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Results of an Opinion Poll

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Section One: The Negotiations**Do you support peace negotiations?**

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Yes	62.7%	72.4%	66.5%
No	34.0%	26.6%	31.1%
Don't know	3.3%	1.0%	2.4%

If yes, do you support direct or indirect negotiations?

Direct negotiations	68.9%	81.3%	73.8%
Indirect negotiations	17.6%	14.5%	16.4%
Don't know	13.5%	4.2%	9.8%

Under the present conditions, do you support or oppose direct negotiations?

Support	43.3%	57.5%	48.9%
Oppose	37.3%	27.6%	33.5%
Neither support nor oppose	14.9%	12.0%	13.8%
Don't know	4.5%	2.8%	3.8%

If President Abbas decides to engage in direct negotiations with Israel on the final status issues, would you support him?

Yes	62.8%	72.6%	66.6%
No	29.8%	24.6%	27.8%
Don't know	7.4%	2.8%	5.6%

If yes :

Without conditions	12.6%	21.1%	16.1%
Only if Israel commits to a freeze on settlements	28.1%	18.0%	23.9%
Only if the international community gives assurances that the process will lead to a Palestinian State within a timetable	20.7%	18.0%	19.6%

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Both Conditions	33.3%	43.0%	37.3%
Don't know	5.2%		3.0%
What, in your opinion, is the single greatest obstacle to the peace process?			
Palestinian leadership	6.6%	8.4%	7.3%
Palestinian political process	13.0%	23.5%	17.1%
Palestinian people	1.6%	3.1%	2.2%
Israeli leadership	48.8%	45.5%	47.5%
Israeli political process	6.6%	4.1%	5.6%
Israeli people	7.9%	3.1%	6.0%
The United States	10.9%	8.2%	9.8%
Other	1.8%	2.0%	1.9%
Don't know	2.8%	2.0%	2.5%
If Palestinian negotiators delivered a peace settlement that includes a Palestinian State but had to make compromises on key issues (right of return, Jerusalem, borders, settlements, etc.) to do so would you support the result?			
Yes	12.7%	11.5%	12.2%
No	84.0%	87.0%	85.2%
Don't know	3.3%	1.5%	2.6%
In your opinion, which one of the following is the best means to end the occupation and establish a Palestinian state?			
Negotiations to reach an agreement between the two parties	24.6%	33.2%	28.0%
An international conference that imposes a settlement on all parties	22.6%	22.5%	22.6%
A non-violent popular uprising	23.5%	12.0%	19.0%
Violence	20.7%	28.9%	23.9%
Other	5.3%	2.3%	4.1%
	West Bank	Gaza	Total

Don't know	3.3%	1.0%	2.4%
If Violence, using what tools?			
Violent attacks against only the Israeli military	14.4%	2.7%	9.3%
Violent attacks against Israeli settlers	9.6%		5.4%
Both A and B	63.0%	57.5%	60.6%
Violent attacks against civilians in Israel through suicide bombers and any other means	13.0%	39.8%	24.7%
What is the best mechanism to engage in a negotiation process with Israel?			
Negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis with no intermediaries	36.8%	15.6%	28.5%
Negotiations with American mediation	5.0%	10.0%	6.9%
Negotiations with UN mediation	18.0%	30.2%	22.8%
Negotiations with European mediation	14.5%	23.8%	18.2%
None of the above	21.5%	16.1%	19.4%
Don't know	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
In your opinion, do you think that the current negotiations process led by the United States will ever lead to a Palestinian state with full sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza?			
Yes	24.6%	31.2%	27.2%
No	36.9%	26.9%	32.9%
Maybe	36.4%	39.9%	37.8%
Don't know	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%

With regard to the final status of Palestine and Israel please indicate which of the following you consider to be Essential, Desirable, Acceptable, Tolerable, or Unacceptable as part of a peace agreement.

	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>	<i>Acceptable</i>	<i>Tolerable</i>	<i>Unacceptable</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Historic Palestine – From the Jordan River to the sea	64.8%	18.3%	8.8%	4.5%	2.6%	1.0%
One State Solution – Israelis and Palestinians share power and are equal citizens between the Jordanian River and sea	6.3%	18.5%	15.8%	13.9%	44.5%	1.1%
Two State Solution - Israel and Palestine established according to UN resolutions	22.0%	20.3%	15.6%	11.3%	29.3%	1.5%
Confederation - Between	4.1%	10.9%	10.1%	11.4%	60.1%	3.3%

the West Bank and Jordan
and between Gaza and
Egypt

In your opinion, which of the above scenarios is the most realistic/achievable?

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
Historic Palestine – From the Jordan River to the sea	26.0%	37.4%	30.5%
One State Solution – Israelis and Palestinians share power and are equal citizens between the Jordanian River and the sea.	16.5%	9.7%	13.8%
Two state solution - Two states for two peoples: Israel and Palestine according to UN resolution	46.9%	41.8%	44.8%
Confederation between West Bank and Jordan and between Gaza and Egypt	10.7%	11.0%	10.8%

How would you rate the performance of the ministerial cabinet (in your region) in fighting corruption?

Strong	36.6%	27.1%	32.9%
Neutral	34.8%	32.5%	33.9%
Weak	25.6%	38.6%	30.7%
Don't know	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%

How would you rate the performance of the ministerial cabinet (in your region) in improving security?

Strong	42.7%	34.0%	39.3%
Neutral	33.7%	29.4%	32.0%
Weak	20.6%	35.5%	26.5%
Don't know	3.0%	1.0%	2.2%

How would you rate the performance of the ministerial cabinet (in your region) in providing public services, such as health care, road repair, education, transportation, etc.?

Strong	43.6%	18.2%	33.6%
Neutral	37.1%	26.9%	33.1%
Weak	17.2%	54.2%	31.7%
Don't know	2.1%	0.8%	1.6%

Do you believe elections (municipal, legislative, Presidential) should be immediately rescheduled and held as soon as possible?

yes	76.9%	83.4%	79.5%
no	17.3%	13.0%	15.6%
Don't know	5.8%	3.6%	4.9%

Do you support changes to the Central Elections Commission, as has been reported in the media as part of reconciliation talks between Fatah and Hamas?

yes	71.3%	76.5%	73.3%
no	15.2%	13.0%	14.3%
Don't know	13.5%	10.5%	12.3%

Will you vote in the next national elections?

yes	68.5%	87.2%	75.9%
no	23.2%	9.0%	17.6%
Don't know	8.3%	3.8%	6.5%

	West Bank	Gaza	Total
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If PLC elections were held today, who would you vote for?			
PPP	1.2%	1.0%	1.1%
PFLP	3.7%	3.6%	3.6%
DFLP	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%
An Independent party led by Salam Fayyad	4.3%	2.8%	3.7%
Al Mubadara	4.0%	0.5%	2.6%
Feda	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Fatah	38.0%	47.6%	41.8%
Hamas	10.2%	12.8%	11.2%
Popular Struggle	0.3%		0.2%
Islamic Jihad	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Hizb Tahreer	0.7%		0.4%
Other	6.2%	5.1%	5.8%
Undecided	28.3%	23.8%	26.5%
If presidential elections were held today, who would you vote for?			
Mahmoud Abbas	20.2%	38.1%	27.3%
Mustafa Barghouthi	7.5%	5.9%	6.8%
Khaled Meshal	2.2%	3.3%	2.6%
Salam Fayyad	8.0%	6.9%	7.5%
Ismail Haniyeh	7.5%	10.7%	8.8%
Marwan Barghouthi	19.1%	11.0%	15.9%
Mahmoud Zahhar	1.3%	0.3%	0.9%
Ahmad Saadat	3.0%	2.8%	2.9%
other	9.3%	10.2%	9.7%
Undecided	22.1%	10.7%	17.6%
If both Mustafa Barghouthi and Salam Fayyad ran for PLC elections would you prefer they did so as a coalition running together or as separate lists for each leader?			
In coalition	24.9%	21.7%	23.7%
As separate lists	32.2%	27.4%	30.3%
Doesn't matter	33.3%	44.0%	37.5%
Don't know	9.6%	6.9%	8.5%
In general, how do you rate the overall performance of President Mahmoud Abbas?			
Good	40.8%	45.8%	42.7%
Neutral	29.4%	26.3%	28.2%
Poor	27.4%	26.6%	27.1%
Don't know	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
In general, how do rate the overall performance of Prime Minister Salam Fayyad?			
Good	42.7%	44.8%	43.5%
Neutral	35.8%	26.6%	32.2%
Poor	19.5%	25.6%	21.9%
Don't know	2.0%	3.1%	2.4%
In general, how do you rate the overall performance of Ismael Haniyeh?			
Good	15.0%	23.3%	18.3%
Neutral	25.1%	35.3%	29.1%
Poor	41.8%	39.4%	40.9%
	West Bank	Gaza	Total

Don't know	18.0%	2.0%	11.7%
Do you believe Prime Minister Salaam Fayyad has done his job well enough to deserve re-election and reappointment as Prime Minister?			
yes	44.1%	45.8%	44.8%
no	19.0%	27.9%	22.5%
between	29.8%	21.5%	26.5%
Don't know	7.1%	4.9%	6.2%
Which faction do you trust the most?			
PPP	1.5%	1.3%	1.4%
PFLP	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
DFLP	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%
Mubadara	5.4%	2.0%	4.1%
Feda	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Fateh	42.1%	47.8%	44.3%
Hamas	11.4%	16.1%	13.2%
Popular Struggle	0.5%		0.3%
Islamic Jihad	2.6%	3.3%	2.9%
Hizb Tahreer	0.8%	0.3%	0.6%
Undecided	20.0%	21.5%	20.6%
I will not vote	10.6%	2.8%	7.5%
Which political stream is closest to describing your political views?			
PPP	1.5%	2.0%	1.7%
PFLP	4.1%	4.3%	4.2%
DFLP	0.8%	0.5%	0.7%
Mubadara	5.1%	1.5%	3.7%
Feda	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
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Hizb Tahreer	1.2%		0.7%
Undecided	19.8%	22.3%	20.8%
I will not vote	10.2%	2.0%	7.0%
Do you believe that Palestinian society is generally heading in right or the wrong direction?			
Right direction	32.2%	17.6%	26.5%
Wrong direction	55.0%	76.0%	63.2%
Don't know	12.9%	6.4%	10.3%
Did you hear or read the president Mahmoud Abbas's speech delivered in Libya before the Arab summit on October 9th?			
yes	26.4%	27.1%	26.7%
no	73.6%	72.9%	73.3%
In his speech president Abbas said "if Israel decided to freeze the building of settlements, the direct negotiations will be continued and activated" do you agree or disagree?			
Agree	38.1%	60.1%	46.7%
Somewhat agree	33.3%	18.7%	27.6%
Disagree	23.4%	18.9%	21.7%
	West Bank	Gaza	Total

Don't know	5.1%	2.3%	4.0%
In his speech president Abbas said" if peace was not achieved through negotiations and the intervention of the United states, we will go to the UN security council and ask all countries to recognize the Palestinian state" DO you agree or disagree?			
Agree	43.1%	63.4%	51.1%
Somewhat agree	29.6%	18.4%	25.2%
Disagree	22.1%	16.1%	19.8%
Don't know	5.1%	2.0%	3.9%
Realistically, do you think that it is appropriate to dismantle the PNA as a reaction to a failure in the negotiations?			
Appropriate	27.4%	26.3%	27.0%
Inappropriate	62.2%	70.3%	65.4%
DK	10.4%	3.3%	7.6%
If the PNA was dismantled, do you think that the Palestinian people can bear the consequences?			
Yes	27.8%	19.4%	24.5%
No	59.2%	77.2%	66.3%
Don't know	13.1%	3.3%	9.2%

(Sample Distribution)

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Region	%	Type of locality	%	Refugee Status	%
West Bank	60.9	City	51.8	Refugee	49.7
Gaza	39.1	Village- town	18.1	Non-refugee	50.3
Governorate	%	Camp	30.1	Sector	%
Jenin	7.0	Gender	%	Government	29.2
Tulkarm	4.7	Male	54.5	Private sector	44.2
Qalqilya	1.9	Female	45.5	NGOs	3.5
Nablus	8.6	Marital status	%	Other	23.2
Salfit	1.8	Single	26.0	Education	%
Tubas	1.7	Married	68.4	1 Up to 9 yrs	26.0
Ramallah	8.8	Others	5.6	2 Secondary/Tawjihi (9-12 yrs)	37.6
Jerusalem	8.6	Age	%	3 More than Tawjihi	36.4
Jericho	1.8	18-30	40.6	Occupation	%
Bethlehem	3.6	31-40	23.3	Laborers	9.9
Hebron	12.4	> 40	36.1	Employees	18.3
Jabalya	7.7	Income	%	Farmers	0.6
Gaza City	14.0	Good or More	12.9	Merchants	7.8
Deir al-Balah	5.7	Not Good, not	55.6	Professional	1.0
Khan Younis	6.0	Bad		Craftsman	5.2
Rafah	5.7	Weak	31.5	Students	13.3
				Housewives	31.5
				Not working	10.8
				Retired	1.5