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Results of Palestinian Public Opinion Polls No. 3 November 13-15, 2003

Background

The period between Sept. 14, 2003 and Nov. 15, 2003 witnessed several developments on the Palestinian political arena. Among these was the formation of a wide government at the end of the legal period given to the emergency government which was formed in October following the failure of several attempts to form a wide (regular) government. Declaring the formation of an emergency government bequeathed a wide dispute concerning the use and the reasons of its formation. Further, a new political accord was reached at, after negotiations described by some as being secret, between Palestinian and Israeli activists. The accord is known as the Geneva/Swiss Accord. This Accord laid the foundation for a solution, as envisioned by its designers, that would put an end to the conflict between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

During the period targeted by this poll, the Israeli military excursions in Palestinian villages, refugee camps and cities continued, killing and torturing Palestinians such as what happened in Rafah, Jennine and other localities.

Palestinian factions continued their operations such as the Ein Yabroud (near Ramallah) operation.

Still, there are Palestinian and Arab endeavors to convince some of the Palestinian factions to accept a truce in which all these factions will give up military resistance against occupation. Such endeavors seem to have come to fruition, Hamas showed readiness to accept a truce in return for some conditions, the most important of these is to relieve both sides of the agonies of their struggle.

* 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 Results:

Following are the results of the third public opinion poll conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University from 13-15 November 2003. The University took full sponsorship of the whole poll.

This poll undertakes several issues such as the Palestinian emergency government, Rood Map destiny, the possibility of the declaration a new ceasefire (hodna), the impact of the Geneva/Swiss Accord on Palestinians, the performance of Palestinian institutions, Palestinian Legislative and local Councils elections in addition to political sympathies.

The sample included persons whose age group is 18 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 1361 persons; 860 persons from the West Bank and 501 persons from Gaza Strip.

The sample was chosen randomly and the margin of error of the sample is about ± 3 per cent; 1.5% of the members of the sample refused to answer the questionnaire.





The Major Results of the Poll:

- The poll shows that 51% of the respondents believe that there was a necessity for the formation of a Palestinian emergency government.
- From among the respondents 80.4% did not experience any positive changes during the term of the emergency government.
- 65.9% of the respondents do not see any difference between the performance of an emergency government. (With few ministers) with that of other previous governments.
- 62.9% of the respondents believe that the formation of an emergency government came as a solution for the dispute over responsibilities inside the Palestinian National Authority.
- 46.9% believe that Ahmed Qurai is fully capable of performing as a prime minister for the present government.
- 70.7% believe that there is a necessity for appointing a foreign minister whose responsibilities are the security apparatuses.
- 63.9% agree on the formation of a national security council that will supervise all security apparatuses.
- 57.7% call for a clear separation between the responsibilities of the Head of the Palestinian Authority and the Prime Minister.
- 58.7% believe that Prime Minister Quari will work in favor of implementing the items of the Road Map.
- 41.2% believe that the Prime Minister and his government will succeed in the implementation of their obligations as stated in the Road Map.
- 54.6% support the commitment of the Palestinian Authority to the Road Map after the declaration made by the American Administration that the American Administration is still committed to the Road Map.
- 74.0% believe that the Road Map will not lead to the creation of an independent Palestinian state with sovereign boarders in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
- 49.0% believe that the Palestinian Authority is capable of meeting its obligations as stated in the Road Map.
- While only 1% of the respondents believe that Israel will totally comply with its commitments as stated in the Road Map, 31.8% believe that Israel will only comply with the items of the Road Map that do not contradict its interest, 8.2% believe that Israel will comply with only some items and 58.0% believe that Israel will not comply at all.
- 77.9% believe that the US Administration is not serious in its endeavors to implement the Road Map.
- While 38.6% believe that the US Administration will impose its conditions in the implementation of the Road Map on Palestinians only, 54.1% believe that the US Administration will impose its conditions more on Palestinians, 1.2% believe that the US Administration will impose its conditions only on Israel, 1.9% believe that the US Administration will impose its conditions more on Israel, and 3.3% believe that the US Administration will impose its conditions on both sides equally.
- 73.8% assert that there is a need for international forces in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to supervise the implementation of the Road Map or any others future Palestinian Israeli agreement.





- While 5.7% believe that the Road Map will succeed, 43.1% believe that the Road Map is only a temporary solution and 47.3% believe that the Road Map is destined to fail.
- 68.5% believe that the Road Map as agreement is not any longer viable.
- 71.9% agree on a truce (Hodna) as suggested by Palestinians on the basis of not targeting Palestinian and Israeli civilians.
- 68.1% support a new ceasefire (Hodna) between the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian factions on the one hand and Israel on the other if Israel commits itself to a ceasefire.
- 49.6% see the necessity of holding a truce between the Palestinian Authority and Israel under an international supervision.
- 64.9% assert that the Palestinian National and Islamic factions should agree on a new truce.
- 91.9% support the idea that Palestinian armed operations came as a natural reaction to the Israeli provocations.
- 56.7% from among the respondents support procedures made by the Palestinian Authority leading to limiting Palestinian operations inside Israel if a new truce is declared.
- As for the evaluation of the performance of Palestinian institutions in the present time.
 - 73.4% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian Presidency.
 - 62.7% expressed satisfaction with the Legislative Council.
 - 56.3% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian Judicious System.
 - 87.5% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian universities.
 - 83.3% expressed satisfaction with the performance of Palestinian local societies and organizations.
 - 52.4% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the security apparatuses.
- 21.7% say that they have read what is published of the content of the Geneva Accord which was concluded between Palestinian and Israeli activists.
- From among those who read the content of the Geneva Accord, 38.1% approved of its items.
- From among those who read the content of the Genera Accord, 78.4% believe that the Geneva Accord is, like other previous accords, doomed to fail.
- 95.5% from among respondents assert that there is a need for the formation of a united Palestinian leadership.
- 81.7% believe that there is a need for restoring respect to the Palestinian Liberation Organization in view of the present realities of the Palestinian Authority.
- As for the priorities of the respondents in the present, they came according to the following condescending order.
 - An average of 94.43% favor freeing prisoners from Israeli Jails.
 - An average of 92.26% favor the uplifting of road blocks and check points placed between Palestinian cities and villages.
 - An average of 90.51% favor creating job opportunities.
 - An average of 89.94% favor the improvement of the economic situation.
 - An average of 88.28% favor the improvement of the public health services.
 - An average of 88.18% favor the improvement of public education.
 - An average of 85.45% favor reinforcing Palestinian local security.
- 67.0% support the on-going peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis.





- Only 3.7% of the respondents assert that they will reelect the same members of the PLC that they elected before, and 7.9% assert that they will reelect only some of the old members. While 15.1% assert that they will not reelect any of the previous members, 48.1% assert that they will decide on whom to vote for at the Polls. Further, 22% assert that they will not participate in the elections.
- As for the characteristics they desire to see in future candidates running for the PLC, they favor the following in condescending order.
 - 1- An average of 89.53% favor the educational qualifications.
 - 2- An average of 79.99%, favor the patriotic record of the candidate.
 - 3- An average of 53.90% favor male gender.
 - 4- An average of 51.44% favor the political affiliation of the candidate.
 - 5- An average of 43.00% care for the economic situation of the candidate.
 - 6- An average of 37.27% care for the family belong ness of the candidate.
 - 7- An average of 35.26% care for place of dwelling.
 - 8- An average of 33.36% favor previous PLC members.
 - 9- An Average of favor 31.98% female gender.
 - 10- An average of 30.19% care for kinship.
- 63.3% assert that there is a need for conducting elections for local councils in the coming period.
- 54.2% believe that the PA is serious in it call for elections in June, 2004.
- 67.5% from among the respondents assert that the current Intifada influenced their economic situation.
- As for those who say that the Intifada influenced their economic situation, they assert that they were able to cope up with their economic situations according to the following priorities.
 - An average of 88.33% say that they concentrate on necessities only without caring for other commodities.
 - An average of 40.18% say that they rely on aids.
 - An average of 37.21% say that they resort to work in agriculture and home economy.
 - An average of 34.05% say that they depend on increasing work hours.
 - An average of 11.40% say that they depend on child labor.
- 75.2% from among respondents believe that the phenomenon of celibacy is a problem in Palestinian society.
- In order to solve the problem of celibacy in Palestinian Society the following solutions were offered by the respondents.
 - An average of 90.03% favor raising the awareness of the importance of marriage and family life.
 - An average of 89.71% favor the reduction of marriage costs.
 - An average of 31.34% favor Polygamy.
 - An average of 27.20% favor early marriage of women.
- As for Political affiliations they were distributed as follows:

- Fateh	25.9%
- Hamas	15.7%
- Islamic Jihad	4.3%
- Public Front	3.3%
- Democratic Front	1.2%
- Fida	0.5%
- People's Party	0.7%
- Independent Nationalist	7.6%
- Independent Islamist	5.9%
- None of the above	33.2%
- Other	2%





General Results of the Poll

Do you believe that there was a necessity for the formation of an emergency government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe so	15.4	12.7	20.0
I believe so	35.6	40.3	27.5
I do not believe so	33.1	33.7	31.9
I strongly do not believe so	10.7	8.1	15.0
I do not know, no opinion	5.3	5.1	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Did you feel any positive change in the general situation during the period of the emergency government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I certainly did	2.7	1.5	4.8
I did	13.5	14.5	11.8
No, I didn't	57.1	63.0	46.9
I certainly didn't	23.3	18.6	31.3
I do not know, no opinion	3.4	2.3	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that there is a difference between the performance of a government with a small cabinet and that of a government with a large number of ministers?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that there is no difference	12.9	8.4	20.6
No difference	53.0	57.2	45.7
There is a difference	28.5	28.0	29.3
I strongly believe that there is a difference	4.0	4.4	3.2
I do not know, no opinion	1.7	2.0	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the formation of an emergency government was intended as a solution to overcome the crisis of responsibilities within the Palestinian National Authority?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe so	17.2	11.0	27.7
I do believe	45.7	50.7	37.1
I do not	22.9	25.8	17.8
I strongly do not believe so	6.2	4.4	9.4
I do not know, no opinion	8.0	8.0	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





Mr. Ahmed Qurai' will keep his position as a prime minister. Do you believe that he is fully capable of performing the tasks of this position?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that he is capable	6.6	4.8	9.8
I believe so	40.3	47.3	28.3
I do not believe so	30.3	31.5	28.1
I strongly do not believe so	10.3	7.4	15.2
I do not know, no opinion	12.5	9.0	18.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In the formation of the Palestinian government, do you believe that it is necessary to appoint a minister, one of whose responsibilities is supervising the Palestinian security apparatuses ,for the interior affairs?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	22.0	16.3	31.9
I do	48.7	53.8	39.9
I do not	17.8	20.8	12.6
I strongly do not	6.2	4.4	9.2
I do not know, no opinion	5.3	4.7	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

A Palestinian National Security Council has been formed. Do you support or oppose the issue that such council should supervise all Palestinian security apparatuses?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	15.0	10.8	22.2
I support	48.9	56.4	35.9
I oppose	20.5	21.3	19.2
I strongly oppose	8.1	5.9	11.8
I do not know, no opinion	7.6	5.6	11.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you call for a separation in responsibilities between those of the head of the Palestinian Authority and those of the prime minister?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	22.1	16.0	32.5
I do	35.6	37.9	31.7
I do not	28.1	35.3	15.8
I strongly do not	10.5	8.4	14.2
I do not know, no opinion	3.6	2.3	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that Prime Minister Ahmad Qurai will go ahead with executing the items of the Road Map?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	10.4	7.2	16.0
I do	48.3	53.5	39.3
I do not	22.4	25.0	18.0
I strongly do not	8.6	5.1	14.6
I do not know, no opinion	10.3	9.2	12.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





Do you believe that the Prime Minister and his government will succeed in executing their obligations as stated in the Road Map?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	5.6	4.1	8.2
I do	35.6	40.3	27.3
I do not	37.9	38.8	36.3
I strongly do not	11.8	7.8	18.8
I do not know, no opinion	9.1	9.0	9.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

After American Administration declared that it is still committed to the Road Map, do you support or oppose a Palestinian Authority commitment to it?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	8.2	6.0	11.8
I support	46.4	50.3	39.7
I oppose	28.9	32.4	23.0
I strongly oppose	12.3	7.3	21.0
I do not know, no opinion	4.1	3.8	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the Road Map will lead to the creation of an independent Palestinian State with sovereign power over its borders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, it will	18.4	21.0	13.8
No, it will not	74.0	74.1	73.9
I do not know; no opinion	7.6	4.9	12.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the Palestinian Authority is capable of fulfilling its obligations as stated in the Road Map?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Capable to a large extent	6.5	4.8	9.4
Capable	42.5	45.0	38.1
Incapable	36.7	39.2	32.5
Incapable to a great extent	10.6	7.3	16.2
I do not know, no opinion	3.7	3.7	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





Some people say that Israel will not fulfill its obligations as stated in the Road Map; others believe that it will. What is your opinion?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Israel will fulfill all its obligations	1.0	0.9	1.2
Israel will fulfill those items that do not contradict its	31.8	29.4	35.9
interest			
Israel will fulfill some items only	8.2	7.1	10.0
Israel will not fulfill its obligations	58.0	62.2	50.9
I do not know; no opinion	1.0	0.3	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the present American Administration is serious in its endeavors to implement the Road Map.

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	14.6	16.6	11.2
No	77.9	79.7	74.9
I do not know; no opinion	7.5	3.7	14.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

On which side do you believe that the US Administration will impose its conditions in implementing the Road Map?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
On Palestinians only	38.6	39.1	37.7
On Israelis only	1.2	0.7	2.0
On both sides equally	3.3	3.0	3.8
More on Palestinians	54.1	54.5	53.3
More on Israelis	1.9	1.9	2.0
I do not know; no opinion	1.0	0.8	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you see a necessity for the presence of international forces in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to supervise the implementation of the Road Map or any future Palestinian – Israeli agreement?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	30.2	24.9	39.3
I do	43.6	48.6	34.9
I do not	16.6	19.4	11.8
I strongly do not	7.1	5.2	10.4
I do not know; no opinion	2.5	1.9	3.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





The destiny of the Road Map is:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Success	5.7	6.6	4.0
A temporary solution	43.1	42.8	43.5
Failure	47.3	47.2	47.5
I do not know; no opinion	4.1	3.4	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the Road Map agreement is still viable?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	2.4	2.1	3.0
I do	24.0	27.1	18.8
I do not	46.3	50.0	39.9
I strongly do not	22.2	17.3	30.5
I do not know; no opinion	5.1	3.5	7.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Palestinians suggest a new ceasefire (Hodna) on the bases of not targeting Israeli and Palestinian civilians. Do you support or oppose this suggestion?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	16.4	11.4	25.0
I support	55.5	61.5	45.1
I oppose	19.2	21.4	15.4
I strongly oppose	6.8	4.2	11.2
I do not know; no opinion	2.2	1.5	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If Israel is committed to a ceasefire, do you support or oppose a new truce (Hodna) between the Palestinian Authority and Palestinian factions on the hand and Israel on the other?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	15.4	13.0	19.6
I support	52.7	60.2	39.7
I oppose	17.7	20.3	13.2
I strongly oppose	11.5	4.5	23.4
I do not know; no opinion	2.7	1.9	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you see a necessity that a ceasefire be held between the Palestinian Authority and Israel under

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
American auspices	4.9	4.7	5.4
International auspices	49.6	47.7	52.9
European auspices	8.7	7.7	10.6
Arab auspices	10.8	12.6	7.8
The two parties without any intervention	19.0	22.4	13.0
I do not know; no opinion	7.0	5.0	10.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





Do you believe that the Palestinian national and Islamic factions are to agree on a new ceasefire (Hodna)?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	12.6	10.6	16.0
I do	52.3	56.6	44.9
I do not	22.0	24.2	18.2
I strongly do not	7.9	4.4	14.0
I do not know, no opinion	5.2	4.2	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	54.4	47.0	67.3
I do	37.5	44.7	25.1
I do not	5.1	5.9	3.6
I strongly do not	1.6	1.5	1.8
I do not know, no opinion	1.4	0.9	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If a new ceasefire (Hodna) is declared, do you support procedures made by the Palestinian National Authority leading to the prevention of military operation against Israeli targets inside Israel?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	10.4	8.4	14.0
I do	46.3	51.7	36.9
I do not	26.2	27.3	24.4
I strongly do not	12.6	7.9	20.8
I do not know; no opinion	4.4	4.7	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

The Palestinian Presidency

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	17.3	15.2	21.0
Good	25.5	27.7	21.8
Fair	30.6	31.2	29.7
Poor	23.3	22.8	24.2
I do not know; no opinion	3.2	3.1	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Palestinian Legislative Council

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	6.0	6.4	5.2
Good	23.1	24.3	21.0
Fair	33.6	34.7	31.7
Poor	31.3	27.9	37.1
I do not know; no opinion	6.1	6.7	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





The Judicious System

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	6.2	7.0	5.0
Good	23.9	22.8	25.7
Fair	26.2	26.3	26.1
Poor	34.4	34.0	35.1
I do not know; no opinion	9.3	10.0	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Palestinian Universities

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	28.8	32.2	23.0
Good	37.0	40.2	31.3
Fair	21.7	18.1	27.7
Poor	10.3	6.6	16.6
I do not know; no opinion	2.3	2.8	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Civil Societies

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	19.3	20.9	16.6
Good	37.8	37.6	38.1
Fair	26.2	24.7	28.9
Poor	11.8	10.7	13.8
I do not know; no opinion	4.8	6.2	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Security System

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	7.3	6.9	8.0
Good	18.6	17.4	20.6
Fair	26.5	25.6	27.9
Poor	44.2	46.3	40.7
I do not know; no opinion	3.5	3.8	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Have you read what is published about the content of the Geneva Accord which was held between Palestinian and Israeli activists?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I have read about it	21.7	18.6	27.1
I have not read about it	54.5	55.1	53.5
I have never heard of it	23.7	26.3	19.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





Do you support the suggested items of the Geneva Accord?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	6.6	4.3	9.2
I do	31.5	33.1	29.6
I do not	38.4	38.0	38.7
I strongly do not	16.1	16.6	15.5
I do not know; no opinion	7.5	8.0	7.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the Geneva Accord will have the same destiny as its precedent agreements?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	34.8	35.0	34.5
I do	43.6	47.2	39.4
I do not	9.8	8.6	11.3
I strongly do not	3.9	1.8	6.3
I do not know; no opinion	7.9	7.4	8.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support a united Palestinian leadership?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	58.5	55.8	63.9
I do	36.7	41.3	28.7
I do not	2.6	2.1	3.6
I strongly do not	1.0	0.5	2.0
I do not know; no opinion	0.9	0.3	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total West Bank		Gaza Strip	
Very necessary	37.2	34.0	42.7	
Necessary	44.5	51.6	32.1	
Not Necessary	11.2	9.9	13.6	
Absolutely not necessary	3.7	2.2	6.2	
I do not know; no opinion	3.5	2.3	5.4	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	

What are your priorities at the present stage?

	Rank 0-10 (Average)		
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Maintaining the Palestinian internal security	8.5452	8.6453	8.3733
Creating job opportunities	9.0507	9.1302	8.9142
Improving the economic situation	8.9941	9.0721	8.8603
Improving education at public school	8.8178	8.9581	8.5768
Improving public health services	8.8281	8.9663	8.5908
Lifting check points and road blocks between villages and cities	9.2256	9.4372	8.8623
Freeing prisoners from Israeli jails	9.4431	9.5640	9.2355





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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support it	15.1	13.1	18.4
I support it	51.9	57.3	42.5
I oppose it	18.1	19.5	15.6
I strongly oppose it	13.2	8.8	20.6
I do not know; no opinion	1.8	1.2	3.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If an new Palestinian parliamentary elections are to be made (for the Legislative Council), who do you vote for?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The same members I voted for in the past	3.7	4.2	2.8
Some of the members I voted for in the past	7.9	7.4	8.8
I will not vote for any from among the members I voted for in the past	15.1	13.6	17.8
I will decide on the time of elections	48.1	49.1	46.3
I do not participate in the elections	22.0	24.0	18.6
I do not know; no opinion	3.2	1.7	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

		Rank 0-10 (Average)		
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip	
Kinship	3.0191	2.6291	3.6886	
Educational qualifications	8.9530	9.0419	8.8004	
Political affiliation	5.1440	4.8791	5.5988	
Family relations	5.7267	3.5174	4.0858	
Record of resistance	7.9993	7.9744	8.0419	
Place of habitation	3.5261	3.1826	4.1158	
Economic situation	4.3000	3.9965	4.8220	
Being an excouncil member	3.3358	3.3349	3.3373	
Gender, male	5.3902	4.9884	6.0798	
Gender, female	3.1976	3.4593	2.7485	

Do you see a necessity for local councils elections in the near future?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
There is a need for conducting local council elections	63.3	63.0	63.9
I do not see any need for conducting local elections in the near future	18.7	21.3	14.4
I absolutely do not see any need for such elections	10.9	11.9	9.2
I do not know; no opinion	7.1	3.8	12.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





Do you believe that the Palestinian Authority is serious in its call for legislative and presidential elections in June 2004?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe so	10.5	9.4	12.4
I believe so	43.7	49.4	33.9
I don't believe so	26.2	25.2	27.9
I strongly don't believe so	6.9	5.2	9.8
I do not know; no opinion	12.6	10.7	16.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How did the current Intifada influence yours economic situation?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
My economic situation improved very much	0.2	0.0	0.6
My economic situation improved	1.9	1.5	2.6
My economic situation remained as it is	30.3	31.6	28.1
My economic situation worsened	44.0	45.6	41.3
My economic situation worsened very much	23.5	21.3	27.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If your economic situation was worsened, how did you manage?

	Rank 0-10 (Average)		
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I concentrated on the necessities only	8.8329	8.7279	9.0366
I depended on aids from others	4.0181	3.2806	5.4620
I increased the work hours	3.4048	2.9698	4.2563
I depended on child labor	1.1401	0.8991	1.6113
I resorted to work in agriculture and home economics	3.7210	3.4633	4.2254

Do you think that celibacy is a problem in Palestinian Society?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	32.3	30.6	35.3
I do	42.9	48.0	34.1
I do not	19.8	18.8	21.4
I strongly do not	2.8	1.5	5.0
I do not know; no opinion	2.1	1.0	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In you opinion, what is the solution for the problem of celibacy in Palestinian Society?

	Rank 0-10		
	(Average)		
	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Reducing marriage coasts	8.9713	9.0442	8.8463
Early marriage of women	2.7201	2.7605	2.6507
Polygamy; marring more than one wife	3.1337	2.6849	3.9042
Raising the consciousness of the importance of	9.0029	9.0535	8.9162
marriage and the importance of family life			





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

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	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip	
Fateh	25.9	24.7	28.1	
Hamas	15.7	14.8	17.2	
Islamic Jihad	4.3	4.2	4.6	
Public Front	3.3	2.0	5.6	
Democratic Front	1.2	1.0	1.4	
Fida	0.5	0.2	1.0	
People's Party	0.4	0.5	0.4	
I am an independent nationalist	7.6	5.8	10.6	
I am an independent Islamist	5.9	5.0	7.4	
I do not support any of the above	33.2	40.3	21.0	
Others, specify	2.0	1.5	2.8	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	