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Result of Palestinian Public Opinion Polls

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Background

The Occupied Palestinian Territories witnessed, in the period preceding this poll, an Israeli escalation in the military operations; the Israeli army continued the destruction, the closures and the killing of Palestinian people. The occupation forces bombed a playground in Gaza. The bombardment left tens of casualties from among the Palestinian civilians. Further, the Israeli occupation forces liquidated a group of Palestinian activists in Nablus and Jenin.

On the political and security levels, the Palestinian scene witnessed a series of developments. Among these are the chaotic state that spread in Gaza Strip in particular, and some other West Bank cities in general, especially Nablus and Ramallah. An armed group kidnapped some foreigners and detained them for some hours. Other groups stormed into a number of sites that belong to the Palestinian Authority; some top Palestinian officers were kidnapped.

In view of the above realities, a number of the leaders of the security apparatuses submitted their resignation; a state of dissatisfaction dominated the Palestinian scene. Prime Minister Ahmed Qurai submitted his resignation and withdrew it twice within the last sixty days. The Palestinian Legislative Council, announced the suspension of its sessions for one month protesting the lack of respect and attention for its decisions by the Palestinian Authority.

Consequently, several declarations and calls for a comprehensive internal reformation were issued by ministers, PLC members, representatives of political factions, security officials and others. Such calls did not lead to any substantial result.

In the Palestinian Territories, the election registration campaign was launched in preparation for the general elections which have not been given a specific date. There are efforts paid to urge people to register for the elections, but the news tell of very weak and slow registration process.

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The Results

Following are the results of the eighth public opinion poll conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An Najah National University during the period from 16-18 September, 2004. The University takes full sponsorship of all polls.

The eighth poll undertakes several subjects which focused on the calls for reformation, the need to fight corruption, the election registration process, the performance of Palestinian institutions, the PLC and local councils elections, in addition to political affiliations of Palestinian people and other issues.

The sample included 1360 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 860 persons from the West Bank and 500 persons from the Gaza Strip. The sample was drawn randomly and the margin of error is about ± 3 . Still 2.8% of the members of the sample refused to answer the questionnaire.

Major Results:

- 27.7% from among respondents see that the public figures who call for reform are sincere while 67.1% see that they are themselves responsible for the chaotic state which overwhelms the Palestinian scene. 33.5% see that ministers, PLC members, the representatives of political factions are not concerned with reform.
- 24.7% see that the Presidential Institution is reluctant to carry out reform, 15.9% see that it is the Council of Ministers which is reluctant, 11.8% see that it is the security apparatuses, 5.4% see that it is the PLC.
- 39.0% see that the Presidential Institution is the body which is most capable of carrying our reform, 12.4% see that it is the PLC and 7.2% is the Council of Ministers.
- 37.5% see that the first step in any reform in the Palestinian arena must begin through conducting presidential and legislative elections and 29.4% see that reform must be by way of forming a united Palestinian government.
- 30.9% see that the call for reform sprang basically from an internal need for reform while 21.3% see that it came as a response to outside pressures.
- 53.0% believe that the Palestinian Authority is concerned with reform.
- 89.7% believe that there is a necessity to conduct reformations in the institutions of the Palestinian Authority.



- 70.4% agreed that there is corruption in all the institutions of the Palestinian Authority, and 45.6% say that corruption is limited to the security apparatuses, 44.2% say that it is limited to the Council of Ministers, 37.6% say that it is limited to the PLC and 34.0% say that it is limited to the Presidential Institution.
- 38.9% see that the body which is most capable of fighting corruption is the Presidential Institution, 24.8% see that it is the Judicious system, 11.7% see that it is the PLC and 6.0% see that it is the Council of Ministers.
- 36.6% say that the best way to fight corruption is to instate the law of “where have you got this from?” 36.4% say that the best way is to question people who are accused of cases of corruption.
- 46.5% believe that what encouraged corruption in the institutions of the Palestinian Authority is the absence of a law that punishes the corrupted people.
- 49.6% believe that the PA is concerned with fighting corruption.
- 49.3% believe that the Israeli Occupation is the reason behind corruption in the institutions of the Palestinian Authority.
- 25.7% believe that the Occupation is not an obstacle for the Palestinian Authority to fight corruption.
- 46.2% believe that the present corruption is an extension to the existing corruption in the institutions of the PLO.
- 47.2% say that corruption exists in all the institutions of the Palestinian Society, 19.7% say that corruption is limited to the institutions of the Palestinian Authority, and 9.1% say that it exists in all Palestinian factions.
- 56.3% believe that corruption exists in all institutions of the civil society.
- 52.9% believe that corruption exists in all the institutions of the private sector.
- 41.9% admitted that the most common phenomenon of corruption that exists in the Palestinian Society is the financial corruption, while 15.6% believe that it is administrative corruption.
- 94.4% assert that the most common manifestation of corruption in the Palestinian Society is the spread of the phenomenon of nepotism and intermediation in the procedures of governmental employment, 91.0% assert that it is using governmental positions for serving private interests, 87.6% assert that it is extravagant and quick accumulation of wealth in the hands of governmental officials, 84.6% assert that it is the absence of an independent Judicious system, 81.4% assert that it is the license that some officials take to obtain business facilities which are contrary to Palestinian law, 70.8% assert that it is aggression against public and private institutions committed by the security apparatuses.



- 93.9% believe that the phenomenon of corruption exists in Palestinian Society.
- The most important means that respondents see for instating reform come in the following order:
 - An average of 93.96% believe that it is fighting corruption.
 - An average of 93.22% believe that it is the adopting the principle of qualification and merit in appointing people in governmental positions.
 - An average of 92.66% believe that it is imposing law and order.
 - An average of 91.46% believe that it is monitoring the ways of spending public funds.
 - An average of 89.84% believe that it is forming a unified leadership.
 - An average of 89.39% believe that it is activating the role of public control.
 - An average of 86.51% believe that it is demolishing monopolies.
 - An average of 84.55% believe that it is dealing with the obstruction of justice.
 - An average of 82.27% believe that it is changing the current ministers.
 - An average of 81.75% believe that it is changing the leaders of the security apparatuses.
 - An average of 80.36% believe that it is unifying the security apparatuses.
 - An average of 79.58% believe that the most important means is conducting elections.
- 38.8% respondents see that the most important means of implementing reform in the Presidential institution is instating a law that defines the responsibilities and procedures of work at the Presidential Institution, 40.3% see that in the Minister's Council it is limiting conflicts of ministry, 34.7% see that in the PLC it is conducting legislative elections as soon as possible, 33.4% see that in the security apparatuses it is uniting all apparatuses under the Ministry of Interior and Interior Affairs and defining the responsibilities of each apparatuses.
- Only 6.8% from among the respondents never heard of Election Registration Centers, 42.7% received brochures explaining the process of completing the process of the registration.
- Only 59.5% say that they will participate in registering for elections.
- Only 1.2% of the respondents assert that they will reelect the same members of the PLC that they elected before, and 6.5% assert that they will reelect only some of the old members. While 17.1% assert that they will not reelect any of the previous members, 52.8% assert that they will decide on whom to vote for at the Polls. Further, 20.4% 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.
 - An average of 87.09% favor the educational qualifications.
 - An average of 76.14% favor the patriotic record of the candidate.
 - An average of 47.81% favor the political affiliation of the candidate.
 - An average of 42.88% favor male gender.
 - An average of 34.76% care for the economic situation of the candidate.
 - An average of 30.76% care for the family belongness of the candidate.
 - An average of 29.74% care for place of dwelling.
 - An average of 27.71% favor the female gender.
 - An average of 24.84% favor previous PLC members.
 - An average of 24.80% care for kinship.
- In case of running for legislative elections, 16.1% choose Fateh block, 11.9% choose Hamas block, while a joint block between Fateh and Hamas received 10.3%.
- 23.1% from among respondents assert that the current circumstances are suitable for conducting general elections while 16.8% assert that the circumstances are not suitable. 49.0% from among respondents say that it is possible to disregard the present circumstances and conduct elections, 6.2% however, say that it is not possible to disregard the present circumstances and conduct elections.
- 19.6% from among respondents like the Palestinian Authority to coordinate its policy with Egypt, and 7.1% like coordination with Jordan, while 56.3% do not like to co-ordinate with any country.
- 67.0% from among respondents support a new ceasefire (hodna) between Palestinians and Israelis.
- 92.7% from among respondents believe that the military operations that Palestinian factions execute come as a natural reaction to the Israeli military operations.
- 40.2% from among respondents reject launching attacks against Israel from the Gaza Strip if Israel pulls out.
- 94.1% from among respondents support the formation of a United Palestinian Leadership.
- As for assessing the performance of Palestinian institutions in the present
 - 20.1% expressed their satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian Government.
 - 21.0% expressed their satisfaction with the performance of the PLC.
 - 28.1% expressed their satisfaction with the performance of the Judicious System.



- 68.2% expressed their satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian Universities.
- 55.7% expressed their satisfaction with the Organizations of the civil society.
- 18.2% expressed their satisfaction with the performance of security apparatuses.
- 44.6% expressed their satisfaction with the performance of the private sector institutions.
- As for Political affiliations they were distributed as follows:
 - People's party 0.8
 - Democratic Front 1.3
 - Islamic Jihad 4.0
 - Fateh 23.7
 - Hamas 19.3
 - Fida 0.3
 - Public Front 2.1
 - Independent Nationalist 9.9
 - Independent Islamist 8.3
 - Non of the above 29.0
 - Other 1.3



The General Results of the Poll

In view of the kidnapping, the storming and sabotaging of some government sites, several Palestinian public figures called for instating reforms in the institutions of the Authority to end the state of chaos in the Palestinian streets. How do you look at the calls of these public figures (personalities)?

Total			
	Support	Reject	No opinion
All these public figures are faithful in their calls	27.7	62.6	9.6
These public figures are part of the state of corruption	67.1	24.5	8.4
Ministers only are faithful in their call for reform	14.0	75.5	10.3
PLC members only are faithful	22.2	65.3	12.5
Representatives of Palestinian factions only are faithful	41.2	45.1	13.8
Independent public figures only are faithful	50.3	37.1	12.6
Ministers, PLC members and representatives of factions are not concerned with reformation	38.5	48.7	12.9
West Bank			
	Support	Reject	No opinion
All these public figures are faithful in their calls	28.0	62.0	10.0
These public figures are part of the state of corruption	65.5	25.5	9.1
Ministers only are faithful in their call for reform	14.0	76.0	10.0
PLC members only are faithful	22.1	66.4	11.5
Representatives of Palestinian factions only are faithful	41.2	46.5	12.3
Independent public figures only are faithful	51.9	36.9	11.3
Ministers, PLC members and representatives of factions are not concerned with reformation	40.8	46.2	13.0
Gaza Strip			
	Support	Reject	No opinion
All these public figures are faithful in their calls	27.2	63.8	9.0
These public figures are part of the state of corruption	70.0	22.8	7.2
Ministers only are faithful in their call for reform	14.2	75.0	10.8
PLC members only are faithful	22.4	63.4	14.2
Representatives of Palestinian factions only are faithful	41.2	42.6	16.2
Independent public figures only are faithful	47.6	37.4	15.0
Ministers, PLC members and representatives of factions are not concerned with reformation	34.4	53.0	12.6



There are several calls that emphasize the necessity of instating reform in the institutions and apparatuses of the PA. In your opinion, which party from among the following is reluctant to instate such reformations?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The presidential Institution	24.7	20.7	31.6
The Council of Ministers	15.9	17.3	13.4
The Palestinian Legislative Council	5.4	4.0	8.0
The security apparatuses	11.8	11.4	12.6
The political parties	11.8	13.3	9.4
Members of Palestinian people	8.6	7.7	10.2
Other	6.0	7.1	4.2
I do not know; no opinion	15.7	8.6	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion, which party from among the following is most capable of instating reform in the institutions and the apparatuses of the Palestinian Authority?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The Presidential Institution	39.0	42.6	32.8
The Council of Ministers	7.2	7.7	6.4
The Palestinian Legislative Council	12.4	11.4	14.2
The security apparatuses	6.2	6.0	6.4
The political parties	21.4	18.1	27.0
Other	6.0	6.6	5.0
I do not know; no opinion	7.8	7.6	8.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The first step in making any reformation in the Palestinian arena must begin through

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
conducting Presidential and PLC elections	37.5	41.0	31.4
forming a new national and united government	29.4	27.0	33.6
changing the leaders of the security apparatuses	17.4	15.6	20.6
other	10.7	11.2	10.0
other	2.2	2.2	2.2
I do not know, no opinion	7.2	3.0	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



In your opinion, the calls for reformation in the apparatuses of the Palestinian Authority stem from

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
an internal need for the necessity of reformation	30.9	32.8	27.6
distracting the Palestinian public from continuing the Intifada	14.3	15.0	13.0
Responding for foreign pressure	21.3	21.6	20.8
responding to political interests for some people	10.7	8.7	14.0
the fact that reform is part of the road to liberation	19.4	19.1	20.0
I don not know; no opinion	3.5	2.8	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

At the current stage, do you think that the PA is concerned with instating serious reform inside the civil and military institutions?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	53.0	56.0	47.8
No	40.4	37.0	46.2
I don not know; no opinion	6.6	7.0	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

From your personal perspective, do you believe that there is a pressing need to instate reform in the institutions and apparatuses of the PA in the present?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
There is a pressing need	89.7	91.6	86.4
There is no need	7.9	7.2	9.2
I do not know; no opinion	2.4	1.2	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Some say that there is corruption in the institutions of the PA. What is your opinion?

Total			
	Support	Reject	No Opinion
Corruption exists in all PA institutions	70.4	24.8	4.8
Corruption exists in the Presidential Institution only	34.0	55.0	11.0
Corruption exists in the Council of Ministers	44.2	46.3	9.5
Corruption exists among the PLC members only	37.6	52.1	10.4
Corruption exists among the leaders of the security apparatuses	45.6	44.1	10.3



West Bank			
	Support	Reject	No opinion
Corruption exists in all PA institutions	68.8	26.0	5.1
Corruption exists in the Presidential Institution only	32.1	57.6	10.3
Corruption exists in the Council of Ministers	45.2	47.1	7.7
Corruption exists among the PLC members only	37.8	52.8	9.4
Corruption exists among the leaders of the security apparatuses	44.7	46.5	8.8
Gaza Strip			
	Support	Reject	No opinion
Corruption exists in all PA institutions	73.2	22.6	4.2
Corruption exists in the Presidential Institution only	37.2	50.6	12.2
Corruption exists in the Council of Ministers	42.4	45.0	12.6
Corruption exists among the PLC members only	37.2	50.8	12.0
Corruption exists among the leaders of the security apparatuses	47.2	40.0	12.8

Which party in your opinion is most capable of fighting corruption in the PA?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The Presidential Institution	38.9	43.1	31.6
The PLC	11.7	12.0	11.2
The Council of Ministers	6.0	4.5	8.6
The Judicious System	24.8	23.6	26.8
Other	9.6	9.1	10.4
I do not know; no opinion	9.0	7.7	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

What is the easiest way in your opinion for fighting the phenomenon of corruption in the present?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Passing the law the of “where have you got this from”?	36.6	36.2	37.4
Conducting general elections	22.3	22.7	21.6
Investigating those who are accused of corruption	36.4	37.1	35.2
Other	2.4	2.0	3.0
I do not know; no opinion	2.4	2.1	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



What encouraged corruption in the PA institutions is

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The poor performance of the PLC	12.1	10.7	14.4
Holding minister positions for a long time	11.3	12.7	8.8
Not conducting elections for more than eight years	14.6	15.1	13.8
The in availability of a law that punishes the corrupted people	46.5	45.9	47.6
The poor performance of the judicious system	9.8	9.8	9.8
Other	3.5	3.0	4.4
I do not know; no opinion	2.2	2.8	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that PA is concerned with fighting corruption in its institutions and apparatuses?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	49.6	54.8	40.8
No	43.8	40.0	50.2
I do not know; no opinion	6.6	5.2	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the Israeli Occupation is the reason behind the existence of corruption in the PA institutions?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	49.3	53.6	42.0
Yes, Partially	28.6	25.2	34.4
No	21.3	20.7	22.2
I do not know; no opinion	0.8	0.5	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the Israeli Occupation is a major obstacle that hinders the PA's attempts to fight corruption?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	47.4	52.7	38.2
Yes, partially	26.1	21.3	34.4
No	25.7	25.1	26.8
I do not know; no opinion	0.8	0.9	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Do you think that corruption in the PA is an extension to that which the PLO has?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	46.2	44.3	49.4
Yes, partially	21.5	19.9	24.4
No	22.7	24.5	19.6
I do not know; no opinion	9.6	11.3	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that corruption is limited to the PA institutions and apparatuses?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Corruption is limited to the PA institutions only	19.7	18.0	22.6
Corruption exists among all Palestinian factions	9.1	7.8	11.4
Corruption exists among some Palestinian factions	16.8	17.1	16.2
Corruption exists among Civil society institutions	1.6	0.7	3.2
Corruption exists in all the institutions of the Palestinian Society	47.2	50.3	41.8
I do not know; no opinion	5.6	6.0	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that there is corruption in the institutions of the Palestinian civil society?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	56.3	56.6	55.6
No	33.5	34.0	32.8
I do not know; no opinion	10.2	9.4	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that there is corruption in the institutions of the Palestinian private sector?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	52.9	56.0	47.4
No	32.3	31.7	33.2
I do not know; no opinion	14.9	12.2	19.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



The most common type of corruption in the Palestinian society is:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Financial	41.9	45.9	35.0
Administrative	15.6	15.9	15.0
Political	10.9	10.7	11.2
Social	8.4	8.8	7.6
Security	13.8	10.7	19.0
Other	7.0	6.4	8.0
I don not know; no opinion	2.5	1.5	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Some say that the most widespread feature of corruption in the Palestinian society is:

Total			
	Support	Reject	No Opinion
The spread of nepotism and intermediation in the process of governmental employment	94.4	4.1	1.5
The extravagant and quick accumulation of wealth in the hands of some governmental officials	87.6	8.5	3.9
Using governmental positions in serving private interests	91.0	6.6	2.4
Illegal obtaining of commercial guarantees by some officials	81.4	9.8	8.8
The lack of an independent and fair judicious system	84.6	11.4	4.0
Aggression against public and private properties by some security apparatuses	70.8	20.5	8.7
West Bank			
	Support	Reject	No Opinion
The spread of nepotism and intermediation in the process of governmental employment	95.2	3.3	1.5
The extravagant and quick accumulation of wealth in the hands of some governmental officials	92.0	4.9	3.1
Using governmental positions in serving private interests	94.0	4.0	2.1
Illegal obtaining of commercial guarantees by some officials	84.8	6.0	9.2
The lack of an independent and fair judicious system	87.6	9.0	3.5
Aggression against public and private properties by some security apparatuses	70.6	20.8	8.6



Gaza Strip			
	Support	Reject	No Opinion
The spread of nepotism and intermediation in the process of governmental employment	93.0	5.6	1.4
The extravagant and quick accumulation of wealth in the hands of some governmental officials	80.2	14.6	5.2
Using governmental positions in serving private interests	85.8	11.2	3.0
Illegal obtaining of commercial guarantees by some officials	75.6	16.2	8.2
The lack of an independent and fair judicious system	79.6	15.6	4.8
Aggression against public and private properties by some security apparatuses	71.2	20.0	8.8

Now, we would like to know your opinion in the phenomenon of corruption. Does corruption really exist in the Palestinian society?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, it exists	93.9	94.5	92.8
No, it does not exist	4.2	4.0	4.6
I do not know; no opinion	1.9	1.5	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you assess the importance of the following steps as means for instating reform in the Palestinian society?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Conducting general elections	7.9581	7.9860	7.9100
Changing the current ministers	8.2279	8.2686	8.1580
Punishing the corrupted people	9.3963	9.5988	9.0480
Monitoring the ways of spending public funds	9.1463	9.4081	8.6960
Treating the obstruction of justices	8.4555	8.7430	7.9599
Reactivating the role of public control	8.9397	9.1023	8.6600
Forming a unified leadership	8.9846	9.1209	8.7500
Uniting the security apparatuses	8.0368	8.2698	7.6360
Changing the leaders of the security apparatuses	8.1751	8.2224	7.0940
Canceling monopolies	8.6515	8.7767	8.4360
Imposing the supremacy of the law	9.2662	9.4151	9.0100
Ensuring merit and qualifications when appointing people in public positions	9.3221	9.4826	9.0460



In your opinion, what are the most important means that can secure reform in the Presidential institution?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Reducing the number of public institutions that have direct relations with the President's office	11.6	11.0	12.6
Trusting each ministry and institution with its administrative and financial responsibilities each according to its specialization	18.5	19.4	16.8
Restricting the number of grants and gifts that the President's Office gives to some people and institutions	11.8	12.7	10.4
Listing the President's Office's budget within the general budget of the Palestinian Authority	11.0	9.0	14.4
Passing a special law that would restrict the responsibilities and the work procedures of the President's Institution	38.8	40.3	36.2
I do not know; no opinion	8.3	7.6	9.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion, what are the most important means for instating reform in the Council of Ministers (ministries)?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Abiding by the rules of the general budget that are approved by the PLC	9.6	9.3	10.2
Abiding by the administrative frames for each ministry	11.4	8.7	16.0
Separating the meetings of the Council of Ministers from the other meetings of the Palestinian Authority	5.9	5.6	6.4
Adherence to the laws and decisions that are stated by the PLC	25.1	26.0	23.6
Defining the responsibilities of each ministry and limiting the conflict of responsibilities among ministries	40.3	42.4	36.6
I do not know; no opinion	7.6	7.9	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



In your opinion what are the most important means for instating reformation in the PLC.

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Conducting PLC elections as soon as possible	34.7	34.3	35.4
Depriving PLC members who are involved in cases of corruption from their amnesty rights	17.6	16.7	19.0
Instating a law that disallows PLC members from practicing any private business	15.3	17.2	12.0
Activating public control on the work of PLC members	15.3	14.0	17.6
Disallowing PLC members from obtaining loans and grants from any public or private source	11.3	12.8	8.6
I do not know; no opinion	5.9	5.0	7.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion what are the most important means for instating reform in the security apparatuses

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Subjecting the work of these apparatuses to the supervision of the PLC	17.6	16.6	19.2
Appointment of top officials and employees of these apparatuses must be approved by the PLC	8.5	9.2	7.2
Unifying the security apparatuses under the leadership of the ministry of interior and defining the responsibilities of each one of them	33.4	32.9	34.2
Instating a law that disallows military personnel from practicing private economic/business activities	10.4	12.1	7.4
Instating a law that defines the procedures of appointing and firing the leaders of the security apparatuses and its top officials	21.8	21.5	22.4
I do not know; no opinion	8.4	7.7	9.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Have you heard (through radio, TV, the press....) that the Central Elections Committee has opened Centers to register the names of all voters in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	92.1	92.7	91.0
No	6.8	6.3	7.6
I do not know; no opinion	1.2	1.0	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Have you received any brochures distributed by the Central Elections Committee which include advice on how to register for voting.

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	42.7	38.1	50.6
No	55.6	61.2	46.0
I do not know; no opinion	1.7	0.7	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Will you participate in the registration for elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes I will	57.8	60.8	52.6
No I will not	24.3	25.6	22.2
Yes I will and I will advise others to participate	11.7	8.8	16.2
No I will not and I will urge others not to participate	3.6	3.1	4.4
I do not know, no opinion	2.6	1.6	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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	1.2	1.2	1.2
Some of the members I voted for in the past	6.5	7.6	4.6
I will not vote for any from among the members I voted for in the past	17.1	13.5	23.2
I will decide on the time of elections	52.8	54.4	50.0
I will not participate in the elections	20.4	22.1	17.4
I do not know; no opinion	2.1	1.3	3.6
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?

	Rank 0-10 (Average)		
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Kinship	2.4801	2.1988	2.9640
Educational qualifications	8.7096	8.8465	8.4740
Political affiliation	4.7816	4.4256	5.3940
Family relations	3.0765	2.7442	3.6480
Record of resistance	7.6147	7.6047	7.6320
Place of habitation	2.9743	2.6744	3.4900
Economic situation	3.4765	3.0430	4.2220
Being an ex-council member	2.4846	2.5721	2.3340
Gender, male	4.7382	4.2326	5.6080
Gender, female	2.7713	2.8081	2.7080

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Members from Fateh	16.1	17.1	14.4
Members from Hamas	11.9	8.6	17.6
A joint Fateh – Hamas block	10.3	10.0	10.8
Members from the Palestinian left	6.9	7.1	6.6
Independent nationalist member	4.7	4.4	5.2
Independent Islamist members	0.7	0.7	0.6
Members representing the PLO	6.3	7.1	5.0
Members representing a joint block from the PLO and the Islamic movements	3.8	2.8	5.4
Members from the Islamic movements	24.6	28.6	17.6
I will decide on the time of elections	12.8	12.6	13.2
I will not participate in the elections	2.0	1.0	3.6
No opinion; I do not know	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The circumstances are suitable for conducting elections	23.1	26.3	17.6
The circumstances are not suitable	16.8	19.4	12.4
It is possible to disregard the circumstances and conduct elections	49.0	45.5	55.0
It is not possible to disregard the circumstances	6.2	5.2	7.8
I do not know; no opinion	4.9	3.6	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



When the PA co-ordinates its policies with some Arab countries, with which country do you like to co-ordinate if you were in the position of decision making?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
With Egypt	19.6	15.0	27.6
With Jordan	7.1	9.8	2.6
With other Arab Countries	9.6	9.1	10.6
I do not like to co-ordinate with any country	56.3	60.5	49.2
I do not know; no answer	7.3	5.7	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	25.1	18.8	36.0
I support	41.9	48.7	30.2
I reject	19.5	22.1	15.0
I strongly reject	9.6	7.8	12.8
No opinion; I don not know	3.8	2.6	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	65.3	58.6	76.8
I do	27.4	33.3	17.4
I do not	3.9	4.8	2.4
I strongly do not	1.4	1.4	1.4
No opinion; I don not know	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	21.0	16.2	29.5
I support	33.2	37.6	25.7
I reject	31.8	34.7	26.9
I strongly reject	8.4	5.8	12.8
No opinion; I don not know	5.6	5.8	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Do you support a united Palestinian leadership?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	58.2	51.5	69.6
I support	35.9	43.8	22.2
I oppose	3.5	2.8	4.6
I strongly oppose	0.8	0.7	1.0
I don not know; no opinion	1.7	1.2	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

The Palestinian Government	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	3.8	3.5	4.2
Good	16.3	16.5	16.0
Fair	34.4	36.2	31.4
Poor	43.2	40.9	47.0
I don not know; no opinion	2.4	2.9	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
The Palestinian Legislative Council	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	4.0	4.1	3.8
Good	17.0	19.1	13.4
Fair	35.3	37.4	31.6
Poor	40.2	35.5	48.4
I don not know; no opinion	3.6	4.0	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
The Judicious System	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	4.6	5.1	3.6
Good	23.5	23.4	23.6
Fair	30.6	31.3	29.4
Poor	37.6	35.1	31.8
I don not know; no opinion	3.8	5.1	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Palestinian Universities	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	25.7	26.7	23.8
Good	42.5	41.7	43.8
Fair	20.4	19.5	21.8
Poor	9.4	9.2	9.8
I don not know; no opinion	2.1	2.8	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Civil Societies	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	14.3	15.3	12.4
Good	41.4	41.4	41.4
Fair	27.4	27.4	27.2
Poor	13.5	11.4	17.0
I don not know; no opinion	3.6	4.4	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
The Security Apparatuses	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	3.9	3.5	4.6
Good	14.3	13.4	15.8
Fair	30.5	33.5	25.4
Poor	48.3	45.9	52.4
I don not know; no opinion	3.0	3.7	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
The Private Sector	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	7.5	5.7	10.6
Good	37.1	35.1	40.6
Fair	32.0	34.5	27.6
Poor	17.6	17.9	17.2
I don not know; no opinion	5.7	6.7	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
People's party	0.8	0.7	1.0
Democratic Front	1.3	1.3	1.2
Islamic Jihad	4.0	3.8	4.4
Fateh	23.7	24.4	22.2
Hamas	19.3	17.2	23.0
Fida	0.3	0.2	0.4
Public Front	2.1	1.9	2.6
I am an independent nationalist	9.9	10.0	9.6
I am an independent Islamist	8.3	7.6	9.6
I do not support any of the above	29.0	31.6	24.6
Others, specify	1.3	1.3	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0