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**Results of an Opinion Poll**

***The Public Mood***

***The UN Vote and the Conflict in Gaza***

***Elections***

***Reconciliation***

***Government Performance***

***Obama’s Visit to Palestine***

***Arab Spring***

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

**Margin of error: ±3%**

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**Part One: The Public Mood**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In general, would you say that things in Palestine are heading in the right direction or the wrong direction? |
| Right direction | 43.3% | 42.0% | 42.8% |
| Wrong direction | 51.1% | 54.4% | 52.3% |
| Don’t know | 5.6% | 3.6% | 4.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In general, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future? |
| Optimistic | 56.6% | 59.8% | 57.8% |
| Pessimistic | 40.9% | 38.7% | 40.1% |
| Don’t know | 2.5% | 1.6% | 2.2% |

**Part Two: Five Months after the UN Vote and the Conflict in Gaza**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Five months since President Abbas achieved non-member state status for Palestine at the UN, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “The UN vote was a victory for the Palestinian cause.” |
| Strongly agree | 29.2% | 40.0% | 33.3% |
| Agree | 41.7% | 37.3% | 40.0% |
| Disagree | 20.4% | 11.8% | 17.2% |
| Strongly disagree | 6.3% | 6.4% | 6.3% |
| Don’t know  | 2.4% | 4.4% | 3.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Five months since 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 statement: “The confrontation and the resulting truce represent a victory for Palestinians.” |
| Strongly agree | 23.5% | 43.3% | 30.9% |
| Agree | 46.2% | 34.2% | 41.7% |
| Disagree | 23.2% | 13.3% | 19.5% |
| Strongly disagree | 4.8% | 7.3% | 5.8% |
| Don’t know  | 2.3% | 1.8% | 2.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Looking back at the UN vote and the November conflict in Gaza, which approach do you PREFER to advance Palestinian independence? |
| The approach supported by Fatah and President Abbas | 43.6% | 44.4% | 43.9% |
| The approach supported by Hamas and other militant groups | 25.9% | 31.1% | 27.9% |
| Other | 12.2% | 16.2% | 13.7% |
| Don’t know | 18.3% | 8.2% | 14.5% |

**Part Three: Elections**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you support the immediate holding of legislative elections in both the West Bank and Gaza? |
| Yes | 83.0% | 89.1% | 85.3% |
| No | 12.7% | 10.0% | 11.7% |
| Don’t know | 4.3% | 0.9% | 3.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you support the immediate holding of presidential elections in both the West Bank and Gaza? |
| Yes | 82.1% | 89.8% | 85.0% |
| No | 13.9% | 9.1% | 12.1% |
| Don’t know | 4.0% | 1.1% | 2.9% |

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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 | 39.3% | 44.2% | 41.1% |
| Hamas | 15.2% | 19.3% | 16.8% |
| PFLP | 2.8% | 1.6% | 2.3% |
| AlMubadara | 2.5% | 1.1% | 2.0% |
| Islamic Jihad | 1.6% | 1.6% | 1.6% |
| DFLP | 1.5% | 1.1% | 1.3% |
| Hizb AlTahreer | 0.3% |  0.0% | 0.2% |
| PPP | 0.3% |  0.0% | 0.2% |
| Other | 1.7% | 3.8% | 2.5% |
| Undecided | 20.3% | 14.9% | 18.3% |
| Will not vote  | 14.6% | 12.4% | 13.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| If the following political figures ran for president, for whom would you most likely vote? |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 31.0% | 31.8% | 31.3% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 11.0% | 15.8% | 12.8% |
| Marwan Barghouthi | 9.2% | 6.2% | 8.1% |
| Khaled Mashaal | 5.5% | 4.0% | 4.9% |
| Mustafa Barghouthi | 4.3% | 4.0% | 4.2% |
| Mohammad Dahlan | 1.5% | 7.8% | 3.8% |
| Ahmad Saadat | 2.1% | 2.4% | 2.3% |
| Salam Fayyad | 1.6% | 2.2% | 1.8% |
| Ramadan Shalah |  0.0% | 1.8% | 0.7% |
| Mahmoud Aloul | 0.8% |  0.0% | 0.5% |
| Mahmoud AlZahar | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.3% |
| Naser Alden AlShaer | 0.3% |  0.0% | 0.2% |
| Don’t know | 11.8% | 12.4% | 12.0% |
| Will not vote | 20.7% | 11.1% | 17.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In a two-way Presidential race, who would you vote for? |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 44.9% | 47.3% | 45.8% |
| Khaled Mashaal | 20.7% | 26.9% | 23.0% |
| Don’t know | 11.2% | 8.2% | 10.1% |
| Will not vote | 23.1% | 17.6% | 21.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In a two-way Presidential race, who would you vote for? |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 45.1% | 48.0% | 46.2% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 20.2% | 27.3% | 22.9% |
| Don’t know | 10.4% | 8.0% | 9.5% |
| Will not vote | 24.2% | 16.7% | 21.4% |

**Part Four: Reconciliation**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Are you optimistic or pessimistic about Fatah and Hamas achieving reconciliation?  |
| Optimistic | 61.1% | 52.0% | 57.7% |
| Pessimistic | 34.9% | 47.1% | 39.5% |
| Don’t know | 4.0% | 0.9% | 2.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you believe that Fatah is serious about ending the division? |
| Yes | 53.7% | 58.7% | 55.6% |
| No | 37.2% | 36.7% | 37.0% |
| Don’t know | 9.1% | 4.7% | 7.4% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you believe that Hamas is serious about ending the division? |
| Yes | 47.5% | 38.7% | 44.2% |
| No | 41.8% | 54.9% | 46.7% |
| Don’t know | 10.7% | 6.4% | 9.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Which approach do you prefer to end the division? |
| New elections | 27.9% | 48.0% | 35.5% |
| A Fatah-Hamas unity government | 49.2% | 43.3% | 47.0% |
| None of the above | 17.8% | 6.4% | 13.5% |
| Don’t know | 5.1% | 2.2% | 4.0% |

**Part Five: Government Performance**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Salam Fayyad? |
| Positive | 13.2% | 33.8% | 21.0% |
| Average  | 37.0% | 28.0% | 33.6% |
| Negative | 44.9% | 30.2% | 39.4% |
| Don’t know | 4.8% | 8.0% | 6.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Ismael Haniyeh? |
| Positive | 22.9% | 26.7% | 24.3% |
| Average  | 36.2% | 32.4% | 34.8% |
| Negative | 26.5% | 37.6% | 30.6% |
| Don’t know | 14.4% | 3.3% | 10.3% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| If you had a choice between the two governments, the Fayyad-led and the Haniyeh-led, to govern in your region, which one would you chose? |
| The Haniyeh-led government | 24.6% | 29.6% | 26.5% |
| The Fayyad-led government | 22.2% | 37.1% | 27.8% |
| None of the two | 46.1% | 28.9% | 39.6% |
| Don’t know | 7.1% | 4.4% | 6.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| If a unity government were agreed upon, which one of the following leaders would you prefer to see as Prime Minister? |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 24.7% | 28.7% | 26.2% |
| Salam Fayyad | 14.9% | 28.4% | 20.0% |
| Mustafa Barghouthi | 20.0% | 14.4% | 17.9% |
| Muneeb AlMasri | 9.4% | 2.2% | 6.7% |
| Hanan Ashrawi | 8.4% | 3.1% | 6.4% |
| Jamal AlKhudary | 1.9% | 1.3% | 1.7% |
| Ziad Abu Ammar | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.4% |
| Mohammad Mustafa | 0.7% |  0.0% | 0.4% |
| Other | 19.7% | 21.3% | 20.3% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the overall performance of Mahmoud Abbas? |
| Approve | 55.2% | 55.3% | 55.3% |
| Disapprove | 39.8% | 40.7% | 40.1% |
| Don’t know | 5.0% | 4.0% | 4.6% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the overall performance of Salam Fayyad? |
| Approve | 29.0% | 45.1% | 35.0% |
| Disapprove | 63.1% | 48.9% | 57.8% |
| Don’t know | 7.9% | 6.0% | 7.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the overall performance of Ismael Haniyeh? |
| Approve | 38.2% | 40.4% | 39.0% |
| Disapprove | 50.3% | 54.2% | 51.8% |
| Don’t know | 11.5% | 5.3% | 9.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the overall performance of Khaled Mashaal? |
| Approve | 36.7% | 38.4% | 37.4% |
| Disapprove | 50.5% | 53.8% | 51.8% |
| Don’t know | 12.7% | 7.8% | 10.9% |

**Part Six: Obama’s Visit to Palestine**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Did you follow the news of President Obama’s visit to the region? |
| Yes | 77.2% | 55.8% | 69.1% |
| No | 22.8% | 44.2% | 30.9% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Did you listen to or hear about President Abbas’ press conference with President Obama in Ramallah? |
| Yes | 55.0% | 32.4% | 46.5% |
| No | 45.0% | 67.6% | 53.5% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you support or oppose the return to negotiations at this time? |
| Support | 49.3% | 53.1% | 50.7% |
| Oppose | 43.8% | 42.7% | 43.4% |
| Don’t know | 6.9% | 4.2% | 5.9% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you support or oppose an immediate return to negotiators if Israel were to freeze settlement activity? |
| Support | 76.9% | 74.7% | 76.1% |
| Oppose | 18.6% | 22.4% | 20.0% |
| Don’t know | 4.5% | 2.9% | 3.9% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In your opinion, what other measures would build trust before negotiations? |
| A reduction in restrictions imposed on Palestinians and the PA in Area C | 11.2% | 10.7% | 11.0% |
| The release of Palestinian prisoners | 73.8% | 73.6% | 73.7% |
| Increased access to Jerusalem and the holy sites | 6.9% | 11.6% | 8.7% |
| Other | 4.1% | 1.3% | 3.1% |
| Don’t know | 3.9% | 2.9% | 3.5% |

**Part Seven: Arab Spring**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Are you following events taking place in Egypt? |
| Yes | 80.1% | 79.6% | 79.9% |
| No | 19.9% | 20.4% | 20.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Are you following events taking place in Syria? |
| Yes | 82.4% | 76.7% | 80.2% |
| No | 17.6% | 23.3% | 19.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In view of the current situation in Egypt compared to the start of the revolution, would you say that you are…? |
| More supportive of the changes that have taken place | 34.0% | 35.3% | 34.5% |
| Less supportive of the changes that have taken place | 18.6% | 44.2% | 28.2% |
| No change in opinion | 32.9% | 10.7% | 24.5% |
| Don’t know | 14.6% | 9.8% | 12.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| Do you believe that the changes taking place elsewhere in the Arab World are positively or negatively affecting the Palestinian situation? |
| Positively | 28.6% | 36.2% | 31.5% |
| Neutral | 32.9% | 24.4% | 29.7% |
| Negatively | 30.5% | 31.3% | 30.8% |
| Don’t know | 7.9% | 8.0% | 7.9% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| How do you describe the latest actions of the Egyptian government towards the Government of Gaza and Hamas? |
| I am not familiar with any actions | 47.3% | 44.2% | 46.2% |
| Justified | 20.9% | 29.8% | 24.2% |
| Unjustified | 15.2% | 17.1% | 15.9% |
| Not sure | 16.6% | 8.9% | 13.7% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| In view of the confrontations taking place in Syria, can you tell me if you support or oppose protestors' demands to change the regime? |
| Support | 70.5% | 79.6% | 73.9% |
| Oppose | 19.3% | 11.8% | 16.4% |
| Don’t know | 10.3% | 8.7% | 9.7% |

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| **Sample Distribution(%)** |
| **District** | **Gender** |
| Jenin | 6.7 | Male | 50.0 |
| Tulkarm | 5.0 | Female | 50.0 |
| Qalqilya | 1.7 | **Age** |
| Nablus | 8.3 | 18-30 | 38.2 |
| Salfit | 1.6 | 31-40 | 22.5 |
| Tubas | 1.6 | 41+ | 39.3 |
| Ramallah &Al Bireh | 8.3 | **Marital Status** |
| Jerusalem | 10.0 | Single | 23.3 |
| Jericho | 1.8 | Married | 73.0 |
| Bethlehem | 4.8 | Other | 3.7 |
| Hebron | 12.8 | **Refugee status** |
| Jabalya | 7.2 | Refugee | 48.1 |
| Gaza | 14.6 | Non-refugee | 51.9 |
| DeirAlBalah | 5.3 | **Educational level** |
| KhanYunis | 5.3 | Up to 9 years | 25.6 |
| Rafah | 5.3 | Secondary (10-12) | 41.5 |
| **Residence** | More than 12 years | 32.9 |
| City | 46.5 | **Occupation** |
| Village | 29.5 | Laborer | 10.8 |
| Camp | 24.0 | Employee | 15.3 |
| **Work Sector** | Farmer | 1.5 |
| Government | 29.0 | Merchant | 5.7 |
| Private | 61.1 | Professional | 1.2 |
| NGOs | 5.4 | Craftsman | 4.0 |
| Other | 4.5 | Student | 9.3 |
| **Income** | Housewife | 38.4 |
| Above average | 14.4 | Does not work | 11.8 |
| Average | 59.0 | Retired | 2.1 |
| Below average | 26.6 | **Do you use the Internet?** |
| **Region** | Yes | 47.1 |
| West Bank | 62.5 | No | 52.9 |
| Gaza | 37.5 |  |  |