

**Results of an Opinion Poll**

**In the West Bank and Gaza**

*BNC Movement*

*Government performance*

*Elections*

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

**Margin of error: ±3%**

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**BNC Movement**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Have you heard of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction (BNC) Movement? | | | |
| Yes | 21.8% | 22.4% | 22.0% |
| No | 78.2% | 77.6% | 78.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| If yes, are you familiar with its activities? | | | |
| Yes | 44.8% | 60.4% | 50.8% |
| No | 55.2% | 39.6% | 49.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you support or oppose the BNC movement? | | | |
| Support | 87.7% | 85.2% | 86.6% |
| Oppose | 9.6% | 11.5% | 10.4% |
| Don’t know | 2.7% | 3.3% | 3.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In your opinion, will the BNC movement have a positive, negative, or no impact on the Palestinian cause? | | | |
| Positive impact | 51.9% | 53.0% | 52.3% |
| Negative impact | 4.3% | 4.0% | 4.2% |
| No impact | 37.0% | 26.0% | 32.8% |
| Don’t know | 6.8% | 17.0% | 10.7% |

**Government performance**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Rami Hamdallah? | | | |
| Positive | 28.0% | 36.2% | 31.1% |
| Average | 42.9% | 34.7% | 39.8% |
| Negative | 16.7% | 15.8% | 16.3% |
| Don’t know | 12.4% | 13.3% | 12.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Ismael Haniyeh? | | | |
| Positive | 20.6% | 19.1% | 20.1% |
| Average | 34.6% | 30.9% | 33.2% |
| Negative | 32.2% | 48.0% | 38.1% |
| Don’t know | 12.5% | 2.0% | 8.6% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In general, how do you rate the overall performance of President Mahmoud Abbas? | | | |
| Positive | 38.9% | 37.6% | 38.4% |
| Average | 44.7% | 37.1% | 41.9% |
| Negative | 13.6% | 24.0% | 17.5% |
| Don’t know | 2.8% | 1.3% | 2.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In general, do you approve or disapprove of the performance of President Mahmoud Abbas? | | | |
| Approve | 58.8% | 56.2% | 57.8% |
| Disapprove | 30.8% | 36.9% | 33.1% |
| Don’t know | 10.4% | 6.9% | 9.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| If you had a choice between the two governments, the Hamdallah-led or the Haniyeh-led, which would you chose to govern in your region? | | | |
| The Hamdallah -led government | 40.2% | 53.6% | 45.2% |
| The Haniyeh-led government | 14.3% | 22.0% | 17.2% |
| Neither of the two | 37.5% | 21.8% | 31.6% |
| Don’t know | 8.0% | 2.7% | 6.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Are you optimistic about the prospects of forming a national unity government between Hamas and Fateh? | | | |
| Optimistic | 51.3% | 47.1% | 49.8% |
| Pessimistic | 45.3% | 50.4% | 47.3% |
| Don’t Know | 3.3% | 2.4% | 3.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Who bears the greatest responsibility for the failure to achieve reconciliation up to this point? | | | |
| Fatah | 13.8% | 10.7% | 12.7% |
| Hamas | 18.1% | 27.6% | 21.6% |
| Other political parties (Other than Hamas and Fatah) | 3.2% | 0.9% | 2.3% |
| All political parties (including Hamas and Fatah | 29.8% | 39.6% | 33.5% |
| Other | 25.3% | 20.2% | 23.4% |
| I don’t know | 9.7% | 1.1% | 6.5% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you support or oppose the creation of the position of Vice President within the PA? | | | |
| Approve | 66.1% | 74.0% | 69.1% |
| Disapprove | 25.6% | 20.0% | 23.5% |
| Don’t know | 8.3% | 6.0% | 7.4% |

**Elections**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you support the immediate conduct of legislative election in the West Bank and Gaza? | | | |
| Yes | 77.2% | 94.2% | 83.6% |
| No | 18.5% | 5.6% | 13.7% |
| Don’t know | 4.3% | 0.2% | 2.7% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you support the immediate conduct of presidential elections in the West Bank and Gaza? | | | |
| Yes | 75.2% | 92.7% | 81.8% |
| No | 20.7% | 6.9% | 15.5% |
| Don’t know | 4.1% | 0.4% | 2.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| If elections took place today and the following lists ran, which one would you vote for? | | | |
| Fatah | 37.4% | 50.7% | 42.4% |
| Hamas | 9.7% | 15.8% | 12.0% |
| ALmubadara | 2.4% | 2.0% | 2.2% |
| PFLP | 2.5% | 2.4% | 2.5% |
| Islamic Jihad | 0.9% | 2.0% | 1.3% |
| DFLP | 2.0% | 0.2% | 1.3% |
| Hizb Tahrir | 0.8% | 0.7% | 0.7% |
| PPP | 0.3% |  | 0.2% |
| Fida | 0.8% |  | 0.5% |
| Palestinian struggle | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Other | 2.8% | 3.3% | 3.0% |
| I did not decide yet | 22.6% | 12.7% | 18.9% |
| I will not vote | 17.4% | 10.0% | 14.7% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for? | | | |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 47.2% | 54.4% | 49.9% |
| Khaled Mishal | 14.8% | 21.6% | 17.3% |
| Don’t know | 12.7% | 7.6% | 10.8% |
| Will not vote | 25.3% | 16.4% | 22.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for? | | | |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 47.8% | 55.3% | 50.6% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 14.2% | 20.9% | 16.7% |
| Don’t know | 14.0% | 8.2% | 11.8% |
| Will not vote | 24.0% | 15.6% | 20.8% |

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|  | | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| There has been much discussion in the media and online about people-to-people contacts. How acceptable would you find it for yourself or other Palestinians to engage in the following activities? | | | | |
| Engaging in political discussions with Israelis on the full range of mutual issues | Acceptable | 24.1% | 23.3% | 23.8% |
| Somewhat acceptable | 26.1% | 16.9% | 22.6% |
| Somewhat Unacceptable | 18.5% | 12.2% | 16.2% |
| Unacceptable | 29.2% | 47.1% | 35.9% |
| Don’t know | 2.1% | 0.4% | 1.5% |
| Welcoming Israelis to the Palestinian Territories to show them local realities | Acceptable | 19.4% | 20.0% | 19.7% |
| Somewhat acceptable | 26.1% | 16.9% | 22.6% |
| Somewhat Unacceptable | 20.1% | 10.9% | 16.7% |
| Unacceptable | 32.4% | 52.0% | 39.7% |
| Don’t know | 2.0% | 0.2% | 1.3% |
| Allowing Israeli journalists into Palestinian Territories to report on the local situation | Acceptable | 23.3% | 33.3% | 27.1% |
| Somewhat acceptable | 23.4% | 18.9% | 21.7% |
| Somewhat Unacceptable | 19.4% | 8.9% | 15.5% |
| Unacceptable | 32.2% | 38.9% | 34.7% |
| Don’t know | 1.6% |  | 1.0% |
| Working jointly with Israelis on scientific/environmental/health projects that is of practical interest to both sides | Acceptable | 19.7% | 26.9% | 22.4% |
| Somewhat acceptable | 24.9% | 15.6% | 21.4% |
| Somewhat Unacceptable | 18.4% | 14.4% | 16.9% |
| Unacceptable | 34.9% | 42.2% | 37.6% |
| Don’t know | 2.1% | 0.9% | 1.7% |
| Building the Palestinian economy through improved trade relations with Israelis | Acceptable | 19.2% | 30.9% | 23.6% |
| Somewhat acceptable | 25.2% | 16.2% | 21.8% |
| Somewhat Unacceptable | 17.3% | 12.2% | 15.4% |
| Unacceptable | 36.2% | 40.4% | 37.8% |
| Don’t know | 2.1% | 0.2% | 1.4% |
| Engaging in cultural/sports activities with Israelis | Acceptable | 13.3% | 12.7% | 13.1% |
| Somewhat acceptable | 18.5% | 9.8% | 15.2% |
| Somewhat Unacceptable | 17.8% | 16.4% | 17.3% |
| Unacceptable | 48.2% | 60.7% | 52.9% |
| Don’t know | 2.1% | 0.4% | 1.5% |

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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% |
| **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% |