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

There has been a revival of local, national and international diplomatic activities since the inauguration of Mahmoud Abbas as the President of the Palestinian Authority to reactivate the Palestinian – Israeli negotiations. A summit was held at Sharm el-Sheikh in which Jordan and Egypt participated in addition to the Palestinian Authority, Israel and the USA. Following this summit there was the London conference which basically aimed at offering political and financial support to the new Palestinian leadership.

Diplomatic activities aside, Israel still delays withdrawal from Palestinian cities which had been agreed upon at the Sharm el-Sheikh Summit, confiscates more of the Palestinian lands, continues to build the separation wall and continues the killing of Palestinian people and the incursions in Palestinian cities and villages.

On the other side of the Palestinian scene, the Palestinian government was formed after a long debate; it is the first government to be formed under the presidency of Mahmoud Abbas and the first government the majority of whose members are not members in the Legislative Council.

The Palestinian political arena still witnesses the consequences of the first stage of the local councils elections which were held in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Hamas and the clan coalitions reaped a good number of the seats in these councils. Hamas had announced earlier that it will participate in the coming legislative elections.

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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 Results:**

Following are the results of the Eleventh Palestinian Public Opinion Poll conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from March 16 to 19, 2005. **The University sponsors all polls conducted by its center.**

The Eleventh Poll undertakes several subjects focusing on the Presidential elections, the priorities of individuals in the period following the elections, the elections programs of candidates, the people's opinion in the peace process and the Road Map in addition to political sympathies and other issues.

The sample included 1361 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 501 persons from the Gaza Strip. The sample was drawn randomly and the margin of error is about  $\pm 3\%$ . Still 2.2% of the members of the sample refused to answer the questionnaire.

## **Major Results:**

- 39.6% from among respondents believe that Mahmoud Abbas will fulfill his promises concerning reform and fighting corruption, and 40.4% believe that he will provide security for Palestinians.
- 44.4% believe that Mahmoud Abbas is capable of conducting comprehensive reform in the institutions of the Palestinian Authority.
- 37.5% believe that under the current situation, Mahmoud Abbas is capable of controlling the local security conditions.
- After two months in office as President of the Palestinian Authority 25.1% from among respondents feel that there is an improvement in personal security, 11.7% feel that there is an improvement in the economic situation, and 21.8% feel that there is some freedom in movement between cities.
- 81.1% from among respondents support the giving up of operations against Israeli targets by Palestinian factions since the Palestinian Authority announced reaching an agreement with these factions on a truce.
- 49% say that they are satisfied with the formation of the Palestinian government as it stands now.



- 25.5% from among respondents heard or read about the programs of the new Palestinian government.
- 31.8% from among respondents say that the new Palestinian government is capable of making a real reform in the institutions and apparatuses of the Palestinian Authority.
- In the coming period, the percentage of those who said that President Mahmoud Abbas is capable of:

Uniting the Palestinian security apparatuses	77.4%
Enforcing the rule of law	64.1%
Fighting corruption in public institutions	61.5%
Improving the economic situation	60.2%
Putting an end to poverty and unemployment	51.1%
Providing personal security for Palestinian citizens	49.2%
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms	42.5%
Putting an end to nepotism in appointments in public positions	39.2%
Protecting the subjects of Palestinian resistance	32.3%

- Generally speaking 27.4% from among respondents hope that President Mahmoud Abbas will fight corruption in the near future, 21.2% hope that he will enforce law and order, 23.6% hope that he will uplift the Israeli checkpoints, 6.6% hope that he will improve education and health services and 19.3% hope that he will put an end to poverty and unemployment.
- 76.4% from among respondents support the appointment of a vice president by President Mahmoud Abbas.
- 52.9% from among respondents support involving Egypt and Jordan in the rehabilitation of Palestinian security apparatuses if Israel pulls out from the Gaza Strip and areas in the northern part of the West Bank.
- 49.8% from among respondents support inviting the Jordan-based Bader Troops to the areas that Israel will evacuate in the northern part of the West Bank.
- The priorities of the Palestinian government when Israel pulls out as viewed by the respondents were as follows:

Creating job opportunities and fighting poverty and unemployment	36.9%
Uniting the national and Islamic forces	21.5%
Rehabilitating and maintaining the infrastructure	16.1%
Using the settlements that Israel will evacuate to organize the rehousing of Palestinians in these settlements	12.0%
Rehabilitating the Palestinian security apparatuses	6.6%
Rehabilitating ministries and the civil society institutions	4.7%



- 70.2% from among respondents say that they will participate in the coming legislative elections.
- In the coming Legislative Council elections, 19.8% say that they will not reelect any one from among the members they elected in the past, 2.3% say that they will reelect the same members they elected in the past, 7.5% say they will reelect some members they elected in the past, 56.3% say they will decide on whom to elect at the polls.
- The characteristics that respondents think are required in the candidate they will elect in the coming legislative elections are given in the following order:

Educational qualifications	85.81%
Administrative competence	85.02%
Patriotic history	74.56%
Male gender	56.23%
Belongness to a political party	52.09%
The economic situation of the candidate	40.11%
Belongness to a family	32.99
Place of habitation	32.41%
Female gender	30.09%
Being an ex-Legislative Council member	26.76

- As for Legislative Council elections according to the traditional tickets, 27.2% from among respondents say they will vote for Fateh block, 13.7% will vote for Hamas block, 3.3% will vote for the Palestinian left, 1.5% will vote for the Palestinian National Initiative, 5.4% will vote for a block which contains independent national members, 5.7% say they will vote for a block which contains independent Islamic members and 33.2% say they will decide at the time of the elections.
- 75.3% from among respondents believe that there will be an organized opposition in the Palestinian political life regardless of the side which will form the government after the coming Legislative elections.
- 78.7% from among respondents believe that Hamas' decision to participate in the coming Legislative elections will cause a qualitative move in the Palestinian political action.
- 44.5% believe that Hamas' agreement to participate in the coming legislative elections is an implicit recognition of the Oslo accords.
- 71.0% support the participation of Hamas in the legislative elections despite the fact that the reference of these elections is the Oslo accords.



- In areas where local council's elections did not take place 70.5% say they will participate in these elections and 10.5% say they haven't decided yet.
- In the coming local councils elections, 17.6% say they will vote on the basis of belongingness to a political party, 6.1% say they will vote on the basis of family belongingness, 19.7% say they will vote on the basis of personal acquaintance with the candidate, 13.9% say they will vote on family and party basis, and 40.2% say they haven't decided yet.
- 75.5% from among respondents still support the ongoing peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis.
- 28.5% from among respondents believe that the Road Map as an agreement is still viable.
- 73.6% expect that a decision on a ceasefire agreement with the Israelis will be taken after the meeting of the Palestinian factions in Cairo.
- 89.1% from among respondents support taking a decision in favor of a truce.
- 85.1% believe that Israeli's continuous delay of executing its Sharm el-Sheikh commitment to withdraw from the West Bank cities will lead to an eruption of armed operations.
- 75.8% believe that restoring dignity to the PLO under the current situation that Palestinian people go through is necessary.
- 15.6% from among respondents feel secure for themselves, for their families and properties.
- 46.2% from among respondents are optimistic about the general future of the Palestinian people in the coming few years.
- 6.2% from among respondents believe that the US Administration will force Israel to withdraw to the 1967 borders so that a Palestinian state will be established within these borders. While 24.2% believe the US Administration will force Israel to withdraw from some areas, 63.6% believe that the US Administration will not force Israel to any withdrawal and Israel will decide the size of its withdrawal.
- For the EU support to the Palestinian Authority:
  - 26.9% believe that the EU support in the political domain is good
  - 41.8% believe that the EU support in financial domain is good
  - 39.5% believe that the EU support in the domain of infrastructure is good.



- For the Arab Countries' support to the Palestinian Authority:
  - 15.2% believe that the Arab Countries' support in the political domain is good
  - 19.3% believe that the Arab Countries' support in financial domain is good
  - 15.8% believe that the Arab Countries' support in the domain of infrastructure is good.
  
- From among respondents say that the time needed for a trip between their place of habitation and the nearest city during the Intifada due to Israeli checkpoints has increased:
  - Four times 17.3%
  - Three times 25.3%
  - two times 37.3%
  
- From among respondents say that the travel fare from their place of habitation to the nearest city during the Intifada and because of Israeli checkpoints has increased:
  - Four times 9.5%
  - Three times 24.6%
  - Two times 47.0%
  
- As for political affiliations, they were distributed as follows:

People's Party	1.2%
Democratic Front	1.8%
Islamic Jihad	3.7%
Fateh	35.6%
Hamas	17.3%
Fida	0.2%
Popular Front	2.4%
Palestinian National Initiative	1.3%
Independent Nationalist	8.1%
Independent Islamist	6.2%
None of the above	21.5%
Others	0.7%



## The General Results

**In his election campaign, the new president, Mahmoud Abbas promised to carry out reform and to fight corruption, do you believe that the president will fulfill his promise?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, I do	36.6	39.7	39.5
No, I do not	20.3	18.6	23.2
Yes, to some extent	36.6	37.7	34.7
No opinion / I do not know	3.5	4.1	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**The new president, Mahmoud Abbas, in his election campaign promised to provide security to Palestinian citizens, do you think that he is capable of that?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, I do	40.4	39.0	42.9
No, I do not	23.4	25.1	20.4
Yes, to some extent	32.3	32.9	31.3
No opinion / I do not know	3.9	3.0	5.4
Total	100.0.0	100.0.0	100.0.0

**In general, do believe that president Mahmoud Abbas is capable of conducting a comprehensive reform in the institutions and apparatuses of the Palestinian Authority?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, I do	44.4	46.4	40.9
No, I do not	19.0	16.9	22.6
Yes, to some extent	32.7	32.9	32.3
No opinion / I do not know	4.0	3.8	4.2
Total	100.0.0	100.0.0	100.0.0

**Under the current circumstances, do you believe that president Mahmoud Abbas is capable of controlling the local security conditions?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, I do	37.5	36.6	39.1
No, I do not	23.3	24.2	21.8
Yes, to some extent	36.0	36.4	35.3
No opinion / I do not know	3.2	2.8	3.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0.0	100.0.0



Now the two months have elapsed since the elections of Mahmoud Abbas as a president of the Palestinian Authority, do you sense any improvement in the following domains of your life?

<b>Personal Security</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	25.1	21.7	30.7
No, I do not	47.9	52.9	39.3
Yes, to some extent	26.2	24.7	28.9
No opinion / I do not know	0.8	0.7	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0.0</b>	<b>100.0.0.0</b>	<b>100.0.0.0</b>
<b>Economic Situation</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	11.7	13.0	9.4
No, I do not	68.0	68.0	67.9
Yes, to some extent	19.0	18.3	20.4
No opinion / I do not know	1.3	0.7	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0.0</b>	<b>100.0.0</b>	<b>100.0.0</b>
<b>Freedom in Movement Between Cities</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	21.8	20.8	23.6
No, I do not	46.8	48.6	43.7
Yes, to some extent	28.9	27.4	31.3
No opinion / I do not know	2.5	3.1	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The Palestinian Authority declared that it reached an agreement with the Palestinian factions on a truce in which these factions will refrain from carrying out any operation against Israeli targets. Do you support or reject this agreement?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I support	81.1	83.6	76.8
I reject	15.2	14.1	17.2
No opinion / I do not know	3.7	2.3	6.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Few days ago a new Palestinian government was formed, are you content with it?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	49.0	53.3	41.7
No, I do not	31.9	29.2	36.5
No opinion / I do not know	19.1	17.6	21.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>





**Have heard or read about the agenda of the new Palestinian government?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	25.5	23.8	28.3
No, I do not	68.0	70.7	63.5
No opinion / I do not know	6.5	5.5	8.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**In general, do you believe that the new Palestinian government is capable of conducting a real reform in the institutions and apparatuses of the Palestinian Authority?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Yes, I do	31.8	35.8	25.0
No, I do not	27.3	22.3	35.7
Yes, to some extent	35.7	37.7	32.3
No opinion / I do not know	5.2	4.2	7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Under the current circumstances, do you believe that the Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas, will be capable of executing the following tasks?**

<b>TOTAL</b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No opinion / I do not know</b>
Fighting corruption in public institutions	61.5	31.4	7.1
Uniting the Palestinian security apparatuses	77.4	17.7	4.9
Enforcing the rule of law	64.1	27.8	8.2
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms	42.5	49.1	8.4
Protecting the subjects of Palestinian resistance	32.3	58.3	9.4
Putting an end to nepotism in appointments in public positions	39.2	52.2	8.7
Providing personal security for Palestinian citizens	49.2	42.5	8.3
Improving the economic situation and putting an end to poverty and unemployment	60.2	33.0	6.8
Putting an end to poverty and unemployment	51.1	41.7	7.3
<b>WEST BANK</b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No opinion / I do not know</b>
Fighting corruption in public institutions	65.0	28.8	6.2
Uniting the Palestinian security apparatuses	76.3	18.4	5.3
Enforcing the rule of law	66.6	26.6	6.7
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms	44.3	47.9	7.8



Protecting the subjects of Palestinian resistance	33.1	58.0	8.8
Putting an end to nepotism in appointments in public positions	41.3	51.5	7.2
Providing personal security for Palestinian citizens	49.3	44.2	6.5
Improving the economic situation and putting an end to poverty and unemployment	60.9	33.7	5.3
Putting an end to poverty and unemployment	49.7	44.5	5.8
<b>GAZA STRIP</b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No opinion / I do not know</b>
Fighting corruption in public institutions	55.5	35.7	8.8
Uniting the Palestinian security apparatuses	79.2	16.6	4.2
Enforcing the rule of law	59.7	29.7	10.6
Putting an end to the chaotic use of arms	39.5	51.5	9.4
Protecting the subjects of Palestinian resistance	30.9	58.7	10.4
Putting an end to nepotism in appointments in public positions	35.5	53.3	11.2
Providing personal security for Palestinian citizens	49.1	39.5	11.4
Improving the economic situation and putting an end to poverty and unemployment	58.9	31.7	9.4
Putting an end to poverty and unemployment	53.5	36.7	9.8

**In general, what is the task that you hope president Abbas will accomplish in the near future?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Fight corruption	27.4	24.1	33.1
Enforce law and order	21.2	20.2	22.8
Uplift the Israeli checkpoints	23.6	27.4	17.0
Improve education and health services	6.6	5.3	8.8
Put an end to poverty and unemployment.	19.3	20.5	17.2
Other	2.0	2.4	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you support or reject the appointment of a vice president for President Mahmoud Abbas (the creation of a new position for a vice president)?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
I strongly support	17.0	13.5	23.2
I support	59.4	65.9	48.1
I strongly reject	14.8	12.2	19.4
I reject	3.5	3.3	3.8
No opinion / I do not know	5.3	5.1	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**Do you support or reject a Jordanian and Egyptian participation in the rehabilitation of the Palestinian security apparatuses if Israel pulls out from the Gaza Strip and parts of the northern part of the West Bank?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	6.5	4.5	9.8
I support	46.4	47.8	44.1
I strongly reject	31.1	33.5	26.9
I reject	13.2	11.0	17.0
No opinion / I do not know	2.8	3.1	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you support or reject inviting the Jordan – based Bader Troops to the areas which Israel will evacuate in the northern part of the West Bank?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	12.9	6.9	23.4
I support	36.9	38.6	33.9
I strongly reject	31.2	35.3	24.0
I reject	14.0	15.6	11.2
No opinion / I do not know	5.1	3.6	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**If Israel pulls out from the Gaza Strip, the top priority to be accomplished by the Palestinian government, in your opinion, should be:**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Rehabilitating and maintaining the infrastructure	16.1	19.5	10.2
Rehabilitating the Palestinian security apparatuses	6.6	6.7	6.4
Creating job opportunities and fighting poverty and unemployment	36.9	38.3	34.5
Rehabilitating ministries and the civil society institutions	4.7	3.5	6.8
Using the settlements that Israel will evacuate to organize the rehousing of Palestinians in these settlements	12.0	8.8	17.4
Uniting the national and Islamic forces	21.5	21.5	21.4
No opinion / I do not know	2.3	1.6	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**If new parliamentary (Legislative Council) elections are conducted, will you participate in them?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, I will	70.2	70.7	69.3
No, I will not	15.1	17.2	11.6
I haven't decided yet	14.2	11.9	18.2
No opinion / I do not know	0.5	0.2	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**If new parliamentary (Legislative Council) elections are conducted, whom do you vote for?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The same members I voted for in the past	2.3	2.7	1.6
Some of the members who were elected in the past	7.5	8.0	6.6
I will not vote for any one of the ex-members	19.8	17.2	24.4
I will decide then	56.3	56.5	55.9
I will not participate in the elections	12.6	15.0	8.4
No opinion / I do not know	1.5	0.6	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**What characteristics in your opinion would qualify the candidate to be elected in the coming legislative elections?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Family belongness	3.2990	3.1407	3.5709
Educational qualifications	8.5819	8.6907	8.3952
Belongness to a political party	5.2094	4.8919	5.7545
Administrative competence	8.5026	8.6244	8.2934
Patriotic history	7.4563	7.6256	7.1657
Place of habitation	3.2417	2.6930	4.1836
The economic situation of the candidate	4.0118	3.6302	4.6667
Being an ex-Legislative Council member	2.6745	2.7907	2.4750
Male gender	5.6231	5.1977	6.3533
Female gender	3.0096	2.9907	3.0419



**If elections for the legislative elections were held and the following blocks ran, which one do you vote for?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A block from Fateh members	27.2	28.0	25.7
A block from Hamas members	13.7	10.5	19.2
A block from the Palestinian left	3.3	2.6	4.6
A block from independent national members	5.4	5.3	5.4
A block from independent Islamic members	5.7	5.7	5.8
The Palestinian National Initiative block	1.5	1.2	2.2
I will decided then	33.2	36.0	28.3
I will not participate in the elections	8.6	9.5	7.0
No opinion / I do not know	1.4	1.2	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Regardless of the side which will form the government after the coming legislative elections, do you believe that there will be an organized opposition in the Palestinian political life?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	24.8	17.4	37.5
I do	50.5	57.7	38.1
I do not	11.5	12.8	9.2
I strongly do not	3.1	2.8	3.6
No opinion / I do not know	10.1	9.3	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you think that Hamas' decision to participate in the coming Legislative elections will make a qualitative move in the Palestinian political affairs?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	27.6	17.8	44.5
I do	51.1	59.4	36.7
I do not	10.1	11.2	8.2
I strongly do not	2.4	1.7	3.4
No opinion / I do not know	8.9	9.9	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**Do you believe that Hamas' agreement to participate in the coming legislative elections is an implicit recognition of Oslo Accords by Hamas?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	12.0	8.3	18.4
I do	32.5	34.9	28.3
I do not	31.2	34.0	26.3
I strongly do not	9.3	6.2	14.8
No opinion / I do not know	15.1	16.7	12.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you support Hamas' participation in the legislative elections despite the fact that the reference of these elections is the Oslo Accords?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	19.4	11.7	32.5
I do	51.6	57.4	41.5
I do not	17.3	19.8	13.0
I strongly do not	3.3	2.3	5.0
No opinion / I do not know	8.4	8.7	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Will you participate in the coming local council elections which will be held in the near future?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, I will	70.5	71.5	68.3
No, I will not	16.8	17.7	14.9
I haven't decided yet	10.5	8.7	14.1
No opinion / I do not know	2.2	2.1	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**If you will participate in the coming local councils elections, on what basis will you cast your vote?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
On the basis of the political party	17.6	12.6	26.9
Family relations	6.1	6.8	4.8
personal acquaintance with the candidate	19.7	21.8	15.9
Both party and family	13.9	16.1	9.9
I haven't decided yet	40.2	41.0	38.6
No opinion / I do not know	2.5	1.7	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**Do you still support or reject the ongoing peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	75.5	80.3	67.3
I reject	20.1	17.2	25.0
No opinion / I do not know	4.4	2.4	7.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I believe so	28.5	32.2	22.2
I do not believe so	65.6	61.9	72.1
No opinion / I do not know	5.9	5.9	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you expect that the meeting of the Palestinian factions in Cairo will come up with a decision accepting a truce with the Israelis?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	14.5	10.0	22.4
I do	59.1	62.7	52.9
I do not	14.8	18.6	8.4
I strongly do not	3.7	3.1	4.6
No opinion / I do not know	7.9	5.6	11.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**In case a decision for a truce is made, do you support or reject such decision?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	27.3	21.2	37.7
I do	61.9	69.9	48.1
I do not	6.2	5.9	6.6
I strongly do not	2.6	2.0	3.6
No opinion / I do not know	2.1	1.0	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Until now, Israel has not fulfilled its Sharm el-Sheikh commitments regarding withdrawing from West Bank cities. If Israel continues to delay, do you think that such delay will lead to an eruption in armed operations?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	36.1	31.0	44.7
I do	49.0	53.5	41.3
I do not	9.0	10.0	7.2
I strongly do not	1.8	1.3	2.6
No opinion / I do not know	4.2	4.2	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



**Under the current circumstances of the Palestinian people, do you believe that restoring dignity to the PLO is:**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very necessary	31.4	30.7	32.5
Necessary	44.4	52.8	29.9
Not necessary	12.0	9.2	16.8
Absolutely not necessary	6.2	2.8	12.2
No opinion / I do not know	6.0	4.5	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Under the current local security situation do you feel that you, your family and your properties are safe?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes, I do	15.6	14.2	18.0
No, I do not	48.4	57.2	33.3
Yes, partially	34.8	28.0	46.3
No opinion / I do not know	1.2	0.6	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the Palestinian people in the coming years?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I am optimistic	46.2	44.3	49.5
I am pessimistic	23.0	27.3	15.2
I am neither optimistic nor pessimistic	28.7	27.4	30.7
No opinion / I do not know	2.1	0.9	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Do you believe that the current US Administration will force Israel to withdraw to the 1967 borders, so that a Palestinian state will be created within these borders?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The US administration will force Israel to a complete withdrawal	6.2	4.9	8.4
The US administration will force Israel to withdraw from some areas	24.2	23.6	25.3
It will not force Israel to withdraw; Israel will decide the size of its withdrawal	63.6	68.0	55.9
No opinion / I do not know	6.0	3.5	10.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0





**In general how do you evaluate the support that the EU gives to the Palestinian Authority?**

<b>The Political Support</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	26.9	27.7	25.5
Fair	42.5	43.5	40.9
Bad	26.7	25.0	29.7
No opinion / I do not know	3.8	3.8	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>The Financial Support</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	41.8	42.4	40.7
Fair	37.7	34.1	43.9
Bad	16.0	17.7	13.2
No opinion / I do not know	4.5	5.8	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>The Infrastructure Projects</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	39.5	39.5	39.3
Fair	34.7	33.6	36.5
Bad	20.5	21.3	19.2
No opinion / I do not know	5.4	5.6	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

**In general, How do you assess the support that the Arab countries give to the Palestinian Authority?**

<b>The Political Support</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	15.2	13.0	19.0
Fair	24.8	25.1	24.2
Bad	57.8	59.2	55.3
No opinion / I do not know	2.3	2.7	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>The Financial Support</b>			
<b>Responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	19.3	18.4	20.8
Fair	36.3	34.2	39.9
Bad	42.4	44.9	38.1
No opinion / I do not know	2.1	2.6	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



<b>The Infrastructure Projects</b>			
<b>Responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
Good	15.8	14.5	18.0
Fair	34.2	32.8	36.7
Bad	46.4	48.4	42.9
No opinion / I do not know	3.6	4.3	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**During the Intifada Israel imposed a number of checkpoints between villages and cities. How long does a trip from your village to the nearest city to you take?**

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
It continued to be the same	15.1	15.8	14.0
It doubled	37.3	35.8	39.9
It tripled	25.3	25.6	25.0
It increased four times	17.3	19.8	13.2
No opinion / I do not know	4.8	3.0	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**During the Intifada, Israel imposed a number of checkpoints between villages and cities. How much did the fare increase?**

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
It continued to be the same	14.8	13.7	16.8
It doubled	47.0	44.9	50.5
It tripled	24.6	26.7	21.0
It increased four times	9.5	11.3	6.4
No opinion / I do not know	4.1	3.4	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Which of the following parties and affiliations do you support?**

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
People's Party	1.2	1.4	0.8
Democratic Front	1.8	2.1	1.4
Islamic Jihad	3.7	3.1	4.6
Fateh	35.6	36.4	34.1
Hamas	17.3	13.7	23.6
Fida	0.2	0.2	0.2
Popular Front	2.4	1.7	3.4
Palestinian National Initiative	1.3	1.2	1.6
I am an independent nationalist	8.1	7.9	8.4
I am an independent Islamist	6.2	5.9	6.8
Non of the above	21.5	25.3	14.8
Others	0.7	0.9	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>