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|   | [Opinion Polls](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/opinionpolls/) Poll No. 23**12 December 2005****Local Councils Elections, Legislative Council Election****Public Opinion Poll # 23**  **[** [**Analysis of Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll23/analysis.html) **][** [**Detailed Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll23/results.html) **][** [**Sample Distribution**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll23/sample.html) **][** [**PDF Format**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll23/poll23.pdf) **][** [**In Arabic**](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/arabic/opinionpolls/poll23/) **]**

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| **The results of this poll are only representative of the residents of 11 localities listed in the sample distribution table.  They are not necessarily representative of the whole West Bank and Gaza.** |

**Dates of fieldwork: 5-7/12, 2005** **Number of field researchers: 75****Margin of error (+ or ─): + 5%** **Sample size: 1293 Palestinians in 11 localities**         **For further information or queries, contact team coordinator          Dr. Nader Said or Polling coordinator Ayman Abdul Majeed at the listed address or through our website.**         **Many thanks go to our field researchers, and the International Republican Institute (IRI) for their support.** Annex 1:**Results of Opinion Poll # 23**

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| **Living Conditions** |
|  | **Total %** |
| **1.**              **At the present time, how do you evaluate your family's economic conditions?** |
| 1) Very good | 8.2 |
| 2) Good | 23.7 |
| 3) Fair | 42.8 |
| 4) Bad | 17.8 |
| 5) Very bad | 7.5 |
|   **2.**            **At present, do you feel secure about yourself, your family, and your property?** |
| 1) Yes                                  | 35.7 |
| 2) To an extent | 29.1 |
| 3) No | 35.2 |
| **3.**              **Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?** |
| 1) Optimistic | 51.4 |
| 2) In between | 26.0 |
| 3) Pessimistic | 22.6 |
| **Palestinian Legislative Councils Elections** |
| **4.**              **Do you follow news about the upcoming PLC elections?**  |
| 1) Yes  | 76.5 |
| 2) No | 23.5 |
| **5.**              **What is the best way to publicize news about the PLC elections?** |
| 1) Palestinian TV | 43.6 |
| 2) Public Newspapers | 8.3 |
| 3) Palestinian Radio | 12.5 |
| 4) Leaflets and pamphlets distributed by various institutions   | 7.5 |
| 5) Meetings, symposia and fora with the public | 25.1 |
| 6) Others | 3.1 |
| **6.**              **Do you think that your knowledge and information about the legislative elections system is**  |
| 1) adequate ? | 24.9 |
| 2) adequate to certain extent? | 36.5 |
| 3) inadequate? | 38.6 |
| **7.**              **When voting, which of the following is most important in selecting your candidate?** |
| **Honesty**  |
| 1) important  | 98.2 |
| 2) somewhat important | 0.9 |
| 3) not important | 0.9 |

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| ***Community Service*** |
| 1) important  | 97.3 |
| 2) somewhat important | 2.0 |
| 3) not important | 0.7 |
| ***Educational attainment*** |
| 1) important  | 91.4 |
| 2) somewhat important | 5.0 |
| 3) not important | 3.5 |
| 4) ) no opinion | 0.1 |
| ***Position on Economic Issues*** |
| 1) important  | 90.1 |
| 2) somewhat important | 5.4 |
| 3) not important | 4.1 |
| 4) ) no opinion | 0.4 |
| ***Position on Social Issues*** |
| 1) important  | 88.0 |
| 2) somewhat important | 7.4 |
| 3) not important | 4.3 |
| 4) ) no opinion | 0.3 |
| ***Position on Political Issues*** |
| 1) important  | 79.3 |
| 2) somewhat important | 10.3 |
| 3) not important | 9.2 |
| 4) no opinion | 1.2 |
| ***Religiosity*** |
| 1) important  | 77.7 |
| 2) somewhat important | 11.4 |
| 3) not important | 10.8 |
| 4) no opinion | 0.2 |
| ***Role in the struggle*** |
| 1) important  | 73.8 |
| 2) somewhat important | 14.3 |
| 3) not important | 11.1 |
| 4) ) no opinion | 0.8 |
| ***Political Party membership*** |
| 1) important  | 37.2 |
| 2) somewhat important | 12.4 |
| 3) not important | 49.2 |
| 4) ) no opinion | 1.2 |
| ***Affiliation with Islamic party (such as Hamas)*** |
| 1) important  | 26.9 |
| 2) somewhat important | 12.5 |
| 3) not important | 59.9 |
| 4) no opinion | 0.8 |
| ***Family ties***  |
| 1) important  | 26.6 |
| 2) somewhat important | 10.5 |
| 3) not important | 62.7 |
| 4) ) no opinion | 0.2 |
| ***Personal Finances of Candidate*** |
| 1) important  | 21.1 |
| 2) somewhat important | 12.9 |
| 3) not important | 65.7 |
| 4) no opinion | 0.2 |
| **8.**              **Which of the following is most important to you when voting for a candidate (PLC Elections)?** |
| 1) Honesty | 48.6 |
| 2) Role in serving the local community | 16.5 |
| 3) Religiosity | 13.7 |
| 4) Educational attainment | 6.8 |
| 5) Position on economic issues | 3.0 |
| 6) Role in the struggle | 2.7 |
| 7) Position on social issues | 2.2 |
| 8) Political affiliation | 2.0 |
| 9) Family ties | 1.9 |
| 10) Position on political issues | 1.9 |
| 11) Affiliation with Islamic party (such as Hamas) | 0.7 |
| **9.**              **Will the upcoming PLC elections lead to the following?** |
| **Make voters feel part of the process** |
| 1) Yes | 73.9 |
| 2) No | 20.9 |
| 3) No opinion | 5.2 |
| ***Revitalize community participation*** |
| 1) Yes | 72.6 |
| 2) No | 21.4 |
| 3) No opinion | 6.0 |
| ***Reform PA institutions***  |
| 1) Yes | 70.6 |
| 2) No | 21.3 |
| 3) No opinion | 8.1 |
| ***Improve economic situation***  |
| 1) Yes | 70.0 |
| 2) No | 23.9 |
| 3) No opinion | 6.1 |
| ***Reinforce rule of law*** |
| 1) Yes | 72.5 |
| 2) No | 22.2 |
| 3) No opinion | 5.3 |
| ***Improve Social Conditions***  |
| 1) Yes | 70.4 |
| 2) No | 23.5 |
| 3) No opinion | 6.1 |
| ***Improve women’s status*** |
| 1) Yes | 70.3 |
| 2) No | 23.8 |
| 3) No opinion | 5.9 |
| ***End internal lawlessness*** |
| 1) Yes | 69.9 |
| 2) No | 26.3 |
| 3) No opinion | 3.7 |
| ***Ensure representation of marginalized groups*** |
| 1) Yes | 67.5 |
| 2) No | 25.2 |
| 3) No opinion | 7.4 |
| ***Promote democracy*** |
| 1) Yes | 65.3 |
| 2) No | 27.7 |
| 3) No opinion | 7.0 |
| ***Reinforce the status quo (the current PNA)*** |
| 1) Yes | 63.0 |
| 2) No | 27.8 |
| 3) No opinion | 9.2 |
| ***Reform political systems*** |
| 1) Yes | 62.5 |
| 2) No | 29.5 |
| 3) No opinion | 8.0 |

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| ***Create a meaningful change in current leadership*** |
| 1) Yes | 52.6 |
| 2) No | 34.7 |
| 3) No opinion | 12.7 |
| ***Impose a political solution on the Palestinians*** |
| 1) Yes | 47.8 |
| 2) No | 40.6 |
| 3) No opinion | 11.7 |
| ***Speed up the establishment of an independent Palestinian state*** |
| 1) Yes | 47.3 |
| 2) No | 43.0 |
| 3) No opinion | 9.8 |
| 1.              **Do you think that these PLC elections will be fair?** |
| 1) Yes | 55.8 |
| 2) To an extent  | 29.7 |
| 3) No | 13.0 |
| 4) No opinion | 1.5 |
| 2.              **If a Palestinian woman ran for the PLC elections, would you consider voting for her?** |
| 1) Yes | 78.4 |
| 2) No | 18.6 |
| 3) No opinion | 2.9 |
| **3.              If the following blocs ran for PLC elections, which one would you vote for?** |
| 1) Fateh bloc  | 36.7 |
| 2) Hamas bloc  | 20.2 |
| 3) Independent bloc (headed by **Mustafa Barghouthi**) | 4.5 |
| 4) Independent bloc (headed by **Hanan Ashrawi**) | 2.6 |
| 5)  PFLP (headed by **Ahmad Sa’dat**) | 1.7 |
| 6)DFLP, PPP & FIDA bloc | 1.0 |
| 7) I will participate, but I have not decided yet | 33.4 |

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