

**Results of an Opinion Poll**

**The West Bank and Gaza Strip**

***Overall situation***

***Negotiations***

***Aftermath of Alexa snow storm***

***Government performance***

***Elections and political support***

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**Section 1: Overall situation**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 1- In general, would you say that things in Palestine are heading in the right direction or the wrong direction? | | | |
| Right direction | **41.2%** | **21.1%** | **33.7%** |
| Wrong direction | **54.4%** | **77.6%** | **63.1%** |
| Don’t know | **4.4%** | **1.3%** | **3.3%** |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 2- Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future? | | | |
| Optimistic | 51.9% | 44.9% | 49.3% |
| Pessimistic | 46.9% | 54.2% | 49.6% |
| Don’t know | 1.2% | 0.9% | 1.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 3- Is your family’s economic situation better or worse than it was a year ago? | | | |
| Better | 19.0% | 7.1% | 14.5% |
| Stayed the same | 39.6% | 30.2% | 36.1% |
| Worse | 41.2% | 62.2% | 49.1% |
| Don’t know | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.3% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 4- Do you feel that internal security in your region has improved or diminished during the past year? | | | |
| Improved | 27.8% | 16.7% | 23.6% |
| Stayed the same | 34.5% | 32.9% | 33.9% |
| Diminished | 37.6% | 49.8% | 42.2% |
| Don’t know | 0.1% | 0.7% | 0.3% |

**Section 2: Negotiations**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 5- Do you support or oppose the current round of negotiations? | | | |
| Support | 50.5% | 45.8% | 48.7% |
| Oppose | 45.0% | 50.2% | 47.0% |
| Don’t know | 4.5% | 4.0% | 4.3% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 6- Have you received information on the current round of negotiations whether from the media or the leadership? | | | |
| Yes, to a large extent | 9.5% | 4.9% | 7.8% |
| Yes, to some extent | 39.9% | 30.4% | 36.4% |
| I have received very limited information | 31.4% | 44.4% | 36.3% |
| I haven’t received any information | 17.5% | 17.6% | 17.5% |
| Don’t Know | 1.7% | 2.7% | 2.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 7- Do you have confidence in the Palestinian negotiating team? | | | |
| To a large extent yes | 13.2% | 18.9% | 15.3% |
| I have some confidence | 38.2% | 26.4% | 33.8% |
| I have limited confidence | 21.9% | 19.3% | 20.9% |
| No, I don’t | 23.0% | 30.2% | 25.7% |
| Don’t Know | 3.7% | 5.1% | 4.3% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 8- Would you support a resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli situation involving further concessions, if President Abbas said it would best serve Palestinian interests? | | | |
| Yes | 22.6% | 18.2% | 21.0% |
| Maybe | 34.8% | 21.3% | 29.7% |
| No | 39.4% | 56.9% | 45.9% |
| Don’t Know | 3.2% | 3.6% | 3.3% |

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|  | | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 9- Do you believe that the following parties are serious about peace negotiations leading to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state? | | | | |
| PA | Yes | 48.2% | 58.7% | 52.1% |
| To some extent | 27.1% | 16.2% | 23.0% |
| No | 22.2% | 24.2% | 22.9% |
| Don’t know | 2.5% | 0.9% | 1.9% |
| Israel | Yes | 3.2% | 3.3% | 3.3% |
| To some extent | 12.8% | 6.2% | 10.3% |
| No | 81.6% | 89.8% | 84.7% |
| Don’t know | 2.4% | 0.7% | 1.8% |
| USA | Yes | 3.2% | 7.3% | 4.8% |
| To some extent | 15.0% | 9.8% | 13.0% |
| No | 78.8% | 81.6% | 79.8% |
| Don’t know | 3.1% | 1.3% | 2.4% |
| UN | Yes | 7.3% | 16.4% | 10.8% |
| To some extent | 22.7% | 24.0% | 23.2% |
| No | 66.4% | 56.7% | 62.7% |
| Don’t know | 3.6% | 2.9% | 3.3% |
| EU | Yes | 9.2% | 20.4% | 13.4% |
| To some extent | 23.9% | 17.8% | 21.6% |
| No | 62.3% | 59.1% | 61.1% |
| Don’t know | 4.5% | 2.7% | 3.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 10- Are you optimistic that the current round of negotiations will produce positive results? | | | |
| Yes | 36.6% | 35.8% | 36.3% |
| No | 56.4% | 59.3% | 57.5% |
| Don’t know | 7.0% | 4.9% | 6.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 11- How do you evaluate news reports about proposals to reach an agreement between Palestinians and Israelis? | | | |
| Positive | 20.3% | 11.6% | 17.0% |
| Negative | 27.5% | 30.7% | 28.7% |
| Can’t judge | 47.0% | 48.4% | 47.5% |
| Don’t know | 5.2% | 9.3% | 6.8% |

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| 12- 20 years after Oslo, do you feel that Palestinians are closer to or farther from achieving their goal of a Palestinian state? | | | |
| Closer | 32.1% | 37.1% | 34.0% |
| Farther | 63.6% | 60.7% | 62.5% |
| Don’t know | 4.3% | 2.2% | 3.5% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 13- Do you have more or less hope for the peace process compared to one year ago? | | | |
| More hope | 34.0% | 33.3% | 33.8% |
| Less hope | 62.9% | 63.3% | 63.1% |
| Don’t know | 3.1% | 3.3% | 3.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 14- Would you support Palestinian leadership seeking remedies through UN mechanisms, if the current round of negotiations were to fail? | | | |
| Yes | 60.1% | 63.6% | 61.4% |
| No | 35.4% | 31.6% | 33.9% |
| Don’t know | 4.5% | 4.9% | 4.7% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 15- Do you support the principle of a two-state solution with a Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace with Israel? | | | |
| Support | 56.6% | 44.0% | 51.9% |
| Oppose | 40.2% | 54.9% | 45.7% |
| Don’t know | 3.2% | 1.1% | 2.4% |

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| 16- If the current round of negotiations were to fail, what do you believe will most likely happen? | | | |
| Nothing will happen/things will continue as is | 31.0% | 38.9% | 33.9% |
| President Abbas will return to the UN | 23.6% | 29.3% | 25.8% |
| There will be another Intifada | 27.5% | 20.9% | 25.0% |
| The Palestinian Authority will collapse | 12.6% | 7.8% | 10.8% |
| Don’t know | 5.3% | 3.1% | 4.5% |

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| 17- Generally, which of the following methods do you personally support to achieve independence? | | | |
| Armed resistance | 32.1% | 40.4% | 35.2% |
| Peaceful, non-violent resistance | 16.7% | 23.3% | 19.2% |
| Direct negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis | 22.9% | 19.6% | 21.6% |
| An international conference under the UN | 20.7% | 15.3% | 18.7% |
| Don’t know | 7.6% | 1.3% | 5.3% |

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| 18- Which of the following statements are closest to your view about the prospects of a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority? | | | |
| The current American mediation effort will succeed in reaching an agreement before the expiration of the negotiations time frame in April 2014? | 4.9% | 14.2% | 8.4% |
| A serious peace agreement will be reached within the next five years | 11.3% | 12.4% | 11.8% |
| A peace agreement is inevitable, but it will take more than five years | 18.7% | 11.1% | 15.8% |
| I don’t believe a peace agreement will ever be reached | 59.7% | 56.7% | 58.5% |
| Don’t know | 5.3% | 5.6% | 5.4% |

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| 19- Which approach do you prefer to achieve independence? | | | |
| The approach advocated by the PLO and President Abbas | 49.7% | 50.9% | 50.1% |
| The approach advocated by Hamas and I. Haniyeh | 17.1% | 27.8% | 21.1% |
| Other | 17.9% | 14.7% | 16.7% |
| Don’t know | 15.3% | 6.7% | 12.0% |

**Section 4: Evaluation of Government and Leaders**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 20- In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Rami Hamdallah? | | | |
| Positive | 29.6% | 32.0% | 30.5% |
| Average | 43.1% | 32.0% | 38.9% |
| Negative | 15.6% | 22.4% | 18.2% |
| Don’t know | 11.6% | 13.6% | 12.3% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 21- In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Ismael Haniyeh? | | | |
| Positive | 21.1% | 20.9% | 21.0% |
| Average | 38.9% | 35.3% | 37.5% |
| Negative | 28.7% | 42.7% | 33.9% |
| Don’t know | 11.3% | 1.1% | 7.6% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 22- In general, how do you rate the overall performance of President Mahmoud Abbas? | | | |
| Positive | 43.8% | 41.1% | 42.8% |
| Average | 35.8% | 25.8% | 32.0% |
| Negative | 15.6% | 31.6% | 21.6% |
| Don’t know | 4.8% | 1.6% | 3.6% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 23- In general, do you approve or disapprove of the performance of President Mahmoud Abbas? | | | |
| Approve | 59.0% | 55.3% | 57.6% |
| Disapprove | 30.8% | 38.7% | 33.8% |
| Don’t know | 10.1% | 6.0% | 8.6% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 24- If you had a choice between the two governments, the Hamdallah-led or the Haniyeh-led, which would you choose to govern in your region? | | | |
| The Hamdallah -led government | 41.3% | 43.6% | 42.1% |
| The Haniyeh-led government | 17.5% | 21.3% | 18.9% |
| Neither of the two | 35.6% | 31.6% | 34.1% |
| Don’t know | 5.6% | 3.6% | 4.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 25- Are you optimistic about the prospects of forming a national unity government between Hamas and Fatah? | | | |
| Optimistic | 59.9% | 49.1% | 55.9% |
| Pessimistic | 36.2% | 48.9% | 41.0% |
| Don’t Know | 3.9% | 2.0% | 3.2% |

**Section 5: Elections**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 26- Do you support the immediate conduct of legislative election in the West Bank and Gaza? | | | |
| Yes | 76.9% | 88.4% | 81.2% |
| No | 21.0% | 9.8% | 16.8% |
| Don’t know | 2.1% | 1.8% | 2.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 27- Do you support the immediate conduct of presidential elections in the West Bank and Gaza? | | | |
| Yes | 75.7% | 86.7% | 79.8% |
| No | 21.6% | 12.0% | 18.0% |
| Don’t know | 2.7% | 1.3% | 2.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 28- If elections took place today and the following lists ran, which one would you vote for? | | | |
| Fatah | 39.9% | 45.1% | 41.9% |
| Hamas | 11.9% | 17.8% | 14.1% |
| Al Mubadara (PNI) | 2.0% | 2.1% | 2.1% |
| PFLP | 1.9% | 1.8% | 1.8% |
| Islamic Jihad | 1.2% | 1.6% | 1.3% |
| DFLP | 0.3% | 1.1% | 0.6% |
| Hizb Tahrir | 0.5% | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| PPP | 0.4% |  | 0.3% |
| Fida | 0.3% |  | 0.2% |
| Other | 2.5% | 3.3% | 2.8% |
| Don’t know | 25.1% | 17.6% | 22.3% |
| I will not vote | 13.6% | 9.3% | 12.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 29- If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for? | | | |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 47.1% | 49.1% | 47.8% |
| Khaled Mashal | 15.5% | 21.3% | 17.7% |
| Don’t know | 10.3% | 7.6% | 9.3% |
| Will not vote | 27.1% | 22.0% | 25.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 30- If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for? | | | |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 47.3% | 49.8% | 48.2% |
| Ismail Haniyeh | 16.0% | 22.4% | 18.4% |
| Don’t know | 10.4% | 5.8% | 8.7% |
| Will not vote | 26.3% | 22.0% | 24.7% |

**Section 6: Aftermath of Alexa Snow Storm**

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|  | | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 31- How do you evaluate the performance of the following parties in your region (West Bank OR Gaza) in responding to the recent storm that hit the country? | | | | |
| The government, in general (ministries, local councils etc.) | Satisfactory | 35.0% | 33.3% | 34.4% |
| Somewhat satisfactory | 35.3% | 25.1% | 31.5% |
| Somewhat Unsatisfactory | 11.7% | 12.2% | 11.9% |
| Unsatisfactory | 17.0% | 28.9% | 21.5% |
| Don’t know | 0.9% | 0.4% | 0.8% |
| Electricity providers | Satisfactory | 27.8% | 5.6% | 19.4% |
| Somewhat satisfactory | 27.4% | 7.3% | 19.9% |
| Somewhat Unsatisfactory | 18.6% | 9.3% | 15.1% |
| Unsatisfactory | 26.1% | 77.6% | 45.4% |
| Don’t know | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| The Civil Police | Satisfactory | 38.8% | 39.6% | 39.1% |
| Somewhat satisfactory | 35.7% | 28.9% | 33.1% |
| Somewhat Unsatisfactory | 8.6% | 11.1% | 9.5% |
| Unsatisfactory | 12.8% | 19.3% | 15.3% |
| Don’t know | 4.1% | 1.1% | 3.0% |
| Telephone - mobile and internet providers | Satisfactory | 33.0% | 28.2% | 31.2% |
| Somewhat satisfactory | 36.4% | 37.3% | 36.7% |
| Somewhat Unsatisfactory | 12.3% | 11.1% | 11.9% |
| Unsatisfactory | 13.8% | 21.1% | 16.5% |
| Don’t know | 4.5% | 2.2% | 3.7% |
| Local media outlets | Satisfactory | 37.5% | 48.7% | 41.7% |
| Somewhat satisfactory | 37.9% | 27.1% | 33.8% |
| Somewhat Unsatisfactory | 8.7% | 10.4% | 9.4% |
| Unsatisfactory | 11.3% | 13.3% | 12.1% |
| Don’t know | 4.6% | 0.4% | 3.0% |
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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 32- In your opinion, which aspect of the crisis do you believe was most significant? | | | |
| Power outages | 49.8% | 57.1% | 52.5% |
| Agricultural damage | 15.8% | 1.6% | 10.4% |
| Sewage flooding | 4.5% | 16.4% | 9.0% |
| Water flooding | 7.9% | 10.4% | 8.8% |
| Road conditions inside the city/village/camp boundaries | 8.7% | 2.9% | 6.5% |
| Road conditions on external roads | 7.2% | 1.8% | 5.2% |
| Shortage in heating/cooking (propane) gas | 2.3% | 6.2% | 3.8% |
| Food shortage | 2.0% | 1.1% | 1.7% |
| Shortage in clean water | 0.8% | 1.1% | 0.9% |
| Other | 1.1% | 1.3% | 1.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 33- How do you rate the response of the authorities in Gaza to the local electricity and other storm related problems? | | | |
| Satisfactory | 9.6% | 12.4% | 10.7% |
| Somewhat satisfactory | 21.8% | 21.1% | 21.5% |
| Somewhat Unsatisfactory | 26.3% | 18.7% | 23.5% |
| Unsatisfactory | 34.8% | 47.3% | 39.5% |
| Don’t know | 7.5% | 0.4% | 4.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 34- How do you rate the response of the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank to the electricity and other storm related problems? | | | |
| Satisfactory | 21.3% | 12.0% | 17.8% |
| Somewhat satisfactory | 40.8% | 24.0% | 34.5% |
| Somewhat Unsatisfactory | 20.6% | 16.7% | 19.1% |
| Unsatisfactory | 15.9% | 32.7% | 22.2% |
| Don’t know | 1.3% | 14.7% | 6.3% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 35- Did the response to the storm increase, decrease or not change the level of your confidence in the government led by Ismael Haniyeh? | | | |
| Increased | 12.8% | 19.8% | 15.4% |
| Decreased | 28.2% | 25.3% | 27.1% |
| Did not change | 51.8% | 50.4% | 51.3% |
| Don’t know | 7.2% | 4.4% | 6.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 36- Did the response to the storm increase, decrease or not change the level of your confidence in the government led by Rami Hamdallah? | | | |
| Increased | 21.1% | 16.2% | 19.3% |
| Decreased | 20.8% | 13.1% | 17.9% |
| Did not change | 51.0% | 54.9% | 52.5% |
| Don’t know | 7.1% | 15.8% | 10.3% |