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## **Results of an Opinion Poll**

**(TABLES)**

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**Sample Size: 1200 Palestinians in the West Bank & Gaza**  
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	Total (WB&G) (%)	West Bank (%)	Gaza (%)
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## Section 1: Services and government performance

### 1. Overall, do you believe that the living conditions of your family had improved or declined during the last two years?

Improved	11.3	15.5	4.4
Stayed the same	28.9	33.1	21.8
Declined	59.6	51.3	73.6
No answer/ Don't know	0.2	0.1	0.2

### 2. How do you evaluate the following services? Do you feel that they have improved or declined during the last two years?

#### Garbage collection

Improved	37.1	46.9	20.7
Stayed the same	30.8	32.8	27.6
Declined	31.5	19.5	51.6
No answer/ Don't know	0.6	0.8	0.2

#### Transportation

Improved	36.5	46.8	19.3
Stayed the same	29.7	30.8	27.8
Declined	32.8	21.1	52.4
No answer/ Don't know	1.0	1.3	0.4

#### Health

Improved	29.1	38.5	13.3
Stayed the same	30.6	34.9	23.3
Declined	39.1	25.1	62.4
No answer/ Don't know	1.3	1.5	0.9

#### Education

Improved	28.3	36.8	14.0
Stayed the same	29.1	32.8	22.9
Declined	40.7	27.5	62.7
No answer/ Don't know	2.0	2.9	0.4

### 3. How do you evaluate the performance of the Fayyad – led government?

Good	32.7	33.9	30.7
Medium	30.8	30.6	31.1
Weak	29.2	26.2	34.2
No answer/ Don't know	7.3	9.3	4.0

### 4. How do you evaluate the performance of the Haniya – led government?

Good	20.9	18.8	24.4
Medium	24.7	23.8	26.2
Weak	42.2	38.6	48.2
No answer/ Don't know	12.2	18.8	1.1

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## Section 2: Gaza conditions

### 5. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with how the Hamas government - led security forces handled the Salafi in Gaza where 22 members of the group were killed by these forces?

Satisfied	8.2	4.5	14.2
Neutral	10.9	10.5	11.6
Dissatisfied	73.1	73.3	72.7
No answer/ Don't know	7.8	11.6	1.6

### 6. Do you support or oppose imposing the Hijab by the government on high school female students?

Yes, I do support that	41.4	33.4	54.7
No, I think that each student should have the choice of choosing to wear or not wear the Hijab	56.1	63.3	44.2
Don't know	2.5	3.3	1.1

## Section 3: Security

### 7. Compared with two years ago, do you feel safer or less safe now?

Safer	39.4	39.9	38.7
Same as before	26.5	28.6	23.1
Less safe	33.4	30.8	37.6
No answer/ Don't know	0.7	0.7	0.7

### 8. Do you believe that the following are playing a positive role in bringing about more security, rule of law and personal safety?

#### The security agencies of the PNA and its government in the West Bank

Yes	42.2	45.1	37.3
To an extent	31.8	35.6	25.3
No	21.3	16.9	28.7
No answer/ Don't know	4.8	2.4	8.7

#### The security agencies of the government in Gaza

Yes	26.5	17.9	40.9
To an extent	22.9	22.7	23.3
No	37.0	38.8	34.0
No answer/ Don't know	13.6	20.7	1.8

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<b>9. How do you evaluate the following security agencies?</b>			
<b>Civil police</b>			
Good	50.8	59.5	36.4
Medium	24.3	24.7	23.8
Weak	17.1	11.7	26.0
Don't know	7.8	4.1	13.8
<b>National security forces</b>			
Good	38.7	41.6	33.8
Medium	30.0	32.0	26.7
Weak	21.8	18.9	26.7
Don't know	9.5	7.5	12.9
<b>Preventive security</b>			
Good	37.0	41.5	29.6
Medium	30.2	33.7	24.2
Weak	23.2	17.9	32.0
Don't know	9.7	6.9	14.2
<b>General intelligence</b>			
Good	36.8	38.8	33.6
Medium	27.0	29.2	23.3
Weak	23.8	21.1	28.2
Don't know	12.4	10.9	14.9
<b>10. Do you believe that the principal role of the Palestinian Authority's security agencies work is ...?</b>			
Fighting crime and brining about the role of law	37.8	40.7	33.1
Protecting the PA	35.0	32.5	39.1
Ending the occupation	17.2	17.7	16.2
Fighting terrorism and extremist groups	7.1	6.4	8.2
Other	2.9	2.7	3.3

#### **Section 4: Post – Fateh Congress**

<b>11. Have you followed the proceedings of the latest Fateh Congress held in Bethlehem (August 4-9)?</b>			
Yes, to large extent	21.8	17.6	28.9
Yes, partly	40.7	42.5	37.6
No	34.2	35.2	32.4
No answer	3.3	4.7	1.1

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<b>12. In general, do you believe that the congress was..?</b>			
Successful	20.3	15.8	27.8
Partly successful	32.8	32.1	34.0
Partly unsuccessful	23.9	24.8	22.4
Unsuccessful	23.0	27.3	15.8
Don't know	20.3	15.8	27.8
<b>13. Do you believe that the convening of the congress will have positive consequences on the Palestinian people?</b>			
Yes, to large extent	22.7	18.6	29.6
Yes, partly	34.0	33.6	34.7
No	28.3	30.6	24.4
No answer	15.0	17.2	11.3
<b>14. Are you familiar with the names of individuals who were voted into the Fateh Central Committee?</b>			
Yes, to large extent	17.8	14.5	23.1
Yes, partly	40.1	39.5	41.1
No	31.2	33.1	28.0
No answer	10.9	12.8	7.8
<b>15. Do you believe that the elected Central Committee represents positive change for Fateh?</b>			
Yes, to large extent	24.0	20.1	30.4
Yes, partly	34.8	33.2	37.6
No	23.0	24.4	20.7
No answer	18.2	22.3	11.3
<b>16. In your opinion, out of the following what is the immediate and most pressing priority for the new Fateh leadership?</b>			
Reform itself	36.3	32.8	42.2
Bring about internal unity between Fateh and Hamas	29.4	27.2	33.1
End the occupation and establish a sovereign Palestinian state	16.3	19.1	11.6
Reform the PA	9.3	10.7	6.9
Achieve economic development	3.8	5.2	1.3
Other	1.9	1.2	3.1
Don't know/No answer	3.1	3.9	1.8

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<b>17. Out of the list of members in the Central Committee, who do you have the most respect for?</b>			
Marwan Barghothi	51.9	50.7	54.0
Mohammad Dahlan	8.8	2.9	18.7
Sa'eb Ereecat	4.6	5.3	3.3
Jibreel Rjoub	4.4	5.7	2.2
Mahmoud Al Alol	3.7	5.6	0.4
Mohammad Guneim	3.0	3.1	2.9
Nasser Qudweh	2.3	1.6	3.3
Nabeel Sha'ath	1.6	1.6	1.6
Tawfeeq Tirawi	1.3	1.7	0.4
Azzam Al Ahmad	1.3	1.9	0.2
Hussein El sheikh	1.1	1.6	0.2
Othman Abu Garbiyeh	1.1	0.9	1.3
Al Tayeb Abdel Raheem	1.0	1.6	
Abbas Zaki	1.0	1.5	0.2
Jamal Muheisen	0.9	1.5	
Salmeem Za'noun	0.8	0.9	0.7
Mohammad El Madani	0.8	0.5	1.3
Sultan Abu El Einen	0.8	0.8	0.9
Mohammad Ishtayeh	0.3	0.4	
Don't Know	9.4	10.1	8.2
<b>18. Are you familiar with the district regional Fateh elections (Aqaleem)?</b>			
Yes	21.8	21.1	22.9
To some extent	24.0	24.5	23.1
No	49.2	48.0	51.1
No answer	5.1	6.4	2.9
<b>19. How do you evaluate the regional Fateh leadership?</b>			
Good	30.2	26.5	36.2
Medium	46.0	46.7	44.9
Weak	21.4	23.5	17.9
Don't know	2.4	3.3	1.0

## Section 5: The PLO

<b>20. Do you believe that the PLO is the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people?</b>			
Yes	65.5	63.3	69.1
To some extent	15.4	16.7	13.3
No	17.3	17.5	16.9
Don't know/No answer	1.8	2.5	0.7

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<b>21. Should Hamas be represented in the PLO institutions?</b>			
Yes if it agrees to the PLO mandate	42.6	42.9	42.2
Yes, but the PLO must reform itself to accommodate the Hamas mandate	35.2	33.9	37.3
No, it should not	16.9	16.6	17.6
Don't know/No answer	5.3	6.7	2.9

## Section 6: Election

<b>22. Do you think that Hamas and Fateh must resort to the conduct of an election to resolve their disputes?</b>			
Yes	77.4	72.5	85.6
To some extent	10.6	12.7	7.1
No	10.5	12.5	7.1
Don't know/No answer	1.5	2.3	0.2
<b>23. Do you support or oppose the conduct of a legislative election in January 2010 as stipulated in the election law?</b>			
Support	88.1	88.8	86.9
Oppose	7.8	6.4	10.2
Don't know/No answer	4.1	4.8	2.9
<b>24. Do you support or oppose the conduct of a presidential election in January 2010?</b>			
Support	89.3	89.1	89.6
Oppose	7.5	7.1	8.2
Don't know/No answer	3.3	3.9	2.2
<b>25. If PLC election took place today and only two lists ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
A Hamas - led list	17.1	14.5	21.3
A Fateh - led list	45.1	43.3	48.0
Undecided	22.7	26.3	16.7
Will not vote	15.2	15.9	14.0
<b>26. If PLC election took place today and only three lists ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
A Hamas - led list	16.3	13.9	20.2
A Fateh - led list	41.8	40.1	44.4
A list of independents led by Salam Fayyad	8.6	8.8	8.2
Undecided	20.3	23.9	14.2
Will not vote	13.2	13.3	12.9
<b>27. If PLC election took place today and only three lists ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
A Hamas - led list	16.2	13.9	20.0
A Fateh - led list	41.8	40.3	44.4
A list of independents led by Mustafa Bargouthi	9.6	9.6	9.6
Undecided	19.3	22.8	13.6
Will not vote	13.1	13.5	12.4

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<b>28. If PLC election took place today and only three lists ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
A Hamas - led list	16.0	13.5	20.2
A Fateh - led list	40.5	39.1	42.9
A list of independents led by Salam Fayyad and Mustafa Bargouthi	10.1	9.9	10.4
Undecided	19.6	23.0	14.0
Will not vote	13.8	14.6	12.4
<b>29. If PLC election took place today and the following which one lists ran, would you vote for?</b>			
Fateh	44.1	42.1	47.3
Hamas	15.9	12.7	21.3
PFLP	2.6	2.9	2.0
Mubadara	2.6	2.8	2.2
List led by Fayyad	2.2	2.3	2.0
DFLP	1.0	1.6	
Islamic Jihad	0.9	1.2	0.4
Nidal	0.9	1.2	0.4
PPP	0.8	0.9	0.4
Feda	0.3	0.5	
Hizb Tahreer	0.2	0.3	
Others	17.3	20.1	12.7
Undecided	11.3	11.4	11.1
Will not vote	1.0	1.6	
<b>30. If a presidential election took place and only the two following candidates ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
Marwan Barghouti	57.0	56.6	57.6
Ismael Haniyeh	18.8	15.8	24.0
Undecided	9.5	11.2	6.7
Will not vote	14.7	16.4	11.8
<b>31. If a presidential election took place and only the two following candidates ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
Mahmoud Abbas	44.6	41.8	49.3
Ismael Haniyeh	21.0	18.0	26.0
Undecided	12.5	15.0	8.4
Will not vote	21.9	25.2	16.2
<b>32. If a presidential election took place and only the two following candidates ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
Mahmoud Abbas	40.0	37.4	44.4
Salam Fayyad	12.1	11.6	12.9
Undecided	14.0	16.4	10.0
Will not vote	33.9	34.6	32.7

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<b>33. If a presidential election took place and only the two following candidates ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
Mahmoud Abbas	40.4	38.3	43.8
Mustafa Barghouti	21.0	18.2	25.8
Undecided	12.3	15.0	8.0
Will not vote	26.3	28.6	22.4
<b>34. If a presidential election took place and only the two following candidates ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
Mustafa Barghouti	28.4	22.3	38.4
Salam Fayyad	26.9	25.2	29.6
Undecided	14.8	18.2	9.1
Will not vote	30.0	34.3	22.9
<b>35. If a presidential election took place and only the three following candidates ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
Mahmoud Abbas	37.9	36.3	40.4
Ismael Haniyeh	19.9	17.0	24.9
Salam Fayyad	10.8	10.5	11.3
Undecided	14.5	17.0	10.4
Will not vote	16.8	19.2	12.9
<b>36. If a presidential election took place and only the three following candidates ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
Mahmoud Abbas	39.0	37.1	42.2
Ismael Haniyeh	18.5	15.5	23.6
Mustafa Barghouti	16.3	16.3	16.4
Undecided	11.3	13.9	7.1
Will not vote	14.8	17.2	10.7
<b>37. If a presidential election took place and only the three following candidates ran, which one would you vote for?</b>			
Mahmoud Abbas	27.9	26.4	30.2
Ismael Haniyeh	17.5	14.2	23.1
Marwan Barghouti	33.2	35.5	29.3
Undecided	8.9	10.4	6.4
Will not vote	12.5	13.5	10.9

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<b>Region</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Type of locality</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Refugee Status</b>	<b>%</b>
West Bank	62.5	City	46.8	Refugee	48.3
Gaza Strip	37.5	Village- town	29.8	Non-refugee	51.7
<b>Governorate</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>%</b>
Jenin	7.1	<b>Gender</b>	<b>%</b>	Government	12.6
Tulkarm	4.4	Male	51.8	Private sector	21.4
Qalqilya	1.6	Female	48.2	NGOs	1.8
Nablus	8.8	<b>Marital status</b>	<b>%</b>	Other	5.8
Salfit	1.5	Single	21.4	<b>Education</b>	<b>%</b>
Tubas	1.4	Married	73.9	1 Up to 9 yrs	30.0
Ramallah	8.8	Others	4.6	2 Secondary/Tawjihi (9-12 yrs)	39.8
Jerusalem	9.9	<b>Age</b>	<b>%</b>	3 More than Tawjihi	30.2
Jericho	1.5	18-30	37.4	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>%</b>
Bethlehem	4.4	31-40	25.1	Laborers	9.5
Hebron	13.1	> 40	37.5	Employees	16.2
Jabalya	6.5	<b>Income</b>	<b>%</b>	Farmers	0.6
Gaza City	12.9	Good or More	10.5	Merchants	5.7
Deir al-Balah	5.0	Not Good, not bad	56.1	Professional	0.3
Khan Younis	8.3			Craftsman	4.9
Rafah	4.8	Weak	32.5	Students	9.8
				Housewives	38.4
				Not working	12.3
				Retired	2.2