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	Total (WB&G) (%)	West Bank (%)	Gaza (%)
Section One: Evaluation of government performance			
1. How do you evaluate the performance of Fayyad's government in improving the economy and living conditions?			
Positive	37.3	32.0	46.1
Average	32.8	37.6	24.8
Negative	25.9	26.5	24.8
Don't know/not sure	4.1	4.0	4.2
2. How do you evaluate the performance of Haniyeh's government in improving economic living conditions?			
Positive	16.9	16.3	18.0
Average	26.9	28.2	24.8
Negative	44.9	37.7	56.8
Don't know/not sure	11.3	17.8	0.4
3. How do you evaluate the performance of Fayyad's government in improving the security situation in the West Bank?			
Positive	37.5	36.5	39.2
Average	29.5	34.5	21.3
Negative	27.8	25.3	31.9
Don't know/not sure	5.2	3.7	7.5
4. How do you evaluate the performance of Haniyeh's government in improving the security situation in Gaza?			
Positive	25.7	18.2	38.1
Average	25.4	26.5	23.5
Negative	37.0	36.8	37.5
Don't know/not sure	11.9	18.6	0.9
5. How do you evaluate the response of the Haniyeh government to the floods in North Gaza?			
Good	20.2	17.4	24.8
Medium	26.7	26.5	27.1
Weak	33.2	28.5	41.0
Don't know/not sure	19.9	27.7	7.1
6. In general, do you feel that there is more corruption or less corruption in your region (WB or Gaza) compared to two years ago?			
More	33.1	36.8	27.1
The same	28.4	29.5	26.6
Less	35.9	30.9	44.3
Don't know	2.5	2.8	2.0

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7. How do you evaluate the respect of the government toward personal and civil freedoms in your region (WB or Gaza)?			
Good	22.3	23.4	20.4
Medium	33.8	37.7	27.3
Weak	43.0	38.2	51.0
Don't know/not sure	0.9	0.7	1.3
8. For the first time, a Palestinian woman (Dr. Laila Ghannam) was appointed as the governor for the Ramallah Governorate; do you support or oppose such an appointment?			
Support	72.8	74.5	70.1
Oppose	24.2	22.9	26.4
Don't know/not sure	3.0	2.7	3.5
Section Two: Peace Process			
9. George Mitchell, the US Envoy for the Middle East peace process, recently visited the region. Do you believe that this visit will bring about any progress in the peace process?			
Yes	13.7	11.0	18.2
No	79.0	80.5	76.5
Don't know	7.3	8.6	5.3
10. In general, do you believe that President Obama is serious about his desire to establish a Palestinian state?			
Yes	7.7	6.8	9.1
To some extent	21.2	21.1	21.3
No	66.8	66.6	67.2
Don't know	4.3	5.5	2.4
11. In general, do you believe that President Obama is capable of establishing a Palestinian state?			
Yes	17.6	17.2	18.2
To some extent	15.9	16.0	15.7
No	62.5	61.9	63.4
Don't know	4.0	4.8	2.7
12. Are you optimistic that a sovereign Palestinian state will be established under the presidency of Mr. Obama?			
Yes	15.9	15.0	17.5
No	72.8	74.3	70.3
Don't know	11.3	10.7	12.2

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13. The PLO-PNA demands a freeze over settlement activities before engaging in any negotiations with Israel, do you support or oppose this position?			
Support	87.0	86.6	87.6
Oppose	9.9	9.9	10.0
Don't know	3.1	3.5	2.4
14. Do you feel that coexistence between Palestinians and Israelis is possible under the current circumstances?			
Yes	15.7	15.4	16.2
No	81.7	81.6	81.8
Don't know	2.7	3.1	2.0
15. If an independent sovereign Palestinian state within the 1967 borders was established side by side with Israel, do you feel that coexistence between Palestinians and Israelis is possible?			
Yes	44.5	41.7	49.0
No	52.0	53.7	49.0
Don't know	3.6	4.5	2.0
Section 3: PLC and Presidential Elections			
16. The term of the PLC ended last month (January 2010), do you support the conduct of a new election for the PLC immediately?			
Yes	85.3	84.6	86.5
No	11.2	10.7	12.0
Don't know	3.5	4.7	1.6
17. In an upcoming presidential election, who would you vote for?			
A Fateh candidate	38.6	36.1	42.8
A Hamas candidate	17.4	17.5	17.3
An Independent candidate	24.9	23.4	27.5
Don't know	7.0	9.8	2.4
Will not vote	12.0	13.2	10.0
18. In an upcoming presidential election, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for?			
Mahmoud Abbas	32.1	28.2	38.6
Ismail Haniyeh	20.6	20.5	20.8
Mustafa Bargouthi	22.3	20.1	25.9
Don't know	10.3	14.8	2.7
Will not vote	14.8	16.4	12.0

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19. In an upcoming presidential election, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for?			
Marwan Bargouthi	44.1	41.3	48.8
Ismail Haniyeh	19.9	19.5	20.6
Salam Fayyad	14.3	13.4	16.0
Don't know	8.3	11.4	3.3
Will not vote	13.3	14.4	11.3
20. If only two candidates ran for an upcoming presidential election, who would you vote for?			
Mahmoud Abbas	43.1	38.6	50.6
Ismail Haniyeh	26.3	26.3	26.2
Don't know	10.1	14.4	2.9
Will not vote	20.5	20.6	20.4
21. If only two candidates ran for an upcoming presidential election, who would you vote for?			
Mustafa Bargouthi	34.3	30.5	40.4
Mahmoud Abbas	33.4	30.9	37.6
Don't know	9.9	14.2	2.7
Will not vote	22.5	24.4	19.3
22. If only two candidates ran for an upcoming presidential election, who would you vote for?			
Mahmoud Abbas	38.3	31.9	49.1
Salam Fayyad	17.0	19.3	13.3
Don't know	12.2	16.7	4.7
Will not vote	32.4	32.1	32.9
23. If President Abbas steps down, out of the following Palestinian personalities who would be your preferred candidate for the presidency?			
Salam Fayyad	21.6	25.0	16.0
Ismael Haniyeh	18.8	17.5	20.9
Mustafa Bargouthi	15.5	14.7	16.9
Mohamed Dahlan	8.5	1.1	20.9
Aziz Duwaik	4.5	4.4	4.7
Saeb Erekat	2.8	2.9	2.7
Naser Qudwi	1.7	2.5	0.2
Mahmoud Zahar	1.6	1.7	1.3
Naser Eldin Shaer	1.6	1.7	1.3
Ahmad Qurei	0.6	0.8	0.2
Ahmad Sadat	2.3	2.3	2.2
Others	8.5	10.3	5.6
Will not vote	11.9	14.9	7.1

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24. If PLC elections took place today, which one of the following factions would you vote for?			
Fateh	44.4	42.3	48.0
Hamas	20.4	19.8	21.3
PFLP	4.3	4.0	4.7
Al Moubadara Al Felestineya	3.7	3.7	3.6
Third Way	2.1	2.3	1.8
Islamic Jihad	1.2	1.1	1.3
PPP	1.2	1.5	0.7
DFLP	0.6	0.7	0.4
Hizb Tahreer	0.5	0.7	0.2
Nidal	0.3	0.4	
Fida	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other	1.8	1.9	1.8
I have not decided yet	9.0	10.6	6.4
Will not vote	10.4	11.0	9.6
25. If only the following lists ran for PLC elections, which one would you vote for?			
A Hamas-led list	20.7	20.5	21.1
A Fateh-led list	43.9	42.7	45.8
A list of Independents	20.4	18.6	23.3
Not sure	5.2	7.2	1.8
I will not vote	9.9	11.0	8.0
26. If only the following two lists ran for PLC elections, which one would you vote for?			
An Islamic-leaning list led by Hamas	23.0	22.1	24.4
A PLO-leaning list led by Fateh	49.1	47.7	51.6
Not sure	11.6	15.1	5.8
I will not vote	16.3	15.1	18.2
Section 4: Local elections and priorities			
27. Are you registered to participate in future elections?			
Yes	69.9	66.7	75.3
No	26.1	28.2	22.7
Don't remember	3.9	5.1	2.0
28. If no, do you plan to register?			
Yes	63.0	57.3	75.7
No	37.0	42.7	24.3

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29. The government led by Salam Fayyad announced that local council elections will take place during July 2010. Hamas rejects the conduct of these elections before a national reconciliation has been reached. Do you support the position of the Fayyad government or the position of Hamas?			
The position of the Fayyad government	64.7	61.2	70.4
The position of Hamas	20.7	20.7	20.7
Not sure	14.6	18.0	8.9
30. If local council elections took place in your community, will you vote?			
Yes	77.6	74.7	82.5
No	15.0	16.0	13.3
Not sure	7.4	9.3	4.3
31. At the local level, what is the most pressing priority in your opinion?			
Create jobs	48.5	40.0	62.7
Public health	11.6	13.8	8.0
Fight crime and violence	9.9	9.2	10.9
Reinforce social cohesion	7.9	8.7	6.4
Development of the schools	7.8	10.2	3.8
Road repair and construction	6.1	7.6	3.6
Build parks and playgrounds	2.8	4.0	0.9
Others	4.3	5.4	2.7
Don't know	1.1	1.1	1.1
32. On a national level and among internal issues, which of the following do you consider the most important priority?			
Job creation and poverty alleviation	76.4	72.7	82.4
The development of health services	10.0	11.4	7.8
The development of educational services	7.7	9.9	4.0
Transportation and roads	3.4	3.9	2.7
Other	1.6	1.2	2.2
Don't know	0.9	0.9	0.9
33. If the following lists ran for local council elections in your community, which one would you most probably vote for?			
A list led by Fateh candidates	43.7	41.8	46.9
A list led by Hamas candidates	19.1	18.2	20.7
A list of leftist groups including PFLP, DFLP, PP, Fida etc.	3.4	3.3	3.6
A list of Independent candidates	17.1	15.7	19.6
Other	0.4	0.5	0.2
Not sure (undecided)	6.3	9.2	1.3
I will not participate	9.9	11.2	7.8

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Region	%	Type of locality	%	Refugee Status	%
West Bank	62.4	City	42.7	Refugee	44.8
Gaza Strip	37.6	Village- town	27.8	Non-refugee	55.2
Governorate	%	Camp	29.5	Sector	%
Jenin	7.1	Gender	%	Government	33.0
Tulkarm	4.4	Male	50.9	Private sector	49.8
Qalqilya	1.6	Female	49.1	NGOs	5.1
Nablus	8.8	Marital status	%	Other	12.1
Salfit	1.5	Single	22.3	Education	%
Tubas	1.5	Married	74.0	1 Up to 9 yrs	24.8
Ramallah	8.6	Others	3.8	2 Secondary/Tawjihi (9-12 yrs)	44.0
Jerusalem	9.8	Age	%	3 More than Tawjihi	31.2
Jericho	1.5	18-30	42.5	Occupation	%
Bethlehem	4.4	31-40	24.0	Laborers	8.8
Hebron	13.1	> 40	33.4	Employees	16.4
Jabalya	6.5	Income	%	Farmers	1.0
Gaza City	12.9	Good or More	12.6	Merchants	7.1
Deir al-Balah	5.0	Not Good, not	57.1	Professional	0.6
Khan Younis	8.3	Bad		Craftsman	3.5
Rafah	4.8	Weak	12.6	Students	10.9
				Housewives	38.8
				Not working	11.6
				Retired	1.3