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Results of Palestinian Public Opinion Polls

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Background

Despite the fact that the Likud Party voted against the implementation of the Unilateral Disengagement Plan, The US Administration declared that it still supports it. The US President pronounced his support to the plan; he even add to his support his conviction that Israel has the right to keep hold of settlement blocks in the West Bank and that there is no possibility of a return of Palestinian refugees to the State of Israel. This American support of Israel coincided with Israel's assassination of the spiritual leader of Hamas, Sheikh Ahmad Yassin and the successive assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Rantisi who succeeded Yassin in leading Hamas.

The Palestinian Leadership announced through more than one official that the Disengagement Plan must be implemented in co-ordination with the Palestinian State. Israel's withdrawal from Gaza Strip must be done as part of the Road Map. In a related context, the Palestinian factions held several meetings to study the possible ways of dealing with the situation after the Israeli pull out from Gaza Strip; these meetings have not come up with any result yet.

On another side of the Palestinian scene, Prime Minister Ahmad Qurai' declared that the Palestinian leadership decided to "begin the local council and municipality elections at the beginning of next July and that elections should proceed on stages". Qurai' said that he will ask the US and the Quartet Committee to assign a date for conducting the coming legislative and presidential elections in the Palestinian territories.

* 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 sixth Public Opinion Poll conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from 13-15 May, 2004. **The University took full sponsorship of the whole poll.**

The sixth poll undertakes several subjects, which focused basically on the Israeli Unilateral Disengagement Plan, the US position towards it and the reaction of the Palestinian public. The Poll also addresses the performance of the Palestinian institutions, the legislative and local council elections, the political affiliation of Palestinian people and other issues.

The sample included 1371 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 858 persons from the West Bank and 513 persons from Gaza Strip.

The sample was chosen randomly and the margin of error of the sample is about $\pm 3\%$, however, 1.8% of the members of the sample, refused to answer the questionnaire.

The Major Results:

- 86.7% from among the respondents believe that it is not necessary any more for USA to remain as a broker in the on-going peace process between Palestinians and Israelis as a result of President Bush's statement concerning the refugees and the settlements.
- 87.6% from among the respondents see that USA, after Bush's declarations, is not concerned with the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with recognized 1967 borders.
- 94.1% from among the respondent's assert that the US policy does not serve the cause of peace and security in the region.
- While 3.9% from among the respondents assess the support given to Palestinian struggle by Arab people as excellent, 59.3% assess it as poor.
- 29.2% from among the respondents assert that the assassination of Islamic political leaders will not affect the performance of their movements.
- 76.0% assert that the assassination of Islamic political leaders will not weaken the influence of these movements on the Palestinian public.
- 17.9% say that the Palestinian Authority will be able to control the Gaza Strip if Israel pulls out. 9.4% say that the Islamic movements will dominate if Israel pulls out. 38.9% say that there will be a compromise between the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian factions.



- 21.4% from among the respondents believe that the power, which is most capable to have control over Gaza Strip, is the Palestinian Authority; 46.8% believe that it is a united national leadership and 10.9% believe that the military bodies of the Palestinian political factions are the most.
- 86.1% from among the respondents see that there is a need for the formation of a united Palestinian leadership to manage Gaza Strip after the Israeli withdrawal and until presidential and legislative elections are held.
- 62.7% of the respondents believe that Ahmed Qurai is incapable of performing fully as a prime minister.
- 62.5% rejected Palestinian adherence to the Road Map after Israel declared its Unilateral Disengagement Plan.
- 85.3% believe that the US Administration is not serious in its endeavors to implement the Road Map.
- 78.9 % believe that the Road Map as an agreement is not any longer viable.
- 53.8% of the respondents support a new ceasefire between the Palestinians and the Israelis.
- 92.5% of the respondents believe that the military operations that the Palestinian factions execute come as a natural response to the Israeli military policies.
- 84.1% from among the respondents support the teachers demands to improve their salaries.
- 79.0% from among the respondents rejected raising the salaries of the Legislative Council Members.
- 31.5% from among respondents believe that the Palestinian Authority is capable, despite the current circumstances that it undergoes, of fighting corruption, 26.2% believe that it is capable of maintaining a ceasefire, 37.6% believe that it is capable of achieving internal security, 32.5% believe that it is capable of improving the economic conditions, 52.9% believe that it is capable of conducting elections for the Legislative Council, 64.0% believe that it is capable of conducting elections for the local councils, and 22.1% believe that it is capable of exiting the political limbo.
- As for those who asses the performance of Palestinian institutions under the present circumstances as “excellent” and “good”, the result are as follows:
 - The Palestinian Government 25.5%.
 - The Palestinian Legislative Council 23.7%.
 - The Palestinian judicious system 34.9%.
 - The Palestinian universities 72.8%.
 - The Palestinian NGO’s 58.4%.
 - The Palestinian Security Apparatuses 28.6%.



- 93.5% from among respondents support the formation of a united Palestinian leadership.
- 73.3% believe that there is a need for restoring respect to the Palestinian Liberation Organization in view of the present realities of the Palestinian Authority.
- 51.8% 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.
 - 1- An average of 94.902% favor freeing prisoners from Israeli jails.
 - 2- An average of 93.005% favor the uplifting of roadblocks and checks points placed between Palestinian cities and villages.
 - 3- An average of 92.626% favor creating job opportunities.
 - 4- An average of 90.868% favor the improvement of the economic situation.
 - 5- An average of 89.635% favor the improvement of the public health services.
 - 6- An average of 89.570% favor the improvement of public education.
 - 7- An average of 89.278% favor reinforcing Palestinian local security.
- Only 1.8% of the respondents assert that they will reelect the same members of the PLC that they elected before, and 9.3% assert that they will reelect only some of the old members. While 17.1% assert that they will not reelect any of the previous members, 47.4% assert that they will decide on whom to vote for at the Polls. Further, 23.0% 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 86.820% favor the educational qualifications.
 - 2- An average of 77.892% favor the patriotic record of the candidate.
 - 3- An average of 50.700% favor male gender.
 - 4- An average of 50.372% favor the political affiliation of the candidate.
 - 5- An average of 36.302% care for the economic situation of the candidate.



- 6- An average of 31.437% care for the family belongness of the candidate.
 - 7- An average of 29.409% care for place of dwelling.
 - 8- An Average of 27.994% favors the female gender.
 - 9- An average of 27.323% care for kinship.
 - 10- An average of 26.163% favor previous PLC members.
- 15.7% support conducting elections for the local councils at the same time with the presidential and legislative elections, 24.4% support conducting elections for the local council before the presidential and legislative elections and 30.9% support conducting them after, and 16.3% see that they do not support conducting elections at all.
 - 35.7% see that local councils should only offer public services, 3.1% see that local councils should play a political role, and 57.7% see that local councils should play the two roles together.
 - 10.6% from among respondents assert that the current circumstances are suitable for conducting general elections while 31.6% assert that the circumstances are not suitable. 33.4% from among respondents say that it is possible to disregard the present circumstances and conduct elections, 18.2% however, say that it is not possible to disregard the present circumstances and conduct elections.
 - 74.3% 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.
 - 1- An average of 85.488% say that they concentrate on necessities only without caring for other commodities.
 - 2- An average of 61.640% say that they defer paying bills (taxes and utilities).
 - 3- An average of 40.591% say that they depend on loans from relatives.
 - 4- An average of 34.785% say that they depend on increasing work hours.
 - 5- An average of 32.231% say that they rely on aids.
 - 6- An average of 29.507% say that they resort to work in agriculture and home economy project.
 - 7- An average of 9.317% say that they depend on child labor.
 - The most popular TV space channels among Palestinian viewers are Aljazeera 53.8% and Dream Channels 12.3%.



- As for Political affiliations they were distributed as follows:

- People's Party	0.4%
- Democratic Front	1.3%
- Islamic Jihad	6.7%
- Fateh	22.3%
- Hamas	26.5%
- Fida	0.6%
- Public Front	3.4%
- Independent Nationalist	5.2%
- Independent Islamist	7.2%
- None of the above	24.8%
- Other	1.5%



General Results of the Poll

After the declaration that the US President made concerning dropping the Rights of Return of Palestinian refugees, and after revealing his conviction that Israel has the right to keep some settlement within the Palestinian 1967 borders, do you believe that the US should continue to be a broker in the on-going peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support a US role.	2.0	2.2	1.6
I support a US role.	9.0	10.5	6.6
I don't support a US role.	39.1	47.0	25.9
I strongly don't support a US role.	47.6	38.3	63.2
No opinion; I do not know.	2.3	2.0	2.7
Total.	100.0	100.0	100.0

After the declarations that the US President launched concerning the Palestinian refugees and the Settlements, do you believe that the US is still concerned with the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the 1967 occupied territories?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very concerned	1.6	0.8	2.9
Concerned.	9.0	10.8	6.0
Not Concerned	48.4	56.5	34.9
Very unconcerned	39.2	30.7	53.6
No opinion; I do not know	1.7	1.2	2.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the policy that the US Administration adopts serves the cause of peace and security in the Arab area?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe so	0.3	0.1	0.6
I believe so	4.7	5.2	3.7
I do not believe so	40.0	48.1	26.5
I strongly do not believe so.	54.1	45.1	69.2
No opinion; I do not know.	0.9	1.4	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



How do you assess the support of Arab people to the struggle of Palestinian people within the last six months?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	3.9	2.9	5.5
Good	10.1	12.4	6.4
Fair	25.9	22.4	31.8
Bad	59.3	61.3	55.9
No opinion; I do not know.	0.8	1.0	0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion, how does the assassination of some of the leaders of the Islamic movements influence the performance of these movements?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
It will have a positive influence	36.0	34.4	38.8
It will not have any influence	30.3	28.8	32.9
It will have a negative influence	29.2	33.7	21.6
No opinion; I don not know	4.4	3.1	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the assassination some of the Palestinian Islamic leaders will weaken the influence of the Islamic movements on the Palestinian public?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
It certainly will	3.9	4.4	2.9
It will	16.7	19.2	12.5
It certainly will not	42.2	44.5	38.4
It will not	33.8	29.1	41.7
I do not know, no opinion	3.4	2.7	4.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



There is a talk concerning the possibility of an Israeli pull out from Gaza Strip. If Israel pulls out indeed, what in you opinion will happen in the Strip?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The Palestinian Authority will have control over the Strip and will impose order and maintain security.	17.9	18.6	16.8
There will be a chaotic security disorder and the PA will not be able to have control.	10.4	10.3	10.7
The Islamic Movements will dominate the whole situation and they may have confrontations with the PA.	9.4	10.8	7.0
There will be an internal conflict among the Palestinian security apparatuses on who will dominate.	18.1	12.5	27.5
There will be a compromise between the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian factions.	38.9	42.3	33.1
No opinion; I do not know.	5.3	5.5	4.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza Strip is to take place, which, in your opinion, is the power that is capable of controlling the security matters inside the Strip?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The PA security apparatuses.	21.4	23.3	18.1
A united national leadership from among the Palestinian factions.	46.8	47.8	45.0
The military bodies of the different political organizations.	10.9	10.4	11.7
A united force from the Palestinian security forces and the neighboring Arab countries.	8.1	6.1	11.5
A joint forces from the PA security apparatuses and the neighboring Arab countries.	8.1	7.1	9.7
No opinion; I do not know.	4.8	5.4	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject the formation of a united Palestinian leadership to run the Strip after the Israeli withdrawal and until conducting presidential and legislative elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support.	30.1	22.3	43.3
I support.	56.0	65.4	40.4
I reject.	7.7	8.3	6.8
I strongly reject.	3.4	1.7	6.2
No opinion; I don not know.	2.7	2.3	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



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
I strongly do	3.4	2.4	4.9
I do	25.9	30.1	18.9
I do not	42.7	42.5	42.9
I strongly do not	20.0	14.8	28.7
I do not know; no opinion	8.1	10.1	4.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly do	5.5	4.5	7.0
I do	26.7	27.5	25.3
I do not	41.6	43.9	37.6
I strongly do not	20.9	17.1	27.1
I do not know; no opinion	5.4	6.9	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

After the US approval of the Unilateral Disengagement Plan, do you think that the present American Administration is serious in its endeavors to implement the Road Map?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	9.5	10.3	8.2
No	85.3	86.1	84.0
I do not know; no opinion	5.2	3.6	7.8
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	1.8	1.3	2.5
I do	15.6	17.6	12.3
I do not	45.4	51.4	35.5
I strongly do not	33.5	25.5	46.8
I do not know; no opinion	3.7	4.2	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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
I strongly do	11.3	7.2	18.1
I do	42.5	48.1	33.1
I do not	28.0	31.8	21.6
I strongly do not	15.9	10.5	25.0
I do not know; no opinion	2.3	2.3	2.1
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	63.9	55.4	78.2
I do	28.6	36.7	15.0
I do not	3.6	4.1	2.7
I strongly do not	2.3	2.3	2.1
I do not know; no opinion	1.7	1.5	1.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

School teachers are demanding a pay raise in their salaries. Do you support or reject their demands?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support.	38.6	33.6	47.0
I support.	45.5	53.8	31.6
I reject	10.1	9.2	11.7
I strongly reject	3.6	1.4	7.4
No opinion; I do not know	2.1	2.0	2.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Legislative Council is currently discussing the possibility of passing a law, which would raise the monthly salaries of the PLC members to \$3000. Do you support or reject this increase in the salaries of PLC members.?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support.	2.6	1.6	4.3
I support.	14.8	18.3	9.0
I reject	34.1	40.7	23.0
I strongly reject	44.9	35.5	60.6
No opinion; I do not know	3.6	3.8	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Fighting corruption?	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that it is capable.	3.4	1.5	6.6
I believe so.	28.1	32.5	20.7
I believe that it is incapable.	46.9	50.2	41.3
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	19.5	13.4	29.8
No opinion; I don't know.	2.0	2.3	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Achieving a ceasefire?	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that it is capable.	3.4	0.9	7.6
I believe so.	22.8	24.7	19.5
I believe that it is incapable.	53.3	59.8	42.5
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	18.8	12.8	28.8
No opinion; I don't know.	1.7	1.7	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Imposing order on the interior situation?	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that it is capable.	4.0	1.5	8.2
I believe so.	33.6	36.6	28.7
I believe that it is incapable.	45.6	50.1	38.0
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	15.1	9.9	23.8
No opinion; I don't know.	1.7	1.9	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Improving the economic situation?	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that it is capable.	4.1	2.3	7.0
I believe so.	28.4	33.0	20.7
I believe that it is incapable.	46.9	51.3	39.6
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	18.4	10.8	31.0
No opinion; I don't know.	2.3	2.6	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Conducting Legislative Council elections?	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that it is capable.	4.3	3.1	6.2
I believe so.	48.6	56.8	34.9
I believe that it is incapable.	31.1	30.0	32.9
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	12.2	5.9	22.6
No opinion; I don't know.	3.9	4.2	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Conducting local council elections?	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that it is capable.	5.8	4.0	8.8
I believe so.	58.2	66.6	44.2
I believe that it is incapable.	22.2	21.6	23.2
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	10.7	5.0	20.3
No opinion; I don't know.	3.1	2.9	3.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Exiting the political limbo?	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly believe that it is capable.	3.1	1.0	6.6
I believe so.	19.0	21.0	15.6
I believe that it is incapable.	52.4	59.3	40.7
I strongly believe that it is incapable.	21.5	13.9	34.3
No opinion; I don't know.	4.0	4.8	2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

The Palestinian Government	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	4.8	5.1	4.3
Good	20.7	24.0	15.2
Fair	35.3	32.6	39.8
Poor	35.8	34.7	37.6
I do not know; no opinion	3.4	3.5	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Palestinian Legislative Council	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	4.4	4.8	3.9
Good	19.3	22.1	14.4
Fair	32.5	33.3	31.0
Poor	38.7	34.1	46.4
I do not know; no opinion	5.1	5.6	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Judicious System	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	6.8	7.6	5.5
Good	28.1	28.4	27.5
Fair	26.3	26.1	26.5
Poor	33.3	30.1	38.8
I do not know; no opinion	5.5	7.8	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Palestinian Universities	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	26.7	29.0	22.8
Good	46.1	44.6	48.5
Fair	18.5	18.2	19.1
Poor	5.9	4.7	8.0
I do not know; no opinion	2.8	3.5	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Civil Societies	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	20.2	17.9	24.0
Good	38.2	43.0	30.2
Fair	26.8	24.8	30.0
Poor	9.6	8.3	11.9
I do not know; no opinion	5.2	5.9	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Security Apparatuses	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	6.9	5.5	9.4
Good	21.7	22.8	19.9
Fair	28.6	29.1	27.7
Poor	39.4	38.7	40.5
I do not know; no opinion	3.4	3.8	2.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support a united Palestinian leadership?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support	50.4	43.8	61.4
I support	43.1	51.4	29.2
I oppose	3.3	3.1	3.5
I strongly oppose	2.5	0.9	5.1
I do not know; no opinion	0.7	0.7	0.8
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	31.7	29.7	34.9
Necessary	41.6	50.2	27.1
Not necessary	12.3	11.1	14.4
Absolutely not necessary	8.3	4.4	14.8
I do not know; no opinion	6.1	4.5	8.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I strongly support it	11.0	9.0	14.4
I support it	40.8	46.6	31.0
I oppose it	25.7	28.0	21.8
I strongly oppose it	21.0	14.3	32.2
I do not know; no opinion	1.5	2.1	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	6.1	4.8	8.4
Partially safe	19.1	15.5	25.1
No	74.0	79.5	64.7
I do not know; no opinion	0.8	0.2	1.8
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	8.9278	9.2319	8.4191
Creating job opportunities	9.2626	9.5035	8.596
Improving the economic situation	9.0868	9.4196	8.5302
Improving education at public school	8.9570	9.2319	8.4971
Improving public health services	8.9635	9.2086	8.5536
Lifting check points and road blocks between villages and cities	9.3005	9.7343	8.5750
Freeing prisoners from Israeli jails	9.4902	9.7681	9.0253

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The same members I voted for in the past	1.8	1.7	1.9
Some of the members I voted for in the past	9.3	8.9	10.1
I will not vote for any from among the members I voted for in the past	17.1	13.5	23.0
I will decide on the time of elections	47.4	48.1	46.2
I will not participate in the elections	23.0	26.2	17.5
I do not know; no opinion	1.4	1.5	1.2
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	2.7323	2.2832	3.4834
Educational qualifications	8.6820	8.9907	8.1657
Political affiliation	5.0372	4.7704	5.4834
Family relations	3.1437	2.8159	3.6920
Record of resistance	7.7892	7.9231	7.5653
Place of habitation	2.9409	2.5769	3.5497
Economic situation	3.6302	3.1818	4.3801
Being an ex-council member	2.6163	2.6119	2.6238
Gender, male	5.0700	4.7995	5.5224
Gender, female	2.7994	3.0536	2.3743

Do you support conducting local council elections...?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Together with the presidential and legislative election	15.7	17.9	11.9
Before the presidential and legislative election	24.4	27.0	20.1
After the presidential and legislative election	30.9	32.4	28.3
I do not support conducting such election	16.3	13.8	20.5
I do not know; no opinion	12.8	8.9	19.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Offering public services to citizens	35.7	36.6	34.3
A political role	3.1	1.4	6.0
Both roles together	57.7	60.4	53.2
I do not know; no opinion	3.4	1.6	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



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	10.6	13.3	6.0
The circumstances are not suitable	31.6	32.8	29.6
It is possible to disregard the circumstances and conduct elections	33.4	33.1	33.9
It is not possible to disregard the circumstances	18.2	17.4	19.5
I do not know; no opinion	6.3	3.5	10.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How does the current Intifada influence yours economic situation?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
My economic situation improved very much	2.1	0.2	5.3
It improved	1.8	1.0	3.1
It remained as it is	21.7	18.5	27.1
It worsened	32.7	36.1	26.9
It worsened very much	41.6	44.1	37.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If your economic situation is worsened, how do you manage?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I concentrate on the necessities only.	8.5488	8.4486	8.7527
I depend on aids from others.	3.2231	2.2884	5.1308
I increase the work hours.	3.4785	2.8171	4.8356
I depend on child labor.	0.9317	0.8385	1.1236
I resort to work in agriculture and home – economy projects	2.9507	2.9052	3.0437
I defer the payment of bills (taxes and utilities).	6.1640	5.8772	6.7493
I take loans from relatives and acquaintances.	4.0591	3.6742	4.8447

Which of the following TV channels do you prefer watching?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Palestinian Space Channel	10.6	10.5	10.7
Al-Jazeera	53.8	53.1	55.0
MBC	3.0	2.7	3.5
Rotana	3.9	4.7	2.5
Al Hurra	1.0	0.7	1.6
Al Arabiya	5.8	5.5	6.4
Abu Dhabi	5.3	3.7	8.0
Melody	1.0	0.9	1.2
Dream Channels	12.3	13.1	11.1
Others	3.2	5.1	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



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

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
People's Party	0.4	0.6	0.2
Democratic Front	1.3	0.7	2.3
Islamic Jihad	6.7	7.2	5.8
Fateh	22.3	18.4	28.8
Hamas	26.5	25.6	27.9
Fida	0.6	0.2	1.2
Public Front	3.4	2.8	4.5
I am an independent nationalist	5.2	4.1	7.0
I am an independent Islamist	7.2	7.1	7.4
I do not support any of the above	24.8	32.1	12.7
Others, specify	1.5	1.2	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0