



## Results of an Opinion Poll

### Teachers' Strike: A Survey

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Fieldwork:

Online (28 February – 2 March 2016)

Face-to-face (28-29 February 2016)

Sample Size:

Online: 200

Face-to-Face: 500 in the West Bank

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**Are you following the news about the teachers' strike?**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
Yes, regularly	43.8%	62.4%
Yes, to some extent	44.8%	33.9%
No	11.2%	3.2%
No opinion/no answer	.2%	.5%

**Are you aware of the demands of the teachers?**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
Aware	34.8%	57.0%
Aware, to some extent	55.0%	39.8%
Not aware	10.2%	2.2%
DK?	0.0%	1.1%

**Do you believe that the teachers are justified, somewhat justified or not justified in striking?**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
Justified	61.2%	67.7%
Somewhat justified	22.8%	26.9%
Not justified	13.4%	4.8%
No opinion/No answer	2.6%	.5%

**Do you believe that any civil servant is justified, somewhat justified or not justified in striking?**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
Justified	49.4%	51.1%
Somewhat justified	30.2%	35.5%
Nor justified	16.0%	13.4%
No opinion/No answer	4.4%	51.1%

**In your opinion, what has been the impact of the strike on students and education so far? Positive impact, no impact, negative impact, DK**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
Positive impact	24.2%	40.2%
No impact	10.8%	14.1%
Negative impact	61.7%	38.6%
No answer OR Don't Know?	3.2%	7.1%

**How do evaluate the actions of the following groups with respect to the teachers' strike and the events leading to it?**

		Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
<b>The Palestinian Authority</b>	Positive	7.8%	3.2%
	Positive to some extent	13.4%	11.8%
	Negative to some extent	20.2%	24.2%
	Negative	54.4%	58.1%
	No answer	4.2%	2.7%
<b>Teachers Union</b>	Positive	16.8%	8.6%
	Positive to some extent	22.2%	24.7%
	Negative to some extent	16.0%	22.6%

	Negative	33.6%	39.8%
	No answer	11.4%	4.3%
<b>Palestinian media</b>	Positive	22.8%	10.8%
	Positive to some extent	33.9%	45.2%
	Negative to some extent	16.8%	21.0%
	Negative	20.8%	19.9%
	No answer	5.6%	3.2%

**Do you believe that the PA has responded to the strike in a reasonable, somewhat reasonable, somewhat unreasonable, unreasonable manner?**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
<b>Reasonable</b>	7.2%	4.8%
<b>Somewhat reasonable</b>	12.6%	11.8%
<b>Somewhat unreasonable</b>	24.0%	22.6%
<b>Unreasonable</b>	50.4%	56.5%
<b>No answer</b>	5.8%	4.3%

**Do you believe that the PA has the budget to meet the demands of the teachers?**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
<b>Yes</b>	60.2%	61.8%
<b>No</b>	30.0%	29.0%
<b>No answer</b>	9.8%	9.1%

**Would you support or oppose the following actions to meet the demands of the teachers?**

		Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
<b>A monthly one-Shekel increase in taxes per family member to pay extra salaries for teachers (up to 6 NIS per family)</b>	Support	35.2%	39.2%
	Oppose	63.6%	53.8%
	No answer	1.2%	7.0%
<b>The government school fees should be increased by 20% (from 40NIS to 48NIS) to pay extra salaries for teachers</b>	Support	32.0%	32.3%
	Oppose	66.6%	63.4%
	No answer	1.4%	4.3%
<b>Reduce expenditures on the security agencies</b>	Support	63.2%	74.2%
	Oppose	31.4%	14.5%
	No answer	5.4%	11.3%

**Do you believe that the teachers' strike might lead other civil service sectors to protest pay or policy?**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
<b>Yes</b>	64.7%	72.0%
<b>No</b>	26.7%	18.8%
<b>No answer</b>	8.6%	9.1%

**Did the proposals made by the Minister of Education to cancel the Tawjihi, prolong the school day, and introduce more technology to schools, among others, contribute to teachers' frustrations with the government?**

	Public sample	Public Opinion Leaders
<b>Yes</b>	24.0%	12.4%
<b>To some extent</b>	27.9%	29.6%
<b>No</b>	40.9%	48.9%
<b>No answer</b>	7.2%	9.1%

