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Section One: Overall Trends

1. Do you believe that Palestinian society is generally heading in the right direction or wrong direction?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Right direction	38.1%	25.1%	33.3%
Wrong direction	54.2%	72.4%	61.0%
Don't Know	7.7%	2.5%	5.7%

2. Are you optimistic about the future?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	38.6%	45.9%	41.3%
Somewhat	34.6%	26.0%	31.4%
No	25.8%	27.8%	26.6%
Don't Know	1.0%	0.3%	0.7%

Section Two: Democratic Practices and freedoms

3. Do you believe that Palestinian society is more or less committed to traditions than it was 15 years ago?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Much more committed to traditions	16.3%	17.2%	16.6%
Somewhat more committed to traditions	13.0%	9.2%	11.6%
Somewhat less committed to traditions	23.1%	15.4%	20.2%
Much less committed to traditions	39.7%	49.7%	43.5%
No change	5.4%	7.3%	6.1%
Don't Know	2.4%	1.2%	2.0%

4. Is the Palestinian political system more or less democratic than it was 15 years ago?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
More democratic	24.0%	17.6%	21.6%
Somewhat more democratic	23.8%	9.7%	18.5%
Somewhat less democratic	15.4%	14.4%	15.0%
Less democratic	21.7%	50.4%	32.4%
No change	11.1%	6.4%	9.4%
Don't Know	4.0%	1.5%	3.1%

5. Is the Palestinian political system more or less open to citizen participation than it was 15 years ago?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Much more open	26.8%	20.3%	24.4%
Somewhat more open	23.5%	10.5%	18.6%
Somewhat less open	14.5%	10.3%	12.9%
Much less open	20.5%	49.6%	31.4%
No change	9.8%	7.6%	8.9%

Don't Know	4.9%	1.6%	3.7%
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6. Do you feel that the following freedoms are protected among Palestinians?

Freedom of Expression	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	35.1%	18.1%	28.7%
Somewhat	35.3%	20.1%	29.6%
No	28.1%	61.1%	40.5%
Don't Know	1.5%	0.7%	1.2%

Freedom of Association	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	36.8%	18.9%	30.1%
Somewhat	35.3%	24.1%	31.1%
No	22.9%	53.6%	34.4%
Don't Know	5.0%	3.5%	4.4%

Freedom of Protest	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	26.8%	15.3%	22.5%
Somewhat	29.7%	12.7%	23.3%
No	40.9%	70.9%	52.1%
Don't Know	2.6%	1.2%	2.0%

Freedom of the Media	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	32.7%	20.3%	28.1%
Somewhat	34.5%	19.4%	28.9%
No	30.0%	58.8%	40.8%
Don't Know	2.8%	1.4%	2.3%

7. Do the following descriptions fit the Palestinian political system in the West Bank?

Democratic	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	41.8%	34.8%	39.2%
To some extent	25.1%	20.4%	23.3%
To some extent no	11.9%	7.6%	10.3%
No	17.6%	26.8%	21.0%
Don't know	3.7%	10.4%	6.2%

Pluralistic	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	27.7%	32.3%	29.4%
To some extent	29.4%	21.2%	26.3%
Not too much	17.7%	7.9%	14.1%
No	19.2%	27.5%	22.3%
Don't know	6.0%	11.1%	7.9%

Presidential	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	49.6%	51.8%	50.4%
To some extent	22.1%	13.6%	19.0%
Not too much	10.5%	7.0%	9.1%

No	12.7%	16.6%	14.2%
Don't know	5.1%	11.1%	7.3%
Parliamentary	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	22.2%	31.0%	25.5%
To some extent	21.9%	16.1%	19.7%
To some extent no	20.7%	10.7%	17.0%
No	27.4%	30.0%	28.4%
Don't know	7.8%	12.1%	9.4%
Authoritarian	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	24.6%	41.0%	30.7%
To some extent	17.9%	14.5%	16.6%
To some extent no	20.1%	12.5%	17.2%
No	31.4%	20.1%	27.2%
Don't know	6.0%	11.9%	8.2%
One party	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	28.0%	39.3%	32.3%
To some extent	16.7%	13.2%	15.4%
To some extent no	19.1%	12.4%	16.6%
No	29.5%	23.8%	27.4%
Don't know	6.7%	11.3%	8.4%
Police state	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	19.2%	32.4%	24.1%
To some extent	17.7%	13.5%	16.1%
To some extent no	16.5%	12.7%	15.1%
No	38.7%	28.3%	34.8%
Don't know	8.0%	13.0%	9.8%
Corrupt	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	14.2%	29.1%	19.8%
To some extent	15.2%	12.8%	14.3%
To some extent no	14.7%	16.8%	15.5%
No	48.6%	29.5%	41.4%
Don't know	7.3%	11.8%	9.0%

8. Do the following descriptions fit the Palestinian political system in Gaza?

Democratic	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	26.3%	20.3%	24.0%
To some extent	14.1%	11.1%	13.0%
To some extent no	15.1%	11.6%	13.8%
No	29.4%	52.9%	38.2%
Don't know	15.1%	4.2%	11.0%
Pluralistic	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	12.8%	21.6%	16.1%

To some extent	16.0%	11.7%	14.4%
To some extent no	21.3%	10.9%	17.4%
No	34.4%	51.5%	40.8%
Don't know	15.5%	4.4%	11.3%
Presidential	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	28.1%	22.5%	26.0%
To some extent	17.0%	8.2%	13.7%
To some extent no	16.0%	10.9%	14.1%
No	24.7%	53.7%	35.6%
Don't know	14.2%	4.7%	10.6%
Parliamentary	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	15.4%	23.5%	18.4%
To some extent	13.8%	10.6%	12.6%
To some extent no	21.0%	11.9%	17.5%
No	33.4%	48.7%	39.2%
Don't know	16.5%	5.3%	12.3%
Authoritarian	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	25.9%	39.7%	31.1%
To some extent	16.5%	12.8%	15.1%
To some extent no	15.2%	9.6%	13.1%
No	27.4%	32.8%	29.4%
Don't know	15.0%	5.1%	11.3%
One party	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	40.6%	52.7%	45.2%
To some extent	16.0%	8.6%	13.2%
To some extent no	11.9%	7.2%	10.1%
No	16.6%	26.6%	20.4%
Don't know	14.9%	4.9%	11.1%
Police state	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	22.9%	40.6%	29.6%
To some extent	14.6%	13.4%	14.1%
To some extent no	16.2%	9.4%	13.7%
No	29.8%	30.2%	30.0%
Don't know	16.5%	6.3%	12.7%
Corrupt	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	18.7%	31.8%	23.7%
To some extent	13.0%	14.9%	13.7%
To some extent no	11.9%	12.6%	12.2%
No	38.3%	34.9%	37.0%
Don't know	18.1%	5.8%	13.4%

Section Three: Elections

9. Do you support or oppose the conduct of municipal elections, scheduled for July 2011?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
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Support	79.2%	85.6%	81.6%
Oppose	14.5%	11.3%	13.3%
Not Sure	6.3%	3.1%	5.1%

10. If municipal elections are held during July 2011, do you plan to participate?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	73.1%	76.8%	74.6%
No	17.0%	19.6%	18.1%
Not Sure	9.9%	3.6%	7.3%

11. Of the following internal issues, which is the most important with respect to municipal elections?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Local infrastructure	25.9%	29.2%	27.1%
Local economy	19.0%	20.7%	19.6%
Security/Rule of law	13.6%	11.9%	13.0%
Electricity	5.1%	20.1%	10.7%
Healthcare services	13.5%	5.0%	10.3%
Access to education	9.9%	6.5%	8.6%
Water	7.6%	1.7%	5.4%
Other	3.9%	4.2%	4.0%
Don't Know	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%

12. Of the following, what is the most important characteristic you seek in a municipal council member?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Professional competence	39.7%	48.7%	43.0%
Reputation for honesty	20.6%	20.4%	20.6%
Religiosity	13.2%	13.1%	13.2%
Political party affiliation	8.9%	4.9%	7.4%
History in the Palestinian national struggle	6.1%	5.5%	5.9%
Family relations	1.9%	1.4%	1.7%
Influence on decision-making regarding public affairs	8.1%	4.9%	6.9%
Other	1.5%	1.1%	1.4%

13. If you voted last municipal elections, will you vote for the same candidates in the next elections?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Same	19.4%	31.4%	23.9%
Different	33.4%	35.1%	34.1%
Don't Know	6.7%	8.2%	7.3%
Will Not Vote	12.9%	10.2%	11.9%
Not Applicable	27.6%	15.1%	22.8%

14. Has your current mayor has done his/her job well enough to deserve re-election?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	32.5%	24.7%	29.5%
No	34.7%	53.7%	41.9%
Don't Know	14.6%	19.6%	16.5%
Not Applicable	18.2%	2.0%	12.1%

15. If local elections were held today and the following were your choices, for which list would you vote?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
A list endorsed by Fatah and Mahmoud Abbas	37.7%	37.5%	37.6%
A list endorsed by Hamas and Ismael Haniye	9.5%	16.8%	12.2%
A list endorsed by Third Way and Salam Fayyad	5.0%	1.3%	3.6%
A list endorsed by PNI and Mustafa Barghouthi	3.9%	3.0%	3.6%
A list endorsed by PFLP and Ahmad Saadat	3.1%	2.8%	3.0%
A list endorsed by Islamic Jihad and R. Shalah	1.4%	2.0%	1.7%
A list endorsed by PPP and Bassam Salhi	1.0%	0.4%	0.7%
A list endorsed by FIDA and Saleh Raafat	0.5%		0.3%
A list endorsed by PSF and Ahmad Majdalani	1.1%	0.1%	0.7%
Undecided	19.5%	19.3%	19.5%
I will not vote	17.3%	16.8%	17.1%

16. If local elections were held today and the following were your choices, for which list would you vote?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
A coalition list endorsed by Mahmoud Abbas	36.6%	37.4%	36.9%
A coalition list endorsed by Ismael Haniye	9.7%	16.8%	12.4%
A coalition list endorsed by Salam Fayyad and Mustafa Bargho	9.5%	4.5%	7.6%
A coalition list endorsed by A. Saadat, B. Salhi, S. Raafat	5.2%	3.2%	4.5%
Undecided	22.4%	21.2%	22.0%
I will not vote	16.6%	16.8%	16.7%

17. If local elections were held today and Hamas and Islamic Jihad decided not to run and the following were your choices, for which list would you vote?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
A coalition list endorsed by Mahmoud Abbas	37.6%	38.0%	37.7%
A coalition list endorsed by Salam Fayyad and Mustafa Bargho	10.0%	5.0%	8.1%

A coalition list endorsed by A. Saadat, B. Salhi, S. Raafat	5.3%	4.7%	5.1%
Undecided	25.7%	30.7%	27.6%
Will Not Vote	21.4%	21.6%	21.4%

18. Do you support or oppose the conduct of Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) elections, scheduled for September 2011?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Support	80.1%	86.6%	82.5%
Oppose	13.2%	10.8%	12.3%
Not sure	6.7%	2.6%	5.2%

19. If PLC elections are held during September 2011, do you plan to participate?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	72.8%	78.4%	74.9%
No	20.1%	18.7%	19.6%
Don't Know	7.1%	2.9%	5.5%

20. If PLC elections were held today, for which of the following parties would you vote?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Fatah	40.3%	39.8%	40.1%
Hamas	8.7%	16.9%	11.8%
Al Mubadara	3.8%	2.9%	3.5%
PFLP	3.2%	2.5%	2.9%
Islamic Jihad	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
PPP	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%
DFLP	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Popular Struggle	0.8%		0.5%
Hizb Tahreer	0.6%		0.4%
Feda	0.7%		0.4%
Undecided	19.5%	17.9%	18.9%
Will Not Vote	18.5%	16.8%	17.9%

21. If PLC elections were held today and Hamas/Islamic Jihad/ Hizb Tahrer decided not to run, for which of the following parties would you vote?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Fatah	41.0%	41.4%	41.1%
Al Mubadara	4.3%	3.7%	4.1%
PFLP	3.4%	2.9%	3.2%
PPP	2.2%	0.8%	1.7%
DFLP	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Feda	1.0%	0.1%	0.6%
Popular Struggle	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%
Undecided	23.3%	27.5%	24.9%

Will Not Vote	23.6%	22.7%	23.3%
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22. Do you support or oppose the conduct of presidential elections, scheduled for September 2011?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Support	81.6%	88.4%	84.2%
Oppose	13.9%	9.6%	12.3%
Don't Know	4.5%	2.0%	3.6%

23. If presidential elections are held in September 2011, do you plan to participate?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	74.4%	80.7%	76.8%
No	19.3%	17.4%	18.6%
Don't Know	6.3%	2.0%	4.7%

24. If Presidential elections were held today, for whom would you vote?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Mahmoud Abbas	26.5%	21.4%	24.6%
Marwan Barghouti	13.3%	14.3%	13.7%
Ismael Haniyah	8.8%	17.1%	11.9%
Salam Fayaad	7.1%	3.2%	5.6%
Mustafa Barghouthi	4.7%	4.4%	4.6%
Mohammad Dahlan	0.7%	6.1%	2.7%
Saeb Erekat	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%
Undecided	21.2%	18.9%	20.4%
Will Not Vote	17.0%	14.1%	15.9%

25. If Presidential elections were held today, for whom would you vote?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Mahmoud Abbas	31.7%	25.8%	29.4%
Ismael Haniyah	8.9%	16.9%	11.9%
Salam Fayaad	8.4%	3.9%	6.8%
Mustafa Barghouthi	6.1%	7.3%	6.6%
Mohammad Dahlan	1.0%	7.9%	3.6%
Saeb Erekat	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%
Undecided	24.3%	21.8%	23.4%
Will Not Vote	18.0%	15.2%	16.9%

Section Four: Evaluation of leaders and Governments

26. How do you rate the overall performance of President Mahmoud Abbas?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Good	38.6%	34.1%	36.9%
Neutral	28.5%	23.7%	26.7%
Poor	27.2%	40.4%	32.1%

Don't Know	5.8%	1.8%	4.3%
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27. How do you rate the overall performance of Prime Minister Salam Fayyad?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Good	36.8%	32.1%	35.0%
Neutral	28.4%	27.9%	28.2%
Poor	25.7%	35.7%	29.5%
Don't Know	9.1%	4.4%	7.3%

28. How do you rate the overall performance of Ismael Haniyeh?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Good	19.8%	26.6%	22.3%
Neutral	22.2%	21.1%	21.8%
Poor	39.9%	49.9%	43.6%
Don't Know	18.2%	2.4%	12.3%

29. In your opinion, what was the political affiliation of the latest government of Prime Minister Fayyad?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Fatah	45.3%	51.1%	47.5%
Independent	13.2%	15.2%	13.9%
Professional experts	14.0%	13.4%	13.7%
Leftist	2.2%	1.8%	2.1%
Coalition of Islamic group	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
National Unity	9.6%	10.9%	10.1%
Don't Know	15.3%	7.4%	12.3%

30. In your opinion, what is the political affiliation of the government of Ismael Haniyeh?

Hamas	68.0%	79.9%	72.5%
Independent	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
Professional experts	3.4%	3.1%	3.3%
Leftist	1.0%	0.2%	0.7%
Coalition of Islamic group	6.3%	8.0%	6.9%
National Unity	4.8%	4.0%	4.5%
Don't Know	13.6%	3.3%	9.7%

31. Who, in your opinion, is most responsible for the lack of progress in the reconciliation between Hamas and Fatah?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Fatah	9.0%	9.6%	9.2%
Hamas	13.2%	21.9%	16.4%
Both Hamas and Fatah	46.2%	50.5%	47.8%
Other Palestinian political parties	2.3%	0.7%	1.7%
Egypt	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%

Other Arab countries	6.3%	2.1%	4.7%
United States	9.4%	8.9%	9.2%
European Union	1.3%	0.5%	1.0%
Other	3.4%	2.4%	3.0%
Don't Know	7.1%	1.4%	5.0%

Section five: After Egypt /Tunisia

32. Have you been observing events in Egypt and Tunisia?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	95.8%	97.8%	96.6%
No	4.2%	2.2%	3.4%

33. Do you believe that the political situation in your region (West Bank or Gaza) is amenable to similar actions against the governing Palestinian authority?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	28.9%	37.2%	32.0%
Somewhat	26.8%	23.1%	25.4%
No	38.0%	38.3%	38.1%
Don't Know	6.3%	1.4%	4.5%

34. Do you view the departure of Mubarak as a positive or negative development?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Positive	68.0%	58.5%	64.4%
Negative	10.9%	21.7%	14.9%
Neutral	15.6%	17.8%	16.4%
Don't Know	5.5%	2.0%	4.2%

35. What will be the impact of events in Egypt and Tunisia on Palestinian prospects for establishing an independent state?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Positive	46.1%	44.9%	45.7%
Negative	15.0%	22.6%	17.8%
No change	32.8%	30.2%	31.8%
Don't Know	6.1%	2.2%	4.7%

Section Six: Negotiations

36. Do you support or oppose the return to peace negotiations under the present conditions?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Support	42.5%	45.4%	43.6%
Neutral	22.5%	13.8%	19.2%
Oppose	33.1%	40.1%	35.7%
Don't Know	2.0%	0.7%	1.5%

37. Do you have confidence in the ability of the PA to negotiate a satisfactory settlement for the Palestinian demands?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	29.9%	34.0%	31.4%
Somewhat	33.1%	28.0%	31.2%
No	32.9%	34.8%	33.6%
Don't Know	4.2%	3.1%	3.8%

38. What do you believe is the best means for ending the occupation and establishing a Palestinian state?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Negotiations to reach an agreement between the Palestinian	36.0%	29.5%	33.6%
A non-violent popular uprising	20.7%	20.9%	20.7%
Working through the UN	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%
An international conference that imposes a settlement on a	17.1%	21.1%	18.6%
Violence	14.4%	21.4%	17.0%
Other	2.9%	1.2%	2.3%
Don't Know	4.2%	1.6%	3.2%

Section Seven: News Stations

39. What is your preferred television station for news?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Al Jazeera	53.4%	40.0%	48.4%
Al Arabiyah	16.7%	32.8%	22.7%
Palestine	12.2%	8.0%	10.6%
Al Aqsa	4.3%	7.6%	5.6%
MBC	5.9%	4.2%	5.3%
Al Manar	2.7%	0.8%	2.0%
Abu Dhabi	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
CNN	0.6%	1.6%	1.0%
Other	2.6%	4.1%	3.2%

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Region	%	Type of locality	%	Refugee Status	%
West Bank	62.6	City	46.3	Refugee	46.4
Gaza	37.4	Village- town	31.8	Non-refugee	53.6
Governorate	%	Camp	21.9	Sector	%
Jenin	6.8	Gender	%	Government	27.9
Tulkarm	4.4	Male	49.6	Private sector	51.1
Qalqilya	2.5	Female	50.4	NGO	3.4
Nablus	8.6	Marital status	%	Other	17.7
Salfit	1.6	Single	24.7	Education	%
Tubas	1.2	Married	69.6	1 Up to 9 yrs	28.5
Ramallah	7.5	Others	5.7	2 Secondary/Tawjihi (9-12 yrs)	41.9
Jerusalem	10.3	Age	%	3 More than Tawjihi	29.6
Jericho	1.2	18-30	38.4	Occupation	%
Bethlehem	4.6	31-40	25.7	Laborers	9.8
Hebron	14.0	> 40	35.9	Employees	13.2
Jabalya	7.3	Income	%	Farmers	1.4
Gaza City	13.1	Good or More	12.7	Merchants	5.8
Deir al-Balah	5.4	Not Good, not Bad	58.2	Professional	0.6
Khan Younis	7.2			Craftsman	3.3
Rafah	4.4	Weak	12.7	Students	11.9
				Housewives	38.1
				Unemployed	13.9
				Retired	1.9