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Results of an Opinion Poll

Performance of Palestinian Leaders

Living Conditions

Popularity of Political Factions

Presidential Election

Negotiations

"ISIS"

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Sample: 1200 Palestinian in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

Margin of error: ± 3



1. How do you evaluate the performance of the following Palestinian leaders?				
		West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Mahmoud Abbas	Good	33.1%	31.3%	32.4%
	Average	31.3%	23.1%	28.2%
	Weak	29.3%	43.8%	34.8%
	Don't know	6.3%	1.8%	4.6%
Marwan Barghouti	Good	44.4%	51.6%	47.1%
	Average	29.4%	24.4%	27.5%
	Weak	12.6%	14.4%	13.3%
	Don't know	13.6%	9.6%	12.1%
Ismail Haniyeh	Good	31.4%	30.0%	30.9%
	Average	31.6%	24.2%	28.8%
	Weak	24.6%	44.2%	32.0%
	Don't know	12.4%	1.6%	8.3%

2. Are you satisfied or not about the general performance of Mahmoud Abbas?			
	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Satisfied	46.9%	38.4%	43.7%
Dissatisfied	45.7%	55.6%	49.4%
DK/NA	7.4%	6.0%	6.8%

3. In general how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Rami Al Hamadallah?			
	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Positive	27.9%	20.7%	25.2%
Average	36.5%	30.9%	34.4%
Negative	25.3%	39.1%	30.5%
DK/NA	10.3%	9.3%	9.9%

4. If PLC elections were held today, for which of the following parties would you vote?			
	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Fatah	35.5%	40.7%	37.4%
Hamas	16.1%	19.6%	17.4%
PFLP	1.6%	3.8%	2.4%
Islamic Jihad	1.7%	3.3%	2.3%
Al Mubadara	.9%	1.6%	1.2%
Independent party, led by Fayyad	.9%		.6%
DFLP	.4%	.4%	.4%
PPP	.5%	.2%	.4%
Popular Struggle	.4%	.2%	.3%
Hizb Tahreer	.1%		.1%
Another list	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
None of the above (will decide later)	22.5%	17.6%	20.7%

I will not vote	17.9%	11.3%	15.4%
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5. If presidential elections were held today, and only the following two candidates ran for president, who would you vote for?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Mahmoud Abbas	36.4%	41.8%	38.4%
Khaled Mashal	19.9%	22.9%	21.0%
DK/NA	17.9%	11.8%	15.6%
I will not vote	25.9%	23.6%	25.0%

6. If presidential elections were held today, and only the following two candidates ran for president, who would you vote for?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Mahmoud Abbas	36.5%	42.4%	38.8%
Ismail Haniyah	20.0%	24.4%	21.7%
DK/NA	17.6%	7.6%	13.8%
I will not vote	25.9%	25.6%	25.8%

7. If presidential elections were held today, and only the following two candidates ran for president, who would you vote for?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Marwan Barghouthi	41.7%	53.8%	46.3%
Ismail Haniyah	19.3%	21.6%	20.2%
DK/NA	13.9%	10.4%	12.6%
I will not vote	25.1%	14.2%	21.0%

8. If the following six candidates ran for president, who would you vote for?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Marwan Barghouthi	39.2%	46.9%	42.1%
Salam Fayyad	3.7%	8.0%	5.3%
Khaled Mashal	17.7%	17.1%	17.5%
Mustafa Barghouthi	2.1%	3.3%	2.6%
Ahmad Saadat	1.6%	4.0%	2.5%
Ramadan Shalah	1.1%	2.7%	1.7%
DK/NA	12.1%	6.4%	10.0%
I will not vote	22.4%	11.6%	18.3%

9. Do you support or oppose the return to negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Support	46.7%	52.4%	48.8%
Oppose	48.5%	42.2%	46.2%
DK/NA	4.8%	5.3%	5.0%

10. 20 years after Oslo, do you feel that Palestinians are closer to or farther from achieving their goal of a Palestinian state?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Closer	25.5%	27.3%	26.2%
Farther	65.2%	56.4%	61.9%
DK/NA	9.3%	16.2%	11.9%

11. Compared to last year, do you feel that the economic situation of your family is better, worse, or the same ?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Better	18.5%	6.0%	13.8%
Same	39.2%	28.7%	35.3%
Worse	41.9%	64.7%	50.4%
DK/NA	.4%	.7%	.5%

12. Compared to last year, do you feel the security situation in your area of living is better, worse or the same?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Better	24.5%	13.1%	20.3%
Same	31.3%	50.4%	38.5%
Worse	43.5%	35.6%	40.5%
DK/NA	.7%	.9%	.8%

13. In general, would you say that the current state of affairs in Palestine is heading in the right or wrong direction?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Right direction	42.1%	23.6%	35.1%
Wrong direction	51.0%	69.8%	58.0%
DK/NA	6.9%	6.7%	6.8%

14. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Optimistic	59.4%	50.7%	56.1%
Pessimistic	38.3%	46.4%	41.4%
DK/NA	2.3%	2.9%	2.5%

15. Do you believe that ISIS represents the real Islam?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Yes	1.3%	1.6%	1.4%
No	93.5%	91.8%	92.8%
DK/NA	5.2%	6.7%	5.8%

16. Do you believe that the practices of ISIS that you see on media is justifiable and is establishing a real Islamic state?			
	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Yes	1.7%	1.6%	1.7%
No	93.3%	91.1%	92.5%
DK/NA	4.9%	7.3%	5.8%

17. Do you feel that ISIS phenomenon is widespread among Palestinians?			
	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Yes	17.4%	23.6%	19.7%
No	68.6%	59.3%	65.1%
DK/NA	14.0%	17.1%	15.2%

Sample Distribution(%)			
District		Gender	
Jenin	6.7	Male	48.4
Tulkarm	5.0	Female	51.6
Qalqilya	1.7	Age	
Nablus	8.3	18-30	37.7
Salfit	1.6	31-40	23.7
Tubas	1.6	41+	38.6
Ramallah & Al Bireh	8.3	Marital Status	
Jerusalem	10.0	Single	22.2
Jericho	1.8	Married	72.6
Bethlehem	4.8	Other	5.3
Hebron	12.8	Refugee status	
Jabalya	7.2	Refugee	46.9
Gaza	14.6	Non-refugee	53.1
DeirAlBalah	5.3	Educational level	
KhanYunis	5.3	12 years or less	67.9
Rafah	5.3	More than 12 years	32.1
Residence		Occupation	
City	46.3	Laborers	11.5
Village	23.1	Employees	15.1
Camp	24.0	Farmers	1.2
Town	6.7	Merchants	5.2
Work Sector		Professional	0.6
Government	26.8	Craftsman	5.3
Private	65.8	Students	10.3
NGOs	3.3	Housewives	38.7
Other	4.1	Not working	11.3
Income		Retired	1.0
Above average	7.7	Region	
Average	64.5	West Bank	62.5
Below average	27.8	Gaza	37.5