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**Results of an Opinion Poll**

***The Public Mood***

***UN Vote***

***Gaza Confrontation***

***Elections***

***Reconciliation***

***Government Performance***

***Evaluation of Leadership***

***Popular Protests***

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| **Part One: The Public Mood** | **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 | 42.8% | 46.0% | 44.0% |
| Wrong direction | 51.1% | 50.9% | 51.0% |
| Don’t know | 6.1% | 3.1% | 5.0% |
| 1. **In general, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?**
 |
| Optimistic | 55.9% | 68.2% | 60.5% |
| Pessimistic | 41.9% | 30.4% | 37.6% |
| Don’t know | 2.3% | 1.3% | 1.9% |
| **Part Two: UN Quest and Gaza Confrontation** | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| 1. **Two months since President Abbas achieved non-member state status for Palestine at the UN, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**
 |
| The UN vote was a victory for the Palestinian cause | Strongly agree | 30.8% | 42.9% | 35.4% |
| Agree | 39.5% | 40.2% | 39.8% |
| Disagree | 22.3% | 13.1% | 18.8% |
| Strongly disagree | 6.3% | 1.1% | 4.3% |
| I don’t know | 1.1% | 2.7% | 1.7% |
| The UN vote will be followed by tangible progress towards Palestinian independence | Strongly agree | 20.3% | 27.1% | 22.8% |
| Agree | 42.7% | 45.6% | 43.8% |
| Disagree | 28.8% | 22.2% | 26.3% |
| Strongly disagree | 5.7% | 2.0% | 4.3% |
| I don’t know | 2.5% | 3.1% | 2.8% |
| The UN vote is a victory for President Abbas’ peace-oriented approach to Palestinian independence | Strongly agree | 26.9% | 42.2% | 32.7% |
| Agree | 41.5% | 37.6% | 40.0% |
| Disagree | 23.2% | 15.3% | 20.3% |
| Strongly disagree | 5.1% | 2.4% | 4.1% |
| I don’t know | 3.3% | 2.4% | 3.0% |
| The UN vote will have no impact on Palestinian affairs | Strongly agree | 15.8% | 16.7% | 16.1% |
| Agree | 32.3% | 41.3% | 35.7% |
| Disagree | 42.6% | 32.7% | 38.9% |
| Strongly disagree | 6.2% | 6.4% | 6.3% |
| I don’t know | 3.1% | 2.9% | 3.0% |
| The UN vote will negatively affect the economy of the West Bank | Strongly agree | 46.8% | 19.8% | 36.7% |
| Agree | 35.9% | 47.8% | 40.3% |
| Disagree | 12.5% | 17.1% | 14.3% |
| Strongly disagree | 2.1% | 2.9% | 2.4% |
| I don’t know | 2.7% | 12.4% | 6.3% |
| The UN vote will strengthen the Palestinian Authority | Strongly agree | 26.5% | 35.3% | 29.8% |
| Agree | 41.0% | 42.9% | 41.7% |
| Disagree | 22.1% | 17.3% | 20.3% |
| Strongly disagree | 7.1% | 1.3% | 4.9% |
| I don’t know | 3.3% | 3.1% | 3.3% |
| 1. **In general, do you believe that the Palestinian cause was advanced by the recent UN vote?**
 |
| Advanced | 30.8% | 47.1% | 36.9% |
| Set back | 34.6% | 16.0% | 27.6% |
| Not changed | 32.3% | 35.6% | 33.5% |
| I don’t know | 2.3% | 1.3% | 1.9% |
| 1. **In the wake of the cease-fire agreement in Gaza between Palestinian groups led by Hamas and the Government of Israel, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**
 |
| The confrontation and the resulting truce represent a victory for Palestinians | Strongly agree | 33.6% | 43.1% | 37.2% |
| Agree | 38.8% | 43.1% | 40.4% |
| Disagree | 21.2% | 11.6% | 17.6% |
| Strongly disagree | 3.9% | 1.8% | 3.1% |
| I don’t know | 2.5% | 0.4% | 1.8% |
| The results of the Gaza conflict will lead to tangible progress towards Palestinian independence | Strongly agree | 26.1% | 27.1% | 26.5% |
| Agree | 42.8% | 45.6% | 43.8% |
| Disagree | 24.4% | 24.0% | 24.3% |
| Strongly disagree | 2.9% | 2.0% | 2.6% |
| I don’t know | 3.7% | 1.3% | 2.8% |
| Agree | 31.6% | 41.1% | 35.2% |
| Disagree | 22.2% | 13.1% | 18.8% |
| Strongly disagree | 2.9% | 0.9% | 2.2% |
| I don’t know | 2.7% | 0.2% | 1.8% |
| The results of the Gaza conflict will lead to reconciliation and unity | Strongly agree | 27.7% | 28.9% | 28.2% |
| Agree | 42.9% | 50.7% | 45.8% |
| Disagree | 20.1% | 18.0% | 19.3% |
| Strongly disagree | 5.3% | 1.8% | 4.0% |
| I don’t know | 3.9% | 0.7% | 2.7% |
| The Gaza conflict and resulting truce will lead to no real change in the realities of Palestinians | Strongly agree | 13.7% | 12.2% | 13.2% |
| Agree | 35.6% | 47.8% | 40.2% |
| Disagree | 36.0% | 36.0% | 36.0% |
| Strongly disagree | 10.8% | 2.2% | 7.6% |
| I don’t know | 3.9% | 1.8% | 3.1% |
| 1. **In general, do you believe that the Palestinian cause has been advanced by recent events in Gaza?**
 |
| Advanced | 42.1% | 48.2% | 44.4% |
| Set back | 22.2% | 11.1% | 18.0% |
| Not changed | 33.9% | 39.8% | 36.1% |
| I don’t know | 1.9% | 0.9% | 1.5% |
| 1. **After more than two months of the UN initiative and the Gaza conflict, would you say that your view of the following parties/leaders has improved or diminished?**
 |
| The PA | Improved | 22.0% | 36.0% | 27.3% |
| Somewhat improved | 35.6% | 32.2% | 34.4% |
| Diminished | 30.7% | 22.9% | 27.8% |
| Somewhat diminished | 5.9% | 3.1% | 4.8% |
| Don’t know | 5.7% | 5.8% | 5.8% |
| President Abbas | Improved | 27.4% | 46.7% | 34.6% |
| Somewhat improved | 36.8% | 29.1% | 33.9% |
| Diminished | 24.7% | 16.2% | 21.5% |
| Somewhat diminished | 4.8% | 2.4% | 3.9% |
| Don’t know | 6.3% | 5.6% | 6.0% |
| Fatah | Improved | 24.0% | 45.6% | 32.1% |
| Somewhat improved | 38.3% | 29.8% | 35.1% |
| Diminished | 25.6% | 15.8% | 21.9% |
| Somewhat diminished | 5.1% | 2.9% | 4.3% |
| Don’t know | 6.9% | 6.0% | 6.6% |
| Hamas | Improved | 31.8% | 32.4% | 32.1% |
| Somewhat improved | 37.8% | 28.2% | 34.2% |
| Diminished | 16.3% | 30.2% | 21.5% |
| Somewhat diminished | 3.2% | 2.9% | 3.1% |
| Don’t know | 10.8% | 6.2% | 9.1% |
| Islamic Jihad | Improved | 25.0% | 24.7% | 24.9% |
| Somewhat improved | 37.1% | 30.0% | 34.4% |
| Diminished | 15.4% | 30.9% | 21.2% |
| Somewhat diminished | 2.9% | 4.0% | 3.3% |
| Don’t know | 19.5% | 10.4% | 16.1% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | Improved | 31.8% | 33.1% | 32.3% |
| Somewhat improved | 35.4% | 28.4% | 32.8% |
| Diminished | 16.0% | 27.6% | 20.4% |
| Somewhat diminished | 3.6% | 3.1% | 3.4% |
| Don’t know | 13.1% | 7.8% | 11.1% |
| KhaledMeshaal | Improved | 31.6% | 37.6% | 33.8% |
| Somewhat improved | 33.6% | 23.8% | 29.9% |
| Diminished | 16.0% | 26.4% | 19.9% |
| Somewhat diminished | 3.2% | 3.8% | 3.4% |
| Don’t know | 15.6% | 8.4% | 12.9% |
| The Egyptian Government | Improved | 27.8% | 37.6% | 31.4% |
| Somewhat improved | 33.0% | 26.9% | 30.7% |
| Diminished | 20.3% | 19.8% | 20.1% |
| Somewhat diminished | 3.9% | 8.4% | 5.6% |
| Don’t know | 15.1% | 7.3% | 12.2% |
| 1. **Two months since the UN vote and the Gaza conflict, which approach do you Prefer to advance Palestinian independence?**
 |
| The approach supported by Fatah and President Abbas | 37.0% | 54.7% | 43.6% |
| The approach supported by Hamas and other militant groups | 29.0% | 27.1% | 28.3% |
| Other | 18.8% | 9.8% | 15.4% |
| I don’t know | 15.2% | 8.4% | 12.7% |
| 1. **Do you support or oppose the return to negotiations at this time?**
 |
| Support | 52.9% | 55.3% | 53.8% |
| Oppose | 42.5% | 44.0% | 43.1% |
| I don’t know | 4.5% | 0.7% | 3.1% |
| 1. **Would you support or oppose the return to negotiations at this time, if Israel were to stopsettlement building in the West Bank?**
 |
| Support | 68.1% | 68.2% | 68.1% |
| Oppose | 28.6% | 31.8% | 29.8% |
| I don’t know | 3.3% |  | 2.1% |
| 1. **Do you think that recent Israeli elections (Knesset) will advance, set back, or will not change movement towardsa permanent solution of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle?**
 |
| Advance | 10.9% | 10.0% | 10.6% |
| Set back | 26.7% | 18.4% | 23.6% |
| Not changed anything | 56.4% | 55.1% | 55.9% |
| I don’t know | 6.0% | 16.4% | 9.9% |
| 1. **Do you support the principle of a two-state solution with a Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace with Israel?**
 |
| Support | 44.5% | 50.4% | 46.7% |
| Oppose | 52.1% | 47.1% | 50.2% |
| I don’t know | 3.5% | 2.4% | 3.1% |
| **Part Three: Elections**  | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| 1. **Did you hear about the updating of the electoral records announced by the Central Elections Committee in the West Bank and Gaza?**
 |
| Yes | 55.8% | 82.0% | 65.6% |
| No | 44.2% | 18.0% | 34.4% |
| 1. **Do you think that the next step after the updating of the electoral records will be legislative and presidential elections?**
 |
| Yes | 64.9% | 80.2% | 70.7% |
| No | 21.7% | 15.8% | 19.5% |
| I don’t know | 13.3% | 4.0% | 9.8% |
| 1. **Do you support the immediate holding of legislative elections in both the West Bank and Gaza?**
 |
| Yes | 82.1% | 94.4% | 86.8% |
| To some extent | 13.5% | 4.7% | 10.2% |
| No | 4.4% | 0.9% | 3.1% |
| 1. **Do you support the immediate holding of presidential elections in both the West Bank and Gaza?**
 |
| Yes | 81.2% | 94.7% | 86.2% |
| To some extent | 14.8% | 5.1% | 11.2% |
| No | 4.0% | 0.2% | 2.6% |
| 1. **If elections took place today and the following lists ran, which one would you vote for?**
 |
| Fatah | 38.3% | 46.9% | 41.5% |
| Hamas | 17.3% | 17.8% | 17.5% |
| PFLP | 2.5% | 3.1% | 2.8% |
| Al Mubadara | 2.3% | 1.1% | 1.8% |
| Islamic Jihad | 1.7% | 0.9% | 1.4% |
| DFLP | 1.2% | 0.9% | 1.1% |
| PPP | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| HizbTahrir | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.3% |
| Palestinian Struggle Front | 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.2% |
| Fida | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Other | 1.5% | 0.7% | 1.2% |
| I didn’t decide yet | 19.3% | 16.0% | 18.1% |
| I will not vote | 14.9% | 12.0% | 13.8% |
| 1. **From the following list, who will you vote for as president of the Palestinian State?**
 |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 30.5% | 28.7% | 29.8% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 10.1% | 13.6% | 11.4% |
| Marwan Barghouthi | 9.9% | 12.9% | 11.0% |
| Khaled Meshaal | 6.3% | 5.8% | 6.1% |
| Mustafa Barghouthi | 3.3% | 5.6% | 4.2% |
| Ahmad Saadat | 3.2% | 2.2% | 2.8% |
| Salam Fayyad | 1.7% | 3.3% | 2.3% |
| Mohammed Dahlan | 0.5% | 4.0% | 1.8% |
| Nasser Al Deen Al Shaer | 1.9% | 0.2% | 1.3% |
| Ramadan Shalah | 0.8% | 1.6% | 1.1% |
| Mahmoud Aloul | 0.8% | 0.2% | 0.6% |
| Mahmoud Al Zahhar | 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.2% |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 30.5% | 28.7% | 29.8% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 10.1% | 13.6% | 11.4% |
| 1. **If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?**
 |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 44.0% | 52.0% | 47.0% |
| Khaled Mashaal | 22.3% | 25.1% | 23.3% |
| I don’t know\ not sure | 14.8% | 7.8% | 12.2% |
| Will not vote | 18.9% | 15.1% | 17.5% |
| 1. **If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?**
 |
| Mahmoud Abbas  | 44.8% | 51.6% | 47.3% |
| Ismael Haniya | 22.0% | 24.0% | 22.8% |
| I don’t know\ not sure | 14.3% | 8.4% | 12.1% |
| Will not vote | 18.9% | 16.0% | 17.8% |
| **Part Four: Reconciliation** | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| 1. **Are you optimistic or pessimistic about reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas?**
 |
| Optimistic | 68.4% | 68.9% | 68.6% |
| Pessimistic | 28.5% | 29.3% | 28.8% |
| I don’t know | 3.1% | 1.8% | 2.6% |
| 1. **Do you believe that Fatah is serious about ending the division?**
 |
| Yes | 60.6% | 73.6% | 65.4% |
| No  | 33.6% | 22.7% | 29.5% |
| I don’t know | 5.9% | 3.8% | 5.1% |
| 1. **Do you believe that Hamas is serious about ending the division?**
 |
| Yes | 56.1% | 44.9% | 51.9% |
| No  | 35.7% | 49.8% | 41.0% |
| I don’t know | 8.1% | 5.3% | 7.1% |
| 1. **To end the present impasse between Fatah and Hamas, which one of the following is the best approach in your opinion?**
 |
| Immediate call for legislative and presidential elections in the West Bank and Gaza | 30.2% | 46.7% | 36.4% |
| Continue to pursue reconciliation talks | 20.0% | 18.0% | 19.3% |
| Popular pressure on both Fatah and Hamas | 33.5% | 29.6% | 32.0% |
| Nothing will work to resolve this issue | 13.5% | 4.7% | 10.2% |
| Don’t know | 2.8% | 1.1% | 2.2% |
| **Part Five: The PA and Government** | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| 1. **Within the medium term, do you believe that the PA will be able to survive?**
 |
| Will definitely survive | 41.3% | 61.3% | 48.8% |
| Possible that it will survive | 19.5% | 19.8% | 19.6% |
| Possible that it will collapse | 20.1% | 10.9% | 16.7% |
| Will definitely collapse | 10.9% | 4.7% | 8.6% |
| I don’t know | 8.1% | 3.3% | 6.3% |
| 1. **In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Salam Fayyad**?
 |
| Positive | 17.5% | 29.6% | 22.0% |
| Average | 32.3% | 40.7% | 35.4% |
| Negative | 45.5% | 27.1% | 38.6% |
| I don’t know | 4.8% | 2.7% | 4.0% |
| 1. **In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Ismael Haniyeh**
 |
| Positive | 29.2% | 27.1% | 28.4% |
| Average | 35.7% | 37.6% | 36.4% |
| Negative | 23.2% | 33.3% | 27.0% |
| I don’t know | 11.9% | 2.0% | 8.2% |
| 1. **If you had a choice between the two governments, the Fayyad-led and the Haniyeh-led, which would you choose to govern in your region?**
 |
| The Haniyeh – led government | 27.8% | 29.3% | 28.4% |
| The Fayyad – led government | 23.0% | 36.0% | 27.9% |
| Neither of the two | 39.5% | 32.4% | 36.9% |
| Don’t know | 9.7% | 2.2% | 6.9% |
| 1. **If a unity government were agreed upon, which one of the following leaders would you prefer to see as Prime Minister?**
 |
| Ismael Haniyeh  | 27.2% | 28.7% | 27.8% |
| Salam Fayyad  | 20.0% | 30.2% | 23.9% |
| Munib Masri  | 9.5% | 3.1% | 7.1% |
| Mustafa Barghouthi | 16.0% | 24.0% | 19.0% |
| Ziad Abu Amer | 1.2% | 1.3% | 1.3% |
| Hanan Ashrawi | 6.7% | 3.1% | 5.3% |
| Jamal al Khudari | 0.9% | 2.0% | 1.3% |
| Other  | 18.4% | 7.6% | 14.3% |
| 1. **Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the overall performance of the following leaders?**
 |
| Mahmoud Abbas | Approve | 58.1% | 57.6% | 57.9% |
| Disapprove | 37.1% | 40.2% | 38.3% |
| I don’t know | 4.8% | 2.2% | 3.8% |
| Salam Fayyad | Approve | 38.0% | 40.4% | 38.9% |
| Disapprove | 55.7% | 56.7% | 56.1% |
| I don’t know | 6.3% | 2.9% | 5.0% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | Approve | 48.9% | 39.1% | 45.3% |
| Disapprove | 42.3% | 58.4% | 48.3% |
| I don’t know | 8.8% | 2.4% | 6.4% |
| Khaled Meshaal | Approve | 47.0% | 39.8% | 44.3% |
| Disapprove | 42.9% | 57.8% | 48.5% |
| I don’t know | 10.1% | 2.4% | 7.3% |
| **Part Six: Popular Protests** | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| 1. **Have you heard about recent popular protest activities such as the village of "Bab-Al Shams"**
 |
| Yes | 61.9% | 29.1% | 49.6% |
| No | 38.1% | 70.9% | 50.4% |
| 1. **If yes, do you think that this kind of protest activity will have a real impact on ending the occupation?**
 |
| Yes | 69.2% | 67.9% | 68.9% |
| No | 25.6% | 30.5% | 26.7% |
| Don’t know | 5.2% | 1.5% | 4.4% |
| 1. **Would you participate in this kind of popular protest?**
 |
| Yes | 61.2% | 77.9% | 64.9% |
| No | 30.8% | 19.8% | 28.4% |
| Don’t know | 8.0% | 2.3% | 6.8% |
| 1. **Do you support or oppose a new third Intifada to achieve the establishment of an independent Palestinian state?**
 |
| Support | 34.1% | 28.4% | 31.9% |
| Oppose | 62.1% | 70.2% | 65.2% |
| Don’t know | 3.8% | 1.3% | 2.8% |
| 1. **In your opinion, the outbreak of a third Intifada would lead to:**
 |
| Progress in the status of the Palestinian issue | 20.8% | 32.2% | 25.1% |
| Decline in the status of the Palestinian issue | 44.1% | 35.1% | 40.8% |
| Unconfirmed, mixed results  | 30.1% | 28.9% | 29.7% |
| Don’t know | 4.9% | 3.8% | 4.5% |
| 1. **If the Palestinian National Authority proves unable to establish a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, which of the following solutions would you support?**
 |
| International solution that imposes guardianship of Palestine | 11.6% | 14.9% | 12.8% |
| One bi-national state | 13.5% | 15.6% | 14.3% |
| Dissolving the PA and handing responsibility for the territories back to Israel | 8.9% | 5.3% | 7.6% |
| Confederation with Jordan until the establishment of an independent Palestinian state | 14.9% | 2.9% | 10.4% |
| Transferring authority in the West Bank to Hamas | 16.4% | 14.0% | 15.5% |
| Other solution  | 3.3% | 7.6% | 4.9% |
| None of the above | 23.2% | 28.4% | 25.2% |
| Don’t know | 8.1% | 11.3% | 9.3% |

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| **Sample Distribution** |
| **District** | **Gender** |
| Jenin | 6.7 | Male | 49.3 |
| Tulkarm | 5.0 | Female | 50.7 |
| Qalqilya | 1.7 | **Age** |
| Nablus | 8.3 | 18-30 | 43.1 |
| Salfit | 1.6 | 31-40 | 22.9 |
| Tubas | 1.6 | 41+ | 34.0 |
| Ramallah &Albireh | 8.3 | **Marital Status** |
| Jerusalem | 10.0 | Single | 25.7 |
| Jericho | 1.8 | Married | 70.6 |
| Bethlehem | 4.8 | Other | 3.8 |
| Hebron | 12.8 | **Refugee status** |
| Jabalya | 7.2 | Refugee | 45.9 |
| Gaza | 14.6 | Non-refugee | 54.1 |
| Deir Albalah | 5.3 | **Educational level** |
| Khan Yunis | 5.3 | Up to 9 years | 22.0 |
| Rafah | 5.3 | Secondary (10-12) | 41.2 |
| **Residence** | More than 12 years | 36.8 |
| City | 52.1 | **Occupation** |
| Village | 23.9 | Laborer | 10.3 |
| Camp | 24.0 | Employee | 15.0 |
| **Work Sector** | Farmer | 0.8 |
| Government | 30.3 | Merchant | 5.2 |
| Private | 66.1 | Professional | 0.9 |
| NGOs | 1.7 | Craftsman | 4.7 |
| Other | 1.9 | Student | 11.8 |
| **Income** | Housewife | 37.2 |
| Above average | 15.0 | Does not work | 12.2 |
| Average | 57.1 | Retired | 1.9 |
| Below average | 27.9 | **Do you use the internet?** |
| **Region** | Yes | 48.7 |
| West Bank | 62.5 | No | 51.3 |
| Gaza | 37.5 |  |  |