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|  | [Opinion Polls](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/opinionpolls/)  Poll No 1  **Public Opinion Poll 1:  Priorities under a Palestinian State: Integrity & Objectivity 31 August - 2 September 2000**    **[** [**Analysis of Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll1/analysis.html) **] [ Detailed Results ] [** [**Sample Distribution**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll1/sample.html) **]  [** [**In Arabic**](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/arabic/opinionpolls/poll1/) **]**  Detailed Results   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1. To what extent do you find the following institutions trustworthy? (Percentage of those respondents who answered "highly trustworthy" or "trustworthy") | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 79.6 | 80.4 | 80.1 | 1. Palestinian universities | | 69.7 | 65.5 | 67.1 | 2. Zakat committees | | 58.6 | 52.7 | 54.9 | 3. Palestinian police | | 53.2 | 53.4 | 53.3 | 4. NGOs | | 43.5 | 52.5 | 49 | 5. Women's unions and associations | | 45.6 | 50.9 | 48.8 | 6. Security apparatus | | 51.1 | 42.4 | 45.8 | 7. Donor countries | | 42.1 | 45.1 | 43.9 | 8. The judiciary system | | 39 | 43.5 | 41.8 | 9. local media | | 37.9 | 43.8 | 41.6 | 10. PNA institutions | | 38.6 | 41.4 | 40.4 | 11. PLC | | 33 | 41.9 | 38.5 | 12. workers' unions | | 44.1 | 33.5 | 37.6 | 13. International NGOs | | 31.1 | 33.2 | 32.4 | 14. Palestinian opposition groups | | 24.5 | 31.8 | 29 | 15. Political groups |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 2. After the establishment of the PNA, do you feel that your economic standard of living has ---------? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 1. improved significantly | | 22.5 | 14.4 | 17.5 | 2. improved | | 24.5 | 41 | 34.7 | 3. no change | | 23.1 | 26.8 | 25.3 | 4. worsened | | 25.8 | 12.5 | 17.6 | 5. worsened significantly | | 0.6 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 6. no opinion |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 3. Do you feel that you are financially able to obtain "proper education" for yourself (and the members of your family if applicable)? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 25.4 | 28.6 | 27.3 | 1. Yes | | 28.3 | 25 | 26.3 | 2. to an extent | | 46.3 | 46.4 | 46.4 | 3. no |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 4. Do you feel that you are financially able of obtaining a "proper health care" for yourself (and the members of your family if applicable)? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 29.9 | 31 | 30.6 | 1. Yes | | 25.4 | 25 | 25.2 | 2. to an extent | | 44.7 | 44 | 44.3 | 3. no |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 5. Do you rent your home (or have a mortgage)? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 11 | 15.6 | 13.8 | 1. Yes | | 89 | 84.4 | 86.2 | 2. No |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 6. If yes, do you feel that the amount you are paying is a burden? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 66 | 53.8 | 57.4 | 1. Affordable | | 30 | 23.5 | 25.4 | 2. somewhat affordable, somewhat a burden | | 4 | 22.7 | 17.2 | 3. a burden |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 7. In comparison with the rest of the Arab countries, do you feel that the level of "free speech and expression" under the PNA is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 25.9 | 27.9 | 27.1 | 1. Better | | 37.3 | 41.7 | 40 | 2. the same | | 31.3 | 23.1 | 26.3 | 3. worse | | 5.6 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 4. no opinion |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 8. How do you evaluate the role of the following parties in making "important decisions" for the Palestinian society? (Present of those who said "significant") | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 70.7 | 68.8 | 69.5 | 1. The USA | | 64.1 | 62.9 | 63.4 | 2. Israel | | 47.8 | 39.3 | 42.6 | 3. The PNA | | 46.6 | 37.8 | 41.2 | 4. Donor countries and funders | | 37.5 | 28.6 | 32 | 5. Egypt | | 15.1 | 20.3 | 18.3 | 6. Jordan |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 9. Do you think that the Palestinian Leadership should declare a Palestinian State September 13, 2000? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 44.5 | 57.1 | 52.3 | 1. Yes | | 47.6 | 35.2 | 40 | 2. No | | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 3. no opinion |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 10. Do you think that the Palestinian Leadership should declare a Palestinian State despite Israeli and American opposition? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 52.8 | 57.6 | 55.7 | 1. Yes | | 40.8 | 34.5 | 36.9 | 2. no | | 6.4 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 3. no opinion |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 11. Do you think that the Palestinian Leadership should declare a Palestinian State even if that leads to a military confrontation with Israel? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 52.4 | 56.1 | 54.7 | 1. Yes | | 42.1 | 36.4 | 38.6 | 2. no | | 5.6 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 3. no opinion |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 12. Do you think that the Palestinian Leadership should declare a Palestinian State even if that leads to a ban on Palestinian laborers entering Israel to work? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 42.9 | 52.7 | 48.9 | 1. Yes | | 52.6 | 39.7 | 44.7 | 2. no | | 4.5 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 3. no opinion |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 13. How would you evaluate the American position during the latest Camp David negotiations? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 72.9 | 74.3 | 73.7 | 1. biased towards Israel | | 14.9 | 10.8 | 12.4 | 2. neutral | | 5.2 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3. biased towards the Palestinians | | 7 | 11.8 | 10 | 4. no opinion |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 14. How would you evaluate the way the political transition in Syria of former President Hafez al-Assad to his son Bashar Assad took place? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 1. Very positive | | 18.2 | 22.7 | 21 | 2. Positive | | 15.5 | 19.1 | 17.7 | 3. Fair (medium) | | 26.4 | 20.6 | 22.9 | 4. Negative | | 22.9 | 18.5 | 20.2 | 5. Very negative | | 13.4 | 15.8 | 14.9 | 6. No opinion – don't know |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 15. How would you describe the political system in Syria? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 14.2 | 17.1 | 16 | 1. Democratic | | 22.3 | 16.9 | 19 | 2. Somewhat democratic | | 43.5 | 48.3 | 46.5 | 3. Undemocratic | | 20 | 17.7 | 18.6 | 4. No opinion – don't know |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 16. How would you describe the Palestinian political system? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 18.8 | 23.5 | 21.7 | 1. Democratic | | 42.9 | 37.8 | 39.8 | 2. Somewhat democratic | | 34 | 31.4 | 32.4 | 3. Undemocratic | | 4.3 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 4. No opinion – don't know |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 17. After the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian State, do you think the political system will be similar to those in the Arab World? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 41.2 | 35.3 | 37.6 | 1. Yes, the same | | 32 | 37.4 | 35.3 | 2. Better | | 19 | 17.6 | 18.2 | 3. Worse | | 7.8 | 9.7 | 9 | 4. No opinion – don't know |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 18. In the future, do you think that the transfer of leadership within the Palestinian Authority will be peaceful (without violence)? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 13.4 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 1. Definitely yes | | 21.9 | 20.9 | 21.3 | 2. yes | | 27 | 21.8 | 23.8 | 3. uncertain | | 15.1 | 24.9 | 21.1 | 4. no | | 15.3 | 9.6 | 11.8 | 5. definitely no | | 7.4 | 9.7 | 8.8 | 6. don't know – no opinion |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 19. How important are the following qualities in a future Palestinian president? (percent of those who said "very important " ) | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 76.7 | 61.9 | 67.6 | 1. Ability to represent Palestinian positions on issues of contention with Israel | | 79.2 | 56.9 | 65.5 | 2. Committed to "Islam" | | 75.5 | 55.1 | 63 | 3. Able to resolve economic problems | | 66.2 | 47.9 | 55 | 4. Possesses a college degree or higher education | | 66.4 | 46.6 | 54.2 | 5. Possesses international diplomacy skills | | 65.4 | 43.7 | 52.1 | 6. Able to achieve democracy | | 58.8 | 45.9 | 50.9 | 7. Able to resolve social problems | | 58.6 | 37.4 | 45.5 | 8. Possesses military experience | | 56.9 | 37 | 44.7 | 9. Possesses global awareness ("worldly") | | 46 | 30.5 | 36.5 | 10. Was active in the "national struggle" | | 30.3 | 21.7 | 25 | 11. Represents an Islamic political group |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 20. In the future, would you accept an equally qualified woman as president of the country? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 32.3 | 42.3 | 38.4 | 1. Yes | | 10.6 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 2. Uncertain (maybe yes, maybe no) | | 56.5 | 46.1 | 50.1 | 3. No | | 0.6 | 3 | 2.1 | 4. No opinion – don't know |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 21. How would you describe your outlook for the future? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 19.2 | 20.8 | 20.2 | 1. Very optimistic | | 43.9 | 35.8 | 38.9 | 2. Optimistic | | 21.6 | 24.1 | 23.1 | 3. Neutral | | 12 | 14.6 | 13.6 | 4. Pessimistic | | 3.3 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 5. Very pessimistic |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 22. Do you feel "secure" about the future of the children (future generations)? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 16.9 | 13.8 | 15 | 1. definitely yes | | 30.3 | 37.9 | 35 | 2. yes | | 30.9 | 20.9 | 24.8 | 3. between | | 14 | 21.5 | 18.6 | 4. no | | 5.4 | 3 | 4.1 | 5. definitely no | | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 6. no opinion- don't know |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 23. Do you feel "safe" with regards to yourself, your family, and your property? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 29.9 | 16 | 21.4 | 1. definitely yes | | 37.3 | 44.6 | 41.8 | 2. yes | | 20.4 | 15.7 | 17.5 | 3. between | | 9.3 | 19.1 | 15.3 | 4. no | | 2.3 | 3 | 2.7 | 5. definitely no | | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 6. no opinion- don't know |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 24. Do you consider the following goals "very important", "important", "medium", "unimportant" or "very unimportant" for the Palestinian society to strive for under an independent Palestinian State?(Percent of those who said: "very important") | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 87 | 70 | 76.6 | 1. Applying the law equally | | 86.6 | 64 | 72.8 | 2. Improving health services | | 83.3 | 63.3 | 71 | 3. Improving educational services | | 85.2 | 61.5 | 70.7 | 4. Eliminating financial and administrative corruption | | 81.8 | 63.4 | 70.6 | 5. Elimination of poverty | | 78.1 | 63.7 | 69.3 | 6. Continue integrating returning refugees into society | | 73.8 | 60 | 65.3 | 7. Making available a social security system | | 76.3 | 52.9 | 62 | 8. Modernizing and improving the infrastructure (roads, electricity, etc.) | | 76.6 | 50.3 | 60.5 | 9. Achieving economic growth | | 71.5 | 46.5 | 56.2 | 10. Eliminating economic monopolies | | 62.5 | 44.2 | 51.3 | 11. Applying the principles of human rights as stipulated in international forums | | 60.4 | 40.7 | 48.4 | 12. Improving the work of the PNA ministries | | 53.8 | 43 | 47.2 | 13. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor | | 60.3 | 37.4 | 46.3 | 14. Achieving social consensus | | 60 | 34.9 | 44.6 | 15. Achieving more democracy | | 57.8 | 34.8 | 43.7 | 16. Applying the practice of regular elections | | 50.7 | 31.3 | 38.8 | 17. Reinforcing the role of the PLC | | 50.3 | 29.3 | 37.5 | 18. Building a political system based on respect of political and ideological pluralism | | 34 | 30.9 | 32.1 | 19. Improving the status of Palestinian women in the way to achieve equality | | 31.3 | 19.7 | 24.2 | 20. Reducing the number of security agencies |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 25. From the following list, what goal do you consider the most important for Palestinian Society to apply under an independent Palestinian state? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 25.4 | 21.6 | 23.1 | 1. Applying the law equally | | 15.4 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 2. Continue integrating refugees into society | | 11.2 | 13.5 | 12.6 | 3. Elimination of poverty | | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 4. Eliminating financial and administrative corruption | | 6.2 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5. Achieving economic growth | | 5.4 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 6. Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor | | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 7. Improving educational services | | 2.3 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 8. Making available a social security system | | 5.8 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 9. Achieving more democracy | | 4.2 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 10. Improving health services | | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 11. Modernizing and improving the infrastructure (roads, electricity, etc.) | | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 12. Applying the principles of human rights as stipulated in international forums | | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 13. Achieving social consensus | | 1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 14. Improving the status of Palestinian women in the way to achieve equality | | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 15. Reducing the number of security agencies | | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 16. Building a political system based on respect of political and ideological pluralism | | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 17. Eliminating economic monopolies | | 1 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 18. Improving the work of the PNA ministries | | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 19. Reinforcing the role of the PLC | | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 20. Applying the practice of regular elections | | 100% | 100% | 100% | Total |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 26. If an independent election for president of the Palestinian people took place, who would you elect? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 42.5 | 36 | 38.5 | 1. Yassir Arafat | | 20 | 24.8 | 23 | 2. None of the above- I will decide then | | 15.1 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 3. Ahmad Yassin | | 10.3 | 10 | 10.1 | 4. Hiadar Abdelshafi | | 8 | 10.8 | 9.7 | 5. I will not participate in elections | | 1.6 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 6. No opinion | | 2.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 7. Other (specify ------------ ) |      |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 27. Which of the following political groups do support? | | | | | Gaza strip % | West Bank % | Total % |  | | 35.3 | 32.6 | 33.6 | 1. None/independents | | 33 | 33.5 | 33.3 | 2. Fateh | | 14.4 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 3. Hamas | | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4. Islamist Independents | | 2.7 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5. Islamic Jihad | | 2.7 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 6. Nationalist Independents | | 3.9 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 7. PFLP | | 0.6 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 8. Others | | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 9. DFLP | | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 10. Feda | | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 11. PPP |     [Top of this page](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll1/results.html#top)    |    [DSP Home](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/) | | |  |
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