

**Results of an Opinion Poll**

**In the West Bank and Gaza**

*Overall situation*

*Negotiations*

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

**Margin of error: ±3%**

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**Overall situation**

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|  | 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  | 43.7% | 32.7% | 39.6% |
| Wrong direction  | 52.0% | 65.1% | 56.9% |
| Don’t know | 4.3% | 2.2% | 3.5% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 2-Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future? |
| Optimistic  | 59.1% | 49.1% | 55.3% |
| Pessimistic  | 40.0% | 49.6% | 43.6% |
| Don’t know | 0.9% | 1.3% | 1.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza  | Total |
| 3-Is your family’s economic situation better or worse than it was a year ago? |
| Better | 19.1% | 12.7% | 16.7% |
| Stayed the same | 41.9% | 33.3% | 38.7% |
| Worse | 38.9% | 54.0% | 44.6% |
| Don’t know | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza  | Total |
| 4-Do you feel that internal security in your region has improved or diminished during the past year? |
| Improved | 28.1% | 23.1% | 26.3% |
| Stayed the same | 33.2% | 40.2% | 35.8% |
| Diminished | 38.0% | 34.9% | 36.8% |
| Don’t know | 0.7% | 1.8% | 1.1% |

**Negotiations**

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| 5-Do you support or oppose the current round of negotiations? |
| Support | 54.9% | 51.3% | 53.5% |
| Oppose | 39.9% | 44.7% | 41.7% |
| Don’t know | 5.2% | 4.0% | 4.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza  | Total |
| 6-Have you received any information on the current round of negotiations whether from the media or the leadership? |
| Yes to a large extent | 4.1% | 6.4% | 5.0% |
| Yes to some extent | 31.5% | 20.2% | 27.3% |
| I have received very limited information | 40.5% | 40.2% | 40.4% |
| I haven’t received any information | 21.2% | 30.7% | 24.8% |
| Don’t Know | 2.7% | 2.4% | 2.6% |

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| 7-Do you believe that the following parties are serious about peace negotiations leading to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state? |
| PA | Yes | 54.9% | 61.6% | 57.4% |
| To some extent | 24.2% | 20.7% | 22.9% |
| No | 16.2% | 16.2% | 16.2% |
| Don’t know | 4.8% | 1.6% | 3.6% |
| Israel | Yes | 6.0% | 5.1% | 5.7% |
| To some extent | 15.9% | 10.0% | 13.7% |
| No | 73.2% | 84.2% | 77.3% |
| Don’t know | 4.9% | 0.7% | 3.3% |
| USA | Yes | 6.3% | 7.1% | 6.6% |
| To some extent | 19.0% | 14.2% | 17.2% |
| No | 68.5% | 77.6% | 71.9% |
| Don’t know | 6.3% | 1.1% | 4.3% |
| UN members | Yes | 8.8% | 9.8% | 9.2% |
| To some extent | 25.2% | 24.7% | 25.0% |
| No | 57.3% | 63.3% | 59.5% |
| Don’t know | 8.7% | 2.2% | 6.3% |
| EU | Yes | 9.4% | 10.9% | 9.9% |
| To some extent | 26.9% | 25.8% | 26.5% |
| No | 52.9% | 60.4% | 55.8% |
| Don’t know | 10.8% | 2.9% | 7.8% |

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| 8-Are you optimistic that the current round of negotiations will produce positive results? |
| Yes | 37.1% | 29.6% | 34.3% |
| No | 51.4% | 58.2% | 54.0% |
| Don’t know | 11.5% | 12.2% | 11.8% |

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| 9- 20 years after Oslo, do you feel that Palestinians are closer to or farther from achieving their goal of a Palestinian state? |
| Closer | 38.4% | 30.4% | 35.4% |
| Farther | 55.6% | 58.7% | 56.8% |
| Don’t know | 6.0% | 10.9% | 7.8% |

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| 10-Do you have more or less hope for the peace process compared to one year ago? |
| More hope | 41.1% | 31.8% | 37.6% |
| Less hope | 54.3% | 62.2% | 57.3% |
| Don’t know | 4.7% | 6.0% | 5.2% |

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| 11-Would you support Palestinian leadership seeking remedies through UN mechanisms, if the current round of negotiations were to fail? |
| Yes | 56.5% | 56.0% | 56.3% |
| No | 38.5% | 35.1% | 37.3% |
| Don’t know | 4.9% | 8.9% | 6.4% |

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| 12-Do you support the principle of a two-state solution with a Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace with Israel? |
| Support | 55.9% | 49.8% | 53.6% |
| Oppose | 41.2% | 47.3% | 43.5% |
| Don’t know | 2.9% | 2.9% | 2.9% |

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| 13-If the current round of negotiations were to fail, what do you believe will most likely happen? |
| Nothing will happen/things will continue as is | 29.7% | 35.6% | 31.9% |
| President Abbas will return to the UN | 28.4% | 28.9% | 28.6% |
| There will be another Intifada | 27.1% | 22.7% | 25.4% |
| The Palestinian Authority will collapse | 8.7% | 6.7% | 7.9% |
| Don’t know | 6.1% | 6.2% | 6.2% |

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| 14-Generally, which of the following methods do you personally support to achieve independence? |
| Armed resistance  | 29.6% | 47.1% | 36.2% |
| Peaceful, non-violent resistance | 26.9% | 18.2% | 23.7% |
| Direct negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis | 21.5% | 15.8% | 19.3% |
| An international conference under the UN | 15.3% | 13.8% | 14.8% |
| Don’t know | 6.7% | 5.1% | 6.1% |

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| 15-Within the medium term, do you believe that the PA will be able to survive? |
| It will definitely survive | 34.3% | 42.4% | 37.4% |
| It is possible that it will survive | 28.2% | 20.9% | 25.4% |
| It is possible that it will collapse | 23.4% | 18.9% | 21.7% |
| It will definitely collapse | 6.9% | 8.2% | 7.4% |
| Not sure | 7.2% | 9.6% | 8.1% |

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| 1. 16-Do you believe there is a possibility of a third Intifada in the near future?
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| Yes | **60.1%** | **58.9%** | **59.6%** |
| No | **32.6%** | **32.0%** | **32.4%** |
| Don’t know | **7.3%** | **9.1%** | **8.0%** |

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| 17-Would you support a third Intifada at this time? |
| Yes | **27.0%** | **32.2%** | **29.0%** |
| No | **68.0%** | **63.1%** | **66.2%** |
| Don’t know | **4.9%** | **4.7%** | **4.8%** |

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| 18- Would you participate if a third Intifada erupted? |
| Yes | **28.4%** | **35.3%** | **31.0%** |
| No | **62.1%** | **55.3%** | **59.5%** |
| Don’t know | **9.5%** | **9.3%** | **9.4%** |

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| Sample Distribution (%) |
| District | **Gender** |
| Jenin | 6.8 | Male | 49.8 |
| Tulkarm | 5.0 | Female | 50.2 |
| Qalqilya | 1.7 | **Age** |
| Nablus | 8.3 | 18-30 | 43.3 |
| Salfit | 1.6 | 31-40 | 22.2 |
| Tubas | 1.6 | 41+ | 34.5 |
| Ramallah &Albireh | 8.3 | **Marital Status** |
| Jerusalem | 10.0 | Single | 26.0 |
| Jericho | 1.8 | Married | 69.9 |
| Bethlehem | 4.8 | Other | 4.0 |
| Hebron | 12.7 | **Refugee status** |
| Jabalya | 7.2 | Refugee | 46.2 |
| Gaza | 14.6 | Non-refugee | 53.8 |
| DeirAlbalah | 5.3 | **Educational level** |
| Khanyounis | 5.3 | Up to 9 years | 26.1 |
| Rafah | 5.3 | Secondary (10-12) | 42.4 |
| Residence | More than 12 years | 31.5 |
| City | 48.0 | **Occupation** |
| Village | 28.0 | Laborer | 11.8 |
| Camp | 24.0 | Employee | 13.6 |
| Work Sector | Farmer |  1.4 |
| Government | 27.4 | Merchant | 5.6 |
| Private | 65.4 | Professional | 0.8 |
| NGOs | 2.7 | Craftsman | 3.5 |
| Other | 4.6 | Student | 12.5 |
| Income | Housewife | 38.4 |
| Above average | 9.8 | Does not work | 10.8 |
| Average | 63.1 | Retired | 1.6 |
| Below average | 27.1 | **Do you use the internet?** |
| Region | Yes | 48.3 |
| West Bank | 62.5 | No | 51.8 |
| Gaza | 37.5 | **Among net users: Do you use Facebook** |
|  | Yes | 84.6 |
| No | 15.4 |