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## **Results of Palestinian Public Opinion Polls**

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#### **Background**

The Israeli Government revealed an intention to pull out from Gaza as a part of a more comprehensive unilateral disengagement plan. Thus, Israel in an undeclared manner, abandons the Road Map while the Palestinian Authority still adheres to it and calls on concerned countries to put pressure on Israel to force her to commit itself to the Road Map despite the fact that some of these countries expressed their understanding of the Israeli position.

On the other side of the Palestinian scene, the Palestinian cities witnessed marches and sit-ins protesting the Israeli against international and local media institutions. The Gaza Strip witnessed a series of atrocities against journalists, Legislative Council Members and public figures.

As for the construction of the Separation Wall, the Palestinian Authority filed a lawsuit at the International Court of Justice in The Hague seeking a decision concerning the legal status of the Wall. Israel, however, boycotted the hearings of the Court.

Palestinian cities as a well as other Arab and European cities witnessed massive marches in support of the Palestinian stand at The Hague and protesting the international silence concerning the wall and its impact.

Further, Fateh Revolutionary Council held a meeting described by some observers as necessary and important to correct the general Palestinian course and to lead Palestinian people out of their crisis if realistic decision are made touching the Palestinian reality.

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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 Fifth Public Opinion Poll conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from 18-20 March, 2004. **The University took full sponsorship of the whole poll.**

This poll undertakes several subjects such as the Israeli Unilateral Disengagement Plan, the Separation Wall, the chaotic outlaw situation, the Road Map destiny, the ceasefire (Hodna), the evaluation of the performance of Palestinian institutions, the Palestinian Legislative Council and local council elections, the political affiliation and other issues. .

The sample included 1369 persons whose age group is 18 year 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 869 persons from the West Bank and 500 persons from Gaza Strip.

The sample was chosen randomly and the margin of error of the sample is about  $\pm 3$  per cent; 2.5% of the members of the sample, however, refused to answer the questionnaire.

### **The Major Results:**

- 48.8% from among the respondents say that the Palestinian Authority will be able to control Gaza Strip if Israel pulls out, 12.2% say that the Islamic Movement will dominate Gaza Strip and 17.5% say that chaos will prevail if Israel pulls out from Gaza.
- 41.2% from among the respondents believe that the power which is most capable to have control over Gaza Strip is the Palestinian authority, 18.5% believe that it is the military bodies of the Palestinian factions, 15.9% believe that control can be achieved by international forces in co-ordination with the Palestinian Authority, and 16.3% believe that it can be achieved by a joint force from the neighboring Arab countries and the Palestinian Authority.
- 53.8% from among respondents see that the performance of the Palestinian Authority in encountering the Wall is poor and 20.2% see that its performance ranges between good and excellent.
- 58.8% of the respondents believe that Ahmed Quari is incapable of performing fully as a prime minister.



- 70.4% believe that the meeting between Sharon and Qurai at this stage will not serve Palestinians on the level of their internal relationships.
- 52.6% rejected Palestinian adherence to the Road Map after Israel declared its unilateral disengagement plan.
- 50.6% believe that the Palestinian Authority is capable of meeting its obligations as stated in the Road Map.
- 73.7% believe that the Road Map will not lead to the creation of an independent Palestinian state with sovereign borders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- 82.6% believe that the US Administration is not serious in its endeavors to implement the Road Map.
- 71.0% believe that the Road Map as an agreement is not any longer viable.
- 55.2% believe that the Road Map is doomed to fail and 35.0% believe that it is a temporary solution.
- 70.3% assert that there is a need for international forces in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to supervise the implementation of the Road Map or any others future Palestinian – Israeli agreement.
- 68.1% Support a new ceasefire (Hodna) if Israel commits itself to one.
- 61.9% assert that the Palestinian National and Islamic factions should agree on a new ceasefire.
- 75.8% Support a new ceasefire (Hodna) between Palestinians and Israelis on the basis of not targeting civilians from both sides.
- 44.8% see the necessity of holding a ceasefire between the Palestinian Authority and Israel under an international supervision.
- 56.4% from among the respondents support procedures made by the Palestinian Authority leading to limiting Palestinian operations inside Israel if a new truce is declared.
- 92.5% support the idea that Palestinian armed operations come as a natural reaction to the Israeli provocations.
- 33.2% from among respondents believe that the Palestinian Authority is capable, despite the current circumstances that it undergoes, of fighting corruption, 32.9% believe that it is capable of maintaining a ceasefire, 45.1% believe that it is capable of achieving internal security, 30.4% believe that it is capable of improving the economic conditions, 55.1% believe that it is capable of conducting elections for the Legislative Council, 65.7% believe that it is capable of conducting elections for the local councils, and 27.2% followed by existing the political limbo.
- As for the evaluation of the performance of Palestinian institutions under the current situation:
  - 71.9% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian Presidency.
  - 61.0% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian Government.
  - 57.6% expressed satisfaction with the Legislative Council.



- 65.2% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian judicious system.
- 90.1% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Palestinian universities.
- 84.7% expressed satisfaction with the performance of Palestinian local societies and organizations.
- 58.6% expressed satisfaction with the performance of the security apparatuses.
- 94.2% from among respondents support the formation of a united Palestinian leadership.
- 77.6% believe that there is a need for restoring respect to the Palestinian Liberation Organization in view of the present realities of the Palestinian Authority.
- 62.9% support the on-going peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis.
- 74.0% from among the respondents say that under the current situation they neither feel secure nor do they have any security for their families and properties.
- As for the priorities of the respondents in the present, they come according to the following descending order.
  - An average of 93.134% favor freeing prisoners from Israeli Jails.
  - An average of 92.688% favor the uplifting of roadblocks and checks points placed between Palestinian cities and villages.
  - An average of 90.343% favor creating job opportunities.
  - An average of 89.569% favor the improvement of the economic situation.
  - An average of 87.100% favor reinforcing Palestinian local security.
  - An average of 86.494% favor the improvement of the public health services.
  - An average of 86.457% favor the improvement of public education.
- Only 3.4% of the respondents assert that they will reelect the same members of the PLC that they elected before, and 8.3% assert that they will reelect only some of the old members. While 15.6% assert that they will not reelect any of the previous members, 46.7% assert that they will decide on whom to vote for at the Polls. Further, 22.3% 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 a descending order.
  - 1- An average of 86.735% favor the educational qualifications.
  - 2- An average of 77.531%, favor the patriotic record of the candidate.
  - 3- An average of 51.308% favor male gender.



- 4- An average of 49.299% favor the political affiliation of the candidate.
  - 5- An average of 39.598% care for the economic situation of the candidate.
  - 6- An average of 33.112% care for place of dwelling.
  - 7- An average of 32.820% care for the family belongness of the candidate.
  - 8- An Average of 29.518% favors the female gender.
  - 9- An average of 28.320% care for kinship.
  - 10- An average of 27.283% favor previous PLC members.
- 18.8% support conducting elections for the local councils at the same time with the presidential and legislative elections, 23.4% support conducting elections for the local council before the presidential and legislative elections and 29.6% support conducting them after. 16.1% see that they do not support conducting elections at all.
  - 34.1% see that local councils should only offer public services, 4.8% see that local councils should play a political role, and 56.9% see that local councils should play the two roles together.
  - 10.4% from among respondents assert that the current circumstances are suitable for conducting general elections while 33.3% assert that the circumstances are not suitable. 29.7% from among respondents say that it is possible to disregard the present circumstances and conduct elections, 18.6% however, say that it is not possible to disregard the present circumstances and conduct elections.
  - 75.7% from among the respondents assert that the current Intifada influenced their economic situation negatively.
  - As for those who say that the Intifada influenced their economic situation negatively, they assert that they were able to cope up with their economic situations according to the following priorities.
    - An average of 82.093% say that they concentrate on necessities only without caring for other commodities.
    - An average of 32.039% say that they depend on increasing work hours.
    - An average of 31.264% say that they rely on aids.
    - An average of 30.810% say that they resort to work in agriculture and home economy.
    - An average of 8.388% say that they depend on child labor.
  - The evaluation of the performance of the institutions of the public sector ranged between good and excellent by 28.9% of the respondents.
  - The evaluation of the performance of the Ministry of Education ranged between good and excellent by 62.3% of the respondents.
  - As for the performance of the Ministry of Health 59.1% of the respondents evaluation ranged between good and excellent..



- As for Political affiliations they were distributed as follows:

- People's Party	1.5
- Democratic Front	1.6
- Islamic Jihad	5.3
- Fateh	23.9
- Hamas	16.1
- Fida	0.2
- Public Front	3.2
- Independent Nationalist	6.9
- Independent Islamist	7.2
- None of the above	32.0
- Other	1.6



## General Results of the Poll

**There is a talk about the possibility of an Israeli pullout from Gaza Strip. If such pullout takes place, what in your opinion will happen in the Gaza Strip?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) will take hold of the Strip and impose order and security	40.8	43.0	36.8
A state of chaos and outlaw will prevail and the PNA will not be able to control the situation	17.5	18.6	15.6
The Islamic factions will dominate and may run into a conflict with the PNA	12.2	13.7	9.6
There will be a conflict among Palestinian security apparatuses over wining dominance in the Strip	23.4	18.5	31.8
No opinion, I don't know	6.1	6.1	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**If an Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip takes place, which one of the following will be most capable of achieving security inside the Gaza Strip**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The PNA's security apparatuses	41.2	43.4	37.4
The armed factions of the different Palestinian political organizations	18.5	17.4	20.4
Some international forces in co-operation with the PNA	15.9	15.5	16.4
Some joint forces from the Palestinian security apparatuses and the neighboring Arab countries	16.3	16.7	15.6
No opinion, I don't know	8.2	7.0	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**How do you assess the performance of the PNA in facing the Separation Wall?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	4.6	3.9	5.8
Good	15.6	13.9	18.4
Fair	23.2	19.3	30.0
Poor	26.4	29.9	20.2
Very poor	27.4	30.6	21.8
No opinion, I don't know	2.8	2.3	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**Do you believe that Ahmad Qurai is still fully capable of carrying out the duties of his position as a Prime Minister?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly do</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>I do</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>25.8</b>
<b>I do not</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>39.6</b>
<b>I strongly do not</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>23.6</b>
<b>I do not know, no opinion</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you think that the meeting between Prime Minister Ahmad Qurai and Sharon at this stage will serve the Palestinians on the level of their internal relation?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly do</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>I do</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>16.8</b>
<b>I do not</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>41.4</b>
<b>I strongly do not</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>30.4</b>
<b>I do not know, no opinion</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Since Israel has announced its Unilateral Disengagement Plan, do you think that the PNA is obliged to execute its share as stated in the Road Map?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly do</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>10.8</b>
<b>I do</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>29.6</b>
<b>I do not</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>31.4</b>
<b>I strongly do not</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>22.0</b>
<b>I do not know, no opinion</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly do</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>
<b>I do</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>38.8</b>
<b>I do not</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>27.8</b>
<b>I strongly do not</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>15.4</b>
<b>I do not know, no opinion</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>





**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	18.8	20.0	16.8
No, it will not	73.7	74.6	72.2
I do not know; no opinion	7.5	5.4	11.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**After the USA implicit approval of the construction of the Separation Wall, do you think that the present American Administration is serious in its endeavors to implement the Road Map?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	12.8	14.3	10.2
No	82.6	82.0	83.6
I do not know; no opinion	4.6	3.7	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	3.3	3.0	3.8
I do	20.5	24.1	14.2
I do not	49.2	50.2	47.6
I strongly do not	21.8	17.1	29.8
I do not know; no opinion	5.3	5.6	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**The destiny of the Road Map is:**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Success	6.5	7.8	4.2
A temporary solution	35.0	36.2	32.8
Failure	55.2	52.7	59.6
I do not know; no opinion	3.2	3.2	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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	26.1	19.6	37.4
I do	44.2	48.7	36.4
I do not	20.1	22.9	15.2
I strongly do not	7.0	6.2	8.4
I do not know; no opinion	2.6	2.6	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly support</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>16.6</b>
<b>I support</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>44.2</b>
<b>I oppose</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>19.8</b>
<b>I strongly oppose</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>17.0</b>
<b>I do not know; no opinion</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly do</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>I do</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>42.4</b>
<b>I do not</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>25.6</b>
<b>I strongly do not</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>I do not know, no opinion</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you support or oppose a new ceasefire between Palestinian and Israelis based on not targeting civilians from both sides?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly support</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>28.4</b>
<b>I support</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>43.0</b>
<b>I oppose</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.8</b>
<b>I strongly oppose</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>I do not know; no opinion</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>American auspices</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>International auspices</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>European auspices</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Arab auspices</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>The two parties without any intervention</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>
<b>I do not know; no opinion</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly do</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>
<b>I do</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>41.0</b>
<b>I do not</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>24.8</b>
<b>I strongly do not</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>I do not know; no opinion</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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
<b>I strongly do</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>69.0</b>
<b>I do</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>
<b>I do not</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>
<b>I strongly do not</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>I do not know, no opinion</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**In view of the present realities that the PNA undergoes, do you believe that it is capable of:**

<b>1- Fighting corruption?</b>	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly believe that it is capable.</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>I believe so.</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>24.2</b>
<b>I believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>39.4</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>25.6</b>
<b>No opinion; I don't know.</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>2- Achieving a ceasefire?</b>	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>I strongly believe that it is capable.</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>I believe so.</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>26.2</b>
<b>I believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>41.8</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>24.2</b>
<b>No opinion; I don't know.</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



<b>3- Imposing order on the interior situation?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is capable.</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>I believe so.</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>42.4</b>
<b>I believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>32.6</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>No opinion; I don't know.</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>4- Improving the economic situation?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is capable.</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>I believe so.</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>24.6</b>
<b>I believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>39.4</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>27.2</b>
<b>No opinion; I don't know.</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>5- Conducting Legislative Council election?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is capable.</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>I believe so.</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>36.4</b>
<b>I believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>33.0</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>No opinion; I don't know.</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>6- Conducting local council election?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is capable.</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>I believe so.</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>45.4</b>
<b>I believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>12.6</b>
<b>No opinion; I don't know.</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>7- Exiting the political limbo?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is capable.</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>
<b>I believe so.</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>22.8</b>
<b>I believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>39.8</b>
<b>I strongly believe that it is incapable.</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>23.6</b>
<b>No opinion; I don't know.</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

1- The Palestinian Presidency	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	14.5	14.0	15.2
Good	25.2	26.5	23.0
Fair	32.2	31.4	33.6
Poor	25.3	25.2	25.4
I do not know; no opinion	2.8	2.9	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

1- The Palestinian Government	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	5.5	6.7	3.4
Good	22.5	24.6	18.8
Fair	33.0	30.3	37.8
Poor	35.9	34.9	37.6
I do not know; no opinion	3.1	3.6	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

2-The Palestinian Legislative Council	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	4.8	6.0	2.8
Good	21.8	24.1	18.0
Fair	31.0	30.4	32.0
Poor	37.1	34.1	42.4
I do not know; no opinion	5.3	5.5	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

3- The Judicious System	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	8.6	8.7	8.4
Good	26.2	26.4	20.0
Fair	30.3	29.8	31.2
Poor	28.9	28.8	29.0
I do not know; no opinion	6.0	6.3	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

4- Palestinian Universities	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	28.6	30.3	25.8
Good	40.6	42.5	37.4
Fair	20.8	16.9	27.6
Poor	7.4	7.1	7.8
I do not know; no opinion	2.6	3.2	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



5- Civil Societies	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	18.6	19.1	17.8
Good	40.0	41.4	37.6
Fair	26.0	23.9	29.6
Poor	10.7	10.9	10.4
I do not know; no opinion	4.6	4.6	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The Security System	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	8.0	7.9	8.2
Good	21.9	22.2	21.4
Fair	28.6	27.6	30.3
Poor	37.9	38.9	36.3
I do not know; no opinion	3.5	3.3	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Do you support a united Palestinian leadership?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	55.8	49.5	66.8
I support	38.4	46.0	25.2
I oppose	2.8	2.4	3.4
I strongly oppose	2.0	0.9	3.8
I do not know; no opinion	1.0	1.2	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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	38.5	38.0	39.4
Necessary	39.1	44.6	29.4
not Necessary	10.1	11.3	8.0
absolutely not necessary	5.8	3.2	10.4
I do not know; no opinion	6.5	2.9	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support it	14.5	13.6	16.2
I support it	48.4	55.2	36.4
I oppose it	21.7	19.7	25.2
I strongly oppose it	13.6	9.8	20.2
I do not know; no opinion	1.8	1.7	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**Under the present lack of security, do you feel that you, your properties and family are safe?**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Partially safe</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>27.2</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>65.8</b>
<b>I do not know; no opinion</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**What are your priorities at the present stage?**

	<b>Rank 0-10 (Average)</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>Maintaining the Palestinian internal security</b>	<b>8.7100</b>	<b>8.8331</b>	<b>8.4960</b>
<b>Creating job opportunities</b>	<b>9.0343</b>	<b>9.2865</b>	<b>8.5960</b>
<b>Improving the economic situation</b>	<b>8.9569</b>	<b>9.2290</b>	<b>8.4840</b>
<b>Improving education at public school</b>	<b>8.6457</b>	<b>8.9965</b>	<b>8.0360</b>
<b>Improving public health services</b>	<b>8.6494</b>	<b>8.9942</b>	<b>8.0500</b>
<b>Lifting check points and road blocks between villages and cities</b>	<b>9.2688</b>	<b>9.6456</b>	<b>8.6140</b>
<b>Freeing prisoners from Israeli jails</b>	<b>9.3134</b>	<b>9.5535</b>	<b>8.8960</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>The same members I voted for in the past</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Some of the members I voted for in the past</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>7.8</b>
<b>I will not vote for any from among the members I voted for in the past</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>16.6</b>
<b>I will decide on the time of elections</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>48.4</b>
<b>I will not participate in the elections</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>I do not know; no opinion</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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
<b>Kinship</b>	<b>2.8320</b>	<b>2.4845</b>	<b>3.4360</b>
<b>Educational qualifications</b>	<b>8.6735</b>	<b>8.9010</b>	<b>8.2780</b>
<b>Political affiliation</b>	<b>4.9299</b>	<b>4.7986</b>	<b>5.1580</b>
<b>Family relations</b>	<b>3.2820</b>	<b>2.9724</b>	<b>3.8200</b>
<b>Record of resistance</b>	<b>7.7531</b>	<b>7.9712</b>	<b>7.3740</b>
<b>Place of habitation</b>	<b>3.3112</b>	<b>2.7917</b>	<b>4.2140</b>
<b>Economic situation</b>	<b>3.9598</b>	<b>3.5201</b>	<b>4.7240</b>
<b>Being an ex-council member</b>	<b>2.7283</b>	<b>2.8262</b>	<b>2.5580</b>
<b>Gender, male</b>	<b>5.1308</b>	<b>4.7457</b>	<b>5.8000</b>
<b>Gender, female</b>	<b>2.9518</b>	<b>3.0990</b>	<b>2.6960</b>

Do you support conducting local council election...?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>Together with the presidential and legislative election</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>14.8</b>
<b>Before the presidential and legislative election</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>
<b>After the presidential and legislative election</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>26.6</b>
<b>I do not support conducting such election</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>I do not know; no opinion</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>19.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

In your opinion, what role should the local councils play?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
<b>Offering public services to citizens</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>31.6</b>
<b>A political role</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Both roles together</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>52.2</b>
<b>I do not know; no opinion</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>





There are people who say that the current political and security circumstances prevent conducting general elections (for the PLC and the local councils), others say the contrary. What is your opinion?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The circumstances are suitable for conducting elections	10.4	12.0	7.6
The circumstances are not suitable	33.3	36.4	28.0
It is possible to disregard the circumstances and conduct elections	29.7	28.8	31.2
It is not possible to disregard the circumstances	18.6	18.4	18.8
I do not know; no opinion	8.1	4.5	14.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

How did the current Intifada influence yours economic situation?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
My economic situation improved very much	0.8	1.2	0.2
It improved	1.1	0.6	2.0
It remained as it is	22.4	18.6	29.0
It worsened	32.1	34.5	27.8
It worsened very much	43.6	45.1	41.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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	8.2093	8.0882	8.4744
I depended on aids from others	3.1264	2.0065	5.5795
I increased the work hours	3.2039	2.5292	4.6818
I depended on child labor	0.8388	0.4994	1.5824
I resorted to work in agriculture and home economy	3.0810	2.8833	3.5142

How do you assess the performance of the institutions of the private sector under the present circumstance?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	4.7	3.6	6.6
Good	24.2	23.6	25.2
Fair	39.7	39.4	40.4
Poor	26.1	28.4	22.0
I do not know; no opinion	5.3	5.1	5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**How do you assess the performance of the Ministry of Education?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	18.8	19.6	17.4
Good	43.5	44.6	41.6
Fair	26.5	23.8	31.2
Poor	6.8	6.8	7.0
I do not know; no opinion	4.4	5.3	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**How do you assess the performance of the Ministry of Health?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	18.8	16.3	23.2
Good	40.2	37.9	44.4
Fair	26.7	29.6	21.6
Poor	12.1	13.2	10.0
I do not know; no opinion	2.2	3.0	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
People's Party	1.5	1.3	2.0
Democratic Front	1.6	1.3	2.2
Islamic Jihad	5.3	4.2	6.6
Fateh	23.9	23.4	24.8
Hamas	16.1	15.2	17.6
Fida	0.2	0.1	0.4
Public Front	3.2	1.4	6.4
I am an independent nationalist	6.9	5.9	8.4
I am an independent Islamist	7.6	6.9	8.8
I do not support any of the above	32.0	38.8	20.2
Others, specify	1.6	1.3	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>