

**Results of an Opinion Poll**

**In the West Bank and Gaza**

***Overall situation***

***Negotiations***

***The Framework agreement***

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**Sample Size: 1200 Palestinian in the West Bank and Gaza Strip**

**Margin of error: ±3%**

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**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  | 34.9% | 19.6% | 29.1% |
| Wrong direction  | 59.0% | 78.4% | 66.3% |
| Don’t know | 6.1% | 2.0% | 4.6% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 2-Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future? |
| Optimistic  | 50.1% | 45.6% | 48.4% |
| Pessimistic  | 46.7% | 53.8% | 49.4% |
| Don’t know | 3.2% | 0.7% | 2.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza  | Total |
| 3-Is your family’s economic situation better or worse than it was a year ago? |
| Improved | 16.5% | 6.0% | 12.6% |
| Stayed the same | 38.6% | 24.7% | 33.4% |
| Worse | 43.7% | 69.1% | 53.2% |
| Don’t know | 1.2% | 0.2% | 0.8% |

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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 | 24.7% | 20.4% | 23.1% |
| Stayed the same | 37.1% | 37.1% | 37.1% |
| Worse | 37.7% | 42.0% | 39.3% |
| Don’t know | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.5% |

**Negotiations**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 5-Do you support or oppose the current round of negotiations? |
| Support | 48.5% | 50.7% | 49.3% |
| Oppose | 43.0% | 45.6% | 44.0% |
| Don’t know | 8.5% | 3.8% | 6.7% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza  | Total |
| 6-Have you received any information on the current round of negotiations whether from the media or the leadership? |
| Yes to a large extent | 5.9% | 11.8% | 8.1% |
| Yes to some extent | 37.3% | 33.1% | 35.7% |
| I have received very limited information | 29.3% | 34.2% | 31.1% |
| I haven’t received any information | 26.0% | 20.0% | 23.7% |
| Don’t Know | 1.6% | 0.9% | 1.3% |

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| 7- Do you have confidence in the Palestinian negotiating team? |
| Yes, to a large extent | 10.0% | 19.3% | 13.5% |
| Yes, to some extent | 32.5% | 26.4% | 30.2% |
| To a limited extent | 25.4% | 16.9% | 22.2% |
| No, I don’t | 25.2% | 34.7% | 28.7% |
| Don’t know | 6.9% | 2.7% | 5.3% |

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| 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 | 16.1% | 31.1% | 21.7% |
| To some extent | 37.4% | 18.4% | 30.3% |
| No | 40.7% | 48.4% | 43.6% |
| Don’t know | 5.7% | 2.0% | 4.3% |

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| 9-Do you believe that the following parties are serious about peace negotiations leading to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state? |
| PA | Yes | 48.7% | 62.7% | 54.0% |
| To some extent | 26.1% | 16.9% | 22.6% |
| No | 21.4% | 19.8% | 20.8% |
| Don’t know | 3.7% | 0.7% | 2.6% |
| Israel | Yes | 3.7% | 2.7% | 3.3% |
| To some extent | 10.7% | 6.7% | 9.2% |
| No | 81.9% | 88.7% | 84.4% |
| Don’t know | 3.7% | 2.0% | 3.1% |
| USA | Yes | 5.2% | 6.7% | 5.7% |
| To some extent | 12.9% | 14.0% | 13.3% |
| No | 73.2% | 76.9% | 74.6% |
| Don’t know | 8.7% | 2.4% | 6.3% |
| UN members | Yes | 10.3% | 15.8% | 12.3% |
| To some extent | 23.7% | 24.2% | 23.9% |
| No | 53.9% | 57.8% | 55.3% |
| Don’t know | 12.1% | 2.2% | 8.4% |
| EU | Yes | 11.5% | 19.3% | 14.4% |
| To some extent | 22.2% | 20.4% | 21.6% |
| No | 52.7% | 57.8% | 54.6% |
| Don’t know | 13.6% | 2.4% | 9.4% |

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| 10- What do you believe is the most significant issue impeding the achievement of a final solution? |
| Settlements | 24.8% | 7.6% | 18.3% |
| Refugees | 23.8% | 30.2% | 26.2% |
| Jerusalem | 37.1% | 55.3% | 43.9% |
| Water | 1.3% | 0.9% | 1.2% |
| The Jordan Valley | 1.3% | 0.7% | 1.1% |
| Future borders | 5.6% | 2.2% | 4.3% |
| Demilitarization of the future Palestinian state | 6.0% | 3.1% | 4.9% |

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| 11- 20 years after Oslo, do you feel that Palestinians are closer to or farther from achieving their goal of a Palestinian state? |
| Closer | 31.3% | 34.0% | 32.3% |
| Further | 63.4% | 64.0% | 63.6% |
| Don’t know | 5.3% | 2.0% | 4.1% |

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| 12-Do you have more or less hope for the peace process compared to one year ago? |
| More hope | 30.4% | 33.8% | 31.6% |
| Less hope | 65.0% | 64.4% | 64.8% |
| Don’t know | 4.7% | 1.8% | 3.6% |

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| 13-Do you support the principle of a two-state solution with a Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace with Israel? |
| Support | 55.4% | 46.0% | 51.9% |
| Oppose | 42.1% | 53.3% | 46.3% |
| Don’t know | 2.5% | 0.7% | 1.8% |

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| 14-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 | 26.2% | 32.0% | 28.4% |
| President Abbas will return to the UN | 23.2% | 26.9% | 24.6% |
| There will be a new Intifada | 27.7% | 29.3% | 28.3% |
| The Palestinian Authority will collapse | 15.6% | 8.7% | 13.0% |
| Don’t know | 7.3% | 3.1% | 5.7% |

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| 15-Generally, which of the following methods do you personally support to achieve independence? |
| Armed resistance  | 30.6% | 44.0% | 35.6% |
| Peaceful, non-violent resistance | 24.0% | 18.7% | 22.0% |
| Direct negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis | 23.2% | 22.2% | 22.8% |
| An international conference under the auspices of the UN | 15.7% | 13.8% | 15.0% |
| Don’t know | 6.5% | 1.3% | 4.6% |

**The Framework Agreement**

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| 16-How familiar are you with the reported-on Framework Agreement, which will guide a proposed extension of the current round of negotiations? |
| Very Familiar | 5.1% | 8.4% | 6.3% |
| Somewhat familiar | 38.9% | 32.7% | 36.6% |
| No familiarity | 56.1% | 58.9% | 57.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 17-Do you believe that the Framework Agreement will succeed or fail in producing a final status agreement? |
| Will succeed | 15.2% | 15.6% | 15.3% |
| Will fail | 42.2% | 57.1% | 47.8% |
| Don’t know | 42.6% | 27.3% | 36.9% |

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| 18-The following components of a framework agreement were derived from reports in the media. Would you approve or disapprove of the following parameters for a continuation of negotiations? |
| Security arrangements in the Jordan Valley, including an Israeli military presence, which will phase out after an agreed upon period of time | Approve  | 18.6% | 21.6% | 19.7% |
| In between  | 30.8% | 13.3% | 24.2% |
| Disapprove | 46.6% | 63.6% | 53.0% |
| Don’t know | 4.0% | 1.6% | 3.1% |
| Mutual recognition of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people and Palestine as the nation-state of the Palestinian people, which guarantees equal rights for all citizens in both states  | Approve  | 19.2% | 16.7% | 18.2% |
| In between  | 28.0% | 11.1% | 21.6% |
| Disapprove | 48.1% | 71.3% | 56.8% |
| Don’t know | 4.8% | 0.9% | 3.3% |
| Israeli retention of certain settlements blocs in exchange for land swaps. The guiding foundation of this exchange would be the 1967 borders | Approve  | 8.8% | 10.7% | 9.5% |
| In between  | 21.8% | 8.4% | 16.8% |
| Disapprove | 63.4% | 79.8% | 69.5% |
| Don’t know | 6.0% | 1.1% | 4.2% |
| Palestine as a demilitarized state | Approve  | 7.6% | 8.2% | 7.8% |
| In between  | 13.3% | 7.3% | 11.1% |
| Disapprove | 73.1% | 83.6% | 77.0% |
| Don’t know | 6.0% | 0.9% | 4.1% |
| A just solution to the refugee issue that end their suffering and state of uncertainty  | Approve  | 55.3% | 61.6% | 57.6% |
| In between  | 19.0% | 12.9% | 16.7% |
| Disapprove | 20.8% | 24.9% | 22.3% |
| Don’t know | 4.9% | 0.7% | 3.3% |
| The future capital of the State of Palestine is in East Jerusalem | Approve  | 37.7% | 33.8% | 36.2% |
| In between  | 21.7% | 12.2% | 18.2% |
| Disapprove | 35.3% | 52.7% | 41.8% |
| Don’t know | 5.3% | 1.3% | 3.8% |

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| 19-Regardless of any personal reservations on the previous points, would you support a decision by President Abbas to accept them as the basis for an extension of current negotiations? |
| Support | 49.1% | 45.8% | 47.9% |
| Oppose | 40.9% | 51.1% | 44.7% |
| Don’t know  | 10.0% | 3.1% | 7.4% |

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| **Sample Distribution(%)** |
| **District** | **Gender** |
| Jenin | 6.7% | Male | 49.7% |
| Tulkarm | 5.0% | Female | 50.3% |
| Qalqilya | 1.7% | **Age** |
| Nablus | 8.3% | 18-30 | 44.0% |
| Salfit | 1.7% | 31-40 | 21.1% |
| Tubas | 1.6% | 41+ | 35.0% |
| Ramallah &Al Bireh | 8.3% | **Marital Status** |
| Jerusalem | 10.0% | Single | 26.0% |
| Jericho | 1.8% | Married | 69.2% |
| Bethlehem | 4.7% | Other | 4.8% |
| Hebron | 12.7% | **Refugee status** |
| Jabalya | 7.2% | Refugee | 43.9% |
| Gaza | 14.6% | Non-refugee | 56.1% |
| DeirAlBalah | 5.2% | **Educational level** |
| KhanYunis | 5.2% | Up to 9 years | 23.7% |
| Rafah | 5.2% | Secondary (10-12) | 40.1% |
| **Residence** | More than 12 years | 36.1% |
| City | 47.2% | **Occupation** |
| Village | 28.8% | Laborer | 11.2% |
| Camp | 24.0% | Employee | 17.1% |
| **Work Sector** | Farmer | 1.4% |
| Government | 32.1% | Merchant | 5.1% |
| Private | 54.7% | Professional | 1.0% |
| NGOs | 7.7% | Craftsman | 3.3% |
| Other | 5.5% | Student | 11.9% |
| **Reported income** | Housewife | 36.2% |
| Above average | 10.6% | Does not work | 11.0% |
| Average | 59.8% | Retired | 1.8% |
| Below average | 29.5% |  |
| **Region** |
| West Bank | 62.5% |
| Gaza | 37.5% |