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|   | [Opinion Polls](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/opinionpolls/)Poll No. 16Public Opinion Poll on Palestinian Living Conditions, the Peace Process, Rafah Operation and Sharon's Proposed Disengagement Plan**[** [**Information & General Background**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll16/background.html) **] [** [**Analysis of Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll16/analysis.html) **] [ Detailed Results ] [** [**Sample Distribution**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll16/sample.html) **] [** [**PDF Format**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll16/poll16.pdf) **] [** [**In Arabic**](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/arabic/opinionpolls/poll16/) **]** Detailed Results

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|  | **Total** % | **West Bank**% | **Gaza Strip** % |
| ***Section One: Living Conditions*** |
| **1.               At the present time, how do you evaluate your family's economic conditions?** |
| 1) Very good | 4.0 | 3.3 | 5.2 |
| 2) Good | 17.5 | 17.2 | 17.9 |
| 3) Fair | 40.7 | 43.5 | 36.3 |
| 4) Bad | 21.6 | 21.9 | 21.1 |
| 5) Very bad | 16.3 | 14.1 | 19.5 |
| **2.              Does the family have a working breadwinner?** |
| 1) Yes  | 65.4 | 66.1 | 64.3 |
| 2) No | 34.6 | 33.9 | 35.7 |
| **3.            At present, do you feel secure about yourself, your family, and your property?** |
| 1) Yes                                                | 17.4 | 17.2 | 17.7 |
| 2) To an extent | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 |
| 3) No | 60.5 | 60.6 | 60.4 |
| 4) No opinion  | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| **4.              Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?** |
| 1) Optimistic | 39.2 | 35.5 | 44.9 |
| 2) In between | 23.2 | 23.5 | 22.6 |
| 3) Pessimistic | 36.8 | 40.5 | 31.0 |
| 4) Do not know | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| ***Section Two: The Peace Process***  |
| **5.              Do you believe that the United States is serious about achieving peace in the Middle East?** |
| 1)  Yes | 7.2 | 5.4 | 10.1 |
| 2)  No | 88.8 | 90.1 | 86.8 |
| 3)  No opinion  | 3.9 | 4.5 | 3.1 |
| **6. Do you support return to negotiations with the Israelis?** |
| 1)  Yes | 44.7 | 44.2 | 45.4 |
| 2)  No | 53.2 | 53.1 | 53.3 |
| 3)  No opinion  | 2.1 | 2.7 | 1.3 |
| **7.              Do you think that Israel has a genuine desire to achieve peace with the Palestinians?** |
| 1)  Yes | 8.8 | 8.1 | 9.8 |
| 2)  No | 88.2 | 88.5 | 87.8 |
| 3)  No opinion  | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.4 |
| **8.              Do you believe that peace is possible between Palestinians and Israelis if Israel does not recognize the right of Palestinian refugees to return?** |
| 1)  Yes | 12.9 | 11.6 | 15.0 |
| 2)  No | 84.3 | 84.8 | 83.6 |
| 3)  No opinion  | 2.8 | 3.6 | 1.4 |
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| **9.              Do you think that there is a chance for peaceful coexistence between Palestinians and Israelis on the basis of justice (according to UN resolutions)?** |
| 1)  Yes | 37.7 | 39.6 | 34.6 |
| 2)  No | 54.3 | 53.0 | 56.2 |
| 3)  No opinion  | 8.1 | 7.4 | 9.2 |
| **10.            In the case that negotiations continue, under what auspices should they be under?** |
| 1)  Arab League | 51.2 | 54.3 | 46.3 |
| 2)  UN | 25.4 | 27.7 | 21.8 |
| 3) others  | 13.5 | 13.0 | 14.3 |
| 4)  USA | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| 5)  Not sure | 5.2 | 0.0 | 13.3      |
| **11.            Do you feel that the rallies organized by the Israeli peace movement are important in opposing Prime Minister Sharon’s policies?** |
| 1) Yes,   Important  | 51.9 | 47.1 | 59.4 |
| 2)  Important to some extent | 22.8 | 25.4 | 18.7 |
| 3)  Not Important | 22.3 | 24.1 | 19.5 |
| 4) No opinion  | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.4 |
| **12.            How do you evaluate the results of the Arab Summit held in Tunis (21-22/5/2004)?** |
| 1) Positive | 3.7 | 3.1 | 4.6 |
| 2) Fair | 17.3 | 15.8 | 19.7 |
| 3) Negative | 68.9 | 68.9 | 68.9 |
| 4) No opinion | 10.1 | 12.3 | 6.7 |
| **13.            How do you evaluate the role of the Arab people in supporting Palestinians?** |
| 1) Positive | 23.8 | 22.0 | 26.5 |
| 2) Fair | 31.5 | 31.6 | 31.4 |
| 3) Negative | 41.3 | 43.0 | 38.6 |
| 4) No opinion | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| ***Section Three: The Role of Institutions in Rafah***  |
| **14.            How do you evaluate the performance of PNA institutions in dealing with the latest attack on Rafah 18/05/2004?** |
| 1) Positive | 21.6 | 18.9 | 25.7 |
| 2) Fair | 32.9 | 33.2 | 32.5 |
| 3) Negative | 39.8 | 40.4 | 39.0 |
| 4) No opinion | 5.7 | 7.5 | 2.7 |
| **15.            How do you evaluate the performance of Palestinian NGOs in dealing with the latest attack on Rafah?** |
| 1) Positive | 45.8 | 35.5 | 61.8 |
| 2) Fair | 30.9 | 32.8 | 28.0 |
| 3) Negative | 17.3 | 23.1 | 8.2 |
| 4) No opinion | 5.9 | 8.5 | 1.9 |

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| **16.            How do you evaluate the performance of Palestinian political parties in dealing with the latest attack on Rafah?** |
| 1) Positive | 43.8 | 34.9 | 57.7 |
| 2) Fair | 28.5 | 30.6 | 25.1 |
| 3) Negative | 18.3 | 22.2 | 12.2 |
| 4) No opinion | 9.4 | 12.2 | 5.0 |
| **17.            How do you evaluate the performance of UNRWA in dealing with the latest attack on Rafah?** |
| 1) Positive | 46.6 | 36.8 | 61.9 |
| 2) Fair | 28.7 | 31.6 | 24.1 |
| 3) Negative | 14.8 | 18.5 | 8.9 |
| 4) No opinion | 10.0 | 13.1 | 5.1 |
| **18.            How do you evaluate the international position as represented by the Security Council decision (20/05/2004) condemning Israeli attacks on Rafah?**  |
| 1) Positive | 33.7 | 26.0 | 45.9 |
| 2) Fair | 21.7 | 22.2 | 20.9 |
| 3) Negative | 38.3 | 43.8 | 29.6 |
| 4) No opinion | 6.3 | 8.0 | 3.6 |
| ***Section For: Sharon Withdrawal Plan from Gaza***  |
| **19.            Do you believe that the Israeli Government is serious about withdrawing from Gaza?** |
| 1) Yes              | 19.6 | 19.3 | 20.2 |
| 2) To some extent | 25.2 | 23.4 | 28.0 |
| 3) No | 52.8 | 54.3 | 50.5 |
| 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 2.4 | 3.0 | 1.4 |
| **20.            Do you believe that the withdrawal will be:** |
| 1)  Full withdrawal | 11.3 | 11.2 | 11.4 |
| 2)  A partial withdrawal | 50.0 | 46.9 | 54.7 |
| 3)  There will be no withdrawal | 38.4 | 41.4 | 33.7 |
| 4)  No opinion  | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| **21.            Do you believe that the PNA is qualified to take over authority in Gaza?** |
| 1) Yes              | 39.3 | 38.7 | 40.3 |
| 2) To some extent | 30.7 | 29.5 | 32.5 |
| 3) No | 24.7 | 25.4 | 23.8 |
| 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 5.3 | 6.5 | 3.4 |
| **22.            Will the PNA be able to improve living conditions in Gaza after the Israeli withdrawal?** |
| 1) Yes              | 34.3 | 34.8 | 33.5 |
| 2) To some extent | 33.2 | 33.3 | 33.1 |
| 3) No | 28.9 | 27.8 | 30.8 |
| 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 3.5 | 4.1 | 2.6 |
| **23.            Will the Israeli withdrawal lead to a more secure situation in Gaza?** |
| 1) Yes              | 46.6 | 46.3 | 47.1 |
| 2) To some extent | 29.7 | 29.2 | 30.5 |
| 3) No | 20.5 | 20.6 | 20.2 |
| 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.1 |
| **24.            Will the Gaza withdrawal reinforce the Israeli occupation in the West Bank?** |
| 1) Yes  | 76.7 | 72.5 | 83.3 |
| 2)  No | 14.9 | 16.9 | 11.7 |
| 3)  No opinion | 8.4 | 10.5 | 5.0 |
| **25.            Did the Israeli withdrawal come to avoid more Israeli causalities among Israeli military forces?**  |
| 1) Yes  | 75.0 | 72.6 | 78.6 |
| 2)  No | 19.7 | 20.3 | 18.8 |
| 3)  No opinion | 5.3 | 7.1 | 2.6 |
| **26.            Do you believe that the Gaza withdrawal is aimed at causing chaos and infighting among the various Palestinian factions?** |
| 1) Yes  | 57.0 | 57.6 | 56.0 |
| 2)  No | 36.1 | 33.8 | 39.6 |
| 3)  No opinion | 7.0 | 8.7 | 4.3 |
| **27.            Do you believe that the Palestinian political groups will be able to avoid such a possibility?** |
| 1) Yes  | 64.2 | 63.6 | 65.2 |
| 2)  No | 27.5 | 26.3 | 29.4 |
| 3)  No opinion | 8.3 | 10.1 | 5.4 |
| **28.            Do you believe that Gaza might become an economically prosperous place?** |
| 1) Yes              | 44.8 | 44.0 | 46.1 |
| 2) To some extent | 33.7 | 33.1 | 34.5 |
| 3) No | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.1 |
| 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 3.5 | 4.8 | 1.4 |
| **29.            In the event that Israel withdrew from settlements in Gaza, what would be the best option in dealing with them in your opinion?** |
| 1) Turn them into investment areas  (tourism and industrial areas) | 40.8 | 45.0 | 34.2 |
| 2)  Housing for Gaza camp residents | 32.4 | 35.5 | 27.7 |
| 3) Tern the into public institutions | 11.0 | 6.1 | 18.6 |
| 4)  Housing for PNA employees | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| 5)  Housing for returning refugees from the Diaspora | 3.9 | 4.7 | 2.6 |
| 6) Others  | 7.7 | 4.7 | 12.4 |
| **30.            In the event of an Israeli withdrawal, which one of the following is the most important priority?** |
| 1)  Bringing security and personal safety | 38.6 | 40.7 | 35.5 |
| 2) Rebuilding areas destroyed by the Israeli occupation | 27.9 | 29.1 | 26.0 |
| 3) Improving economic conditions | 15.5 | 13.3 | 19.0 |
| 4)  Rebuilding infrastructure | 12.8 | 12.0 | 14.1 |
| 5)  Rebuilding PNA institutions | 3.9 | 3.3 | 4.8 |
| 6) Others | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0.6 |
| **31.            In the event of an Israeli withdrawal do you support of oppose the following:** |
| **Continuation of armed resistance against Israel coming from Gaza** |
| 1) Support      | 61.2 | 59.2 | 64.5 |
| 2) Oppose | 35.2 | 35.7 | 34.4 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 3.6 | 5.2 | 1.1 |

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| **Unification of security agencies into one body** |
| 1) Support      | 84.3 | 83.1 | 86.2 |
| 2) Oppose | 13.1 | 13.6 | 12.4 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 2.6 | 3.3 | 1.5 |
| **Conducting an immediate legislative election in Gaza** |
| 1) Support      | 84.1 | 80.8 | 89.2 |
| 2) Oppose | 10.7 | 11.8 | 9.0 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 5.3 | 7.5 | 1.8 |
| **32.            Do you believe that the PNA has a comprehensive plan of action to administer Gaza after Israel withdraws?** |
| 1) Yes              | 37.4 | 36.2 | 39.4 |
| 2) To some extent | 35.7 | 37.9 | 32.1 |
| 3) No | 19.9 | 17.8 | 23.2 |
| 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 7.0 | 8.1 | 5.3 |
| **33.            Do you believe that the PNA has a political program to combat the Sharon political plan?** |
| 1) Yes              | 24.6 | 21.8 | 28.8 |
| 2) To some extent | 25.4 | 26.8 | 23.3 |
| 3) No | 42.1 | 41.2 | 43.4 |
| 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 8.0 | 10.2 | 4.6 |
| **34.            Do you believe that the Palestinian opposition has a political program to combat the Sharon political plan?** |
| 1) Yes              | 35.3 | 31.8 | 40.7 |
| 2) To some extent | 27.1 | 30.6 | 21.6 |
| 3) No | 28.4 | 26.8 | 30.9 |
| 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 9.2 | 10.8 | 6.7 |
| **35.            In general, who would be the most qualified to lead in Gaza after Israel withdraws?** |
| 1) a unified national leadership | 59.0 | 56.3 | 63.3 |
| 2)  PNA | 22.9 | 21.9 | 24.5 |
| 3)  Hamas & Islamic Jihad | 16.7 | 20.1 | 11.3 |
| 4)  Leftist groups | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 5) others | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| **36.            Do you support or oppose a significant role for the following entities in administering Gaza for a transitional period after an Israeli withdrawal?** |
| **The World Bank** |
| 1) Support      | 57.1 | 52.9 | 63.6 |
| 2) Oppose | 36.4 | 39.0 | 32.2 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 6.5 | 8.1 | 4.1 |
| **Arab League** |
| 1) Support      | 56.4 | 53.9 | 60.3 |
| 2) Oppose | 40.1 | 41.1 | 38.6 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 3.5 | 5.0 | 1.1 |

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| **United Nations** |
| 1) Support      | 54.5 | 51.1 | 59.8 |
| 2) Oppose | 41.4 | 43.3 | 38.3 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 4.1 | 5.6 | 1.8 |
| **Egypt** |
| 1) Support      | 44.8 | 43.8 | 46.3 |
| 2) Oppose | 52.0 | 51.3 | 52.9 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 3.3 | 4.9 | 0.7 |
| **The European Union** |
| 1) Support      | 40.0 | 33.7 | 49.8 |
| 2) Oppose | 55.5 | 60.3 | 48.0 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 4.4 | 5.9 | 2.1 |
| **The United States** |
| 1) Support      | 12.5 | 10.2 | 16.1 |
| 2) Oppose | 85.0 | 86.0 | 83.4 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 2.5 | 3.8 | 0.5 |
| **37.              To re-build Gaza, should we accept funding from the following sources?** |
| **Arab Countries** |
| 1) Support      | 87.1 | 84.9 | 90.5 |
| 2) Oppose | 11.7 | 13.0 | 9.5 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 1.3 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| **Japan and Asia** |
| 1) Support      | 73.2 | 69.6 | 78.9 |
| 2) Oppose | 23.2 | 25.2 | 19.9 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 3.6 | 5.2 | 1.2 |
| **The EU** |
| 1) Support      | 68.4 | 66.3 | 71.7 |
| 2) Oppose | 28.8 | 29.9 | 26.9 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 2.9 | 3.8 | 1.4 |
| **United Nations** |
| 1) Support      | 68.3 | 64.2 | 74.7 |
| 2) Oppose | 29.7 | 33.0 | 24.7 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 2.0 | 2.8 | 0.6 |
| **The United States** |
| 1) Support      | 27.8 | 25.0 | 32.3 |
| 2) Oppose | 70.2 | 72.1 | 67.3 |
| 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 1.9 | 2.9 | 0.4 |

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| **38.         Which of the following political groups do support?** |
| 1) Hamas | 24.8 | 24.0 | 26.1 |
| 2) Fateh | 22.6 | 21.4 | 24.4 |
| 3) Independent, with Islamic leaning | 7.6 | 8.0 | 6.9 |
| 4) Islamic Jihad | 4.9 | 5.8 | 3.6 |
| 5) Independent, with Fateh leaning | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.7 |
| 6) PFLP | 2.0 | 1.0 | 3.5 |
| 7) PPP | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| 8) Feda | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.0 |
| 9) Other Islamic Factions   | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| 10) Other National Factions   | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.0 |
| 11) DFLP | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 12) Independent, with Leftist leaning | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 13) None | 31.3 | 31.4 | 31.1 |

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