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Section One: Negotiations and Final Settlement

1. **Do you support the outcome of Annapolis meeting that is to start a negotiation process in order to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict before the end of next year?**

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	26.9	27.1	26.7
To an extent	15.4	15.1	16.0
No	49.6	47.6	52.8
Don't know/ No opinion	8.1	10.2	4.5

2. **In your opinion, do you think that the current negotiations will lead to a Palestinian state with full sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza Strip?**

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	24.8	22.6	28.3
No	63.7	65.1	61.4
Don't know	11.6	12.3	10.3

3. **As a final settlement for the conflict, do you support or oppose the following?**

- A. A two state solution based on resolution 242 (a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza side by side with Israel).**

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	48.6	49.4	47.3
Support to an extent	14.1	14.1	14.3
Oppose to an extent	3.7	3.6	4.0
Oppose	31.3	29.9	33.6
Don't know/No opinion	2.2	3.1	0.8

- B. A solution of the refugee problem based on allowing the return of the majority of refugees to the West Bank & Gaza, and some refugees to the 1948 proper (Israel).**

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	50.7	53.0	46.9
Support to an extent	12.9	11.9	14.5
Oppose to an extent	4.7	5.2	3.7
Oppose	30.0	27.6	34.0
Don't know/No opinion	1.7	2.2	0.8

- C. Jerusalem is divided where the east side is under Palestinian control, and the west side is under Israeli control, with some exchange of areas on both sides.**

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	24.7	27.3	20.3
Support to an extent	6.7	7.4	5.6
Oppose to an extent	4.9	5.5	3.8
Oppose	62.3	57.9	69.6
Don't know/No opinion	1.4	1.8	0.7

- D. Settlements will be dismantled with some exchange of land to allow for large settlements to be annexed to Israel, while Israel gives up control of some 1948 land to the Palestinian state.**

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	29.3	34.0	21.4
Support to an extent	10.0	10.3	9.4
Oppose to an extent	5.0	5.6	3.9
Oppose	53.2	47.0	63.6
Don't know/No opinion	2.6	3.1	1.7

4. How important should the following issues be to the Palestinian negotiators?

A. Refugees

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Very important	87.8	85.3	91.9
Important	8.4	10.0	5.8
Somewhat important	2.0	2.4	1.4
Not too important	0.8	1.0	0.4
Not important at all	0.8	1.1	0.2
Don't Know/No opinion	0.3	0.3	0.3

B. Settlements

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Very important	80.8	79.7	82.5
Important	12.0	12.8	10.6
Somewhat important	2.3	2.2	2.5
Not too important	1.7	2.1	1.0
Not important at all	2.7	2.5	3.0
Don't Know/No opinion	0.5	0.7	0.2

C. Jerusalem

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Very important	94.8	92.9	98.0
Important	3.3	5.0	0.6
Somewhat important	0.3	0.4	0.3
Not too important	0.4	0.4	0.3
Not important at all	0.9	1.1	0.4
Don't Know/No opinion	0.3	0.3	0.3

D. Prisoners

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Very important	93.7	91.2	97.7
Important	4.6	6.5	1.5
Somewhat important	0.6	0.9	0.3
Not too important	0.2	0.3	0.1
Not important at all	0.6	0.8	0.2
Don't Know/No opinion	0.2	0.2	0.2

5. Which one of the following is the best means in terms of its capability to end the occupation and to establish a Palestinian state?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Operations against civilians in Israeli cities	3.5	2.3	5.7
Operations against the Israeli military and settlers	27.5	22.1	36.7
Negotiation until reaching an agreement between the two parties	42.0	44.7	37.4
A peaceful popular uprising (Intifada)	19.0	21.4	15.1
Others	7.9	9.6	5.0

Section Two: U.S. President Bush's Visit to the Region

6. In General, did you follow the news on President Bush's visit to the region (Middle East)?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	48.8	46.0	53.6
Partially	31.4	33.1	28.4
No	19.4	20.5	17.6
Don't Know/No opinion	0.3	0.3	0.4

7. Did you hear or read the speech that he delivered after his meeting with the Palestinian President and leadership?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	30.8	29.0	33.8
Partially	26.6	25.9	27.7
No	42.6	45.1	38.4

8. Do you think that President Bush's positions represent:

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
An improvement on American policy on the Palestinian question	9.6	10.5	8.1
A regress in American policy on the Palestinian question	22.3	20.2	25.7
No change, his positions are similar to previous American policy	61.8	61.6	62.1
Don't Know/No opinion	6.3	7.6	4.1

9. Does President Bush's visit:

A. Energize the negotiation process between Palestinians and Israelis?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	16.3	17.3	14.7
To an extent	17.4	17.8	16.8
No	62.1	59.7	66.1
Don't Know	4.1	5.1	2.3

B. Give you more hope that a Palestinian state will be established?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	11.8	11.8	11.9
To an extent	12.0	11.8	12.5
No	74.0	74.1	73.7
Don't Know	2.2	2.3	1.9

C. Help in putting a stop to the Israeli settlement activities?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	7.7	6.8	9.4
To an extent	7.4	7.6	7.0
No	82.4	82.8	81.8
Don't Know	2.5	2.9	1.8

D. Reinforce of the Israeli occupation in West Bank?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	65.2	63.6	67.9
To an extent	12.4	12.9	11.7
No	17.9	18.1	17.5
Don't Know	4.5	5.5	2.9

E. Tighten the closure on Gaza?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	77.9	77.5	78.6
To an extent	8.9	9.2	8.4
No	10.1	9.5	11.1
Don't Know	3.1	3.9	1.9

F. Reinforce of the internal conflict between the Palestinian factions, especially Fateh and Hamas?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	62.0	62.0	61.9
To an extent	11.4	11.7	10.9
No	20.9	19.3	23.6
Don't Know	5.7	7.0	3.5

10. Do you believe that President Bush is serious about his desire to establish a Palestinian state?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	8.0	7.5	8.8
To an extent	12.9	13.5	12.1
No	76.4	75.6	77.8
Don't know/No opinion	2.6	3.4	1.3

11. In general, do you think that his visit will help the Palestinians achieve their national goals?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
yes	4.9	5.1	4.7
To an extent	11.8	11.8	11.8
No	80.8	79.7	82.7
Don't know/No opinion	2.4	3.4	0.9

12. Do you think that Palestinians garnered any political gains by his visit?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	9.1	8.8	9.7
To an extent	11.4	11.3	11.6
No	76.1	75.3	77.4
Don't know/No opinion	3.3	4.6	1.3

Section Three: Internal Issues**13. Do you support or oppose the firing of rockets from the Gaza strip into Israeli territories?**

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	47.9	44.6	53.4
Oppose	33.3	35.1	30.2
In between	15.1	14.7	15.8
No opinion	3.8	5.6	0.7

14. Do you support or oppose the steps taken by Mahmoud Abbas towards ending the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
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Support	45.9	45.8	46.1
Oppose	29.9	26.0	36.4
In between	19.2	21.6	15.2
No opinion	4.9	6.5	2.3

15. How do you evaluate the ministerial cabinet headed by Salam Fayyad?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Good	31.4	30.7	32.6
Average	26.7	28.1	24.4
Weak	31.6	27.1	39.1
Don't Know/No opinion	10.3	14.1	3.8

16. How do you evaluate the ministerial cabinet headed by Ismael Hanneyeh?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Good	30.5	25.1	39.5
Average	21.6	21.2	22.2
Weak	38.7	39.7	37.0
Don't Know/No opinion	9.3	14.0	1.4

17. Do you think that Hamas has a real alternative to end the Israeli occupation?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	25.3	21.1	32.2
No	61.6	63.1	59.2
Don't know	13.1	15.8	8.6

18. Do you think that Fateh has a real alternative to end the Israeli occupation?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	32.3	29.7	36.6
No	56.3	55.9	56.9
Don't know	11.4	14.4	6.4

19. Do you think that the Palestinian society is heading in the right or wrong direction?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Right direction	27.6	27.0	28.6
Wrong direction	63.6	62.2	66.1
Don't know/No opinion	8.8	10.8	5.3

Section Four: Palestinian Elections

20. If PLC elections took place today, which one of the following groups/lists would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Fateh	32.0	32.3	31.4
Change and Reform (Hamas)	17.5	13.4	24.4
Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa	2.3	2.6	1.9
Independent Palestine	2.2	2.6	1.4
Al Badil	1.4	1.3	1.5
Third Way	1.1	1.3	0.8
Freedom and Social Justice	0.5	0.7	0.2
Freedom and Independence	0.3	0.5	0.1
Martyr Abu Al Abbas	0.2	0.2	0.1
National Coalition for Justice and Democracy	0.1	0.2	0.0
Social Justice	0.1	0.1	0.1
I have not decided yet	15.4	16.9	13.0
Will not vote	27.0	28.1	25.1

21. How do you rate the following personalities?

A. Mahmoud Abbas

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Favorable	35.8	36.6	34.6
In Between	32.1	33.4	29.9
Unfavorable	27.5	23.5	34.2
Don't Know/No opinion	4.6	6.5	1.3

B. Marwan Bargouthi

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Favorable	60.1	58.5	62.9
In Between	24.4	24.5	24.3
Unfavorable	8.8	8.9	8.6
Don't Know/No opinion	6.7	8.2	4.2

C. Ismael Haniyeh

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Favorable	37.6	32.2	46.5
In Between	29.3	32.7	23.6
Unfavorable	27.2	26.4	28.5
Don't Know/No opinion	6.0	8.7	1.4

D. Mustafa Bargouthi

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Favorable	36.3	33.3	41.4
In Between	36.9	37.3	36.3
Unfavorable	16.4	17.2	15.1
Don't Know/No opinion	10.3	12.2	7.2

E. Salam Fayyad

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Favorable	32.6	31.8	33.8
In Between	27.6	30.6	22.7
Unfavorable	30.3	24.6	39.8
Don't Know/No opinion	9.5	13.0	3.7

F. Mahmoud Al Zahar

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Favorable	28.6	26.9	31.4
In Between	23.9	26.7	19.4
Unfavorable	38.3	33.4	46.4
Don't Know/No opinion	9.2	13.1	2.7

G. Ahmad Sa'dat

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Favorable	38.1	33.9	45.1
In Between	34.4	34.9	33.6
Unfavorable	12.5	13.9	10.3
Don't Know/No opinion	15.0	17.3	11.0

22. If Presidential elections took place today, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Ismael Hanneyeh	17.1	12.1	25.6
Mahmoud Abbas	16.2	16.9	14.9
Marwan Bargouthi	15.9	17.0	14.0
Salam Fayad	4.4	4.3	4.5
Muhamad Dahlan	3.9	1.2	8.5
Mustafa Bargouthi	3.7	3.8	3.5
Ahmad Sa'dat	2.3	2.8	1.6
Mahmoud Al Zahar	1.3	1.3	1.3
Azeez Duweek	1.2	1.2	1.3
I have not decided yet	13.2	15.6	9.0
Will not vote	20.8	23.9	15.7

23. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Marwan Bargouthi	51.3	48.1	56.7
Salam Fayad	12.5	12.4	12.8
I have not decided yet	10.8	13.0	7.2
Will not vote	25.3	26.5	23.3

24. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Mahmoud Abbas	38.7	38.2	39.5
Ismael Hanneyeh	26.5	22.0	34.2
I have not decided yet	10.9	13.7	6.2
Will not vote	23.8	26.1	20.1

25. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Ismael Hanneyeh	23.8	18.1	33.5
Marwan Bargouthi	44.7	44.8	44.5
I have not decided yet	10.4	13.2	5.7
Will not vote	21.0	23.9	16.3

26. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Salam Fayad	33.0	31.6	35.2
Ismael Hanneyeh	29.8	25.6	36.9
I have not decided yet	12.3	15.3	7.4
Will not vote	24.9	27.5	20.5

27. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Mustafa Bargouthi	33.7	31.5	37.4
Ismaeel Haneyyeh	27.5	23.0	35.1
I have not decided yet	13.2	16.4	7.7
Will not vote	25.6	29.1	19.8
	33.7	31.5	37.4

28. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Marwan Bargouthi	42.7	38.3	50.0
Mahmoud Abbas	21.3	21.5	21.1
I have not decided yet	10.9	13.5	6.6
Will not vote	25.0	26.6	22.3