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Results of an Opinion Poll

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Section I – Peace Process

1. In your opinion, which one of the following is the best means to end the occupation and establish a Palestinian state?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Negotiations to reach an agreement between the two parties	33.5%	34.4%	33.8%
An international conference that imposes a settlement on all parties	15.7%	17.8%	16.5%
A non-violent popular uprising	23.6%	16.4%	20.9%
Violence	19.6%	26.4%	22.2%
Other	5.1%	4.0%	4.7%
Don't know	2.5%	0.9%	1.9%

2. On what conditions should the Palestinian leadership resume peace negotiations with Israel?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
A total freeze of settlement construction	72.2%	78.2%	74.5%
A partial freeze of settlement construction	7.4%	2.9%	5.7%
No conditions	10.4%	9.8%	10.2%
Other	7.0%	5.6%	6.4%
Don't know	3.1%	3.6%	3.3%

3. Do you think that the results of the U.S. congressional elections would affect the peace process?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
It will help the process	17.1%	7.3%	13.4%
It will hurt the process	22.8%	16.0%	20.3%
It doesn't matter	53.2%	68.0%	58.8%
Don't know	6.9%	8.7%	7.6%

4. Do you think that the PNA should directly address the UN council to declare a Palestinian state?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	70.9%	75.1%	72.5%
No	21.9%	20.9%	21.5%
Don't know	7.2%	4.0%	6.0%

5. Do you think that the PNA should directly address the UN council to pursue a freeze of the Israeli settlements?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	81.5%	84.9%	82.8%
No	14.1%	12.9%	13.7%
Don't know	4.4%	2.2%	3.6%

6. Of the following countries/organizations, whose recognition of a Palestinian state would be most likely to affect a change in Israeli policy toward settlements and final status issues?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
United States	55.5%	62.2%	58.0%
European Union	24.4%	20.9%	23.1%
Russia	15.5%	13.1%	14.6%
Arab League	11.9%	14.4%	12.8%
Iran	9.1%	7.3%	8.4%
Brazil	1.6%	1.3%	1.5%
Argentina	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Pakistan	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%
Japan	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
India	0.1%	0.9%	0.4%
Other	4.7%	8.4%	6.1%
Don't know	6.5%	3.1%	5.3%

7. What, in your opinion, is the single greatest obstacle to the peace process? (Open ended - Top five answers)

	Total
Israeli occupation	31.3%
Internal division	21.5%
Settlements	12.9%
The non-existence of an Israeli partner	5.3%
The United States	3.2%
Others	25.8%

Part II – Internal Politics

8. How would you rate the performance of the ministerial cabinet (in your region) in fighting corruption?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Strong	28.9%	40.2%	33.2%
Neutral	35.5%	25.1%	31.6%
Weak	30.9%	33.8%	32.0%
Don't know	4.7%	0.9%	3.3%

9. How would you rate the performance of the ministerial cabinet (in your region) in improving security?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Strong	35.7%	42.4%	38.3%
Neutral	34.7%	25.1%	31.1%
Weak	26.1%	31.8%	28.3%
Don't know	3.5%	0.7%	2.4%

10. How would you rate the performance of the ministerial cabinet (in your region) in providing public services, such as health care, road repair, education, transportation, etc.?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Strong	40.9%	26.9%	35.7%
Neutral	37.2%	29.3%	34.3%
Weak	18.8%	43.1%	27.9%
Don't know	3.1%	0.7%	2.2%

11. Do you believe elections (municipal, legislative, Presidential) should be immediately rescheduled and held as soon as possible?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	77.4%	80.9%	78.7%
No	16.6%	16.0%	16.4%
Don't know	6.0%	3.1%	4.9%

12. Will you vote in the next national elections?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	65.6%	80.4%	71.2%
No	26.9%	18.4%	23.8%
Don't know	7.5%	1.1%	5.1%

13. If PLC elections were held today, who would you vote for?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Fatah	33.7%	37.3%	35.1%
Hamis	11.4%	19.3%	14.4%
PFLP	5.0%	3.8%	4.5%
An Independent party led by Salam Fayyad	3.7%	3.3%	3.6%
Al Mubadara	3.3%	3.6%	3.4%
PPP	1.9%	0.7%	1.4%
Islamic Jihad	1.3%	1.6%	1.4%
DFLP	1.3%	0.4%	1.0%
Hizb Tahreer	1.1%	0.0%	0.7%
Popular Struggle	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%
Feda	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%
Other	7.2%	6.2%	6.9%
Undecided	29.3%	23.6%	27.2%

14. In your opinion, when should local elections be held?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
As soon as possible	43.7%	43.8%	43.8%
In six months	9.6%	2.0%	6.8%
As soon as Fatah and Hamas have reconciled	35.5%	47.8%	40.1%
Elections should remain on hold	6.4%	4.7%	5.8%
Don't know	4.8%	1.8%	3.7%

15. In your opinion, when should Presidential elections be held?			
	West Bank	Gaza	Total
As soon as possible	44.3%	46.9%	45.3%
In six months	7.6%	1.8%	5.4%
As soon as Fatah and Hamas have reconciled	37.2%	44.9%	40.1%
Elections should remain on hold	6.9%	4.7%	6.1%
Don't know	4.0%	1.8%	3.2%

16. In your opinion, when should PLC elections be held?			
	West Bank	Gaza	Total
As soon as possible	40.9%	46.0%	42.8%
In six months	8.9%	1.3%	6.1%
As soon as Fatah and Hamas have reconciled	39.7%	46.2%	42.2%
Elections should remain on hold	6.0%	4.4%	5.4%

17. Should local and national (e.g. PLC and Presidential) elections be held at the same time or at separate times?			
	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Same time	24.0%	48.9%	33.3%
Different times	44.5%	34.4%	40.8%
Doesn't matter	24.5%	15.1%	21.0%
Don't know	6.9%	1.6%	4.9%

18. If presidential elections were held today, who would you vote for?			
	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Mahmoud Abbas	22.8%	19.8%	21.7%
Mustafa Barghouthi	10.1%	12.7%	11.1%
Salam Fayyad	14.2%	10.0%	12.6%
Ismail Haniyeh	9.2%	18.2%	12.6%
Khaled Meshal	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%
Mahmoud Zahhar	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
Mohammad Dahlan	0.8%	8.7%	3.8%
Other	16.7%	12.0%	14.9%
Undecided	20.7%	14.2%	18.3%

19. In general, how do you rate the overall performance of President Mahmoud Abbas?			
	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Good	30.3%	27.6%	29.3%
Neutral	36.4%	28.9%	33.6%
Poor	30.0%	42.0%	34.5%
Don't know	3.3%	1.6%	2.7%

20. In general, how do you rate the overall performance of Prime Minister Salam Fayyad?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Good	38.4%	32.2%	36.1%
Neutral	38.3%	25.6%	33.5%
Poor	18.4%	35.8%	24.9%
Don't know	4.9%	6.4%	5.5%

21. In general, how do you rate the overall performance of Ismael Haniyeh?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Good	19.0%	31.3%	23.6%
Neutral	32.0%	28.4%	30.6%
Poor	31.4%	38.9%	34.2%
Don't know	17.6%	1.3%	11.5%

22. Do you believe Prime Minister Salam Fayyad has done his job well enough to deserve re-election and reappointment as Prime Minister?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	40.7%	35.3%	38.7%
No	22.9%	42.2%	30.2%
Neutral	28.1%	15.3%	23.3%
Don't know	8.3%	7.1%	7.8%

23. Do you believe President Mahmoud Abbas has done his job well enough to deserve re-election and reappointment as President?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	29.2%	28.2%	28.8%
No	35.6%	53.3%	42.3%
Neutral	28.1%	15.6%	23.4%
Don't know	7.1%	2.9%	5.5%

24. Who is most responsible for the lack of progress in the reconciliation process?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Both Hamas and Fatah	50.9%	51.6%	51.2%
Hamas	13.9%	18.9%	15.8%
Fatah	8.3%	8.0%	8.2%
United States	8.7%	6.0%	7.7%
Other Arab countries	3.7%	3.1%	3.5%
Other Palestinian political parties	2.3%	2.9%	2.5%
Egypt	1.1%	1.8%	1.3%
European Union	1.1%	0.4%	0.8%
Other	5.7%	5.1%	5.5%
Don't know	4.4%	2.2%	3.6%

25. In your opinion, what are the mechanisms that should be utilized to end the Hamas-Fatah split in Gaza and West Bank? (Open ended- Top five answers)

	Total
Dialogue until reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas	70.8%
Don't know	7.3%
Holding new elections	5.5%
Hamas should concede authority	2.2%
Hamas and Fatah should concede authority	1.6%

26. Which political stream is closest to describing your political views?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Fateh	39.6%	41.8%	40.4%
Hamas	12.9%	22.2%	16.4%
PFLP	5.8%	4.2%	5.2%
Al Mubadara	5.1%	4.0%	4.7%
Islamic Jihad	2.0%	2.4%	2.2%
PPP	1.6%	1.1%	1.4%
Hizb Tahreer	1.7%	0.2%	1.2%
DFLP	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%
Feda	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%
Popular Struggle	0.7%		0.4%
None of the above	19.4%	20.7%	19.9%
Don't know	9.0%	2.4%	6.5%

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

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Right direction	36.3%	21.6%	30.8%
Wrong direction	55.7%	73.8%	62.5%
Don't know	8.0%	4.7%	6.8%

28. Did you follow up the events in Tunisia which led to the removal of President Zien El Abidine Ben Ali from authority?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	89.7%	93.1%	91.0%
No	10.3%	6.9%	9.0%

29. Do you think that what happened in Tunisia is positive or negative?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Positive	76.1%	70.4%	73.9%
Negative	14.6%	24.4%	18.3%
Don't know	9.4%	5.1%	7.8%

(Sample Distribution)
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Region	%	Type of locality	%	Refugee Status	%
West Bank	62.5	City	49.7	Refugee	43.6
Gaza	37.5	Village- town	26.9	Non-refugee	56.4
Governorate	%	Camp	23.4	Sector	%
Jenin	7.1	Gender	%	Government	27.3
Tulkarm	4.4	Male	49.4	Private sector	52.2
Qalqilya	1.6	Female	50.6	NGOs	2.9
Nablus	8.8	Marital status	%	Other	17.7
Salfit	1.5	Single	25.7	Education	%
Tubas	1.4	Married	69.1	1 Up to 9 yrs	30.5
Ramallah	8.8	Others	5.3	2 Secondary/Tawjihi (9-12 yrs)	40.6
Jerusalem	9.9	Age	%	3 More than Tawjihi	28.9
Jericho	1.5	18-30	42.7	Occupation	%
Bethlehem	4.4	31-40	24.1	Laborers	10.2
Hebron	13.1	> 40	33.2	Employees	13.5
Jabalya	6.5	Income	%	Farmers	1.3
Gaza City	12.9	Good or More	12.4	Merchants	5.2
Deir al-Balah	5.0	Not Good, not	62.4	Professional	0.5
Khan Younis	8.3	Bad		Craftsman	4.8
Rafah	4.8	Weak	12.4	Students	12.3
				Housewives	37.0
				Not working	13.0
				Retired	2.2