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|  | [Opinion Polls](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/opinionpolls/)  **Poll No. 9:**    **[**[**Background**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll9/background.html)**] | [**[**Main Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll9/results.html)**] | [**[**Analysis of Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll9/analysis.html)**] | [**[**Detailed Results**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll9/tables.html)**] | [**[**PDF Format**](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/DSPNEW/polls/poll_9/poll_9.pdf)**]  [**[**باللغة العربية**](http://home.birzeit.edu/dsp/arabic/opinionpolls/poll9/)**]**     |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **1. Decline of the Middle Class**    ·                28 % of the respondents report that their families have totally lost their source of income as a result of Israeli                       measures; 56% report           a partial loss of income.  ·                42 % declare that the monthly income for their families does not exceed 700 New Israeli Shekels (i.e., less than $              150). In total, over 78% state that the monthly income of their families does not surpass $300.  ·                56% of those surveyed say they know of families in their neighborhood who cannot supply basic subsistence                       food for their members.  ·                 44% of those surveyed consider their economic conditions to be bad or very bad.    **2. Community Solidarity has Increased Amidst Weak Rule of Law**    ·                75% believe there is an increase in cooperation between neighbors and 69% believe people in the same town                 are helping each other more.  ·                In contrast, 75% believe problems between people are increasing; 72% declare that people are not following the              laws.  ·                The respondents perceive unemployment, poverty, and corruption to be the most important social problems                       facing Palestinian society.  ·                26% of respondents say they would immigrate if they had a chance to do so. These percentages were higher for               young males.    **3. PNA Institutional Reforming Remains a Priority**    ·                81% believe that reforming PNA institutions is a pressing matter.  ·                74% believe properly implemented reforms would benefit the Palestinian cause.  ·                49% say that the formation of a new ministerial cabinet would have a positive impact on improving the image of                Palestinians in the international media.  Forty two per cent say that the new cabinet would have a positive               effect     on the performance of PNA institutions.  ·                57% of those surveyed support the creation of a new Prime Ministerial position.      **4. The Intifada is Controversial**    ·                Two years after its inception, 63% express dissatisfaction with the way the Intifada is proceeding. This is a 17%                increase from last year.  ·                46% express optimism that the Intifada will achieve positive results for the Palestinian cause. In contrast, 32%                   are pessimistic, and 18% are unsure if it will have positive or negative results.    **5. Split over Attacks on Israeli Civilians**    ·                49% of those surveyed believe attacks against Israeli civilians had no impact or had a negative impact on the                   Palestinian cause. In contrast, 46% believe that these attacks had a positive impact.  ·                In the West Bank, the percentage of those who feel the attacks had no impact or had a  negative impact               reached          54%, compared with 39% in Gaza.  ·                Only 39% of West Bank respondents feel that such attacks had a positive impact, compared with 56% in Gaza.    **6. The Majority Still Supports Elections**    ·                58% of those surveyed are supportive of legislative elections even if the present conditions remain the same.  33% are not.  ·                A majority of 72% are supportive of municipal and village councils even if the present conditions remain the same.  ·                65% intend to participate in the legislative elections if they are carried out. This is an 11% decline from last August.    **7. Gazans are Fearful of Further Internal Fighting**    ·                45% say that both the PNA and Hamas should be held responsible for the Gaza clashes that broke out on October 6.  ·                26% hold the PNA fully responsible. Only 7% consider Hamas fully responsible.  ·                45% believe these incidents are not indicative of increased internal fighting. In contrast, 40% are fearful that they do signify increased internal fighting. In Gaza, the percentage of those worried the clashes are an indication of further fighting is 46%.  ·                75% of respondents believe the PNA has the right to take all necessary measures to maintain the rule-of-law in PNA-controlled territories.    **8. Mixed Support for U.S. Initiative (Road Map)**    ·                47% say they heard about the American “Road Map” plan.  53% have not received any information on the proposed plan.  ·                14% of respondents oppose the plan, 22% support it. The majority (63%) agrees with some points and disagrees with others.  ·                77% support the idea of advanced stage negotiations on final-status issues at an international conference (e.g., settlements, refugees, borders, and Jerusalem).    **9. Pessimism regarding war in Iraq**    ·                48% of the Palestinians surveyed believe the USA will launch an attack on Iraq. In contrast, 20% believe that it will not, and 24% are not sure.  ·                If a war took place, 31% believe that the number of casualties will amount to thousands, 19% believe that the victims will be in the tens of thousands and 25% believe that numbers will reach the hundreds of thousands. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | | |  |
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