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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 & Objectivity31 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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 ------------ ) |

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| 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 |

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