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	Total (WB&G) (%)	West Bank (%)	Gaza (%)
Section One: President Mahmoud Abbas's Speech			
1. Did you hear or read the speech delivered by President Mahmoud Abbas on Thursday (5/11/2009)?			
Yes	46.8	47.0	46.5
No	53.2	53.0	53.5
2. If yes, how do you evaluate the general content of his speech?			
Positive	36.3	30.1	45.7
Medium	34.0	38.3	27.4
Negative	24.4	24.1	24.7
Don't know	5.3	7.4	2.2
3. If yes, do you see that the principles/ proposals presented by the President in his speech are appropriate to be a political program for the Palestinians?			
Yes, appropriate	39.0	29.9	52.7
To some extent appropriate	38.5	46.3	26.9
Not appropriate	22.5	23.8	20.4
4. Do you believe that the fact that he will not nominate himself for the next presidency is due to...			
American Pressures	8.3	7.2	10.0
Israeli pressures	5.3	6.2	4.0
Internal Palestinian conflict	26.4	24.0	30.0
All of the above	45.4	44.1	47.5
Other	14.5	18.5	8.5
Section Two: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements made by the President in his speech			
5. <i>I ask my people to objectively evaluate the current period that we go through, we are on a cross road, preset terms, small increments nor simplification of issues would work.</i>			
Agree	75.8	70.8	83.3
Disagree	15.1	15.7	14.3
Not sure	9.1	13.5	2.5
6. <i>Continuation in the building of Israeli settlements undermines the credibility of the negotiations.</i>			
Agree	76.0	72.7	81.0
Disagree	16.0	14.7	18.0
Not sure	8.0	12.7	1.0
7. <i>During the last five years, the main danger that occurred internally is the Hamas- takeover in Gaza strip.</i>			
Agree	59.7	55.8	65.5
Disagree	29.3	29.3	29.3
Not sure	11.0	14.8	5.3

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8. Under false pretenses, Hamas disrupts any effort of reconciliation			
Agree	48.3	40.8	59.5
Disagree	38.3	40.8	34.5
Not sure	13.4	18.3	6.0
9. The fact that Hamas did not sign the Egyptian treaty, which they previously agreed on its contents, reinforces the Israeli assertion about the say “the non existence of a Palestinian partner”			
Agree	54.7	47.2	66.0
Disagree	29.8	30.0	29.5
Not sure	15.5	22.8	4.5
10. It's time for Hamas leaders to review their policies and practices.			
Agree	69.5	65.1	76.3
Disagree	19.6	19.9	19.3
Not sure	10.8	15.1	4.5
Section Three: Related Issues			
11. The United States of America is inviting the Israelis and Palestinians to go back to the negotiations without any pre-conditions, including the Palestinian request to freeze settlements' expansion. Do you support or oppose this invitation?			
Support	22.0	22.0	22.0
Oppose	73.9	71.6	77.3
Don't know	4.1	6.3	0.8
12. In your opinion, which one of the Palestinian factions (Hamas or Fateh) is more interested in achieving national reconciliation?			
Hamas	12.9	12.5	13.5
Fateh	35.3	31.9	40.5
Both equally	17.8	22.9	10.3
Neither	28.6	25.5	33.3
Don't know	5.3	7.2	2.5
13. In your opinion, which one of the Palestinian factions (Hamas or Fateh) is capable of leading the Palestinian people?			
Hamas	15.6	13.7	18.5
Fateh	38.2	33.5	45.3
Both equally	14.4	16.8	10.8
Neither	25.9	27.7	23.3
Don't know	5.9	8.3	2.3

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14. How do you evaluate the role of the Egyptian government in reaching to a the Palestinian reconciliation?			
Good	31.1	23.7	42.3
Medium	26.7	28.2	24.5
Weak	35.6	38.7	31.0
Don't know	6.5	9.3	2.3
15. Do you see that the Hamas criticism of President Abbas is appropriate or exaggerated?			
Appropriate	24.8	23.2	27.3
Exaggerated	60.0	54.7	68.0
Don't Know	15.1	22.1	4.8
16. How do you evaluate the following?			
The Palestinian presidency institution			
Good	34.5	30.9	39.8
Medium	28.1	31.6	23.0
Weak	37.4	37.5	37.3
The Cabinet headed by Salam Fayyad			
Good	38.0	36.2	40.5
Medium	25.6	29.2	20.5
Weak	36.4	34.6	39.0
The Cabinet headed by Ismail Haniyah			
Good	20.8	17.5	25.5
Medium	23.1	24.5	21.0
Weak	56.1	58.0	53.5
17. President Abbas called for a presidential election in January 2010, do you support or oppose this call?			
Support	73.6	73.5	73.8
Oppose	20.9	19.5	23.0
Don't know	5.5	7.0	3.3
18. If presidential elections took place today, and only Ismail Haniyah and Mahmoud Abbas ran, who will you vote for?			
Ismael Haniye	17.7	15.7	20.8
Mahmoud Abbad	38.4	34.0	45.0
Not sure	10.7	15.5	3.5
Don't know	33.2	34.8	30.8

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19. If presidential elections took place today, and only Khaled Masha'l and Mahmoud Abbas ran, who will you vote for?			
Khaled Mesha'l	15.7	13.0	19.8
Mahmoud Abbad	38.7	33.8	46.0
Not sure	10.3	15.3	2.8
Don't know	35.3	37.8	31.5
20. If PLC election took place today, which one of the following would you vote for?			
Fateh	37.7	32.8	45.0
Hamas	15.0	12.3	19.0
Hizb Tahreer	2.3	3.8	0.0
PFLP	2.9	4.0	1.3
Islamic Jihad	1.9	1.3	2.8
List led by Fayyad	1.3	1.7	0.8
Mubadara	1.1	1.5	0.5
PPP	0.7	1.2	0.0
DFLP	0.5	0.8	0.0
Others	1.3	1.0	1.8
Undecided	13.6	19.7	4.5
Will not vote	21.7	19.8	24.5



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Region	%	Type of locality	%	Refugee Status	%
West Bank	60	City	44.0	Refugee	45.7
Gaza Strip	40	Village- town	30.0	Non-refugee	54.3
Governorate	%	Camp	26.0	Sector	%
Jenin	6.1	Gender	%	Government	29.9
Tulkarm	4.0	Male	51.7	Private sector	44.0
Qalqilya	1.8	Female	48.3	NGOs	5.1
Nablus	8.0	Marital status	%	Other	21.1
Salfit	2.0	Single	25.7	Education	%
Tubas	1.8	Married	70.0	1 Up to 9 yrs	26.2
Ramallah	10.3	Others	4.3	2 Secondary/Tawjihi (9-12 yrs)	40.4
Jerusalem	8.9	Age	%	3 More than Tawjihi	33.4
Jericho	1.1	18-30	37.4	Occupation	%
Bethlehem	3.3	31-40	25.1	Laborers	9.8
Hebron	12.7	> 40	37.5	Employees	19.3
Jabalya	7.5	Income	%	Farmers	1.1
Gaza City	12.5	Good or More	15.2	Merchants	5.5
Deir al-Balah	5.0	Not Good, not bad	56.3	Professional	0.5
Khan Younis	10.0			Craftsman	3.4
Rafah	5.0	Weak	15.2	Students	11.9
				Housewives	34.2
				Not working	12.3
				Retired	1.9