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Results of an Opinion Poll

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	Total (WB&G) (%)	West Bank (%)	Gaza (%)
1. The Arab and international community pledged financial resources for the re-construction of Gaza, which one of the following parties should be responsible for this?			
A Unity government that is comprised of all political parties	27.0	26.7	27.4
An independent Palestinian committee agreed upon by all parties	19.6	22.9	14.0
An Arab-international committee	19.3	16.3	24.3
The PNA represented by M. Abbas and Fayyad	16.7	16.6	16.9
The Government in Gaza represented by I. Haniya	13.8	12.8	15.4
Don't know	3.6	4.6	2.0
2. The Arab and international community pledged financial resources for the re-construction of Gaza, which one of the following personalities do you trust to be responsible for the reconstruction efforts?			
Ismael Haniya	26.5	23.1	32.1
Salam Fayyad	16.0	16.2	15.6
Mustafa Bargouthi	13.7	11.5	17.4
M. Abbas	12.4	11.6	13.6
None of the above	25.4	29.1	19.4
Don't know	6.1	8.5	2.0
3. Do you support the conduct of a presidential and legislative elections as soon as possible as the best means to resolve the current stalemate between political groups (Fateh & Hamas)			
Yes	80.8	79.5	82.9
No	15.4	15.1	15.8
Not sure	3.9	5.4	1.3
4. Do you believe that Hamas is leading the Palestinian people in the right or wrong direction?			
Wrong direction	42.4	38.4	49.0
Right direction	36.9	36.0	38.5
Don't know	20.7	25.6	12.5
5. Do you believe that Fateh is leading the Palestinian people in the right or wrong direction?			
Wrong direction	43.6	39.9	49.7
Right direction	33.6	33.6	33.6
Don't know	22.8	26.5	16.7
6. Do you think that the Hamas government in Gaza violates human rights?			
Yes	30.9	25.9	39.3
To some extent	18.7	19.7	17.2
No	39.6	40.6	37.9
Don't know	10.8	13.9	5.6

7. Do you think that the government led by S. Fayyad in the West Bank violates human rights?			
Yes	27.5	24.0	33.4
To some extent	24.3	25.3	22.5
No	35.0	38.0	30.1
Don't know	13.2	12.7	14.0
8. Which group do you think is more serious than the other in convening the national dialogue to reach unity, is it Fateh or Hamas?			
Neither one of them is serious	34.3	37.8	28.6
Fateh is more serious	33.5	29.0	41.0
Hamas is more serious	26.8	26.4	27.5
Don't know	5.4	6.9	2.9
9. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the Palestinian cause?			
Optimistic	51.5	47.7	57.7
Pessimistic	45.9	48.7	41.4
Don't know	2.6	3.6	0.9
10. Do you personally feel safe?			
Yes	28.4	27.5	30.1
To some extent	28.3	31.6	22.7
No	43.3	40.9	47.2
11. How do you evaluate the performance of the S. Fayyad governments in the following areas?			
Education			
Good	35.4	34.1	37.6
Medium	30.8	35.0	23.8
Weak	27.9	25.8	31.2
Don't know	6.0	5.1	7.3
Health			
Good	35.1	33.1	38.3
Medium	29.2	32.7	23.4
Weak	29.4	28.3	31.2
Don't know	6.4	5.9	7.1
Fulfillment of basic needs			
Good	28.1	24.9	33.4
Medium	33.1	37.4	25.8
Weak	32.6	32.0	33.4
Don't know	6.3	5.7	7.3
Steadfastness of citizens			
Good	27.5	24.8	32.1
Medium	23.3	24.8	20.9
Weak	42.4	43.6	40.3
Don't know	6.8	6.9	6.7

12. How do you evaluate the performance of the I. Haniya governments in the following areas?			
Steadfastness of citizens			
Good	34.7	31.9	39.4
Medium	20.1	20.3	19.8
Weak	33.5	29.6	39.9
Don't know	11.7	18.2	0.9
Education			
Good	29.4	25.7	35.4
Medium	25.2	26.6	22.7
Weak	33.5	28.9	41.0
Don't know	12.0	18.7	0.9
Health			
Good	25.3	20.3	33.4
Medium	26.7	28.8	23.2
Weak	35.2	31.2	41.9
Don't know	12.8	19.7	1.6
Fulfillment of basic needs			
Good	24.1	20.6	29.8
Medium	23.7	24.4	22.7
Weak	39.8	35.8	46.3
Don't know	12.4	19.2	1.1
13. Khaled Mashal, the President of the Political bureau of the Hamas movement, called for a new frame of representation of the Palestinians as substitute to the PLO, do you support or oppose his call?			
Support	25.5	27.5	22.3
oppose	63.5	58.8	71.3
Not sure	11.0	13.7	6.5
14. Do you believe that the PLO is the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people?			
Yes	57.2	52.4	65.0
to some extent	20.7	23.9	15.4
No	19.6	20.2	18.7
don't know	2.5	3.5	0.9
15. In your opinion, could the war on Gaza have been avoided?			
Yes	42.5	42.8	42.1
No	50.0	47.9	53.5
Not sure	7.5	9.3	4.5
16. In your opinion, the purpose of the war from the Palestinian side was to:			
Support resistance	14.0	10.5	19.8
Lift the siege and open borders -crossing	42.0	42.6	41.0
Strengthen Hamas' agenda	28.5	27.2	30.5
Not sure	15.5	19.7	8.7

17. Out of the following Palestinian personalities, who would you vote for to be the President of the Palestinians?			
Marwan Barghouthi	19.5	17.7	22.5
M.Abbas	19.0	17.8	21.0
Ismail Haniya	16.8	13.4	22.5
Mustafa Barghouthi	8.3	8.1	8.7
Khaled Mashal	4.8	5.5	3.6
Salam Fayyad	3.3	2.8	4.0
Mahmoud Zahhar	1.1	1.2	0.9
None of the above	7.6	10.8	2.2
Will not vote	19.5	22.6	14.5
18. If only the following two personalities ran for elections, who would you vote for?			
Mahmoud Abbas	37.7	34.0	44.0
Khaled Mashaal	27.3	27.4	27.2
Don't know/not sure	5.3	6.6	3.1
Will not vote	29.7	32.1	25.7
19. If only the following two personalities ran for elections, who would you vote for?			
Marwan Barghouthi	51.5	49.5	54.9
Khaled Mashaal	23.7	22.9	25.0
Don't know/not sure	4.9	5.9	3.1
Will not vote	19.9	21.7	17.0
20. If only the following two personalities ran for elections, who would you vote for?			
Salam Fayyad	34.5	30.8	40.6
Ismail Hanneyeh	32.7	30.5	36.4
Don't know/not sure	5.7	7.4	2.9
Will not vote	27.1	31.3	20.1
21. If only the following two personalities ran for elections, who would you vote for?			
Mustafa Barghouthi	41.6	39.9	44.5
Ismail Hanneyeh	29.1	26.1	33.9
Don't know/not sure	5.3	6.5	3.3
Will not vote	24.0	27.5	18.3
22. Elections took place today, which of the following groups would you vote for?			
Fateh	35.0	34.4	35.9
Change and Reform (Hamas)	24.6	21.5	29.8
Independent Palestine (Mus. Bargouhti and Independents rep)	6.5	5.8	7.6
Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa (PFLP)	2.4	2.6	2.2
Islamic Jihad	2.4	3.4	0.9
Third Way (led by Salam Fayyad)	1.8	2.2	1.3
Al Badil (PPP, DFLP, Fida)	1.3	1.8	0.7
Hizb Tahreer	1.2	1.6	0.4
Others	1.1	1.5	0.4
I have not decided yet	7.9	9.3	5.6
Will not vote	15.7	16.1	15.1

23. Only if undecided or not going to vote, if you must choose between the following lists only, who would you vote for?

Other- independent list	14.5	13.7	16.1
A Fateh led-List	13.5	14.7	10.8
A Hamas led list	9.5	11.4	5.4
Still will not vote	16.8	19.9	9.7
Still undecided	45.7	40.3	58.1

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Region	%	Type of locality	%	Refugee Status	%
West Bank	62.7	City	38.8	Refugee	44.5
Gaza Strip	37.3	Village- town	35.8	Non-refugee	55.5
Governorate	%	Camp	25.3	Sector	%
Jenin	6.7	Gender	%	Government	33.8
Tulkarm	3.9	Male	50.0	Private sector	40.0
Qalqilya	2.7	Female	50.0	NGOs	2.5
Nablus	9.3	Marital status	%	Other	23.7
Salfit	1.3	Single	26.4	Education	%
Tubas	1.3	Married	68.8	1 Up to 9 yrs	30.9
Ramallah	9.3	Others	4.8	2 Secondary/Tawjihi (9-12 yrs)	39.7
Jerusalem	9.3	Age	%	3 More than Tawjihi	29.3
Jericho	1.3	18-30	40.4	Occupation	%
Bethlehem	5.3	31-40	41.8	Laborers	9.0
Hebron	12.1	> 40	17.8	Employees	17.7
Jabalya	6.7	Income	%	Farmers	1.2
Gaza City	13.3	Good or More	15.8	Merchants	4.3
Deir al-Balah	5.3	Not Good, not bad	53.1	Professional	0.3
Khan Younis	8.0			Craftsman	2.8
Rafah	4.0	Weak	31.1	Students	11.1
				Housewives	36.9
				Not working	13.5
				Retired	3.2