Results of Palestinian Public Opinion Polls
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The Background:

As the time for the intended Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip approaches, the Palestinian Authority has begun intensive movements to rearrange the local Palestinian conditions in anticipation of the aftermath of the withdrawal. In this context the Palestinian President held several meetings with the leaders of the Palestinian factions whom he had earlier invited to join a Palestinian national coalition government. Several of these factions such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Public Front refused the President's call and proposed the formation of a national committee to supervise the Israeli pull-out from the Strip; the PA rejected the proposal through different statements made by more than one PA official. On the other side of the scene, the PA intensified its efforts to control the local security situation when several cases of outlaw incidents where cited. Outlaw incidents have not become single and isolated ones; they have become a phenomenon that threatens the whole Palestinian society. Such chaotic conditions prompted officials and public Palestinians moves to put an end to this phenomenon; these moves are exemplified in the decision made by the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Interior Affairs.

On the local level, the Palestinian Legislative Council ratified the Law of Legislative Elections which is based on the Mixed Elections System and that increased the number of PLC members to 132; half of them are to be chosen on the basis of the elections circles system and the other on the basis of national tickets. Upon passing the elections law the Palestinian Authority promised to conduct the legislative elections either at the end of this year or at the beginning of the coming year.

The Results:

Following are the results of Palestinian Public Opinion Poll no.13 conducted by the Center of Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from July 13-15, 2005. **The University sponsors all polls conducted by its Center.**

Poll no. 13 undertakes several subjects centered basically around the call made by the PA to the national and Islamic factions to join a national coalition government, the chaotic outlaw situation, the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip, the coming Palestinian LC elections, an assessment of the performance of the institutions of the PA, the status of democracy and human rights in the West Bank and Gaza, in addition to political affiliations 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 1.6% of the numbers of the sample refused to answer the questionnaire.

Major Results:

- 84.9% from among respondents support the call made by the PA to the national and Islamic factions to join a national coalition government, while 11.2% reject it.
- 75.1% from among respondents support the participation of Hamas in a national coalition government and 20% and reject it.
- 29.1% from among respondents support Hamas' rejection to join a national coalition government.
- 58.1% from among respondents believe that the PA is serious in its call for the formation of a national coalition government, while 30.7% say that the PA is not serious.
- 61.3% from among respondents believe that the formation of a national coalition government will exit the Palestinians from the current political crisis, and 32.4% say that it will not.
- 51% from among respondents say that the refusal of some Palestinian factions to join a national coalition government serves these factions' private interests and 32.5% say it will serve the interest of the Palestinian people.
- 68.5% believe that the formation of a united national coalition government will limit the chaotic security phenomenon in Palestinian streets while 25% say it will not.
- 38.9% from among respondents believe that the formation of a national coalition government will be a pretext to postpone the legislative elections.

- 77.6% support the suggestion made by Palestinian factions to form a national committee to supervise Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip and 16.5% reject it.
- 40.7% say that the Palestinian officials are serious in their fight of the outlaw and chaotic situation and 50.2% say the opposite.
- 27.8% believe that the Palestinian security apparatuses are incapable of imposing order on Palestinian streets.
- 70.3% say that the Palestinian security apparatuses are themselves part of the chaos in Palestinian streets.
- Putting an end to the security outlaw state is assessed as "good" by the following bodies with the corresponding percentages: the Ministers Council 20.6%, the LC 20.1%, the security apparatuses 16%, the reform committees 35.2%, the private institutions 30.5%, the political parties 21.5% and the pressure exerted by the public is given 25.4%.
- 43.9% from among respondents believe that the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip is an Israeli substitute for the Road Map.
- 39.9% from among respondents believe that the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip came as a result of the pressure made by Palestinian resistance.
- 50% from among respondents say that the behavior of the PA towards the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip is 'good'.
- 32.6% from among respondents believe that the disengagement plan will lead to an escalation in Palestinian internal strife.
- 58.8% from among respondents believe that the disengagement plan will push Palestinian people towards reinforcing their national unity.
- 39.7% from among respondents support launching attacks against Israeli targets from the Gaza Strip after the Israeli withdrawal; 51.9% reject them.
- 49.5% from among respondents say that the political and economic conditions will improve after the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip; 16.6% say that they will deteriorate.
- 2.1% will reelect the same members of the current Legislative Council; 18.4% will not reelect any one of them.

- The characteristics that respondents see in the person they want to vote for in the coming LC elections are arranged as follows:

Being uncorrupted	90.65%
Educational qualifications	84.11%
Patriotic history.	75.85%
Being religious.	76.21%
Belongness to a party.	57.24%
Gender: male	53.18%
Economic situation	36.78%
Family belong ness	35.02%
Place of habitation	32.96%
Gender: female	33.64%
Kinship	29.51
Being an LC ex-member.	24.18%

- The basic principle that will define the attitudes of voters in giving their vote to a candidate will be personal acquaintance with a percentage of, 25.6% followed by belongness to a party with a percentage of 24%.
- 25.1% from among respondents will vote for a Fateh block in the coming LC elections, 21.9% will vote for Hamas, and 5.4% will vote for a block from among members of the Palestinian left.
- If the Palestinian voters in the coming LC elections were limited to a choice of two blocks, one representing the PLO and one representing Hamas, respondents who vote for the PLO are 45.1%, and those who vote for Hamas are 34.5%.
- If the Palestinian voters in the coming LC elections were limited to a choice between two blocks; one representing Fateh and one representing Hamas, respondents who give their votes to Fateh are 40.2% and those who give their votes to Hamas are 35.2%.
- 28.5% from among respondents will not reelect all or some members from the present LC members because of their abuse of public funds, 24.6% because of the appointment of their relatives in public positions, 31.1% because of being remote from the problems and worries of the people of the elections circles that they represent, and 6.1% because these representatives have never visited their elections circles since their election.
- The percentage of respondents who evaluate the performance of Palestinian Presidential Institution as "good" and "fair" is 69.6%, the Palestinian Government is 64%, the LC is 52.9%, the Palestinian judicious system is 59.7%, and the Palestinian security apparatuses is 49.9%.

- The following percentages represent respondents belief that President Mahmoud Abbas began practical and tangible steps in the following domains:

Unifying Palestinian security apparatuses	57.1%
Fighting corruption in public institutions	47.9%
Freeing prisoners	36.3%
Enforcing the rule of law	36.2%
Eliminating the chaotic use of arms	26.0%
Protecting subjects of Palestinian resistance	24.9%
Improving the economic situation	23.5%
Limiting mediations in appointment in public positions	22.8%
Providing personal security for Palestinian people	21.3%
Limiting poverty and unemployment	19.0%

- 71.1% from among respondents support the creation of a vice president position.
- 32.4% from among respondents believe that turning some of the files of corruption to the Attorney General is just a start for questioning top officials in the PA who are believed to be involved in cases of financial and administrative corruption.
- 19.9% believe that the state of democracy in Palestine is good; 30.7% say it is bad.
- 26% say that the political system in Palestine is proceeding towards building a democratic system.
- 28.7% say that the political system in Palestine is proceeding towards respecting human rights.
- 17.6% from among respondents evaluate respect paid to human rights in Palestine by the PA as "good".
- 35.4% assess respect paid to the freedom of press by the Palestinian Authority as 'good'.
- 49.4% from among respondents say that they are able to criticize the policies of the PA without fear.
- 45.5% from among respondents say that they express their general political opinions without fear.
- 42.1% from among respondents believe that the Palestinian social system gives them the freedom to adopt any religion or thought they choose, while 32.8% say the contrary.
- 69% from among respondents believe that the Government's expenditures on the education sector are not enough to meet the educational needs, and 72.5% believe that the expenditures on the health sector are also not enough and so are the expenditures on social welfare with a 69.4%.
- 55.4% from among respondents do not feel safe neither for themselves nor for their families and properties.

- 71.8% from among respondents read Palestinian daily newspapers and AlQuds Newspaper is the most read one.
- 51.9% say that the big industrial countries will fulfill their financial commitments that they made to the Palestinians.
- If these industrial countries fulfill their obligations, 25.4% from among respondents believe that the fund paid will be directed to develop the Palestinian economy; 61.3% believe the contrary.
- 21% believe that such funds if paid will lead to a drop in the percentage of unemployment and 10.1% believe that it will lead to a reduction in the percentage of poverty.
- As for political affiliation respondent gave the following results:

People Party	1.0%	Democratic Front	0.9%
Islamic Jihad	2.0%	Fateh	34.8%
Hamas	21.0%	Fida	0.2%
Public Front	3.8%	The Palestinian Initiative	1.4%
Independent Nationalist	7.9%	Independent Islamist	6.4
None of the above	19.3	Other	1.4%

The General Results:

The Palestinian Authority called the national and Islamic faction to join a national coalition government. Do you support or reject that?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	84.9	86.9	81.6
I reject	11.2	10.5	12.4
No opinion/I don not know	3.9	2.7	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject the participation of Hamas in a national coalition government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	75.1	77.7	70.8
I reject	20.0	18.4	22.8
No opinion/I don not know	4.9	4.0	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Hamas turned down the PA's call for joining a national coalition government. Do you support or reject the position of Hamas in this regard?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	29.1	28.6	30.0
I reject	59.4	60.5	57.6
No opinion/I don not know	11.5	10.9	12.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the PA is serious in its call for the formation of a national coalition government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	58.1	57.3	59.4
No	30.7	33.6	25.6
No opinion/I don not know	11.6	9.1	15.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the formation of a united national government will exit Palestinians from their current political crisis?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	61.3	61.0	61.1
No	32.4	35.1	27.6
No opinion/I don not know	6.4	3.8	10.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the refusal of some of the Palestinian factions to join a national coalition government will ultimately serve-------------?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The special interests of these factions	51.0	48.0	56.2
The higher interests of the Palestinian people	32.5	38.6	22.0
No opinion/I do not know	16.5	13.4	21.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the formation of a national coalition government will limit the outlaw phenomenon in Palestinian streets?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	68.5	70.9	64.4
No	25.0	25.6	24.0
No opinion/I don not know	6.5	3.5	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the formation of a national coalition government will be a pretext to postpone the LC elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	38.9	42.9	32.0
No	44.9	42.8	48.4
No opinion/I don not know	16.3	14.3	19.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

There is a suggestion stating that there is a necessity to form a national committee to supervise the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip; there are people who reject this suggestion. Do you support or reject it?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	77.6	81.0	71.6
I reject	16.5	15.5	18.4
No opinion/I don not know	5.9	3.5	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Some Palestinian officials admitted that there is a state of outlaw and chaos in the Palestinian streets and they promise to eradicate it. Do you believe that these officials are serious in fighting the outlaw state in Palestinian streets?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	40.7	44.2	34.6
No	50.2	49.9	50.8
No opinion/I don not know	9.1	5.9	14.6
Total	**Total**	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the Palestinian security apparatuses are capable of establishing order in the Palestinian streets?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	27.8	30.3	23.4
No	66.3	67.0	65.2
No opinion/I don not know	5.9	2.7	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

There are hints by Palestinian officials that the Palestinian security apparatuses are themselves part of the outlaw state in the Palestinian streets. Do you believe that such conviction is true or not?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, it is true	70.3	69.7	71.4
No, it is not true	20.4	22.6	16.8
No opinion/I don not know	9.3	7.8	11.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you assess the performance of the following with regard to their attempts to put an end to the outlaw phenomenon in the Palestinian streets?

Total					
	Good	**Fair**	**Bad**	**No Opinion / I do not know**	**Total**
The Ministers Council	20.6	34.7	38.0	6.7	100.0
The Legislative Council	20.1	32.2	41.4	6.3	100.0
The security apparatuses	16.0	31.8	48.7	3.6	100.0
Reform committees	35.2	38.4	20.7	5.7	100.0
The private institutions	30.5	39.0	23.4	7.1	100.0
The political parties	21.5	37.1	33.8	7.6	100.0
The pressure exerted by the public	25.4	32.4	34.5	7.7	100.0

West bank					
	Good	**Fair**	**Bad**	**No Opinion / I do not know**	**Total**
The Ministers Council	23.5	37.0	31.0	8.5	100.0
The Legislative Council	23.5	33.3	35.3	7.9	100.0
The security apparatuses	19.8	31.3	44.3	4.7	100.0
Reform committees	35.0	37.4	21.0	6.5	100.0
The private institutions	32.4	37.1	21.9	8.6	100.0
The political parties	24.3	35.7	31.6	8.4	100.0
The pressure exerted by the public	27.8	30.7	35.0	6.5	100.0

Gaza strip					
	Good	**Fair**	**Bad**	**No Opinion / I do not know**	**Total**
The Ministers Council	15.6	30.8	50.0	3.6	100.0
The Legislative Council	14.4	30.4	51.8	3.4	100.0
The security apparatuses	9.4	32.6	56.2	1.8	100.0
Reform committees	35.6	40.0	20.0	4.4	100.0
The private institutions	27.2	42.2	26.0	4.6	100.0
The political parties	16.6	39.6	37.6	6.2	100.0
The pressure exerted by the public	21.2	35.4	33.6	9.8	100.0

Do you think that the Israeli disengagement plan is an Israeli substitute for the Road Map?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	43.9	42.9	45.6
No	42.4	45.0	38.0
No opinion/I don not know	13.7	12.1	16.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the approval of the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip by the Israeli Government and the Knesset came as a result of ----------------?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The pressure caused by the Palestinian resistance	39.9	36.5	45.6
The Security and Economic inexpediency of staying in the Strip	33.9	34.8	32.4
The international pressure on Israel	22.1	25.5	16.4
No opinion/I don not know	4.1	3.3	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you assess the performance of the PA with regard to the intended Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	50.0	55.5	40.6
Poor	34.7	32.6	38.4
No opinion/I do not know	15.3	12.0	21.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the Israeli disengagement plan will lead to the escalation of the Palestinian internal struggle for power?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	32.6	38.7	22.2
Partially	40.7	33.7	52.8
No	22.5	23.5	20.8
No opinion/I don not know	4.1	4.1	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the disengagement plan will push Palestinian people towards reinforcing their national unity?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	58.8	59.4	57.6
No	31.5	33.5	28.2
No opinion/I do not know	9.7	7.1	14.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If Israel pulls out from the Gaza Strip, do you support or reject launching attacks against Israeli targets from inside the Strip?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	39.7	40.1	39.0
I reject	51.9	54.7	47.2
No opinion/I do not know	8.4	5.2	13.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that redeployment in the Gaza Strip will lead politically and economically to---------.

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
An improvement of conditions	49.5	49.4	49.6
A deterioration of conditions	16.6	16.6	16.6
No change	29.5	31.0	26.8
No opinion/I do not know	4.4	2.9	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Whom do you vote for in the coming LC elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The same members of the present council	2.1	2.1	2.0
Some members of the present council	8.5	9.3	7.2
I will not vote for any one of the present members of the council	18.4	17.1	20.6
I will decide then	53.4	51.9	56.0
I will not participate in the elections	14.9	17.3	10.6
No opinion/I do not know	2.8	2.3	3.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

What characteristics do you wish to see in the candidates that you will vote for in the coming LC elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Kinship	2.9507	2.6360	3.4920
Educational qualifications	8.4110	8.6827	7.9360
Belongness to a party	5.7235	5.3977	6.2840
Family belongness	3.5015	3.3616	3.7420
Patriotic history	7.5853	7.6616	7.4540
Being religious	7.6206	7.7860	7.3360
Place of habitation	3.2956	3.1070	3.6200
Economic situation	3.6779	3.4826	4.0140
Being an LC ex-member	2.4176	2.5953	2.1120
Male gender	5.3176	5.1953	5.5280
Female gender	3.3640	3.3872	3.3240
Being uncorrupted	9.0647	9.3942	5.4980

What is the thing that will make you decide to whom you give your vote in the coming LC elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Family belongness of the candidate	3.6	4.4	2.2
Belongness to a political party	25.6	24.4	27.6
Both political and family belongness	16.0	14.1	19.2
Personal acquaintance with the candidate	24.0	24.1	23.8
Others	22.2	27.8	12.6
No opinion/I do not know	8.7	5.2	14.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

To which of the following blocks do you give your vote?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A block from independent nationalist members	11.2	10.7	12.0
A block from independent Islamist members	10.8	11.2	10.2
A block from Palestinian leftists	5.4	4.1	7.6
A Hamas block	16.5	15.2	18.6
A Fateh block	25.1	23.1	28.6
I haven't decided yet	21.9	24.9	16.8
I will not participate in the elections	7.8	9.8	4.4
I do not know/no opinion	1.3	1.0	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If you are given a choice in the coming LC elections to choose between two blocks only, one representing the PLO and one representing Hamas whom do you vote for?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The PLO block	45.1	42.6	49.6
Hamas block	34.5	38.4	27.8
No opinion/I do not know	20.4	19.1	22.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If you are to choose between two blocks only, Fateh and Hamas, whom do you vote for in the coming LC elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh block	40.2	40.5	39.8
Hamas block	35.2	39.2	28.4
No opinion/I do not know	24.6	20.3	31.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Will you vote for the same present members who represent your circle in the coming LC elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, for all of them	6.9	7.8	5.4
Yes, for some of them	34.5	40.0	25.0
I will not vote for any one of them	58.6	52.2	69.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Why wouldn't you vote for the present members of LC? Choose the most important reason?

Reason	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Abusing public funds and using them to achieve personal gains.	28.5	29.4	27.0
Abusing their positions by appointing their relatives and friends in public positions without having the right to do so	24.6	23.8	26.0
Being detached and remote from the problems and worries of the people in their elections circle	31.1	33.2	27.5
Because these representatives never visited their circles since their election	6.1	7.5	3.8
Other	9.6	6.0	15.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you evaluate the performance of the following Palestinian institutions since the election of President Mahmoud Abbas?

Total					
	Good	**Fair**	**bad**	**I don't know/ No opinion**	**Total**
The Presidential Institution	28.5	41.4	25.0	5.4	100.0
The Palestinian Government	21.4	42.6	32.5	3.5	100.0
The Legislative Council	16.0	37.0	42.6	4.5	100.0
The judicious system	25.3	34.4	34.3	6.0	100.0
The security apparatuses	15.7	34.3	47.1	2.9	100.0
West Bank					
	Good	**Fair**	**bad**	**I don't know/ No opinion**	**Total**
The Presidential Institution	30.1	41.2	22.4	6.3	100.0
The Palestinian Government	25.2	43.1	27.9	3.7	100.0
The Legislative Council	18.7	38.7	37.2	5.3	100.0
The judicious system	24.5	34.0	34.1	7.4	100.0
The security apparatuses	19.7	35.3	41.6	3.4	100.0
Gaza Strip					
	Good	**Fair**	**bad**	**I don't know/ No opinion**	**Total**
The Presidential Institution	25.8	41.0	29.4	3.8	100.0
The Palestinian Government	14.8	41.8	40.4	3.0	100.0
The Legislative Council	11.2	34.0	51.8	3.0	100.0
The judicious system	26.6	35.2	34.6	3.6	100.0
The security apparatuses	8.8	32.4	56.6	2.2	100.0

Do you think that the Palestinian President began practical and tangible steps towards achieving the following?

Total				
	Yes	**No**	**I don't know/ No opinion**	**Total**
Fighting corruption in public institution	47.9	46.3	5.7	100.0
Unifying Palestinian security apparatuses	57.1	37.1	5.8	100.0
Enforcing the rule of law	36.2	59.0	4.9	100.0
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms in Palestinian streets	26.0	69.6	4.5	100.0
Releasing prisoners	36.3	58.4	5.3	100.0
Protecting the subjects of Palestinian resistance	24.9	67.3	7.9	100.0
Limiting mediations (*wasta)* in appointments in public positions	22.8	68.2	9.0	100.0
Providing personal security to Palestinian people	21.3	72.6	6.2	100.0
Improving the economic situation	23.5	71.9	4.6	100.0
Limiting poverty and unemployment	19.0	75.7	5.3	100.0

West Bank				
	Yes	**No**	**I don't know\ No opinion**	**Total**
Fighting corruption in public institution	51.0	43.1	5.8	100.0
Unifying Palestinian security apparatuses	57.3	37.2	5.5	100.0
Enforcing the rule of law	44.2	51.6	4.2	100.0
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms in Palestinian streets	33.0	64.1	2.9	100.0
Releasing prisoners	41.2	55.5	3.4	100.0
Protecting the subjects of Palestinian resistance	27.0	68.7	4.3	100.0
Limiting mediations in appointments in public positions	24.8	67.4	7.8	100.0
Providing personal security to Palestinian people	23.1	73.1	3.7	100.0
Improving the economic situation	24.3	73.0	2.7	100.0
Limiting poverty and unemployment	19.7	78.3	2.1	100.0
Gaza Strip				
	Yes	**No**	**I don't know\ No opinion**	**Total**
Fighting corruption in public institution	42.6	51.8	5.6	100.0
Unifying Palestinian security apparatuses	56.8	36.8	6.4	100.0
Enforcing the rule of law	22.4	71.6	6.0	100.0
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms in Palestinian streets	13.8	79.0	7.2	100.0
Releasing prisoners	28.0	63.4	8.6	100.0
Protecting the subject of Palestinian resistance	21.2	64.5	14.0	100.0
Limiting mediations in appointments in public positions	19.4	69.4	11.2	100.0
Providing personal security to Palestinian people	18.0	71.6	10.4	100.0
Improving the economic situation	22.0	70.0	8.0	100.0
Limiting poverty and unemployment	18.0	71.2	10.8	100.0

Do you support or reject the creation of a vice president position?

	Total	**West Bank**	**Gaza Strip**
I support	70.1	74.9	61.8
I reject	16.7	16.2	17.6
No opinion/I do not know	13.2	9.0	20.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Palestinian Authority turned a number of corruption files to the General Authority for a follow up. Do you believe that this procedure is a start that will lead to questioning top officials who are believed to be involved in cases of financial and administrative corruption?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	32.4	34.5	28.8
Maybe	47.8	43.8	54.6
No	16.1	17.7	13.4
No opinion/I do not know	3.7	4.0	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

As for the state of democracy in Palestine, how do you see it?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	19.9	19.2	21.2
Fair	45.7	44.4	48.0
Bad	30.7	32.7	27.4
No opinion/I do not know	3.6	3.7	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the political system in Palestine is heading towards building a democratic system?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	26.0	24.9	27.8
Partially	46.3	42.4	53.0
No	23.6	27.2	17.4
No opinion/I do not know	4.1	5.5	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the political system in Palestine is heading towards respecting human rights?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	28.7	29.7	27.0
Partially	42.4	39.1	48.2
No	26.5	28.6	22.8
No opinion/I do not know	2.4	2.7	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you assess the respect paid to human rights by the Palestinian Authority?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	17.6	18.4	16.2
Fair	47.2	46.3	48.8
Bad	32.6	32.9	32.2
No opinion/I do not know	2.6	2.4	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you assess the respect paid to the freedom of press in Palestine by the Palestinian Authority?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	35.4	36.2	34.0
Fair	41.5	40.8	42.6
Bad	18.4	17.4	20.0
No opinion/I do not know	4.8	5.6	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Can you criticize the policies of the Palestinian Authority Without fear?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	49.4	50.3	47.8
Fair	31.3	26.4	39.8
Bad	16.1	20.5	8.6
No opinion/I do not know	3.2	2.8	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you feel that you have the freedom to express your opinion in general political issues without fear?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	45.5	48.1	41.0
Partially	32.0	26.3	41.8
No	19.6	23.3	13.4
No opinion/I do not know	2.9	2.3	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the Palestinian social system gives you the freedom to adopt any religion or idea you choose?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	42.1	45.6	36.2
Partially	20.7	15.0	30.4
No	32.8	35.7	27.8
No opinion/I do not know	4.4	3.7	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the government funds given to the following public sectors are enough to meet their needs?

Total				
	Yes	**No**	**No opinion\ I don't know**	**Total**
Public education sector	26.0	69.0	4.9	100.0
Public health sector	23.9	72.5	3.6	100.0
Social welfare sector	23.5	69.4	7.1	100.0
West Bank				
	Yes	**No**	**No opinion\ I don't know**	**Total**
Public education sector	24.0	72.0	4.1	100.0
Public health sector	23.1	73.3	3.6	100.0
Social welfare sector	20.6	71.5	7.9	100.0
Gaza Strip				
	Yes	**No**	**No opinion\ I don't know**	**Total**
Public education sector	29.6	64.0	6.4	100.0
Public health sector	25.2	71.2	3.6	100.0
Social welfare sector	28.6	65.8	5.6	100.0

Under the current local security situation that we go through, do you feel that you, your family and properties are secure?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	12.8	12.4	3.4
Partially	30.9	22.9	44.6
No	55.4	64.3	40.0
No opinion/I do not know	1.0	0.3	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you read Palestinian daily newspapers?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
No	27.8	29.3	25.2
Yes, every day	25.1	23.4	28.0
Sometimes	43.5	45.1	40.8
Only on week end	3.2	1.9	5.4
Other	0.4	0.3	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Which of the following, newspapers do you read more than others?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Al Haya Al Jadida	12.7	7.5	21.7
Al Ayyam	27.4	19.2	40.5
Al Quds	53.4	70.3	26.1
Other	6.5	2.9	12.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The industrial countries summit decided in their last meeting to give US $3 billion as an aid to the Palestinian people. Do you think that they will fulfill their commitment?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	51.9	55.2	46.2
No	31.8	32.8	30.0
No opinion/I do not know	16.3	12.0	23.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If these countries pay the amount they promised, do you think that funds will be directed to develop the Palestinian economy in a sound manner?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	25.4	23.5	28.6
No	61.3	69.0	48.2
No opinion/I do not know	13.3	7.6	23.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If these countries pay the promised amount, do you think that it would lead to----------.

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A reduction in the percentage of unemployment	21.0	22.8	18.0
A reduction in the percentage of poverty	10.1	9.3	11.4
An improvement in the level of life	13.0	10.7	17.0
An increase in private investment	35.1	42.8	21.8
I don't know\ No opinion	20.8	14.4	31.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Which of the following political affiliations do you support?

PARTY	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
People's Party	1.0	0.7	1.4
Democratic Front	0.9	0.6	1.4
Islamic Jihad	2.0	1.9	2.2
Fateh	34.8	34.8	34.8
Hamas	21.0	23.1	17.4
Fida	0.2	0.0	0.6
Popular Front	3.8	2.9	5.2
Palestinian National Initiative	1.4	1.0	2.0
I am an independent nationalist	7.9	5.8	11.4
I am an independent Islamist	6.4	4.8	9.2
None of the above	19.3	23.1	12.8
Others	1.4	1.3	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0