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|  | [Opinion Polls](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/opinionpolls/)    **Public Opinion Poll # 25**  **Post-Election Survey**  **Priorities and Expectations**  **Negotiations and the Peace Process**  **The New Government**  **Living Conditions**  **Evaluation of Public Opinion Polls**    **[** [**Highlights**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll25/highlights.html)**][** [**Analysis of Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll25/analysis.html) **][** [**Detailed Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll25/results.html) **][** [**Sample Distribution**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll25/sample.html) **]**  **[** [**In Arabic**](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/arabic/opinionpolls/poll25/) **][**[**Pdf Format**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll25/poll25.pdf)**]**  **Highlights**            There is an increase in the popularity of President Mahmoud Abbas, with 54% evaluating his performance as good, compared with 41% in November 2005.          Approximately 70% of Palestinian respondents believe that Hamas must recognize the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinians.          61% call upon the new Hamas-led government to recognize the Declaration of Independence.          90% support the new government entering into negotiations with Israel to reach an agreement through an international conference.          78% support Hamas entering into direct negotiations with Israel.          The poll reveals a drastic decline in support for suicide attacks, with 35% supporting Hamas carrying out suicide attacks in Israeli cities compared with 75% in June 2001 (40 points decline).  Furthermore, 60% of respondents now oppose such attacks, compared with 19% in June 2001.          70% believe Hamas must recognize international conventions and and resolutions on Palestine.          Whereas 58% support a two-state solution (Palestine and Israel), 64% oppose Hamas recognizing the state of Israel at this point in time.          60% believe the new government is capable of improving government services and uprooting corruption.          64% evaluate the performance of Prime Minister Ismael Haneyyeh as good, while 19% believe it is fair, and 6% believe it is weak.          If PLC elections took place today, Hamas would receive 50% of the vote and Fateh would receive 38%. Support for both parties, however, is lower than these percentages. 40% of respondents described themselves as Hamas supporters, while 30% were Fateh supporters.          93% support regular and plural elections.          87% support a constitution based on equal rights for all citizens regardless of religion.          67% evaluate Palestinian conditions as bad or very bad.          78% trust or somewhat trust Palestinian public opinion polling.        [Top of this page](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll25/highlights.html#top)    |    [DSP Home](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/) | | |  |
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