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Results of an Opinion Poll

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1. From the following list of needs, which one is the most important in your opinion?

Improve the health services	24.6	28.6	26.1
Help create jobs	15.2	29.3	20.5
Improve the schools	13.0	8.9	11.4
Bring more security to the community	12.0	9.3	11.0
Improve the economic climate to encourage investments	9.5	10.0	9.7
Bring about more social cohesion	6.6	2.0	4.8
Improve the opportunities of youth	3.2	2.9	3.1
Make effort to clean up the community	2.8	0.9	2.1
Improve the status of women	2.8	1.1	2.2
Improve the services for the elderly and disabled	1.7	1.1	1.5
Build/Improve a (the) sewage system	1.6	0.9	1.3
Paving and fixing the roads	1.5	1.6	1.5
Help the farmers	1.3	0.9	1.2
Build the capacity of local institutions	1.1	0.0	0.7
Hold the elections for my local council (committee)	1.1	1.6	1.3
Build recreational facilities (public parks, playgrounds, etc.)	0.8	0.7	0.8
Build/improve day care/pre-school	0.7	0.0	0.4
Improve sports and sports facilities	0.5	0.4	0.5

2. How would you rate the general performance of the government in your region (Gaza or West Bank) to deliver government services?

Excellent	12.3	9.5	11.3
Good	34.8	25.1	31.2
Average	25.8	31.3	27.8
Weak	14.2	17.7	15.5
Very weak	11.1	15.7	12.8
No opinion	1.9	0.7	1.4

3. Have you seen any improvement in service delivery from the government in your region (Gaza or West Bank) during the last 6 months?

Yes	18.2	16.6	17.6
To some extent	39.4	32.2	36.7
No	38.2	48.6	42.1
Don't Know	4.2	2.7	3.6

4. From the following list of characteristics, which one is the most important in how you will vote?

Educational attainment	25.6	31.7	27.9
Personal reputation and ethics	13.9	15.5	14.5
Recognition of the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinians	11.1	11.5	11.3
Professional competence	10.7	8.4	9.9
Ability to bring about real change	8.7	6.2	7.8
Participation in the national struggle	5.8	1.6	4.2
Diplomatic skills	4.4	2.0	3.5
Being religious	3.6	7.8	5.2
Religion (whether Muslim or Christian)	3.5	5.8	4.3
Being committed to international laws and resolutions	2.8	0.7	2.0
Being independent from any party	2.0	3.1	2.4
Supportive of women rights	1.9	0.9	1.5
Access to the international donor community	1.7	1.1	1.5
Being from my family-clan	1.5	0.2	1.0
The gender of the candidate	0.9	0.7	0.8
Being from my region	0.8	0.4	0.7
Being a member of a religious political party	0.5	0.7	0.6
Being from the party I support	0.4	1.8	0.9

5. In general, how do you evaluate the composition of the new government led by Salam Fayyad and inaugurated on -----?

Excellent	10.2	9.8	10.0
Good	27.0	17.1	23.3
Average	27.0	25.5	26.4
Weak	16.3	16.4	16.3
Very weak	11.0	20.6	14.6
No opinion	8.6	10.6	9.3

6. Among the 23 ministers in the Fayyad new government, there are five women ministers, how do you evaluate the women representation in the new government?

There are too many women in the cabinet	15.4	23.7	18.5
The current number is appropriate	56.5	56.1	56.3
The current number is insufficient	14.9	11.8	13.7
Don't know	13.3	8.4	11.4

7. In the following two-person races, who would you vote for in a presidential election?

Ismael Haneyyeh	19.8	34.8	25.4
Mahmoud Abbas	34.8	33.0	34.2
Undecided	17.9	7.8	14.1
Will not vote	27.5	24.4	26.3

	West Bank (%)	Gaza (%)	Total (WB&G) (%)
8. In the following two-person races, who would you vote for in a presidential election?			
Ismael Haneyyeh	15.6	32.2	21.8
Marwan Barghouti	49.8	47.9	49.1
Undecided	16.8	4.7	12.3
Will not vote	17.8	15.3	16.8
9. In the following two-person races, who would you vote for in a presidential election?			
Ismael Haneyyeh	22.2	39.0	28.5
Ahmad Sa'dat	23.7	32.8	27.1
Undecided	25.4	7.8	18.8
Will not vote	28.7	20.4	25.6
10. In the following two-person races, who would you vote for in a presidential election?			
Ismael Haneyyeh	20.6	40.1	27.9
Salam Fayyad	31.2	33.5	32.1
Undecided	22.4	5.3	16.0
Will not vote	25.8	21.1	24.0
11. In the following two-person races, who would you vote for in a presidential election?			
Ismael Haneyyeh	22.1	38.6	28.3
Sae'b Erikat	28.1	35.9	31.0
Undecided	22.7	5.5	16.3
Will not vote	27.1	20.0	24.4
12. In the following two-person races, who would you vote for in a presidential election?			
Ismael Haneyyeh	19.0	35.3	25.1
Mustafa Barghouti	32.4	41.9	35.9
Undecided	23.4	5.1	16.5
Will not vote	25.3	17.7	22.4
13. In the following two-person races, who would you vote for in a presidential election?			
Ismael Haneyyeh	23.9	39.5	29.8
Mohammed Dahlan	18.2	30.4	22.8
Undecided	26.5	6.4	18.9
Will not vote	31.4	23.7	28.5

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14. Which one of the following political groups would you vote for in an upcoming legislative election?

Palestinian Movement for the Liberation of Palestine (Fateh)	39.4	34.4	37.5
Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas)	13.9	27.3	18.9
Palestinian National Initiative (Al Mubadarah)	4.1	2.0	3.3
The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)	2.7	2.0	2.4
Hizb aTahreer	2.1	0.2	1.4
The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP)	1.5	0.4	1.1
The Palestinian People Party (PPP)	1.1	0.0	0.7
Palestine Forum (Muntada Felstine)	0.8	0.4	0.7
Islamic Jihad	0.4	0.9	0.6
The Palestine Democratic Union (Feda)	0.4	0.0	0.3
Popular Struggle Front	0.3		0.2
Others	1.9	1.3	1.7
I have not decided yet	17.8	14.2	16.4
Will not vote	13.6	16.9	14.8

15. If a list comprised of a majority of competent women with representation of men candidates ran for PLC, would you be willing to support such a list?

Yes	37.5	39.9	38.4
Maybe	36.4	27.5	33.1
No	20.4	30.4	24.2
Don't know	5.6	2.2	4.3

16. Are you following the news on the upcoming Fateh Sixth Congress?

Yes	26.6	28.8	27.4
Partially	31.2	23.9	28.5
No	36.7	46.1	40.3
No answer	5.5	1.1	3.8

17. Do you think that Fateh should convene its Congress..

In the Palestinian Territories	46.2	45.9	46.1
No difference	30.8	40.1	34.3
Outside of Palestine	13.1	10.9	12.3
Don't know	9.9	3.1	7.3

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Region	%	Type of locality	%	Refugee Status	%
West Bank	62.4	City	48.7	Refugee	45.6
Gaza Strip	37.6	Village- town	29.8	Non-refugee	54.4
Governorate	%	Camp	21.5	Sector	%
Jenin	7.3	Gender	%	Government	30.0
Tulkarm	4.3	Male	53.3	Private sector	42.4
Qalqilya	1.6	Female	46.7	NGOs	3.9
Nablus	8.8	Marital status	%	Other	23.7
Salfit	1.5	Single	25.8	Education	%
Tubas	1.4	Married	70.5	1 Up to 9 yrs	27.3
Ramallah	8.7	Others	3.8	2 Secondary (9-12 yrs)	41.8
Jerusalem	9.9	Age	%	3 More than 12 years	30.9
Jericho	1.5	18-30	41.7	Occupation	%
Bethlehem	4.4	31-40	23.1	Laborers	7.4
Hebron	13.1	> 40	35.2	Employees	19.2
Jabalya	6.5	Income	%	Farmers	1.2
Gaza City	13.0	Good or More	13.7	Merchants	5.3
Deir al-Balah	3.3	Not Good, not bad	56.5	Professional	0.3
Khan Younis	9.9			Craftsman	4.4
Rafah	4.8	Weak	29.5	Students	13.6
				Housewives	33.3
				Not working	13.3
				Retired	2.0