15.2
I do not know; no opinion	5.4	6.4	3.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>The Security Apparatuses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Excellent	5.2	5.1	6.4
Good	22.9	25.1	19.0
Fair	29.7	29.4	29.3
Poor	38.4	35.6	43.1
I do not know; no opinion	3.5	4.2	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>The Private Sector</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Excellent	9.6	7.6	13.0
Good	34.5	37.3	29.7
Fair	31.1	29.3	34.3
Poor	18.0	18.6	17.0
I do not know; no opinion	6.8	7.2	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you support a united Palestinian leadership?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly support	48.7	41.2	61.5
I support	46.5	54.0	33.5
I oppose	2.6	2.3	3.0
I strongly oppose	1.3	1.3	1.2
I do not know; no opinion	1.0	1.2	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**In view of the current situation that the Palestinian Authority goes through, do you believe that restoring respect to the Palestinian Liberation Organization is...?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Very necessary	33.0	33.1	32.9
Necessary	40.7	48.5	27.3
Not necessary	14.1	11.4	18.6
Absolutely not necessary	6.3	4.1	10.2
I do not know; no opinion	5.9	2.9	11.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





**Do you support the on-going peace process between Palestinians and Israelis?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support it	9.2	7.3	12.4
I support it	50.4	57.6	37.9
I oppose it	24.7	25.6	23.2
I strongly oppose it	13.3	7.6	23.2
I do not know; no opinion	2.4	1.9	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Under the present lack of security, do you feel that you, your properties and family are safe?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	3.8	4.8	2.2
Partially safe	21.6	17.3	29.1
No	73.1	76.8	66.7
I do not know; no opinion	1.4	1.0	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**What are your priorities at the present stage?**

	Rank 0-10 (Average)		
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Maintaining the Palestinian internal security	8.7798	9.0873	8.2505
Creating job opportunities	9.1090	9.3632	8.6713
Improving the economic situation	9.0147	9.3760	8.3928
Improving education at public school	8.7673	9.1327	8.1383
Improving public health services	8.8770	9.1525	8.4028
Lifting check points and road blocks between villages and cities	9.3122	9.7171	8.6152
Freeing prisoners from Israeli jails	9.5250	9.7730	9.0982
Receiving some aids	7.3049	7.7811	6.4850

**If new Palestinian parliamentary elections are to be held (for the Legislative Council), whom do you vote for?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The same members I voted for in the past	1.9	2.0	1.8
Some of the members I voted for in the past	7.6	8.5	6.0
I will not vote for any from among the members I voted for in the past	14.9	13.9	16.8
I will decide on the time of elections	49.0	48.9	49.3
I will not participate in the elections	22.5	24.3	19.4
I do not know; no opinion	4.0	2.4	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**What qualities do you seek in the person that you intend to vote for in the coming legislative elections?**

	<b>Rank 0-10 (Average)</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Kinship	2.7548	2.3306	3.4850
Educational qualifications	8.6863	8.9104	8.3006
Political affiliation	4.7364	4.3725	5.3627
Family relations	3.0648	2.5437	3.9619
Record of resistance	7.9919	8.1013	7.8036
Place of habitation	2.9404	2.4121	3.8497
Economic situation	3.7769	3.4994	4.2545
Being an ex-council member	2.7725	2.8498	2.6393
Gender, male	5.2445	5.1281	5.4449
Gender, female	3.0825	3.4028	2.5311

**If elections for the Legislative Council are held and the following blocks run for elections which will you vote for?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Members from Fateh	17.8	15.7	21.4
Members from Hamas	13.5	12.3	15.6
Members from the Palestinian left	2.7	1.7	4.2
Independent nationalist members	6.0	6.3	5.4
Independent Islamist members	5.8	4.9	7.4
Members representing the PLO	1.6	1.5	1.8
Members representing a joint block from the PLO and the Islamic movements	12.2	13.9	9.8
Members from the Islamic movements	1.9	1.9	2.0
I will decide on the time of elections	24.8	28.1	19.2
I will not participate in the elections	11.0	11.8	9.8
No opinion; I do not know	2.6	2.2	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you support the inclusion of a statement in the Palestinian elections law that guarantees a fixed number of seats for women (a quota for women) in the Palestinian Parliament?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly support	13.7	12.7	15.4
I support	50.5	60.7	33.1
I reject	20.0	19.2	21.2
I strongly reject	11.4	4.8	22.8
No opinion; I do not know	4.4	2.7	7.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**What is your opinion in conducting elections for the local councils on intervals (not simultaneously in all areas)?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Elections for local councils must be conducted on intervals	38.3	43.0	30.7
Elections for local councils must be conducted simultaneously	38.2	38.4	37.9
I do not support conducting elements for local councils	13.5	13.5	13.4
No opinion; I do not know	9.9	5.1	18.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**In your opinion, what role should the local councils play?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Offering public services to citizens	39.8	36.4	45.7
A political role	3.4	2.7	4.3
Both roles together	52.3	58.4	41.7
I do not know; no opinion	4.5	2.4	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you support or reject women who run for local councils elections?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly support	13.8	11.8	17.9
I support	53.6	63.0	37.5
I reject	20.8	20.7	20.6
I strongly reject	9.8	3.6	20.4
No opinion; I do not know	2.1	0.9	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**There are people who say that the current political and security circumstances prevent conducting general elections (for the PLC and presidential election), others say the contrary. What is your opinion?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
The circumstances are suitable for conducting elections	10.8	12.0	8.8
The circumstances are not suitable	33.3	37.4	26.3
It is possible to disregard the circumstances and conduct elections	36.2	33.4	40.9
It is not possible to disregard the circumstances	14.4	13.5	16.0
I do not know; no opinion	5.2	3.7	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**How does the current Intifada influence yours economic situation?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
My economic situation improved very much	0.7	0.3	1.4
It improved	3.0	1.9	5.0
It remained as it is	25.8	19.4	36.7
It worsened	34.7	38.3	28.5
It worsened very much	35.8	40.0	28.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**If your economic situation is worsened, how do you manage?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I concentrate on the necessities only.	8.5601	8.5885	8.4915
I depend on aids from others.	3.4439	2.6404	5.3831
I increase the work hours.	3.6465	3.0772	5.0203
I depend on child labor.	1.1966	0.9059	1.8983
I resort to work in agriculture and home – economy projects	3.1589	2.9171	3.7424
I defer the payment of bills (taxes and utilities).	6.3496	6.1826	6.7525
I take loans from relatives and acquaintances.	4.5065	4.3652	4.8475
I depend on personal savings	5.2562	5.2739	5.2136

**Several international institutions offer grants to local Palestinian institutions serving different domains such as agriculture, health, research in the domains of politics, economics, democracy and human rights.**

**Do you believe that the grants are used in...?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The development of sources of production and services of Palestinian people	14.4	15.7	12.0
Promoting donor's ideas and culture	18.3	18.5	17.8
Drawing support from among the intellectuals for the donor policy and culture	6.5	4.7	9.6
Training Palestinian people in the domains of freedom and democracy	8.2	9.0	6.8
Personal gains for some of those who work in these institution	39.7	40.0	39.1
Other	1.5	1.0	2.4
No opinion; I do not know	11.5	11.1	12.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**Do you read local newspapers.....?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Daily	15.8	13.7	19.2
Some days of the week	27.8	26.4	30.1
On Fridays only	3.9	2.6	6.2
Rarely	30.8	31.5	29.5
I don't read them at all	21.8	25.7	15.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Which of the following newspaper do you prefer to read?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Al Ayyam	26.6	19.7	26.8
Al Hayat Al Jadeeda	11.4	7.2	17.5
Al Quds	52.9	70.1	27.5
Al Resaleh	7.5	1.6	16.3
Other	1.6	1.4	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Which of the following TV channels do you prefer to watch?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Local TV channels	8.3	12.3	3.0
Palestine Space Channel	6.4	7.1	5.2
Al Jazeera	38.2	40.0	35.1
MBC	3.3	3.4	3.2
Al Hurra	0.4	0.2	0.6
LBC	2.2	2.7	1.4
Al Arabiya	6.1	4.7	8.6
Abu Dhabi	3.5	2.0	6.0
Music Channels	4.3	4.4	4.0
Al Manar	12.0	9.0	17.2
Future	2.2	1.5	3.4
Iqra'	6.0	5.1	7.2
I don't watch TV at all	3.1	3.3	2.8
Other	3.4	4.3	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**What of the following parties and political affiliations do you support?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
People's Party	0.3	0.2	0.4
Democratic Front	1.1	1.0	1.2
Islamic Jihad	4.7	4.1	5.8
Fateh	24.5	22.6	27.9
Hamas	21.1	21.8	19.8
Fida	0.1	0.1	0.2
Public Front	2.7	1.6	4.6
I am an independent nationalist	8.0	7.1	9.6
I am an independent Islamist	7.5	6.6	9.0
I do not support any of the above	28.6	33.3	20.4
Others, specify	1.3	1.5	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The following Results are specifically related to the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) sample.

**How does the Separation Wall influence the living conditions of your family?**

	<b>West Bank</b>
It has no effect at all	39.3
It has a direct effect	35.7
It has an indirect effect	24.3
No opinion; I do not know	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>