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**Results of an Opinion Poll**

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***Local Elections Day Survey***

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**Sample Size: 820 Palestinians**

**Margin of error +3**

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|  | Total | Nablus | Ramallah  | Hebron | Other |
| 1. How do you feel about your voting experience today?
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| Very pleased | 57.6% | 61.7% | 45.6% | 59.3% | 60.4% |
| Somewhat pleased | 30.1% | 24.2% | 43.1% | 30.0% | 26.7% |
| Indifferent | 9.9% | 12.1% | 9.4% | 6.7% | 10.6% |
| displeased | 2.4% | 2.0% | 1.9% | 4.0% | 2.2% |
| Do you believe that your vote…..? |
| Made a difference | 93.0% | 94.0% | 91.9% | 89.3% | 94.7% |
| Does not make a difference | 2.9% | 3.4% | 3.8% | 5.3% | 1.4% |
| Don’t know | 4.0% | 2.7% | 4.4% | 5.3% | 3.9% |
| 1. What motivated you to vote today?
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| I am a member or supporter of a political party and wanted its list to win | 9.0% | 11.3% | 11.9% | 5.3% | 8.4% |
| Voting is a civic duty | 51.8% | 56.0% | 45.0% | 48.7% | 54.3% |
| Local councils serve an important role in the community | 21.1% | 20.7% | 25.0% | 29.3% | 16.2% |
| Wanted to express displeasure with current office holders | 7.7% | 4.0% | 10.6% | 12.7% | 5.8% |
| Party/family leadership encouraged me to vote | 2.8% | 0.7% | 1.9% | 2.7% | 4.2% |
| One of my relatives is a candidate and I want to vote for him\her | 5.0% | 3.3% | 2.5% | 1.3% | 8.4% |
| Other | 2.6% |  |  |  |  |
| 1. In your opinion, elections today were…?
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| Fair | 76.4% | 75.3% | 78.6% | 71.3% | 78.0% |
| To some extent fair | 15.2% | 14.0% | 13.8% | 19.3% | 14.5% |
| Unfair | 2.2% |   | 0.6% | 2.7% | 3.6% |
| I don’t know | 6.2% | 10.7% | 6.9% | 6.7% | 3.9% |
| 1. In your opinion, what should be the immediate priorities for the new council?
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| Improve infrastructure (roads, marketplaces) | 25.6% | 18.0% | 25.0% | 24.7% | 29.5% |
| Improve community relations | 4.6% | 4.7% | 5.0% | 4.0% | 4.7% |
| Improve conditions for economic development and job creation | 34.8% | 43.3% | 28.1% | 40.0% | 32.0% |
| Improve services such as water and electricity | 16.8% | 6.7% | 20.6% | 22.7% | 17.0% |
| Reduce bureaucracy in obtaining permits, licenses etc. | 3.5% | 1.3% | 5.6% | 2.7% | 3.9% |
| Provide cultural and recreational facilities and activities | 0.9% |   | 0.6% |   | 1.7% |
| Encourage more investments in the community | 4.3% | 2.0% | 6.3% | 4.7% | 4.2% |
| Other | 9.4% | 24.0% | 8.8% | 1.3% | 7.0% |

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|  | Total | Nablus | Ramallah  | Hebron | Other |
| 1. What was the main reason you voted for a particular list today?
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| The candidates on the list I chose were the most credible | 45.5% | 52.7% | 42.8% | 51.3% | 41.2% |
| The list represented my political views | 13.7% | 7.3% | 14.5% | 10.7% | 17.3% |
| The list is closest to my social-cultural beliefs | 9.7% | 6.0% | 8.8% | 12.7% | 10.3% |
| The campaign agenda/platform of the list best represented community needs | 15.2% | 16.0% | 21.4% | 15.3% | 12.0% |
| Candidates on the list are connected with national leaders and institutions | 6.0% | 7.3% | 5.0% | 4.0% | 6.7% |
| My family representation in the list | 6.8% | 6.7% | 5.0% | 3.3% | 9.2% |
| other | 3.2% | 4.0% | 2.5% | 2.7% | 3.3% |
| 1. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied about the role of the following in the local elections?
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| The Ministry of Local Government | Satisfied | 42.8% | 42.7% | 34.4% | 45.6% | 45.3% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 31.6% | 30.0% | 26.8% | 31.5% | 34.4% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 7.8% | 9.3% | 10.2% | 4.0% | 7.8% |
| Dissatisfied | 11.8% | 12.0% | 15.3% | 15.4% | 8.6% |
| Not sure | 6.0% | 6.0% | 13.4% | 3.4% | 3.9% |
| Central Elections Commission | Satisfied | 67.0% | 77.9% | 59.7% | 66.4% | 66.0% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 25.9% | 16.1% | 26.4% | 26.8% | 29.2% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 1.7% | 1.3% | 3.1% | 0.7% | 1.7% |
| Dissatisfied | 3.1% | 2.0% | 5.7% | 4.0% | 1.9% |
| Not sure | 2.3% | 2.7% | 5.0% | 2.0% | 1.1% |
| The government in the West Bank | Satisfied | 37.5% | 40.7% | 28.9% | 42.3% | 37.9% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 30.4% | 22.0% | 35.2% | 26.2% | 33.4% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 9.8% | 6.7% | 11.9% | 10.7% | 9.7% |
| Dissatisfied | 20.2% | 28.0% | 19.5% | 19.5% | 17.5% |
| Not sure | 2.2% | 2.7% | 4.4% | 1.3% | 1.4% |
| The presidency | Satisfied | 49.4% | 54.7% | 41.9% | 46.3% | 51.8% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 26.8% | 16.7% | 28.1% | 25.5% | 30.9% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 6.8% | 7.3% | 10.6% | 9.4% | 3.9% |
| Dissatisfied | 14.3% | 19.3% | 15.0% | 15.4% | 11.4% |
| Not sure | 2.7% | 2.0% | 4.4% | 3.4% | 1.9% |

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| 1. Which of the following was the most important for you to get information and news about the lists
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| Phone | 4.6% | 3.3% | 5.6% | 6.7% | 3.9% |
| Internet | 18.5% | 26.0% | 15.0% | 25.3% | 14.0% |
| Radio | 9.0% | 8.7% | 6.3% | 22.0% | 5.0% |
| TV | 9.4% | 12.0% | 7.5% | 10.0% | 8.9% |
| Festivals and meetings | 11.6% | 14.7% | 14.4% | 4.0% | 12.3% |
| Published data and written publications | 13.1% | 11.3% | 17.5% | 10.7% | 12.8% |
| Posters in the streets | 15.9% | 12.7% | 23.1% | 7.3% | 17.6% |
| Informal news from others | 17.8% | 11.3% | 10.6% | 14.0% | 25.4% |
| 1. Were you satisfied with the choices at the ballot box?
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| Yes | 82.3% | 79.3% | 88.1% | 84.7% | 79.9% |
| No | 15.3% | 18.0% | 10.6% | 12.7% | 17.3% |
| I don’t know | 2.4% | 2.7% | 1.3% | 2.7% | 2.8% |

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| **Governorate** | **%** | **Gender** | **%** |
| Jenin | 7.1 | Male | 54.8 |
| Tulkarm | 4.4 | Female | 45.2 |
| Qalqilya | 1.6 | **Age** | **%** |
| Nablus  | 8.8 | 18-30 | 37.9 |
| Salfit | 1.5 | 31-50 | 47.4 |
| Tubas | 1.4 | > 51 | 14.7 |
| Ramallah | 8.8 | **Income (self evaluation)** | **%** |
| Jerusalem | 9.9 | Good or More | 18 |
| Jericho | 1.5 | average | 62 |
| Bethlehem | 4.4 | Weak | 20 |
| Hebron | 13.1 | **Place of Residence**  | % |
| **Occupation** | **%** | City | 78.8 |
| Laborers | 11.9 | Town/village | 21.2 |
| Employees | 29.3 | **Work Sector** | **%** |
| Farmers | 0.7 | Government | 26.6 |
| Merchants | 9.7 | Private sector | 66.3 |
| Professional | 4.6 | NGOs | 7.1 |
| Craftsman | 5.0 | **Refugee Status** | **%** |
| Students | 9.3 | Refugee | 28.3% |
| Housewives | 21.2 | Non-refugee | 71.7% |
| Not working | 5.7 |  |  |
| Retired | 2.6 |  |  |