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**Results of Palestinian Public Opinion Polls**  
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**Background:**

Despite the fact that the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip was a unilateral move made by the Israelis without any coordination with the Palestinians, there goes a debate among Palestinians concerning the motives behind the Israeli move. Did it come as a result to a political process? Or is it a result of pressures caused by the Palestinian military resistance?

With the completion of the Israeli pull out from the Strip, there remains the issue of the control over the border crossings hanging without a clear agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Palestinians demand full control over these crossings refusing any Israeli presence. Israel, however agreed on the deployment of Egyptian forces on the borders between the Gaza Strip and Egypt.

The evacuation of the Israeli settlement from the Gaza Strip was completed quietly since there was an agreement between the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian armed factions to stop all Palestinian military operations against Israeli targets during the pull out.

**The Results:**

Following are the results of the Fourteenth Palestinian Public Opinion Poll conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from September 14 to 16, 2005. **The University sponsors all polls conducted by its Center.**

This poll undertakes several subjects centered around the Palestinian Authority's call on the national and Islamic factions to join a national coalition government, the chaotic security situation, the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, the coming legislative elections, the assessment of the performance of Palestinian Authority's institutions, the state of democracy and human rights in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in addition to political sympathies and other issues.

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



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  $\pm 3\%$ . Still 2.3% of the members of the sample refused to answer the questionnaire.

### **Major Results:**

- 49.3% from among respondents expect the occurrence of armed confrontations between the Palestinian security apparatuses and the Palestinian armed organizations after the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip.
- 58.7% from among respondents say that the Palestinian Authority is capable of imposing security and order in the Gaza Strip after the Israeli withdrawal; 35.7% say the opposite.
- 42.5% from among respondents support a move by the Palestinian Authority to seize the arms of the Palestinian factions after the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip; 53.2% reject such move.
- 54.1% from among respondents do not see a necessity for the existence of any arms in the Gaza Strip other than the arms of the Palestinian security apparatuses.
- 22.4% from among respondents say that the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip is the result of a unilateral Israeli decision and that Palestinians have no role in it; 58.2% say that the Israeli pull out is the results of the Palestinian military resistance and 15.3% say that it is the results of Palestinian political action.
- 71.5% from among respondents expect an improvement in the economic conditions in the Gaza Strip after the Israeli pull out.
- 14.6% from among respondents expect the Gaza Strip to witness an increase in poverty and unemployment after the Israeli pull out, 17.1% expect the prevalence of chaos and the hegemony of armed groups on the Strip, and 56.3% expect the Palestinian Authority to be able to impose security and order on the Strip.
- 47.3% from among respondents believe that the Gaza Strip will be turned into a large prison after the Israelis pull out; 44% say that the Strip will be open and the movement of its people will be free.
- 34.6% from among respondents say that the peace process will be reinforced after the Israeli pull out from the Gaza Strip.
- 61.9% from among respondents reject launching armed operations against Israeli targets after the Israeli pull out.
- 79.7% from among respondents say that the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip will not be complete while Israel maintains its control over the borders' crossings.



- 58.8% from among respondents support launching armed Palestinian attacks against Israeli targets from the Strip if Israel maintains its control over the border crossings.
- 66.7% from among respondents assess the Palestinian Authority's handling of the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip as "good"; 22.1% say that it is "bad".
- 67.9% from among respondents say that the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip will be the first step towards the establishment of a Palestinian state; 28.6% do not believe so.
- 10.7% from among respondents say that the Israeli pull out from North West Bank is a comprehensive one; 85.5% believe the opposite.
- 53.6% from among respondents say that the Palestinian Authority is capable of imposing security and order on North West Bank areas that Israel pulled out from; 38.8% say the opposite.
- 42.4% from among respondents believe that Israel will make a unilateral disengagement move from areas in the West Bank as it did in the Gaza Strip.
- 48.4% from among respondents say that Palestinian officials are serious in their fight against chaos and 44.4% say the opposite.
- 51.4% from among respondents believe that the Palestinian security apparatuses are incapable of imposing order on Palestinian streets.
- 66.3% from among respondents say that the Palestinian security apparatuses are themselves part of the chaos and outlaw state in the Palestinian streets.
- Respondents assess the performance of the following bodies in putting an end to the phenomenon of chaos and outlaw state as "good" with the following percentages:
  - 38.2% Reform committees
  - 32.1% Private institutions
  - 28.7% Pressure put by the Palestinian public
  - 26.1% Political parties
  - 22.5% The Security apparatuses
  - 22.5% The Ministers' Council
  - 20.3% The Legislative Council
- 2.2% from among respondents will reelect the same members of the present legislative council; 19.9% say will not reelect any one of them.
- The basic principle that decides the attitudes of voters in giving their vote to a candidate will be the belongness to the some party of the candidate with a 24.8% followed by personal acquaintance with a 20.1%.



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

Being uncorrupted	89.31%
Educational qualifications	83.90%
Patriotic history	76.60%
Being religious	76.39%
Belongness to a political party	57.12%
Male gender	49.89%
Belongness to a family	36.55%
The economic situation of the candidate	34.27%
Kinship	31.71%
Place of habitation	31.21%
Female gender	31.08%
Being an ex-Legislative Council member	25.91%

- 21.6% from among respondents will vote for a Fateh block in the coming LC elections, 15.1% will vote for Hamas, and 4.6% 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 44.4%, and those who vote for Hamas are 32.7%.
- 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 40.9%, and those who give their votes to Hamas are 33.2%.
- 29.4% from among respondents will not reelect all or some members from the present LC members because of their abuse of public funds, 26.2% because of the appointment of their relatives in public positions, 26.9% because of being remote from the problems and worries of the people of the elections circles that they represent, and 7.1% because these representative have never visited their elections circles since their election.
- 17.6% from among respondents believe that the Palestinian Legislative Council is performing its duties perfectly.
- The percentage of respondents who evaluate the performance of Palestinian Presidential Institution as “good” and “fair” is 77.9%, the Palestinian Government is 71.2%, the PLC is 59.2%, the Palestinian judicious system is 62.9% , and the Palestinian security apparatuses is 62%.



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

Unifying Palestinian security apparatuses	60.5%
Fighting corruption in public institutions	47.9%
Enforcing the rule of law	42.9%
Freeing prisoners	32.3%
Eliminating the chaotic use of arms	31.5%
Improving the economic situation	29.3%
Providing personal security for Palestinian people	28.2%
Protecting subjects of Palestinian resistance	28.1%
Limiting poverty and unemployment	26.2%
Limiting mediations in appointment in public positions	26.1%

- 73.5% from among respondents support the creation of a vice president position.
- 36.3% 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.
- 22.6% believe that the state of democracy in Palestine is good; 26.3% say it is bad.
- 29% say that the political system in Palestine is proceeding towards building a democratic system.
- 29.6% say that the political system in Palestine is proceeding towards respecting human rights.
- 23.5% from among respondents evaluate respect paid to human rights in Palestine by the PA as “good”.
- 39% assess respect paid to the freedom of press by the Palestinian Authority as ‘good’.
- 52% from among respondents say that they are able to criticize the policies of the PA without fear.
- 47.1% from among respondents say that they express their general political opinions without fear.
- 40.8% from among respondents believe that the Palestinian social system gives them the freedom to adopt any religion or thought they choose, while 35.5% say the contrary.
- 77.5% from among respondents do not feel safe neither for themselves nor for their families and properties.
- 28.3% from among respondents believe that the Quartet Committee is capable of imposing a political settlement that will be accepted by Israelis and Palestinians.



- 37% from among respondents believe that the industrial countries summit will fulfill its commitments of giving \$3 billions as an aid to the Palestinian people.
- 21.3% from among respondents read Palestinian daily newspapers and AlQuds is the most read newspaper.
- 83.5% from among respondents own a satellite dish and Aljazeera is the channel that is most viewed by respondents with a 80.5%.
- As for political affiliation respondent give the following results:

People Party	1.3%	Democratic Front	0.9
Islamic Jihad	2.3%	Fateh	32.3%
Hamas	22.4%	Fida	0.0%
Public Front	3.7%	The Palestinian Initiative	1.4%
Independent Nationalist	7.3%	Independent Islamist	4.6%
None of the above	21.5%	Other	1.9%



## **The General Results**

**When the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip is completed, do you expect armed confrontations between the Palestinian security apparatuses and the Palestinian armed organizations?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I expect that	49.3	54.9	39.8
I do not expect that	44.5	40.9	50.6
No opinion / I do not know	6.2	4.2	9.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**When the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip is completed, do you believe that the Palestinian Authority is capable of imposing security and order on the Strip?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	58.7	59.4	57.4
No, I do not	35.7	37.7	32.2
No opinion / I do not know	5.7	2.9	10.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**When the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip is completed, do you support or reject seizing the arms of the Palestinian factions by the Palestinian Authority?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I support	42.5	40.6	45.8
I reject	53.2	57.1	46.4
No opinion / I do not know	4.3	2.3	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**When the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip is completed, do you see any necessity for the existence of any weapons other than the weapons in the hands of the Palestinian security apparatuses?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	41.1	41.2	41.0
No, I do not	54.1	55.6	51.6
No opinion / I do not know	4.8	3.3	7.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**There are people who say that the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip came as a results to the work of Palestinian political efforts, others say that it came as a result to the Palestinian armed resistance. What do you say?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
It came as a result to the political efforts	15.3	14.8	16.2
It came as a result to the Palestinian armed resistance	58.2	54.5	64.4
Israeli withdrawal is a unilateral decision in which Palestinians have no role	22.4	26.7	15.5
No opinion / I do not know	4.1	4.0	4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**When the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip is completed, do you expect an improvement in the economic situation there?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	71.5	74.5	66.4
No, I do not	20.1	21.2	18.4
No opinion / I do not know	8.3	4.3	15.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**When the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip is completed, what are your expectations regarding the internal (local) affairs:**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
The PA will impose order and security	56.3	57.0	55.2
Chaos will prevail and the armed groups will dominate	17.1	20.1	12.0
Poverty and unemployment will be worse than before	14.6	15.7	12.8
No opinion / I do not know	11.9	7.2	20.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**After the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, do you believe that the Gaza Strip will be..?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
A large prison	47.3	55.9	32.4
Open and the movement of people will be free	44.0	38.4	53.8
No opinion / I do not know	8.7	5.7	13.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>





**When the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip is completed, do you believe that the peace process will be..?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Reinforced	34.6	38.0	28.8
Settled	26.8	26.0	28.2
Stopped	26.8	27.7	25.4
No opinion / I do not know	11.7	8.3	17.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**When the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip is completed, do you support or reject launching armed Palestinian operations from the Strip against Israeli targets?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I support	30.4	30.1	31.0
I reject	61.9	64.9	56.8
No opinion / I do not know	7.6	5.0	12.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you believe that the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip will be complete if Israel maintains control over the border crossings?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	15.6	15.1	16.4
No, I do not	79.7	82.9	74.2
No opinion / I do not know	4.7	2.0	9.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**If Israel keeps hold of the border crossings do you support or reject launching armed Palestinian attacks against Israeli targets from the Strip?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I support	58.8	61.7	53.8
I reject	34.9	34.1	36.2
No opinion / I do not know	6.3	4.2	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**How do you assess the performance of the PA with regard to the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	66.7	67.6	65.2
Poor	22.1	22.2	22.0
No opinion / I do not know	11.2	10.2	12.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**Do you believe that the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip will be a leading step towards the creation of a Palestinian State?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
It certainly will	19.9	13.4	31.2
It will	48.0	51.5	42.0
It will not	21.6	26.0	14.0
It certainly will not	7.0	6.2	8.4
No opinion / I do not know	3.5	2.9	4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you believe that the Israeli withdrawal from North West Bank areas is a comprehensive one?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	10.7	9.4	13.0
No, I do not	85.5	89.2	79.2
No opinion / I do not know	3.8	1.4	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you believe that the PA is capable of imposing order and security on the North West Bank areas from which Israel pulls out?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	53.6	57.2	47.4
No, I do not	38.8	40.1	36.6
No opinion / I do not know	7.6	2.7	16.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you believe that Israel will make a unilateral disengagement move from areas in the West Bank as it did in the Gaza Strip and North West Bank?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	42.4	44.7	38.6
No, I do not	48.2	49.4	46.0
No opinion / I do not know	9.4	5.9	15.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Some Palestinian officials admitted the existence of a chaotic security situation in the Palestinian streets and they promised to eradicate it. Do you believe that these officials are serious in fighting the outlaw situation in the Palestinian streets?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	48.4	47.6	49.8
No, I do not	44.4	47.8	38.6
No opinion / I do not know	7.2	4.7	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**Do you believe that the Palestinian security apparatuses are capable, under the current circumstances, of controlling the Palestinian street?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	44.0	42.8	46.0
No, I do not	51.4	55.1	45.0
No opinion / I do not know	4.6	2.1	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Some Palestinian officials say that the subject of the Palestinian security apparatuses themselves are part of the chaotic situation in the Palestinian streets. Do you think that this is true or false?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, it is true	66.3	68.4	62.8
No, it is false	26.9	26.7	27.2
No opinion / I do not know	6.8	4.9	10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**How do you assess the performance of the following institutions in their attempts to put an end to the chaotic security situation in Palestinian streets?**

<b>Total</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No opinion / I do not know</b>	<b>Total</b>
The Ministers' Council	22.5	41.0	29.0	7.5	100.0
The Legislative Council	20.3	37.5	35.0	7.2	100.0
The Security apparatuses	22.5	34.8	39.3	3.4	100.0
Reform committees	38.2	35.3	20.2	6.3	100.0
Private institutions	32.1	40.5	19.2	8.2	100.0
Political parties	26.1	40.0	26.9	7.0	100.0
Pressure put by the Palestinian public	28.7	34.6	30.7	6.1	100.0
<b>West Bank</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No opinion / I do not know</b>	<b>Total</b>
The Ministers' Council	21.9	38.1	30.3	9.7	100.0
The Legislative Council	22.3	34.5	34.5	8.6	100.0
The Security apparatuses	22.2	33.1	40.6	4.1	100.0
Reform committees	39.1	32.0	22.4	6.5	100.0
Private institutions	35.5	36.9	19.0	8.7	100.0
Political parties	26.4	38.3	28.4	7.0	100.0
Pressure put by the Palestinian public	30.3	33.8	29.4	6.4	100.0



<b>Gaza Strip</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No opinion / I do not know</b>	<b>Total</b>
The Ministers' Council	23.6	45.8	26.8	3.8	100.0
The Legislative Council	16.8	42.6	35.8	4.8	100.0
The Security apparatuses	23.0	37.0	37.2	2.2	100.0
Reform committees	36.8	41.0	16.4	5.8	100.0
Private institutions	26.4	46.8	19.6	7.2	100.0
Political parties	25.6	43.0	24.4	7.0	100.0
Pressure put by the Palestinian public	25.8	35.8	32.8	5.6	100.0

**In the coming LC elections, whom do you vote for?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
The same members of the present LC	2.2	2.4	1.8
Some of the members of the present LC	12.6	10.0	17.2
I will not vote for any one of the members of the present LC	19.9	18.5	22.2
I will decide then	47.4	49.1	44.6
I will not participate in the elections	15.4	19.0	9.4
No opinion / I do not know	2.2	1.0	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**What is the principle on which you base your choice of the candidate in the coming LC elections?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Family belongness of the candidate	5.1	5.8	4.0
Party belongness of the candidate	24.8	19.3	34.2
Both party and family	11.2	8.7	15.4
Personal acquaintance with the candidate	20.1	22.7	15.8
Other	26.0	33.6	13.0
No opinion / I do not know	12.8	10.0	17.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Kinship	3.1713	2.6279	4.1060
Educational qualifications	8.3897	8.3640	8.4340
Belongness to a party	5.7118	5.1709	6.6420
Family belongness	3.6551	3.2384	4.3720
Patriotic history	7.6603	7.4512	8.0200
Being religious	7.6390	7.6628	7.5980
Place of habitation	3.1213	2.7442	3.7700
Economic situation	3.4272	2.9512	3.2460
Being a PLC ex-member	2.5956	2.4791	2.7960
Male gender	4.9890	4.5826	5.6880
Female gender	3.1081	3.1012	3.1200
Being uncorrupted	8.9316	9.3919	8.1400

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
A block from independent nationalist members	9.6	10.0	8.8
A block from independent Islamist members	9.3	9.8	8.4
A block from Palestinian leftists	4.6	3.4	6.6
A Hamas block	15.1	14.1	16.8
A Fateh block	21.6	17.9	28.0
I haven't decided yet	27.2	30.9	20.8
I will not participate in the elections	10.2	12.9	5.6
I do not know/no opinion	2.5	1.0	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
The PLO block	44.4	40.7	50.8
Hamas block	32.7	36.4	26.4
No opinion / I do not know	22.9	22.9	22.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Fateh block	40.9	38.3	45.4
Hamas block	33.2	37.1	26.4
No opinion / I do not know	26.0	24.7	28.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, for all of them	3.2	3.7	2.2
Yes, for some of them	39.5	40.7	37.4
I will not vote for any one of them	57.4	55.6	60.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Abusing public funds and using them to achieve personal gains	29.4	30.5	27.6
Abusing their positions by appointing their relatives and friends in public positions without having the right to do so	26.2	24.8	28.4
Being detached and remote from the problems and worries of the people in their elections circle	26.9	28.6	24.1
Because these representatives never visited their circles since their election	7.1	7.1	7.1
Other	10.4	8.9	12.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you believe that the present LC is performing its duty in a perfect way?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	17.6	16.5	19.6
No, I do not	72.5	76.5	65.6
No opinion / I do not know	9.9	7.0	14.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

<b>Total</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Bad</b>	<b>I don't know/ No opinion</b>	<b>Total</b>
The Presidential Institution	36.9	41.0	17.6	4.5	100.0
The Palestinian Government	28.0	43.2	25.4	3.5	100.0
The Legislative Council	17.4	41.8	36.7	4.1	100.0
The judicious system	22.1	40.8	30.7	6.3	100.0
The security apparatuses	22.3	39.7	35.9	2.1	100.0
<b>West Bank</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Bad</b>	<b>I don't know/ No opinion</b>	<b>Total</b>
The Presidential Institution	34.5	43.1	17.4	4.9	100.0
The Palestinian Government	28.7	41.9	25.2	4.2	100.0
The Legislative Council	18.6	42.8	34.7	4.0	100.0
The judicious system	24.4	37.3	30.8	7.4	100.0
The security apparatuses	22.0	40.5	35.5	2.1	100.0
<b>Gaza Strip</b>					
	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Bad</b>	<b>I don't know/ No opinion</b>	<b>Total</b>
The Presidential Institution	41.0	37.4	17.8	3.8	100.0
The Palestinian Government	26.8	45.4	25.6	2.2	100.0
The Legislative Council	15.2	40.2	40.2	4.4	100.0
The judicious system	18.2	46.8	30.6	4.4	100.0
The security apparatuses	22.8	38.4	36.6	2.2	100.0



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

<b>Total</b>				
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>I don't know/ No opinion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fighting corruption in public institution	47.9	43.4	6.7	100.0
Unifying Palestinian security apparatuses	60.5	32.9	6.5	100.0
Enforcing the rule of law	42.9	51.8	5.2	100.0
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms in Palestinian streets	31.5	63.4	5.1	100.0
Releasing prisoners	32.3	61.9	5.8	100.0
Protecting the subjects of Palestinian resistance	28.1	63.2	8.7	100.0
Limiting mediations ( <i>wasta</i> ) in appointments in public positions	26.1	65.1	8.8	100.0
Providing personal security to Palestinian people	28.2	65.5	6.3	100.0
Improving the economic situation	29.3	64.3	6.3	100.0
Limiting poverty and unemployment	26.2	66.9	6.9	100.0
<b>West Bank</b>				
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>I don't know/ No opinion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fighting corruption in public institution	51.0	43.4	5.6	100.0
Unifying Palestinian security apparatuses	60.2	33.4	6.4	100.0
Enforcing the rule of law	45.2	50.5	4.3	100.0
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms in Palestinian streets	32.9	63.7	3.4	100.0
Releasing prisoners	36.4	60.3	3.3	100.0
Protecting the subjects of Palestinian resistance	26.3	68.3	5.5	100.0
Limiting mediations ( <i>wasta</i> ) in appointments in public positions	24.9	67.1	8.0	100.0
Providing personal security to Palestinian people	25.8	70.7	3.5	100.0
Improving the economic situation	29.1	68.0	2.9	100.0
Limiting poverty and unemployment	25.5	71.4	3.1	100.0





Gaza Strip				
Yes	No	I don't know/ No opinion	Total	Yes
Fighting corruption in public institution	42.4	49.0	8.6	100.0
Unifying Palestinian security apparatuses	61.0	32.2	6.8	100.0
Enforcing the rule of law	39.0	54.2	6.8	100.0
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms in Palestinian streets	29.2	62.8	8.0	100.0
Releasing prisoners	25.2	64.6	10.2	100.0
Protecting the subject of Palestinian resistance	31.2	54.6	14.2	100.0
Limiting mediations ( <i>wasta</i> ) in appointments in public positions	28.2	61.8	10.0	100.0
Providing personal security to Palestinian people	32.2	56.6	11.2	100.0
Improving the economic situation	29.8	58.0	12.2	100.0
Limiting poverty and unemployment	27.4	59.2	13.4	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	73.5	78.5	65.0
I reject	16.5	14.7	19.6
No opinion/I do not know	10.0	6.9	15.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**The Palestinian Authority turned a number of corruption files to the General Attorney 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	36.3	36.9	35.4
Maybe	41.6	38.7	46.6
No	18.6	20.8	14.8
No opinion/I do not know	3.5	3.6	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	22.6	18.7	29.2
Fair	48.2	46.5	51.0
Bad	26.3	32.1	16.2
No opinion/I do not know	3.0	2.7	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes	29.0	27.6	31.4
Partially	44.7	40.6	51.8
No	23.2	29.2	13.2
No opinion/I do not know	3.0	2.7	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes	29.6	29.4	29.0
Partially	42.4	38.1	49.6
No	25.7	30.3	17.6
No opinion/I do not know	2.4	106	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	23.5	21.6	26.6
Fair	46.8	45.2	49.6
Bad	26.9	30.6	20.6
No opinion/I do not know	2.8	2.6	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	39.0	35.8	44.4
Fair	40.2	40.0	40.6
Bad	16.2	19.1	11.2
No opinion/I do not know	4.6	5.1	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Can you criticize the policies of the Palestinian Authority without fear?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes	52.0	50.6	54.4
Partially	26.4	22.8	32.6
No	19.9	25.5	10.4
No opinion/I do not know	1.7	1.2	2.6
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?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes	47.1	45.2	50.4
Partially	30.4	25.6	38.8
No	20.9	28.1	8.4
No opinion/I do not know	1.5	1.0	2.4
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?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes	40.8	41.7	39.2
Partially	20.7	17.1	26.8
No	35.5	39.3	29.0
No opinion/I do not know	3.0	1.9	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes	21.2	14.3	33.0
Partially	30.4	24.0	41.4
No	47.1	61.4	22.6
No opinion/I do not know	1.3	0.3	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you believe that the international Quartet Committee is capable of imposing a political settlement that will be acceptable by both Israelis and Palestinians?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	28.3	23.4	36.8
No, I do not	58.5	68.0	42.0
No opinion / I do not know	13.2	8.6	21.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes	37.3	38.5	35.2
Partially	36.0	33.8	39.6
No	19.5	22.4	14.4
No opinion/I do not know	7.3	5.2	10.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you read Palestinian daily newspapers?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
No	33.6	34.9	31.4
Yes, every day	21.3	19.2	24.8
Sometimes	42.2	44.8	37.8
Only on week end	2.1	0.9	4.0
Other	0.9	0.2	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Al Haya Al Jadida	15.0	7.7	26.6
Al Ayyam	26.1	20.1	35.6
Al Quds	53.6	70.9	26.0
Other	5.4	1.2	11.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you own a satellite dish?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes	83.5	81.6	86.6
No	16.5	18.4	13.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Which of the following Arab News TV Satellite channels do you watch most?**

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Aljazeera	80.5	86.7	72.5
Al-Arabiya	10.2	7.5	14.5
ANN	1.1	0.6	2.0
Nile News	1.2	0.6	2.2
Al-Ikhbariyia	1.0	0.3	2.2
I do not watch the news	5.9	5.4	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Which of the following political affiliations do you support?**

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
People's Party	1.3	1.2	1.6
Democratic Front	0.9	0.9	0.8
Islamic Jihad	2.8	2.8	2.8
Fateh	32.3	31.4	33.8
Hamas	22.4	23.7	20.0
Fida	0.0	0.0	0.0
Popular Front	3.7	3.0	4.8
Palestinian National Initiative	1.4	0.9	22.0
I am an independent nationalist	7.3	5.7	10.0
I am an independent Islamist	4.6	4.8	4.2
None of the above	21.5	24.0	17.4
Others	1.9	1.6	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0