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Results of Palestinian Public Opinion Poll
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Background

A reconciliation agreement was signed in Doha under Qatari auspices between President Mahmoud Abbas and Mr. Khalid Mishal but the agreement has not been implemented despite the fact that it was signed more than two months ago. Among the precepts of the agreement is the formation of a national reconciliatory government from among the independent intellectual experts headed by Mahmoud Abbas whose mission is to facilitate presidential and legislative elections and which would begin the restoration of Gaza. Such government has not been formed yet and both Fateh and Hamas lay the blame on each other for the failure so far to implement the reconciliation agreement and to achieve the formation of a national unity government

The Government of Dr. Salam Fayyad revealed a deficit in the budget of the Palestinian Authority (PA) which exceeds one billion dollars and declared that some procedures are going to be implemented to reduce the deficit.

The Results

Following are the results of the Palestinian Public Opinion Poll no. 44 conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from 6-8 April 2012. **The University sponsors all polls conducted by its Center.**

Palestinian Public Opinion Poll no. 44 undertakes Palestinian public opinion in the emerging political realities on the Palestinian scene including the Palestinian reconciliation and the possibilities of the implementation of the Doha agreement. This poll also undertakes the economic situation in the Palestinian territories, the possibility of conducting presidential, legislative and city council elections in addition to the political affiliations of Palestinian people.

The sample included 1361 persons whose age group is 18 and above and who have the right to vote. The enclosed questionnaire was distributed on 800 persons from the West Bank and 500 persons from the Gaza Strip. The sample was drawn randomly and the margin of error is about $\pm 3\%$; still 2.7% of the members of the sample refused to answer the questionnaire.

The opinions represented in the results reflect those of the study; they do not, by any means, represent the opinion of An-Najah National University.



The General Results:

- 31.6% of respondents believed that the Doha agreement which was signed between President Mahmoud Abbas and Mr. Khalid Mishal to end the Palestinian division will succeed; 61.3% believed that it will fail.
- 31.7% of respondents believed that the Doha agreement which was signed between President Mahmoud Abbas and Mr. Khalid Mishal to end the Palestinian division is possible to implement; 62.1% believed that it is not.
- 38% saw that Hamas is the responsible party for deferring the implementation of the reconciliation agreement which was signed between Fateh and Hamas in Doha; 12.3 % saw that Fateh is the responsible party
- 59.7% of respondents believed that some Arab countries seek preventing the implementation of the Doha agreement
- 37.9% of respondents believed that Hamas is the part which benefits most from deferring the implementation of the reconciliation agreement; 16.3% believed Fateh is the party which benefits most
- 35.9% of respondents believed that Hamas is not concerned with implementing the reconciliation agreement while 10.4% believed that it is Fateh which is not concerned.
- 38.1% of respondents said that they are optimistic towards the prospects of implementing the reconciliation agreement in the near future; 57.2% said that they are pessimistic.
- 43.3% of respondents believed that the sides of the Palestinian dialogue, particularly Fateh and Hamas, are not concerned with ending the Palestinian division
- 58.9% of respondents believed that a successful implementation of the reconciliation agreement will influence them personally in a positive way.
- 41.1% of respondents believed that deferring the implementation of the reconciliation agreement is the result of some decision makers' endeavor to achieve personal interests, 33.7% believed that it is the result of decision makers' endeavors to achieve certain interests for their parties and political movements, 20.1% believed that it is the result of endeavors to achieve regional interests.
- 13% of respondents believed that the delay in the implementation of the reconciliation agreement is the result of some Arab pressure on some Palestinian parties, 25.1% believed that the delay is the result of regional pressure, 25.7% believed that it is the result of the factional interests of Hamas and Fateh, 8.7% believed that it is the result of personal economic interests, and 22.9% believed that it is the result of personal political interests.
- 40.9% of respondents believed that the implementation of the Palestinian reconciliation agreement will speed and support the peace process; 34.6% believed that it will hinder and delay the peace process.
- 57.5% of respondents said that the most capable procedure to end the Palestinian division is for Palestinian people to go down to the streets and to hold sit ins in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, 21.2% said that the most capable procedure is



- pressure exerted by the Palestinian movements and organizations, 4.7% said it is pressure exerted by trade unions, and 8.7% said it is pressure exerted by civil society institutions.
- 64.4% of respondents said that the most powerful method to end the Palestinian division comes from pressure exerted by the Palestinian public, 15.7% said that it comes from Arab political pressure, and 17.2% said that it comes from foreign political pressure.
 - 25.4% of respondents believed that the Palestinian reconciliation can only be achieved by Palestinian internal dialogue; 11.8% said that it can only be achieved by some intervention from Arab countries to bring together the two points of view of Fateh and Hamas.
 - 33% of respondents believed that the “Arab Spring” will speed up the Palestinian reconciliation.
 - 13.3% of respondents believed that the “Arab Spring” serves Fateh better in helping her to achieve her conditions to end the Palestinian division; 24.5% believed that the “Arab Spring” serves Hamas better.
 - 69.6% of respondents believed that the surrounding Arab and international circumstances necessitate achieving reconciliation between Fateh and Hamas.
 - 79.9% of respondents are in favor of a national reconciliation government formed from among experts as stated in the Doha agreement.
 - 11.3% of respondents believed that it is Fateh that hinders the formation of a national reconciliation government: 38.2% believed that it is Hamas
 - In order for the national reconciliation to succeed, 6.5% preferred that the reconciliation government be formed from persons belonging to Fateh and Hamas, 56% preferred a government formed from qualified independent persons, and 33.5% preferred a government formed from qualified persons from Fateh and Hamas.
 - According to the points of view of respondents, it is possible to reduce the deficit that the Palestinian National Authority suffers from by:
 - 38.6% Giving early retirement to some employees
 - 9% Increasing taxes and imposing new taxes
 - 61.2% Going back to peace negotiations so that the PA can get aids from foreign countries
 - 88.1% Asking the Arab countries to pay their dues to the PA
 - Dr. Salam Fayyad’s government announced a series of rough measures to curb the deficit in the general budget. The respondents’ support to these measures were as follows:
 - 9.6% Raising income tax
 - 39.2% Early retirement to employees who spent more than 15 years in their jobs
 - 23.4% Limiting new employments
 - 76.1% Regulating the appointment of councilors according to the new civil service law
 - 87.5% Regulating the use of government vehicles
 - 85.2% Reducing travel allowances and travel per diem



- 52.3% Stopping supervision allowances and allowances given to hazardous jobs
- Respondents believed that increasing the income tax on the private sector according to the new financial policy of Dr. Salam Fayyad's government will lead to the following:
 - 26.5% Increasing investment
 - 63.4% Drainage of funds outside
 - 61.2% Increase in tax revenues
 - 76.8% Increase in unemployment
- According to respondents the minimum wage in Palestine must be 2386 NIS. Responses ranged between 1000 NIS and 3000 NIS.
- 28.4% of respondents considered themselves optimistic; 67.2% considered themselves pessimistic.
- 79.9% of respondents said that they will participate in the coming presidential elections. From among those who said they will participate, 39.7% said that they will give their votes to Fateh's candidate; 10.5% said they will give their votes to Hamas' candidate.
- Respondents were asked to write the name of the person whom they give their votes to in case presidential elections are conducted and they are given open choice. They said they will give their votes to:
 - 41.3% Mahmoud Abbas
 - 15.9% Marwan Bargouthi
 - 8.8% Ismael Hanyia
 - 5.0% Salam Fayyad
 - 3.1% Sa'ib Erikat
- In case presidential elections are conducted and a list of candidates is given to respondents, they said they will give their votes to
 - 42.0% Mahmoud Abbas
 - 18.3% Marwan Bargouthi
 - 9.7% Ismael Hanyia
 - 5.4% Salam Fayyad
 - 3.2% Sa'ib Erikat
- In case presidential elections are held and Mr. Mahmoud Abbas does not run and a list of candidates is given to respondents, they said they will give their votes to
 - 40.8% Marwan Bargouthi
 - 10.9% Salam Fayyad
 - 9.4% Ismael Hanyia
 - 7.1% Sa'ib Erikat
 - 2.9% Khalid Mishal
- 83.3% of respondents said that they will participate in the coming legislative elections. From among those who said they will participate, 42% said that they will give their votes to Fateh's candidates; 11.9% said they will give their votes to Hamas' candidates.



- If PLC elections are to be conducted, 47.7% of respondents expected the winning of Fateh movement; 10.9% expected the winning of Hamas.
- 84.3% of respondents said that they will participate in the coming municipality and local council elections. From among those who said they will participate, 34.9% said that they will give their votes to Fateh's candidates, 11.3% said they will give their votes to Hamas' candidates and 10.1% said they will give their votes to the representative of their family or clan.
- 51.2% of respondents believed that if elections are conducted in the Palestinian Territories at the present time, they will be fair and unbiased.
- 16.3% of respondents believed that Hamas refused to allow the Central Elections Committee to register voters in the Gaza Strip because Hamas fears that it will not win in the coming elections; 12.4% said that they refused to register voters because, they do not desire to achieve national reconciliation, and 53.9% said that Hamas refused to register voters for both of the above reasons.
- 40.3% of respondents said that the current political, security and economic circumstances compel them to desire emigrating.
- 50.2% of respondents expressed fear for their lives under the present circumstances.
- 68% of respondents said that they are pessimistic of the general Palestinian situation at this stage.
- 75.8% of respondents said that they neither feel safe for themselves nor for their families and properties under the current circumstances.
- 40 As for political affiliation, respondents gave the following results:

People's Party	0.7%
Democratic Front	0.8%
Islamic Jihad	2.4%
Fateh	39.8%
Hamas	10.9%
Fida	0.1%
Popular Front	3.2%
Palestinian National Initiative	0.6%
I am an independent nationalist	7.9%
I am an independent Islamist	3.1%
None of the above	29.7%
Others	0.6%



The General Results of the Poll

What do you think of the agreement that was signed at Doha between President Mahmoud Abbas and Mr. Khalid Mishal to end the Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
It will succeed	31.6	36.4	23.4
It will fail	61.3	58.1	66.8
No opinion/I do not know	7.1	5.6	9.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the agreement that was signed at Doha between President Mahmoud Abbas and Mr. Khalid Mishal to end the Palestinian division is feasible for implementation on the ground?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	31.7	36.1	24.0
No	62.1	59.2	67.0
No opinion/I do not know	6.2	4.6	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion, who is directly responsible for deferring the implementation of the reconciliation agreement that was signed between Fateh and Hamas?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh	12.3	13.7	9.8
Hamas	38.0	27.2	56.6
Others	38.6	47.3	23.6
No opinion/I do not know	11.2	11.8	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that there are Arab countries that endeavor to prevent the implementation of the Palestinian reconciliation agreement signed in Doha?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	59.7	64.7	51.2
No	32.2	31.0	34.2
No opinion/I do not know	8.1	4.3	14.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Which party would benefit most from preventing the implementation of the reconciliation agreement?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh	16.3	19.6	10.6
Hamas	37.9	25.0	60.2
Others	37.6	46.6	22.2
No opinion/I do not know	8.2	8.8	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

There are those who say that Fateh movement is not concerned with the implementation of the reconciliation agreement that was signed in Doha and there are those who say that it is Hamas. In your opinion which party is not concerned?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh	10.4	12.1	7.6
Hamas	35.9	27.9	49.6
Both factions	45.0	49.5	37.2
No opinion/I do not know	8.7	10.6	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Are you optimistic or pessimistic towards the chances of implementing the reconciliation agreement in the near future?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Optimistic	38.1	46.1	24.4
Pessimistic	57.2	52.4	65.4
No opinion/I do not know	4.7	1.5	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the sides of the Palestinian dialogue, particularly Fateh and Hamas, are really concerned with ending the Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	43.3	49.9	31.8
No	43.3	37.2	53.8
I am not concerned	10.0	10.5	9.2
No opinion/I do not know	3.5	2.4	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If the reconciliation agreement were implemented, how would that affect you personally?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Positively	58.9	59.1	58.4
Negatively	7.2	5.3	10.4
No effect	32.5	34.6	28.8
No opinion/I do not know	1.5	0.9	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Do you think that hindering the implementation agreement is caused by some interests of some decision makers such as---?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Personal interests	41.1	39.7	43.6
The interests of their parties and factions	33.7	32.8	35.2
Regional interests	20.1	23.1	14.8
No opinion/I do not know	5.1	4.4	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

What do you think the cause of delaying the implementation of the reconciliation agreement is?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Arab pressures on some sides	13.0	13.0	13.0
Regional pressure on some sides	25.1	25.9	23.8
Factional interests of Fateh and Hamas	25.7	23.5	29.6
Personal economic interests	8.7	7.9	10.0
Personal political interests	22.9	25.1	19.0
No opinion/I do not know	4.6	4.6	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the implementation of the reconciliation agreement will hinder or support the peace process?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
It will hinder peace process	34.6	36.1	32.0
It will support the peace process	40.9	45.6	32.8
It will not have any effect	21.4	16.7	29.4
No opinion/I do not know	3.1	1.5	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



In your opinion which side or activity is most capable internally to end the Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Going down to the streets for sit ins in the West Bank and Gaza	57.5	54.4	63.0
Pressure from Palestinian organizations and movements	21.2	22.5	18.8
Pressure from trade unions	4.7	4.2	5.6
Pressure from civil society organizations	8.7	11.0	4.6
No opinion/I do not know	7.9	7.9	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion, which of the following is the most powerful method to solve the problem of the Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Foreign political pressure	17.2	17.9	16.0
Arab political pressure	15.7	15.6	15.8
Pressure from the Palestinian public	64.4	64.5	64.2
No opinion/I do not know	2.8	2.1	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you think the Palestinian reconciliation can be achieved?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
By intervention from Arab countries to narrow down differences in the points of view of Fateh and Hamas	11.8	11.3	12.8
Only by internal Palestinian dialogue	25.4	31.0	15.8
Both of the above	58.6	54.7	65.2
No opinion/I do not know	4.2	3.0	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Do you think the “Arab Spring” will hinder or speed up the Palestinian reconciliation?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
It will speed up reconciliation	33.0	37.0	26.0
It will hinder reconciliation	24.2	25.3	22.2
It has no effect	36.1	34.0	39.8
No opinion/I do not know	6.7	3.6	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion which party (Fateh or Hamas) thinks that the “Arab Spring” serves its interest most and achieves its conditions to end the division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh	13.3	14.3	11.6
Hamas	24.5	19.4	33.4
Both equally	30.7	34.4	24.4
None of them	24.4	27.4	19.2
No opinion/I do not know	7.1	4.5	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the Arab and international circumstances necessitate implementing a national reconciliation between Fateh and Hamas?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	69.6	75.3	59.8
No	25.9	22.0	32.8
No opinion/I do not know	4.5	2.8	7.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In the Doha agreement, the two parties agreed on forming a reconciliation government from among the experts, do you support or reject the formation of such government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	79.9	80.5	79.0
I reject	15.1	14.6	16.0
No opinion/I do not know	4.9	4.9	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



In your opinion which side is hindering the formation of a national reconciliation government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh	11.3	12.1	10.0
Hamas	38.2	28.3	55.2
Other sides	42.6	52.5	25.6
No opinion/I do not know	7.9	7.1	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In order for the reconciliation agreement to succeed and be implemented, which participants do you think should be involved in the government to be formed?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Members from Fateh and Hamas	6.5	6.6	6.4
Independent qualified members	56.0	49.7	66.8
Qualified members from Fateh and Hamas	33.5	41.0	20.6
No opinion/I do not know	4.0	2.7	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



It is known that the PA is facing a huge financial deficit because some Arab countries did not give the financial support that the Arab summit conferences approved and because aids from some foreign countries were stopped. In your opinion how can the financial deficit be reduced?

Total				
	Yes	No	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Turning some employees to early retirement	38.6	58.9	2.4	100.0
Increasing taxes and imposing new ones	9.0	90.0	1.0	100.0
Going back to peace talks so that foreign aid can be resumed	61.2	36.5	2.3	
Asking Arab countries to pay the financial dues that they committed themselves to	88.1	10.0	1.9	100.0
West Bank				
	Yes	No	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Turning some employees to early retirement	40.8	57.7	1.5	100.0
Increasing taxes and imposing new ones	8.4	91.4	0.2	100.0
Going back to peace talks so that foreign aid can be resumed	62.5	35.9	1.6	100.0
Asking Arab countries to pay the financial dues that they committed themselves to	88.5	10.8	0.7	100.0
Gaza Strip				
	Yes	No	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Turning some employees to early retirement	35.0	61.0	4.0	100.0
Increasing taxes and imposing new ones	10.2	87.6	2.2	100.0
Going back to peace talks so that foreign aid can be resumed	59.0	37.6	3.4	100.0
Asking Arab countries to pay the financial dues that they committed themselves to pay	87.4	8.6	4.0	100.0



Salam Fayyad's government announced a series of procedures to reduce the deficit in the general budget of the PA. Which of the following procedures do you support or reject?

Total				
	I support	I reject	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Raising income tax	9.6	88.8	1.6	100.0
Early retirement to employees who spent more than 15 years in their jobs	39.2	58.8	2.1	100.0
Limiting new employments	23.4	74.4	2.1	100.0
Regulating the appointment of councilors according to the new civil service law.	76.1	18.1	5.8	100.0
Regulating the use of government vehicles	87.5	10.7	1.8	100.0
Reducing travel allowances and travel per diem	85.2	11.8	3.0	100.0
Stopping supervision allowances and allowances given to hazardous jobs	52.3	42.8	4.8	100.0
West Bank				
	I support	I reject	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Raising income tax	8.0	91.4	0.6	100.0
Early retirement to employees who spent more than 15 years in their jobs	44.1	54.8	1.0	100.0
Limiting new employments	23.1	75.1	1.7	100.0
Regulating the appointment of councilors according to the new civil service law.	80.5	15.1	4.4	100.0
Regulating the use of government vehicles	92.2	7.2	0.6	100.0
Reducing travel allowances and travel per diem	88.5	9.8	1.7	100.0
Stopping supervision allowances and allowances given to hazardous jobs	56.2	39.4	4.4	100.0



Gaza Strip				
	I support	I reject	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Raising income tax	12.2	84.4	3.4	100.0
Early retirement to employees who spent more than 15 years in their jobs	30.6	65.6	3.8	100.0
Limiting new employments	24.0	73.2	2.8	100.0
Regulating the appointment of councilors according to the new civil service law.	68.6	23.2	8.2	100.0
Regulating the use of government vehicles	79.4	16.6	4.0	100.0
Reducing travel allowances and travel per diem	79.6	15.2	5.2	100.0
Stopping supervision allowances and allowances given to hazardous jobs	45.6	48.8	5.6	100.0

What do you think increasing the income tax on the private sector according to the new financial policy of Dr. Salam Fayyad's government will lead to?

Total				
	Yes	No	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Increasing investment	26.5	67.9	5.6	100.0
Drainage of funds outside	63.4	30.2	6.4	100.0
Increase in tax revenues	61.2	32.3	6.5	100.0
Increase in unemployment	76.8	18.2	5.0	100.0
West Bank				
	Yes	No	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Increasing investment	24.0	71.4	4.5	100.0
Drainage of funds outside	71.0	25.3	3.7	100.0
Increase in tax revenues	63.8	31.2	5.0	100.0
Increase in unemployment	84.8	13.1	2.1	100.0
Gaza Strip				
	Yes	No	No opinion /I do not know	Total
Increasing investment	30.8	61.8	7.4	100.0



Drainage of funds outside	50.4	38.6	11.0	100.0
Increase in tax revenues	56.8	34.0	9.2	100.0
Increase in unemployment	63.0	27.0	10.0	100.0

There is a current on-going talk relating to defining the minimum wage in Palestine. In your opinion what should the minimum wage be?

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West Bank	2513.4
Gaza Strip	2168.3
Total	2386.6

Do you consider yourself optimistic or pessimistic towards the success of the peace process between the Palestinian Authority and Israel?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Optimistic	28.4	33.7	19.4
Pessimistic	67.2	64.8	71.2
No opinion/I do not know	4.4	1.5	9.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If presidential elections are held in the present time, to whom from among the following do you give your vote?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
An independent candidate	11.2	13.2	7.6
A candidate from the left	3.3	3.6	2.8
A candidate from Hamas	8.4	7.8	9.4
A candidate from Fateh	31.7	26.6	40.6
A national independent candidate	6.0	6.2	5.8
An Islamic independent candidate	3.4	2.8	4.4
I will not participate in the elections	20.1	20.1	20.0
I have not decided yet	15.9	19.7	9.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



If Presidential elections are conducted, name the person that you will vote for as president of the PA.

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Ahmas Saadat	2.3	1.7	3.2
Ahmad Qura'	0.4	0.2	0.6
Ismael Hanyia	8.8	8.7	9.0
Altayeb Abdulrahim	0.2	0.2	0.2
Amin Maqbol	0.1	0.1	0.0
Basam Alsalthy	0.4	0.5	0.4
Tayseer Khalid	0.1	0.0	0.2
Gebreal Alrjoub	0.4	0.5	0.4
Jamal Al-Kudari	0.7	0.0	1.8
Khalid Albatsh	0.1	0.1	0.0
Khalid Mishal	1.9	2.0	1.8
Ramadan Shalah	0.7	0.0	1.8
Salam Fayyad	5.0	4.4	6.0
Sa'ib Erikat	3.1	2.6	4.0
Abbas Zaki	0.1	0.1	0.0
Abdulrahim Mallooh	0.5	0.1	1.2
Adly Yaesh	0.2	0.3	0.0
Aziz Dweek	0.2	0.3	0.0
Isam Abu Baker	0.1	0.1	0.0
Ghasan Alshaka'	0.1	0.1	0.0
Mazin Sunqrot	0.1	0.1	0.0
Mohamed Dahlan	0.9	0.0	2.4
Mahmoud Zahar	0.7	0.3	1.4
Mahmoud Al-Alool	0.3	0.3	0.2
Mahmoud Abbas	41.3	42.3	39.6
Marwan Bargouthi	15.9	14.1	19.0
Mustafa Barguothi	1.6	0.9	2.8
Munib Al-Masri	2.1	1.9	2.4
Nase EdDean Alsha'er	0.1	0.1	0.0
Yaser Abed Raboh	0.1	0.1	0.0
I do not Know	3.9	5.8	0.6
No one	7.9	11.8	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Which one of the following will you vote for in case they run for the position of the president of the PA?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Mahmoud Abbas	42.0	42.7	40.8
Ismael Hanyia	9.7	9.9	9.4
Marwan Bargouthi	18.3	17.9	19.0
Salam Fayyad	5.4	4.9	6.2
Khalid Mishal	2.5	2.8	2.0
Ahmad Qurai'	0.4	0.3	0.6
Ramadan Shallah	0.9	0.2	2.0
Sa'ib Erikat	3.2	2.8	4.0
Ahmad Sa'adat	2.7	2.6	3.0
Mahmoud Zahar	1.0	0.7	1.4
Mustafa Barguothi	1.8	0.9	3.2
Bassam Al-Salihi	0.5	0.6	0.4
Jamal Al-Kudari	0.7	0.0	2.0
Munib Al-Masri	2.3	2.2	2.4
Al-Tayyb Abdulrahim	0.2	0.2	0.2
Abbas Zaki	0.1	0.2	0.0
Jebriil Al-Rujub	0.7	0.9	0.4
Mahmoud Al-Alool	0.3	0.3	0.2
Abdulrahim Mallooh	0.5	0.1	1.2
Tayseer Khalid	0.3	0.0	0.8
None of the above	6.4	9.6	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If President Mahmoud Abbas does not run for the position of the President of the PA and the following persons run, which one of them will you vote for?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Ismael Hanyia	9.4	10.0	8.4
Marwan Bargouthi	40.8	40.3	41.6
Salam Fayyad	10.9	8.8	14.4
Khalid Mishal	2.9	3.3	2.4
Ahmad Qurai'	0.8	0.7	1.0
Ramadan Shallah	1.0	0.2	2.2
Sa'ib Erikat	7.1	5.6	9.8
Ahmad Sa'adat	2.7	2.7	2.8
Mahmoud Zahar	1.0	0.8	1.4
Mustafa Barguothi	1.5	0.9	2.4
Bassam Al-Salihi	0.6	0.6	0.6
Jamal Al-Kudari	0.7	0.1	1.8
Munib Al-Masri	2.7	3.1	2.0
Al-Tayyb Abdulrahim	1.3	1.5	1.0
Abbas Zaki	0.4	0.3	0.6
Jebriil Al-Rujub	1.0	1.4	0.4
Mahmoud Al-Alool	2.1	2.9	0.8
Abdulrahim Mallooh	0.7	0.3	1.2
Tayseer Khalid	0.2	0.0	0.6
None of the above	12.0	16.4	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



If new PLC elections are conducted, whom will you vote for?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
An independent ticket	10.8	12.8	7.4
A ticket from the left	3.4	3.6	3.0
A ticket from Hamas	9.9	9.4	10.8
A ticket from Fateh	35.0	30.2	43.2
A national independent ticket	6.2	6.3	6.2
An Islamic independent ticket	4.5	3.9	5.4
I will not participate in the elections	16.7	17.8	14.8
I have not decided yet	13.5	16.0	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If new legislative elections are to be held today, which of the following will win?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Independent Islamists bloc	4.6	4.4	5.0
Independent Nationalist bloc	10.9	11.1	10.6
Fateh bloc	47.7	48.4	46.4
Hamas bloc	15.0	17.0	11.6
A bloc from leftist organizations	2.3	2.2	2.4
No opinion/I do not know	19.5	16.8	24.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If municipality and local council elections are to be held, who do you vote for?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A block that represents the family or clan	8.5	12.2	2.2
An independent ticket	9.8	10.2	9.2
A ticket from the left	2.6	2.7	2.4
A ticket from Hamas	9.5	8.8	10.6
A ticket from Fateh	29.4	22.6	41.0
A national independent ticket	6.8	7.2	6.0
An Islamic independent ticket	3.8	3.3	4.8
I will not participate in the elections	15.7	16.0	15.2
I have not decided yet	13.9	17.0	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If elections are conducted in the Palestinian Territories at the present time, do you expect that they will be fair and unbiased?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	51.2	54.8	45.0
No	41.5	40.0	44.2
No opinion/I do not know	7.3	5.2	10.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



What do you think the reason is behind Hamas' refusal to conduct electoral registration in the Gaza Strip?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fear of not winning in the next elections	16.3	15.2	18.2
Reluctance to conclude a reconciliation agreement	12.4	15.3	7.4
Both of the above	53.9	52.8	55.6
No opinion/I do not know	17.4	16.6	18.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do the current political, security and economic circumstances compel you to desire emigrating abroad?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	40.3	31.7	55.2
No	58.2	67.7	41.8
No opinion/I do not know	1.5	0.6	3.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Are you worried about your life under the present circumstances?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	50.2	41.5	65.2
No	48.3	58.1	31.6
No opinion/I do not know	1.5	0.5	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Are you pessimistic or optimistic towards the general Palestinian situation at this stage?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Optimistic	29.2	36.8	16.2
Pessimistic	68.0	62.0	78.2
No opinion/I do not know	2.8	1.2	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Under the present circumstances, do you feel that you, your family and your properties are safe?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	23.2	30.5	10.6
May be	35.3	32.2	40.8
No	40.5	37.0	46.4
No opinion/I do not know	1.0	0.2	2.2
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	0.7	0.7	0.8
Democratic Front	0.8	0.8	0.8
Islamic Jihad	2.4	0.2	6.2
Fateh	39.8	36.0	46.4
Hamas	10.9	11.0	10.8
Fida	0.1	0.1	0.2
Popular Front	3.2	3.3	3.2
Palestinian National Initiative	0.6	0.7	0.4
I am an independent nationalist	7.9	9.1	6.0
I am an independent Islamist	3.1	3.1	3.0
None of the above	29.7	34.6	21.2
Others	0.6	0.3	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0