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[**Reforming Palestinian Institutions**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll8/english_tables.html#reform)  [**Attitudes toward U.S. assistance**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll8/english_tables.html#US)  [**Priorities for Funding**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll8/english_tables.html#funding)  [**Negotiations**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll8/english_tables.html#negotiations)  [**President Arafat**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll8/english_tables.html#Arafat)  [**Annex 2: Sample Distribution**](http://home.birzeit.edu/cds/opinionpolls/poll8/english_tables.html#annex2)     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 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elections are being considered for January 2003, what is your position concerning these elections?** | | | | | 1) Support | 54.3 | 51.4 | 59.0 | | 2) Oppose | 37.2 | 38.9 | 34.5 | | 3) Not Sure | 8.5 | 9.7 | 6.4 | | **2.**      **Local council elections are being considered for March 2003, what is your position concerning these elections?** | | | | | 1) Support | 70.0 | 68.4 | 72.7 | | 2) Oppose | 20.7 | 21.5 | 19.6 | | 3) Not Sure | 9.2 | 10.2 | 7.7 | | **3.**      **Do you think that these elections will speed up the establishment of a Palestinian State?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 38.4 | 36.0 | 42.4 | | 2) To some extent | 19.8 | 20.4 | 18.9 | | 3) No | 33.9 | 35.9 | 30.7 | | 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.9 | | **4.**      **Do you think that these elections will lead to significant changes in the current Palestinian leadership?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 36.5 | 33.4 | 41.5 | | 2) To some extent | 20.1 | 23.2 | 15.0 | | 3) No | 33.7 | 32.6 | 35.4 | | 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 9.7 | 10.7 | 8.1 | | **5.**      **Do you think that these elections will lead to real reform in PNA institutions?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 44.6 | 41.8 | 49.2 | | 2) To some extent | 21.0 | 21.5 | 20.1 | | 3) No | 27.1 | 28.6 | 24.8 | | 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 7.3 | 8.1 | 6.0 | | **6.**      **Do you think that these elections will lead to improvement in economic conditions?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 43.0 | 39.8 | 48.1 | | 2) To some extent | 24.2 | 25.8 | 21.6 | | 3) No | 26.8 | 28.5 | 24.0 | | 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 6.1 | 5.9 | 6.3 | | 7.      **Do you think that these elections will be fair?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 39.4 | 36.8 | 43.5 | | 2) No | 47.3 | 48.4 | 45.5 | | 3) No opinion | 13.3 | 14.711.0 | 11.0 | | **8.**      **If elections for PLC took place and you decided to participate, would you:** | | | | | 1) Vote for the current members | 15.1 | 14.1 | 16.7 | | 2) Vote for new ones | 60.2 | 58.9 | 62.2 | | 3) Not sure | 24.8 | 27.0 | 21.1 | | **9.**      **If elections for local council in your community took place and you decided to participate, would you:** | | | | | 1) Vote for the current members | **19.9** | **20.0** | **19.8** | | 2) Vote for new ones | **61.0** | **59.7** | **63.2** | | 3) Not sure | **19.1** | **20.4** | **17.0** | | **10.**  **If a Palestinian woman ran for presidential elections, would you be ready to vote for her?** | | | | | 1) Yes | **53.9** | **54.9** | **52.2** | | 2) No | **43.2** | **42.1** | **44.9** | | 3) No opinion | **3.0** | **3.0** | **2.9** | | **11.**  **If a Palestinian woman ran for PLC elections, would you be ready to vote for her?** | | | | | 1) Yes | **70.5** | **72.3** | **67.6** | | 2) No | **27.2** | **25.4** | **30.2** | | 3) No opinion | **2.3** | **2.3** | **2.2** | | **12.**  **If a Palestinian woman ran for local council elections, would you be ready to vote for her?** | | | | | 1) Yes | **57.3** | **59.1** | **54.5** | | 2) No | **39.8** | **37.8** | **43.0** | | 3) No opinion | **2.9** | **3.1** | **2.5** | | **13.**  **When voting for a candidate, which of the following factors is most important?** | | | | | 1) Religious values of candidate | **34.1** | **30.7** | **39.4** | | 2) Educational attainment of candidate | **25.9** | **27.0** | **24.0** | | 3) Role in national struggle | **25.3** | **25.4** | **25.3** | | 4) Family ties | **2.2** | **2.5** | **1.7** | | 5) Political affiliation | **2.0** | **2.1** | **1.9** | | 6) Other | **10.5** | **12.3** | **7.6** | | **14.**  **The political system I would choose for a future Palestinian state is:** | | | | | 1) Democratic with all political groups represented | **41.7** | **41.3** | **42.4** | | 2) Islamic ruled by an Islamic party | **41.8** | **43.0** | **40.0** | | 3) Presidential as in most Arab countries | **13.8** | **12.5** | **16.0** | | 4) Other | **2.6** | **3.2** | **1.6** | | **15.**  **How important are the following qualities in a future Palestinian president?** | | | | | **- Ability to represent Palestinian positions on issues of contention with Israel** | | | | | 1) Very important | **74.6** | **71.7** | **79.4** | | 2) important | **19.8** | **22.9** | **14.7** | | 3) Somewhat important | **2.2** | **1.5** | **3.2** | | 4) Not important | **1.3** | **2.0** | **1.0** | | 5) not at all important | **0.4** | **0.5** | **0.3** | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | **1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | | **- Committed to “Islamic values”** | | | | | 1) Very important | **70.5** | **61.3** | **85.3** | | 2) important | **21.5** | **27.2** | **12.2** | | 3) Somewhat important | **5.2** | **7.3** | **1.9** | | 4) Not important | **1.5** | **2.5** | **0.0** | | 5) not at all important | **0.7** | **1.0** | **0.3** | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | **0.6** | **0.7** | **0.3** | | **- Able to resolve social problems** | | | | | 1) Very important | **59.2** | 54.4 | **66.9** | | 2) important | **35.3** | 40.4 | **27.1** | | 3) Somewhat important | **3.5** | 3.3 | **3.9** | | 4) Not important | **1.2** | 1.0 | **1.5** | | 5) not at all important | **0.2** | 0.3 | **0.0** | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | **0.5** | 0.5 | **0.6** | | **- Possesses a college degree or higher education** | | | | | 1) Very important | 54.6 | 48.9 | 63.9 | | 2) important | 37.3 | 42.2 | 29.4 | | 3) Somewhat important | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.9 | | 4) Not important | 2.0 | 2.7 | 0.9 | | 5) not at all important | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | | **- Possesses international diplomacy skills** | | | | | 1) Very important | 54.2 | 49.6 | 61.5 | | 2) important | 39.5 | 44.2 | 31.9 | | 3) Somewhat important | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | | 4) Not important | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.9 | | 5) not at all important | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.1 | | **- Able to achieve democracy** | | | | | 1) Very important | 52.2 | 44.2 | 64.9 | | 2) important | 37.5 | 44.6 | 26.1 | | 3) Somewhat important | 5.1 | 4.7 | 5.8 | | 4) Not important | 2.5 | 3.2 | 1.4 | | 5) not at all important | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.0 | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.7 | | **-  Possesses global awareness (“worldly”)** | | | | | 1) Very important | 50.9 | 45.2 | 60.1 | | 2) important | 40.2 | 46.3 | 30.3 | | 3) Somewhat important | 4.6 | 4.2 | 5.3 | | 4) Not important | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.1 | | 5) not at all important | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.5 | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | | **- Possesses military experience** | | | | | 1) Very important | 47.0 | 41.6 | 55.5 | | 2) important | 39.6 | 44.5 | 31.8 | | 3) Somewhat important | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | | 4) Not important | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.1 | | 5) not at all important | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.8 | | **- Was active in the “national struggle”** | | | | | 1) Very important | 43.2 | 38.8 | 50.2 | | 2) important | 38.3 | 41.6 | 33.0 | | 3) Somewhat important | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.0 | | 4) Not important | 6.4 | 7.7 | 4.3 | | 5) not at all important | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.3 | | 6) Don’t know/No opinion | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | | 16.  **If presidential and PLC elections took place as being proposed, would you participate?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 75.7 | 72.1 | 81.5 | | 2) No | 19.1 | 21.9 | 14.6 | | 3) Don't know | 5.2 | 6.0 | 3.9 | | **17.**  **If the political opposition called for a boycott of the elections, would you boycott?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 26.5 | 25.9 | 27.6 | | 2) No | 58.7 | 56.6 | 62.2 | | 3) Don't know | 14.7 | 17.6 | 10.2 | | **18.**  **Do you know the names of the new ministers appointed to the latest cabinet?** | | | | | 1)  Don't know | 80.8 | 79.7 | 82.5 | | 2) Yes, I know | 19.2 | 20.3 | 17.5 | | **19.**  **Do you have any information about the 100 – day reform plan prepared by the new cabinet?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 13.5 | 11.9 | 16.0 | | 2) No | 83.6 | 84.8 | 81.7 | | 3) Don't know | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.3 | | **20.**  **Do you boycott------ products?** | | | | | **- Israeli** | | | | | 1)Yes | 61.6 | 58.8 | 66.2 | | 2) No | 37.1 | 40.1 | 32.3 | | 3) Don't know | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.5 | | **- American** | | | | | 1) Yes | 63.2 | 60.2 | 68.2 | | 2) No | 34.8 | 38.3 | 29.1 | | 3) Don't know | 2.0 | 1.6 | 2.8 | | **21.**  **Do you believe that the steps taken by the PNA towards reform are directed at:** | | | | | 1) Real reform for the benefit of the Palestinians | 25.6 | 22.7 | 30.3 | | 2) Are in response to US – Israeli dictates | 65.4 | 67.7 | 61.7 | | 3) Don't know | 9.0 | 9.7 | 8.0 | | **22.**  **Do you believe that the USA is serious about reforming PNA institutions or is using this to promote its own political goals?** | | | | | 1) Serious about reforming PNA institutions | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.6 | | 2) Using this to promote its own political goals | 91.1 | 90.3 | 92.3 | | 3) Don't know | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.1 | | **23.**  **Do you believe that Palestinian institutions should boycott American governmental funding?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 61.2 | 63.8 | 56.9 | | 2) No | 33.2 | 29.6 | 39.0 | | 3) Don't know | 5.6 | 6.6 | 4.1 | | **24.**  **Do you believe that Palestinian institutions should boycott American non - governmental funding?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 38.8 | 39.7 | 37.2 | | 2) No | 54.4 | 52.7 | 57.2 | | 3) Don't know | 6.8 | 7.6 | 5.6 | | **25.**  **Do you believe that donor countries prioritize funding based on Palestinian needs or based on their political agenda?** | | | | | 1) Based on Palestinian needs | 17.9 | 15.9 | 21.3 | | 2) Based on their political agenda | 75.4 | 78.0 | 71.1 | | 3) Don't know | 6.7 | 6.2 | 7.5 | | **26.**  **Do you believe that donor countries are using funding to get further concessions from the Palestinians concerning national issues?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 62.2 | 61.2 | 63.7 | | 2) No | 27.0 | 26.3 | 28.0 | | 3) Don't know | 10.9 | 12.5 | 8.3 | | **27.**  **Which of the following priorities is most important in your opinion for funding from donors?** | | | | | 1) Education | 31.0 | 31.8 | 29.6 | | 2) Provide financial and in –kind assistance to the poor | 25.8 | 25.1 | 27.1 | | 3) Health | 13.1 | 13.7 | 12.3 | | 4) Democracy and human rights | 8.2 | 7.7 | 9.1 | | 5) Water | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | | 6) Building PNA institutions | 5.3 | 6.5 | 3.3 | | 7) Police and security institutions | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.3 | | 8) Agriculture | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 | | 9) Sewage systems | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.7 | | 10) Roads | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.3 | | 11) Housing | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.7 | | 12)Develop women status | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.3 | | 13) Other | 2.9 | 1.4 | 5.5 | | 14) Don't Know | 1.5 | 2.0 | 0.7 | | **28.**  **Are you optimistic or pessimistic regarding the future?** | | | | | 1) Optimistic | 49.4 | 44.0 | 57.9 | | 2)To some extent | 19.8 | 20.0 | 19.5 | | 3) Pessimistic | 29.3 | 34.1 | 21.5 | | 4) No opinion | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.1 | | **29.**  **At the present time, do you feel safe/secure (about yourself, your family, and property)?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 14.0 | 10.1 | 20.2 | | 2) To some extent | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.4 | | 3) No | 75.2 | 79.0 | 69.3 | | 4) Don’t know/No opinion | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | | **30.**  **Do you support or oppose the resumption of security coordination meetings between the Palestinians and Israelis?** | | | | | 1) Support | 43.1 | 44.4 | 41.0 | | 2) Oppose | 50.4 | 48.6 | 53.3 | | 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 6.5 | 6.9 | 5.7 | | **31.**  **Do you support or oppose the continuation of negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis?** | | | | | 1) Support | 54.6 | 55.8 | 52.5 | | 2) Oppose | 41.5 | 40.0 | 44.0 | | 3) Don’t know/No opinion | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.5 | | **32.**  **If Presidential elections took place today and Mr. Yaser Arafat nominated himself, would you elect him?** | | | | | 1) Yes | 54.5 | 50.4 | 61.1 | | 2) No | 31.2 | 32.7 | 28.9 | | 3) Not sure | 14.3 | 17.0 | 10.1 |   Annex 2: Sample distribution     |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Region** | **Percent** | **Type of locality** | **Percent** | **Refugee Status** | **Percent** | | West Bank | 61.3 | City | 40.0 | Refugee | 38.3 | | Gaza Strip | 38.7 | Village- town | 45.3 | Non-refugee | 61.7 | | **Governorates** | **Percent** | Camp | 14.7 | **Sector** | **Percent** | | Jenin | 6.7 | **Gender** | **Percent** | Private sector | 60.8 | | Tubas | 1.3 | Male | 49.0 | NGO's | 7.3 | | Tulkarm | 4.0 | Female | 51.0 | Public Sector | 32.0 | | Nablus | 9.3 |  |  |  |  | | Qalqilya | 2.7 | **Marital status** | **Percent** | **Education** | **Percent** | | Salfit | 1.3 | Single | 25.3 | Illiterate | 21.1 | | Jericho | 1.3 | Married | 71.8 | Preparatory | 21.2 | | Ramallah | 9.3 | Others | 2.9 | Elementary | 30.9 | | Jerusalem | 8.0 | **Age** | **Percent** | Secondary | 16.2 | | Bethlehem | 4.0 | 16-17 | 4.9 | Diploma | 4.9 | | Hebron | 13.3 | 18-22 | 15.9 | B.A. or more | 5.7 | | North Gaza | 6.7 | 23-27 | 13.0 | **Place of**  **Residence prior**  **to 1994** | **Percent** | | Gaza City | 13.3 | 28-32 | 14.3 |  | | Deir al-Balah | 5.3 | 33-37 | 13.1 |  | | Khan Younis | 8.0 | 38-42 | 11.3 | West Bank & Gaza | 91.8 | | Rafah | 5.3 | 43-47 | 8.4 | Abroad | 8.3 | | **Occupation** | **Percent** | 48-52 | 7.0 |  | | | Laborers | 5.0 | > 52 | 12.1 |  | | | Craftsman | 5.5 | **Occupation** | **Percent** |  | | | Housewives | 39.4 | Professional | 1.7 |  | | | Unemployed | 15.9 | Employees | 12.5 |  | | | Merchants | 3.8 | Retired | 2.3 |  | | | Students | 12.9 |  |  |  | | | Farmers | 0.8 |  |  |  | | | |  | | | |  |
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