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**Results of an Opinion Poll**

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***Overall Mood***

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***Evaluation of Leaders***

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| **Part One: Overall 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 | | 42.4% | 34.7% | 39.5% |
| Wrong direction | | 51.9% | 62.7% | 55.9% |
| Don’t know | | 5.7% | 2.7% | 4.6% |
| **2-In general, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?** | |  |  |  |
| Optimistic | | 55.7% | 54.7% | 55.3% |
| Pessimistic | | 41.9% | 44.7% | 42.9% |
| Don’t know | | 2.4% | 0.7% | 1.8% |
| **Part Two: Performance of Government** | | | | |
| **4-In general, would you say that you approve or disapprove of the performance of the following leaders?** | | | | |
| **Mahmoud Abbas** | Approve | 56.1% | 45.8% | 52.2% |
| Disapprove | 36.7% | 52.2% | 42.5% |
| Don’t Know | 7.2% | 2.0% | 5.3% |
| **Salam Fayyad** | Approve | 47.0% | 42.9% | 45.5% |
| Disapprove | 44.7% | 54.0% | 48.2% |
| Don’t Know | 8.3% | 3.1% | 6.3% |
| **Ismael Haniyeh** | Approve | 34.4% | 31.6% | 33.4% |
| Disapprove | 53.7% | 61.8% | 56.7% |
| Don’t Know | 11.9% | 6.7% | 9.9% |
| **5- How do you view the overall situation in the West Bank since the appointment of the Fayyad Government in 2007?** | | | | |
| Improved | | 29.4% | 29.6% | 29.4% |
| The same | | 34.3% | 34.0% | 34.2% |
| Worse | | 33.5% | 28.2% | 31.5% |
| Don’t know | | 2.8% | 8.2% | 4.8% |
| **6-How do you view the overall situation in Gaza since the appointment of the Haniyeh Government in 2007?** | | | | |
| Improved | | 22.9% | 19.6% | 21.6% |
| The same | | 26.9% | 16.2% | 22.9% |
| Worse | | 37.4% | 63.6% | 47.2% |
| Don’t know | | 12.8% | 0.7% | 8.3% |

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| **Part Three: Elections** | | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| **7-Do you support the PA's announcement that local elections will be held in October?** | | | | |
| Yes | | 83.2% | 81.8% | 82.7% |
| No | | 12.1% | 16.7% | 13.8% |
| Don’t Know | | 4.7% | 1.6% | 3.5% |
| **8- Do you support the immediate conducting of the following elections in the West Bank and Gaza?** | | | | |
| **PLC Election** | Support | 85.9% | 89.8% | 87.4% |
| Don’t support | 10.2% | 9.8% | 10.0% |
| Don’t know | 3.9% | 0.4% | 2.6% |
| **Presidential Election** | Support | 85.7% | 87.3% | 86.3% |
| Don’t support | 10.7% | 12.4% | 11.4% |
| Don’t know | 3.6% | 0.2% | 2.3% |
| **PNC Election** | Support | 82.5% | 86.2% | 83.9% |
| Don’t support | 11.8% | 13.1% | 12.3% |
| Don’t know | 5.8% | 0.7% | 3.8% |
| **10-If elections took place today, would you participate?** | | | | |
| Yes | | 75.6% | 80.9% | 77.6% |
| No | | 24.4% | 19.1% | 22.4% |
| **Part Four: Political Support** | | | | |
| **11- If elections took place today and the following lists ran, which one would you vote for?** | | | | |
| Fatah | | 42.9% | 38.0% | 41.1% |
| Hamas | | 12.8% | 19.3% | 15.3% |
| PFLP | | 3.9% | 4.2% | 4.0% |
| Mubadara | | 2.7% | 4.9% | 3.5% |
| Islamic Jihad | | 2.1% | 2.7% | 2.3% |
| DFLP | | 2.3% | 0.2% | 1.5% |
| Popular Struggle | | 0.5% | 2.9% | 1.4% |
| Hizb Tahrir | | 1.3% |  | 0.8% |
| PPP | | 1.5% | 0.2% | 1.0% |
| Fida | | 0.4% |  | 0.3% |
| Other | | 1.6% | 3.8% | 2.4% |
| Undecided | | 12.4% | 9.6% | 11.4% |
| I will not vote | | 15.5% | 14.2% | 15.0% |

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|  | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| **12-If only the following four lists ran for elections, which one would you most likely vote for?** | | | |
| A Nationalist list led by Fatah | 43.2% | 38.7% | 41.5% |
| An Islamist list led by Hamas | 15.9% | 21.6% | 18.0% |
| A Leftist list including PFLP, DFLP, PPP, Nidal, Fida | 7.4% | 4.7% | 6.3% |
| An Independent list led by Al-Mubadara | 4.4% | 11.1% | 6.9% |
| Other | 2.0% | 2.4% | 2.2% |
| Undecided | 11.8% | 7.6% | 10.2% |
| I will not vote | 15.4% | 14.0% | 14.9% |
| **13- If only the following two lists ran for elections, which one would you most likely vote for?** | | | |
| A PLO list led by Fatah and including all nationalist and leftist factions | 51.1% | 42.4% | 47.8% |
| An Islamist list led by Hamas and including other Islamic factions | 16.6% | 22.9% | 18.9% |
| I don’t know | 14.2% | 18.7% | 15.9% |
| I will not vote | 18.2% | 16.0% | 17.4% |
| **14- If the following leaders ran for President, who would you most likely vote for?** | | | |
| Mahmoud. Abbas | 28.7% | 23.8% | 26.9% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 10.6% | 16.7% | 12.9% |
| Marwan Barghouthi | 11.5% | 14.0% | 12.4% |
| Salam Fayyad | 5.5% | 5.1% | 5.3% |
| Ahmad Saadat | 4.4% | 4.4% | 4.4% |
| Mustafa Barghouthi | 4.1% | 4.7% | 4.3% |
| Mohammed Dahlan | 0.4% | 5.8% | 2.4% |
| Khaled Mashaal | 2.3% | 2.0% | 2.2% |
| Hanan Ashrwawi | 2.1% |  | 1.3% |
| Bassam Salhi | 1.1% | 0.2% | 0.8% |
| Mahmoud al Zahar | 0.9% | 0.7% | 0.8% |
| Mahmoud Aloul | 0.9% | 0.4% | 0.8% |
| Ramadan Shallah | 0.1% | 1.3% | 0.6% |
| Nasser Elddin Elshaer | 0.8% | 0.2% | 0.6% |
| Qais Abu Laila | 0.5% |  | 0.3% |
| Ahmad Qurie | 0.3% |  | 0.2% |
| Zahira Kamal | 0.1% |  | 0.1% |
| I don’t know | 9.8% | 9.8% | 9.8% |
| I will not vote | 15.8% | 10.9% | 13.9% |
| **15- If only the following four leaders ran for President, who would you vote for?** | | | |
| Mahmoud. Abbas | 37.1% | 27.3% | 33.4% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 14.6% | 20.2% | 16.7% |
| Mustafa Barghouthi | 10.0% | 16.0% | 12.3% |
| Salam Fayyad | 7.8% | 9.6% | 8.4% |
| I don’t know | 11.5% | 9.8% | 10.9% |
| I will not vote | 19.0% | 17.1% | 18.3% |
| **16- If only the following four leaders ran for President, who would you vote for?** | | | |
| Marwan Barghouthi | 31.8% | 28.7% | 30.6% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 15.0% | 20.4% | 17.0% |
| Salam Fayyad | 15.0% | 16.2% | 15.4% |
| Mustafa Barghouthi | 8.8% | 11.3% | 9.8% |
| I don’t know | 10.4% | 7.6% | 9.3% |
| I will not vote | 19.0% | 15.8% | 17.8% |

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|  | | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| **17-If only the following two leaders ran for president, who would you vote for?** | | | | |
|  | Mahmoud Abbas | 49.9% | 39.6% | 46.0% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 18.6% | 22.9% | 20.2% |
| I don’t know | 11.2% | 14.2% | 12.4% |
| I will not vote | 20.3% | 23.3% | 21.5% |
|  | Mustafa Barghouthi | 37.9% | 44.7% | 40.4% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 18.9% | 22.0% | 20.1% |
| I don’t know | 16.7% | 13.1% | 15.4% |
| I will not vote | 26.5% | 20.2% | 24.1% |
|  | Salam Fayyad | 41.1% | 40.9% | 41.0% |
| Ismael Haniyeh | 20.6% | 23.8% | 21.8% |
| I don’t know | 13.5% | 13.1% | 13.4% |
| I will not vote | 24.8% | 22.2% | 23.8% |
| **Part Five: Reconciliation** | |  |  |  |
| **18- Do you believe that Fatah is serious about ending the division?** | | | | |
| Yes | | 51.1% | 46.0% | 49.2% |
| No | | 40.2% | 47.1% | 42.8% |
| Don’t know | | 8.7% | 6.9% | 8.0% |
| **19- Do you believe that Hamas is serious about ending the division?** | | | | |
| Yes | | 29.4% | 26.2% | 28.2% |
| No | | 57.5% | 67.3% | 61.2% |
| Don’t know | | 13.1% | 6.4% | 10.6% |
| **Part Six: Negotiations** | |  |  |  |
| **20-There were plans for a meeting between President Abbas and Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Shaul Mofaz in Ramallah, did you support or oppose such a meeting?** | | | | |
| Support | | 29.1% | 30.9% | 29.8% |
| Oppose | | 64.0% | 66.0% | 64.8% |
| Don’t know | | 6.8% | 3.1% | 5.4% |
| **21-What if the meeting took place in another country, would you support or oppose such a meeting?** | | | | |
| Support | | 38.6% | 37.8% | 38.3% |
| Oppose | | 53.9% | 58.9% | 55.8% |
| Don’t know | | 7.5% | 3.3% | 5.9% |

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| **22- What if the meeting resulted in the release of Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli prisons, would you support or oppose such a meeting?** | | | | |
| Support | | 68.2% | 84.4% | 74.3% |
| Oppose | | 23.4% | 14.4% | 20.0% |
| Don’t know | | 8.4% | 1.1% | 5.7% |
| **23- Do you support or oppose the return to negotiations at this time?** | | | | |
| Support | | 51.4% | 48.0% | 50.1% |
| Oppose | | 43.8% | 50.2% | 46.2% |
| Don’t know | | 4.8% | 1.8% | 3.7% |
| **24- Generally, which of the following methods do you believe would be best to achieve independence?** | | | | |
| Direct negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis | | 32.8% | 21.8% | 28.7% |
| An international conference under the UN | | 11.9% | 18.7% | 14.4% |
| Peaceful, non-violent resistance | | 15.6% | 18.7% | 16.8% |
| Armed resistance | | 22.2% | 33.1% | 26.3% |
| Nothing will work at this time | | 11.5% | 5.8% | 9.3% |
| I don’t know | | 6.0% | 2.0% | 4.5% |
| **Part Seven: Civil Liberties and Human Rights** | | | | |
| **25-Would you describe the Palestinian authority/government in the West Bank as…?** | | | | |
| **Respectful of human rights** | Yes | 55.1% | 52.0% | 53.9% |
| No | 36.6% | 39.8% | 37.8% |
| Don’t know | 8.3% | 8.2% | 8.3% |
| **Respectful of freedom of speech** | Yes | 51.9% | 43.1% | 48.6% |
| No | 40.5% | 48.2% | 43.4% |
| Don’t know | 7.6% | 8.7% | 8.0% |
| **Respectful of the right to protest** | Yes | 46.5% | 33.3% | 41.6% |
| No | 45.5% | 56.9% | 49.7% |
| Don’t know | 8.0% | 9.8% | 8.7% |
| **Democratic** | Yes | 47.9% | 45.3% | 46.9% |
| No | 43.3% | 46.2% | 44.4% |
| Don’t know | 8.8% | 8.4% | 8.7% |
| **Authoritarian** | Yes | 39.0% | 47.6% | 42.2% |
| No | 48.3% | 43.8% | 46.6% |
| Don’t know | 12.7% | 8.7% | 11.2% |

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|  | | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 26- Would you describe the Palestinian authority/government in Gaza as…? | | | | |
| Respectful to human rights | Yes | 32.7% | 39.8% | 35.3% |
| No | 38.6% | 56.9% | 45.4% |
| Don’t know | 28.8% | 3.3% | 19.2% |
| Respectful of freedom of speech | Yes | 30.1% | 33.3% | 31.3% |
| No | 42.2% | 63.8% | 50.3% |
| Don’t know | 27.7% | 2.9% | 18.4% |
| Respectful of the right to protest | Yes | 27.5% | 24.9% | 26.5% |
| No | 43.6% | 72.2% | 54.3% |
| Don’t know | 29.0% | 2.9% | 19.1% |
| Democratic | Yes | 27.2% | 31.6% | 28.8% |
| No | 43.6% | 64.7% | 51.5% |
| Don’t know | 29.2% | 3.8% | 19.6% |
| Authoritarian | Yes | 37.2% | 66.2% | 48.1% |
| No | 32.3% | 30.4% | 31.6% |
| Don’t know | 30.5% | 3.3% | 20.3% |

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|  | | **West Bank** | **Gaza** | **Total** |
| **27- How do you evaluate the handling of public demonstrations and protests by the government and security agencies in the West Bank? Would you say that it is…** | | | | |
| Too harsh | | 19.5% | 30.0% | 23.4% |
| Harsh | | 31.4% | 32.0% | 31.6% |
| About right | | 30.7% | 24.4% | 28.4% |
| Lenient | | 6.9% | 4.0% | 5.8% |
| Too lenient | | 1.5% | 1.6% | 1.5% |
| Don’t know | | 10.0% | 8.0% | 9.3% |
| **28- How do you evaluate the handling of public demonstrations and protests by the government and security agencies in Gaza? Would you say that it is…** | | | | |
| Too harsh | | 22.8% | 37.8% | 28.4% |
| Harsh | | 28.4% | 39.1% | 32.4% |
| About right | | 18.2% | 18.4% | 18.3% |
| Lenient | | 3.6% | 3.1% | 3.4% |
| Too lenient | | 0.9% | 0.7% | 0.8% |
| Don’t know | | 26.0% | 0.9% | 16.6% |
| **Part Eight: Egyptian Presidential Election** | | | | |
| **29-Did you follow the recent presidential election in Egypt?** | | | | |
| Yes | | 74.4% | 91.1% | 80.7% |
| No | | 25.6% | 8.9% | 19.3% |
| **30- Are you happy with the results of the Egyptian presidential election?** | | | | |
| Yes, to a large extent | | 22.3% | 23.6% | 22.8% |
| Yes, to some extent | | 36.8% | 31.3% | 34.8% |
| No, to some extent | | 11.7% | 23.3% | 16.1% |
| No, not at all | | 10.1% | 17.3% | 12.8% |
| Don’t know | | 19.0% | 4.4% | 13.5% |
| **31- Do you believe that the victory of Mohamed Morsy of the Islamic Brotherhood Movement will have a positive, negative, or no impact on the following issues?** | | | | |
| **Achieve Palestinian independence** | Positive | 25.0% | 26.2% | 25.4% |
| No impact | 54.6% | 60.7% | 56.9% |
| Negative | 8.5% | 10.2% | 9.2% |
| Don’t know | 11.9% | 2.9% | 8.5% |
| **Lift the closure on Gaza** | Positive | 45.3% | 54.7% | 48.8% |
| No impact | 39.3% | 36.2% | 38.1% |
| Negative | 5.2% | 6.9% | 5.8% |
| Don’t know | 10.3% | 2.2% | 7.3% |
| **Improve economic conditions among Palestinians** | Positive | 30.6% | 45.6% | 36.2% |
| No impact | 51.0% | 45.8% | 49.0% |
| Negative | 7.3% | 6.4% | 7.0% |
| Don’t know | 11.1% | 2.2% | 7.8% |

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|  | | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| End the division and achieve reconciliation | Positive | 41.0% | 42.9% | 41.7% |
| No impact | 41.2% | 43.8% | 42.2% |
| Negative | 7.0% | 8.9% | 7.7% |
| Don’t know | 10.8% | 4.4% | 8.4% |
| Part Nine: The Financial Crisis | | | | |
| 32- The Government in the West Bank is reported to be facing severe financial difficulties and may not be able to meet its local debt and salary obligations. The following are options facing the government. Choose the top three you support. | | | | |
| Raise taxes on the wealthy | | 64.1% | 61.5% | 64.1% |
| Cut civil service pay | | 50.7% | 39.8% | 46.4% |
| Lay off civil servants in non-essential areas | | 38.9% | 25.7% | 35.2% |
| Default on debts to local banks | | 27.8% | 31.5% | 29.4% |
| Offer early retirement to older civil servants | | 27.4% | 27.4% | 27.4% |
| Decrease public spending and services in non-essential areas | | 23.7% | 30.9% | 26.2% |
| Increase loans from local banks | | 23.0% | 23.0% | 23.0% |
| Institute a system of national service | | 9.4% | 18.3% | 12.5% |
| Enforce current system of taxes and payment for utility usage | | 12.7% | 9.7% | 11.3% |
| 33- Would you support any effort by the PA to reduce reliance on foreign assistance and bolster self reliance and sufficiency? | | | | |
| 1. Yes | | 78.2% | 76.9% | 77.7% |
| 1. No | | 19.2% | 22.7% | 20.5% |
| 1. Don’t know | | 2.5% | 0.4% | 1.8% |
| 34- Do you believe Palestinians are more or less self reliant than they were at the start of the Oslo process? | | | | |
| More | | 43.8% | 38.4% | 41.8% |
| Less | | 50.1% | 55.6% | 52.1% |
| Don’t know | | 6.1% | 6.0% | 6.1% |
| Part Ten: The PA | |  |  |  |
| 35- Within the medium term, do you believe that the PA will be able to survive? | | | | |
| It will definitely survive | | 34.6% | 36.0% | 35.1% |
| It is possible that it will survive | | 26.6% | 28.2% | 27.2% |
| It is possible that it will collapse | | 17.4% | 21.1% | 18.8% |
| It will definitely collapse | | 8.9% | 8.4% | 8.8% |
| Not sure | | 12.6% | 6.2% | 10.2% |
| 36- Some support while others oppose the dissolution of the PA, do you support or oppose the dissolution of the PA? | | | | |
| Support | | 25.2% | 32.4% | 27.9% |
| Oppose | | 64.6% | 62.7% | 63.9% |
| Don’t know | | 10.1% | 4.9% | 8.2% |

**(Sample Distribution)**

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| **Region** | **%** | **Type of locality** | **%** | **Refugee Status** | **%** |
| West Bank | 62.5 | City | 45.9 | Refugee | 42.9 |
| Gaza | 37.5 | Village- town | 30.6 | Non-refugee | 57.1 |
| **Governorate** | **%** | Camp | 23.5 | **Sector** | **%** |
| Jenin | 7.1 | **Gender** | **%** | Government | 31.2 |
| Tulkarm | 4.4 | Male | 50.3 | Private sector | 49.1 |
| Qalqilya | 1.6 | Female | 49.8 | NGOs | 4.1 |
| Nablus | 8.8 | **Marital status** | **%** | Other | 15.7 |
| Salfit | 1.5 | Single | 29.9 | **Education** | **%** |
| Tubas | 1.4 | Married | 66.0 | Up to 9 yrs | 24.7 |
| Ramallah | 8.8 | Others | 4.1 | Secondary/Tawjihi (9-12 yrs) | 37.7 |
| Jerusalem | 9.9 | **Age** | **%** | More than Tawjihi | 37.6 |
| Jericho | 1.5 | 18-30 | 43.4 | **Occupation** | **%** |
| Bethlehem | 4.4 | 31-40 | 23.4 | Laborers | 12.3 |
| Hebron | 13.1 | > 40 | 33.2 | Employees | 18.9 |
| Jabalya | 6.5 | **Income (self evaluation)** | **%** | Farmers | .9 |
| Gaza City | 12.9 | Good or More | 15.2 | Merchants | 4.1 |
| Deir al-Balah | 5.0 | average | 58.1 | Professional | .7 |
| Khan Younis | 8.3 | Weak | 26.7 | Craftsman | 2.9 |
| Rafah | 4.8 |  |  | Students | 15.0 |
|  | | | | Housewives | 32.6 |
| Not working | 10.8 |
| Retired | 1.7 |