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Results of an Opinion Poll

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Section One: International Meeting

1. Do you have information on the planned international meeting to be held this month (November 2007) in the United States between the Palestinians and the Israelis with other Arab and international parties present?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	47.3	44.2	52.7
To an extent	21.9	20.3	24.6
No	26.5	29.4	21.7
Don't know/ No opinion	4.2	6.2	1.0

2. Do you support the convening of this meeting?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	47.2	43.6	53.2
To an extent	15.6	16.9	13.4
No	30.3	30.0	30.8
Don't know / No opinion	6.9	9.5	2.5

3. Do you think this meeting will result in positive, tangible results for the Palestinian people?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	19.3	17.7	21.9
To an extent	29.4	27.7	32.1
No	44.5	45.5	42.8
Don't know/ No opinion	6.8	9.0	3.2

4. In your opinion, out of the following what is the most feasible outcome of the planned international meeting?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
A peace treaty between Palestinians and Israelis that will deal with all final status issues	10.9	8.2	15.5
An agreement that will result in easing up the conditions under Israeli occupation	25.7	21.5	32.7
The meeting will change nothing on the ground	40.2	45.3	31.7
The meeting will lead to the reinforcement of the Israeli occupation	14.8	13.9	16.4
Don't know/No opinion	8.3	11.1	3.6

5. Who, do you believe, needs that the peace process be reenacted more urgently, the Palestinians or the Israelis?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
The Palestinians	52.2	52.7	51.3
The Israelis	10.8	9.3	13.3
Both	32.2	31.8	32.8
None of them	2.6	3.0	1.8
Don't Know/ No opinion	2.3	3.2	0.7

6. Do you believe that the Israelis are willing to compromise on issues such as East Jerusalem, refugees, and borders?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	4.8	3.9	6.3
To an extent	15.9	14.8	17.7
No	75.9	76.4	75.0
Don't Know/No Opinion	3.4	4.9	1.0

12. If the meeting fails to achieve anything, will the situation for Palestinians and the prospects for independence get better, worse or stay the same?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Get better	7.2	6.2	8.8
Deteriorate	54.8	50.6	61.6
Stay as is	33.8	37.4	27.8
Don't Know/No opinion	4.3	5.8	1.8

7. Seven years after the start of the Second Intifada, has the Palestinian cause been advanced or set back?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Advanced	10.7	8.3	14.8
Set back	66.6	66.4	66.9
Remained as is	21.3	23.2	18.0
Don't know/ No Opinion	1.4	2.1	0.2

8. How important should the following issues be to the Palestinian negotiators?

A. Refugees

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Very important	79.8	77.8	83.3
Important	12.6	13.2	11.4
Somewhat important	3.6	4.5	1.9
Not too important	1.7	2.2	1.1
Not important at all	1.3	0.8	2.1
Don't Know/No opinion	1.0	1.5	0.2

B. settlements

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Very important	74.6	74.5	74.7
Important	13.5	12.9	14.6
Somewhat important	3.8	3.5	4.2
Not too important	4.1	4.9	2.8
Not important at all	2.6	2.3	3.1
Don't Know/No opinion	1.4	1.9	0.6

C. Jerusalem

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Very important	94.4	93.3	96.1
Important	3.6	4.5	2.1
Somewhat important	0.5	0.6	0.3
Not too important	0.2	0.1	0.3
Not important at all	0.6	0.4	0.9
Don't Know/No opinion	0.8	1.1	0.3

D. Prisoners

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Very important	92.8	91.5	95.0
Important	5.0	6.0	3.3
Somewhat important	1.0	1.2	0.5
Not too important	0.2	0.3	0.1
Not important at all	0.5	0.1	1.0
Don't Know/No opinion	0.6	0.9	0.2

Section Two: Negotiations & Final Settlement

9. As a final settlement for the conflict, do you support or oppose the following?

A. A two state solution based on resolution 242 (a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza side by side with Israel).

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	57.6	56.9	58.8
Support to an extent	14.3	15.2	12.9
Oppose to an extent	3.8	3.9	3.7
Oppose	21.4	19.6	24.4
Don't know/No opinion	2.8	4.3	0.3

B. A solution of the refugee problem based on allowing the return of the majority of refugees to the West Bank & Gaza, and some refugees to the 1948 proper (Israel).

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	57.4	57.4	57.5
Support to an extent	17.9	18.5	16.9
Oppose to an extent	4.0	4.0	3.9
Oppose	17.9	16.2	20.9
Don't know/No opinion	2.7	3.9	0.9

C. Jerusalem is divided where East side is under Palestinian control, and West side is under Israeli control, with some exchange of areas on both sides.

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	27.8	29.6	24.6
Support to an extent	9.8	10.7	8.4
Oppose to an extent	7.0	8.6	4.3
Oppose	53.1	47.7	62.1
Don't know/No opinion	2.3	3.4	0.6

D. Settlements will be dismantled with some exchange of land to allow for large settlements to be annexed to Israel while Israel, gives up control of some 1948 land to the Palestinian state.

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	29.6	32.4	25.0
Support to an extent	13.4	14.3	11.8
Oppose to an extent	6.6	7.4	5.1
Oppose	46.5	41.1	55.7
Don't know/No opinion	3.9	4.8	2.4

10. If a Palestinian state was established, do you support or oppose that the Arab countries recognize Israel?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Support	27.3	25.6	30.2
Support to an extent	12.5	13.8	10.4
Oppose to an extent	7.7	8.5	6.4
Oppose	52.3	52.0	52.8
Don't know/No opinion	0.2	0.2	0.2

11. Do you support or oppose that Arab countries attend the international meeting?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	71.9	72.6	70.6
No	22.9	21.3	25.5
Don't know/No opinion	5.2	6.0	3.9

12. Do you support or oppose that the PA attends the international meeting?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	77.8	79.7	74.5
No	18.5	15.6	23.3
Don't know/No opinion	3.8	4.7	2.2

13. Do you feel that President Abbas cares about the opinions of his people in making his decisions related to the international meeting?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	38.3	34.4	44.8
To an extent	22.1	24.5	18.1
no	33.6	32.6	35.2
Don't Know/No opinion	6.0	8.4	1.9

14. Do you think that President Abbas and his team to the international conference are capable of making achievements in relation to the Palestinian national goals?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	22.4	21.3	24.3
To an extent	35.4	35.3	35.6
no	36.5	35.1	39.0
Don't Know/No opinion	5.7	8.4	1.1

15. Do you feel Palestinian internal conditions allow for a strong Palestinian stand in the international meeting?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	28.1	30.3	24.5
To an extent	17.4	19.4	13.9
no	49.0	43.3	58.6
Don't Know/No opinion	5.5	7.0	3.0

16. Which of the following documents you prefer to be the frame of reference for the negotiations?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
UN resolutions	24.1	21.7	28.3
Road map	23.1	22.1	24.6
The Arab Initiative	36.2	35.8	36.7
Other (specify)	16.7	20.4	10.4

Section Three: Evaluation of Institutions and Leaders

17. How do you evaluate The Ministerial cabinet headed by Salam Fayyad?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Good	36.9	34.2	41.5
Average	24.2	26.0	21.2
Weak	26.1	22.0	32.9
Don't Know/No opinion	12.8	17.7	4.5

18. How do you evaluate The Ministerial cabinet headed by Ismael Hanneyeh?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Good	23.7	20.1	29.8
Average	19.6	20.8	17.6
Weak	47.6	46.2	49.9
Don't Know/No opinion	9.1	12.9	2.7

19. Do you think that the Palestinian society is heading in the right or wrong direction?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Right direction	22.4	25.2	17.6
Wrong direction	69.0	63.8	77.8
Don't know/No opinion	8.6	11.0	4.6

20. In view of the latest events in Gaza where 7 Palestinians were killed in a march on the commentary day for previous President Yasser Arafat, who do you blame for these events?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Fateh Supporters mostly	7.4	6.3	9.3
Hamas and Executive Force mostly	35.8	29.6	46.3
Both sides Equally	32.5	35.6	27.2
Outside Forces	15.6	17.5	12.4
Don't Know/No opinion	8.7	11.0	4.7

Section For: Elections and Political Support

21. If PLC elections took place today, which one of the following groups – lists will you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Fateh	36.2	32.0	43.4
Change and Reform (Hamas)	13.7	11.4	17.6
Independent Palestine	2.4	3.0	1.4
The Third Way	1.7	1.9	1.4
Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa	1.5	1.6	1.4
Al Badil	1.1	1.4	0.6
Freedom and Social Justice	0.8	1.2	0.3
Freedom and Independence	0.6	0.8	0.3
Social Justice	0.6	0.8	0.2
Martyr Abu al Abbas	0.2	0.3	0.2
National Coalition for Justice and Democracy	0.2	0.4	0.0
I have not decided yet	15.4	17.6	11.7
Will not vote	25.4	27.7	21.5

22. If Presidential elections took place today, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Mahmoud Abbas	21.7	21.4	22.3
Marwan Bargouthi	14.7	15.1	14.1
Ismael Hanneyeh	13.6	10.1	19.4
Salam Fayyad	4.2	4.4	3.8
Musatafa Bargouthi	3.8	4.4	2.9
Mohammed Dahalan	3.4	0.4	8.4
Ahmad Saadat	1.3	1.2	1.4
Naser Eldin El Sha'er	1.1	1.4	0.6
Mahmoud Azzahar	0.9	1.1	0.6
Bassam Salhi	0.6	0.9	0.2
Qais Abu Laila	0.2	0.3	0.0
I have not decided yet	15.2	18.0	10.6
Will not vote	19.2	21.3	15.7

23. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Mahmoud Abbas	44.2	42.8	46.7
Ismael Hanneyeh	20.2	17.4	24.8
I have not decided yet	12.1	14.3	8.5
Will not vote	23.5	25.6	20.0

24. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Marwan Bargouthi	51.3	49.5	54.5
Ismael Hanneyeh	18.4	16.2	22.1
I have not decided yet	11.5	13.2	8.6
Will not vote	18.7	21.1	14.8

25. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Salam Fayyad	39.8	37.4	43.9
Ismael Hanneyeh	22.6	20.3	26.4
I have not decided yet	13.7	16.1	9.6
Will not vote	23.9	26.2	20.1

26. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Mustafa Bargouthi	41.9	39.0	46.7
Ismael Hanneyeh	20.8	18.8	24.1
I have not decided yet	13.8	16.0	10.1
Will not vote	23.6	26.1	19.2

27. If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Mohammed Dahalan	28.8	21.7	40.6
Mahmoud Zahhar	19.5	19.3	20.0
I have not decided yet	15.3	17.8	11.1
Will not vote	36.3	41.1	28.3

Section Five: District Issues

28. What do you think is the most important priority in your district?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Economic conditions	32.4	33.3	30.9
Resolve security – social problems	29.3	26.6	33.7
Education	14.3	15.3	12.5
Health services	13.7	15.1	11.4
Environment	3.7	3.3	4.3
Other, please specify	3.5	2.8	4.7
Roads	3.1	3.6	2.4

29. How would you rate the performance of the PLC members who represent your district?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Excellent	7.5	6.7	9.0
Good	18.1	20.3	14.5
Average	21.4	22.8	18.9
Less than Average	6.3	7.5	4.4
Weak	35.5	27.6	48.6
Don't know/No opinion	11.2	15.1	4.5

30. How would you rate the performance of the government institutions that service your district?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Excellent	7.7	8.5	6.3
Good	28.8	32.6	22.5
Average	28.6	29.3	27.4
Less than Average	5.3	5.7	4.8
Weak	25.1	18.4	36.2
Don't know/ No opinion	4.5	5.5	2.8

31. How would you rate the performance of your governor's office?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Excellent	7.1	8.3	5.1
Good	23.1	26.7	17.1
Average	23.4	23.9	22.5
Less than Average	4.2	4.7	3.3
Weak	24.5	16.4	38.0
Don't know/No opinion	17.7	20.0	14.0

32. How would you rate the performance of your local council?

	Total (WB&G)	West Bank	Gaza
Excellent	16.2	21.1	8.0
Good	28.8	32.3	23.0
Average	22.9	21.9	24.6
Less than Average	4.8	5.6	3.6
Weak	24.3	15.4	39.2
Don't know	2.9	3.7	1.7