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**Results of an Opinion Poll**

**In the West Bank and Gaza**

**October 20-22, 2013**

*Reconciliation*

*Government performance*

*Elections*

*The PA*

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

**Margin of error: ±3%**

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**Reconciliation**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza  | Total |
| 1-Are you optimistic or pessimistic about reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas? |
| Optimistic | 54.4% | 47.3% | 51.8% |
| Pessimistic | 43.1% | 51.6% | 46.3% |
| Don’t know | 2.5% | 1.1% | 2.0% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 2-Do you believe that Fatah is serious about ending the division? |
| Yes | 50.7% | 55.1% | 52.3% |
| No  | 42.9% | 40.7% | 42.1% |
| Don’t know | 6.4% | 4.2% | 5.6% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 3-Do you believe that Hamas is serious about ending the division? |
| Yes | 39.6% | 40.2% | 39.8% |
| No  | 51.7% | 56.4% | 53.5% |
| Don’t know | 8.7% | 3.3% | 6.7% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 4-What do you think is the best way to end the crisis over the Gaza-West Bank split? |
| New legislative council elections | 25.6% | 47.8% | 33.9% |
| Assumption of control by the PA over Gaza | 8.5% | 10.9% | 9.4% |
| Joint administration of Gaza by the PA and the Hamas government | 9.9% | 7.8% | 9.1% |
| A national unity government over both territories | 45.5% | 31.1% | 40.1% |
| Don’t know | 10.4% | 2.4% | 7.4% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 5-Have you heard about the movement calling itself Tamarrud Gaza? |
| Yes | 31.9% | 62.9% | 43.5% |
| No | 68.1% | 37.1% | 56.5% |

**Government performance**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 6-In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Rami Hamdallah? |
| Positively | 26.8% | 24.2% | 25.8% |
| Average | 41.5% | 29.3% | 36.9% |
| Negatively | 12.9% | 20.2% | 15.7% |
| Don’t know | 18.8% | 26.2% | 21.6% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 7-In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the government led by Ismael Haniyeh? |
| Positively | 16.7% | 20.4% | 18.1% |
| Average | 40.4% | 36.7% | 39.0% |
| Negatively | 29.1% | 40.0% | 33.2% |
| Don’t know | 13.9% | 2.9% | 9.8% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 8-In general, how do you rate the overall performance of President Mahmoud Abbas? |
| Positively | 31.9% | 33.1% | 32.3% |
| Average | 42.4% | 36.0% | 40.0% |
| Negatively | 22.0% | 28.4% | 24.4% |
| Don’t know | 3.7% | 2.4% | 3.3% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 9-If you had a choice between the two governments, the Hamdallah-led or the Haniyeh-led, which would you chose to govern in your region?  |
| The Hamdallah-led government | 42.0% | 30.2% | 37.5% |
| The Haniyeh-led government | 15.0% | 20.9% | 17.2% |
| Neither of the two | 33.5% | 39.8% | 35.9% |
| Don’t know | 9.6% | 9.1% | 9.4% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 10-Would you describe the Palestinian authority/government in the West Bank as….? |
| Respectful of human rights | Yes  | 57.5% | 52.0% | 55.4% |
| No | 36.5% | 35.6% | 36.2% |
| Don’t know | 6.0% | 12.4% | 8.4% |
| Respectful of freedom of speech | Yes  | 50.1% | 51.6% | 50.7% |
| No | 43.6% | 35.8% | 40.7% |
| Don’t know | 6.3% | 12.7% | 8.7% |
| Respectful of the right to protest | Yes  | 51.1% | 49.6% | 50.5% |
| No | 41.9% | 37.6% | 40.3% |
| Don’t know | 7.1% | 12.9% | 9.3% |
| Democratic | Yes  | 49.5% | 53.1% | 50.8% |
| No | 42.8% | 34.4% | 39.7% |
| Don’t know | 7.7% | 12.4% | 9.5% |
| Authoritarian | Yes  | 33.5% | 30.4% | 32.3% |
| No | 51.7% | 54.4% | 52.8% |
| Don’t know | 14.8% | 15.1% | 14.9% |

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| 11-Would you describe the Palestinian authority/government in Gaza as….? |
| Respectful of human rights | Yes  | 30.3% | 32.2% | 31.0% |
| No | 42.5% | 65.1% | 51.0% |
| Don’t know | 27.2% | 2.7% | 18.0% |
| Respectful of freedom of speech | Yes  | 24.6% | 28.9% | 26.2% |
| No | 47.8% | 68.9% | 55.7% |
| Don’t know | 27.6% | 2.2% | 18.1% |
| Respectful of the right to protest | Yes  | 26.4% | 27.1% | 26.7% |
| No | 46.7% | 70.9% | 55.8% |
| Don’t know | 26.8% | 2.0% | 17.5% |
| Democratic | Yes  | 24.0% | 27.1% | 25.2% |
| No | 49.0% | 70.7% | 57.1% |
| Don’t know | 27.0% | 2.2% | 17.7% |
| Authoritarian | Yes  | 37.5% | 53.8% | 43.6% |
| No | 30.8% | 39.3% | 34.0% |
| Don’t know | 31.6% | 6.9% | 22.4% |

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| 12-Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? |
| The system of government in the West Bank today is more democratic than it was 10 years ago. | Agree | 27.1% | 32.0% | 28.9% |
| Agree to some extent | 34.4% | 27.3% | 31.8% |
| Disagree | 33.3% | 34.0% | 33.6% |
| Don’t know | 5.2% | 6.7% | 5.8% |
| The system of government in Gaza is more democratic than it was 10 years ago. | Agree | 10.9% | 17.1% | 13.3% |
| Agree to some extent | 22.5% | 24.0% | 23.1% |
| Disagree | 46.9% | 56.2% | 50.4% |
| Don’t know | 19.6% | 2.7% | 13.3% |
| Freedom of expression is more respected in the West Bank than it was 10 years ago | Agree | 23.6% | 31.3% | 26.5% |
| Agree to some extent | 34.0% | 25.6% | 30.8% |
| Disagree | 36.7% | 36.7% | 36.7% |
| Don’t know | 5.7% | 6.4% | 6.0% |
| Freedom of expression is more respected in Gaza today than it was 10 years ago. | Agree | 10.4% | 18.2% | 13.3% |
| Agree to some extent | 21.5% | 20.9% | 21.3% |
| Disagree | 47.6% | 58.0% | 51.5% |
| Don’t know | 20.5% | 2.9% | 13.9% |
| The political leadership in Gaza is closer to the people today than it was 10 years ago. | Agree | 12.8% | 21.3% | 16.0% |
| Agree to some extent | 20.1% | 21.1% | 20.5% |
| Disagree | 46.7% | 54.4% | 49.6% |
| Don’t know | 20.4% | 3.1% | 13.9% |
| The political leadership in the West Bank is closer to the people today than it was 10 years ago. | Agree | 18.3% | 28.7% | 22.2% |
| Agree to some extent | 32.5% | 27.6% | 30.7% |
| Disagree | 41.6% | 37.8% | 40.2% |
| Don’t know | 7.6% | 6.0% | 7.0% |

**Elections**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 13-Do you support the immediate conduct of legislative elections in the West Bank and Gaza? |
| Yes | 83.6% | 91.3% | 86.5% |
| No | 11.9% | 8.4% | 10.6% |
| Don’t Know | 4.5% | 0.2% | 2.9% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 14-Do you support the immediate conduct of presidential elections in the West Bank and Gaza? |
| Yes | 82.0% | 91.6% | 85.6% |
| No | 13.6% | 8.0% | 11.5% |
| Don’t Know | 4.4% | 0.4% | 2.9% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 15-If elections took place today and the following lists ran, which one would you vote for? |
| Fatah | 37.1% | 42.0% | 38.9% |
| Hamas | 10.4% | 15.8% | 12.4% |
| PFLP | 2.1% | 3.3% | 2.6% |
| Al Mubadara | 2.5% | 2.7% | 2.6% |
| Islamic Jihad | 1.3% | 1.8% | 1.5% |
| DFLP | 3.2% | 1.1% | 2.4% |
| Fida | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.2% |
| HizbTahrir | 0.5% | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| PPP | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| Palestinian Struggle | 0.1% |  | 0.1% |
| Other | 1.5% | 2.2% | 1.8% |
| Not decided | 25.2% | 13.6% | 20.8% |
| I will not vote | 15.5% | 17.1% | 16.1% |

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| 16-If only the following two candidates ran for presidential elections, who would you vote for? |
| Mahmoud Abbas | 39.1% | 45.6% | 41.5% |
| Khaled Mashaal | 13.3% | 18.7% | 15.3% |
| Don’t know | 13.3% | 9.8% | 12.0% |
| Will not vote | 34.3% | 26.0% | 31.2% |

**The PA**

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 17-Some support while others oppose the dissolution of the PA, what is your opinion? |
| Support | 21.6% | 30.7% | 25.0% |
| Oppose | 73.4% | 59.1% | 68.1% |
| Don’t know | 4.9% | 10.2% | 6.9% |

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| 18-Would you support any effort, including increased rates of taxation, by the PA to decrease reliance on foreign assistance and increase self-reliance and self-sufficiency? |
| Yes | 17.8% | 22.9% | 19.7% |
| No | 75.8% | 71.3% | 74.1% |
| Don’t know | 6.4% | 5.8% | 6.2% |

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|  | West Bank | Gaza | Total |
| 19-Do you believe Palestinians are more or less self-reliant than they were at the start of the Oslo process? |
| More | 33.5% | 41.6% | 36.5% |
| Less | 57.3% | 46.0% | 53.0% |
| Don’t know | 9.2% | 12.4% | 10.4% |

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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 | **Do you use Facebook** |
|  | Yes | 84.6 |
| No | 15.4 |