

FES EDITORIAL - JMMC POLL NO. 93

More than two thirds of Palestinians (67.8%) support a long-term ceasefire (hudna) between Palestine and Israel, as overall support for a one-state-solution increases. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), in cooperation with its partner the Jerusalem Media and Communication Center (JMCC), conducted a public opinion poll in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in September 2018, focusing on a possible ceasefire agreement between Palestinians and Israelis. The poll also discusses the situation of women in Palestine as well as perceived corruption and transparency in government institutions.

Almost half a year after the start of the “March of Return” protests, 33.8% of those polled strongly support a long-term ceasefire between Palestine and Israel with another 34% saying that they somewhat support it. Taking into account the loss of lives during the protests, in which more than 170 Palestinians have been killed, the Israeli imposed closures of the commercial Kerem Shalom crossing and the unilaterally imposed reductions of the fishing zones by Israel, it is hardly surprising that 61.7% of Palestinians expect a hudna to improve their living conditions. This is also in line with 46.9% (42.1% in the West Bank and 54% in the Gaza Strip) of respondents, claiming that peaceful negotiations are the best method to end the occupation and establish a Palestinian state, marking a significant increase from 25.2% in January 2018. In contrast, the percentage of those who support armed resistance declined from 35.7% to 24.7% over the same period. While the two-state-solution remains the preferred formula for ending the conflict (37.5%), support for a one-state-solution increased to 30.3% (37.1% in the West Bank compared to 20.4% in the Gaza Strip), while it was 18.1% in February 2017. In the context of mounting pressure, Gazans are far less optimistic about the prospect of reconciliation (50.7%) than Palestinians in the West Bank (27.3%).

Along with the decline of trust in Palestinian political factions and leaders, where 52.8% claim not to trust any political or religious faction compared to 42.8% in September 2017, Palestinians appear to perceive corruption as endemic in the Palestinian Authority (PA) institutions. The vast majority of those polled (81.7%) said that corruption was widespread to some extent or a great extent. It is striking that almost half of those polled (49.8%) said nepotism was the worst form of corruption, with bribery (13.4%), the abuse of public funds (12.7%) and favoring supporters of a certain movement (10.5%) being less prominent. In addition, more than half of Palestinians (50.4%) attest the current government a low or very low degree of transparency when handling financial issues, as 76.7% of Palestinians do not think the level of social services provided is appropriate with regards to the amount of tax collected.

Considering the equality between men and women in Palestine, the largest percentage of respondents, 51.1%, said that equality had improved over the past 10 years, with strong differences between the West Bank (62.4%) and the Gaza Strip, where only 34.4% saw an improvement. At the same time, the percentage of Gazans who think that equality had declined also increased to 32.4% (19.6% in 2017). Moreover, there is an increase of those who think that improving education with regards to women’s rights is the best way to reduce levels of domestic violence (42.7%, while it was 35.2% in February 2017) and 65.4% of Palestinians claim that the police is dealing in and appropriate or somewhat appropriate manner with women, who were physically assaulted (61.1% in February 2017), providing some confidence in the PA authorities.



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Majority supports ceasefire; dissatisfied with Egyptian role in reconciliation In spite of preference for two-state solution, increase in support for a binational state Rejection of confederation and increase in support for negotiations Majority sees widespread corruption Majority for truce

Majority for truce

A public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Centre (JMCC) in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) showed the majority of Palestinians polled, 67.8% supported the idea of a long-term ceasefire with Israel, while 28.7% opposed it. The majority of respondents, 61.7%, said this ceasefire would improve the overall living conditions of the Palestinians as opposed to 32.6%, who said it would not.

Pessimism regarding reconciliation

With regards to reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas, the poll showed no rise in the level of optimism for its achievement. 36.8% said they were less optimistic about the possibility of achieving reconciliation, 39.1% said there had been no change in the level of their optimism, while 21.3% said they had become more optimistic.

Discrepancy regarding the Egyptian role

The poll showed that 50.6% of those polled are dissatisfied with the Egyptian role in sponsoring reconciliation talks between Fatah and Hamas. The larger percentage of those, who claim to be dissatisfied with the role of Egypt, were in the West Bank (54.1%), with 45.3% in the Gaza Strip claiming to be dissatisfied with Egypt.

No majority for confederation between Palestine and Jordan

The poll also showed that the majority of respondents, 61.0%, oppose the idea of a confederation between Jordan and Palestine, while 39.0% said they support it (32.0% in the Gaza Strip and 43.8% in the West Bank). When supporters of a confederation with Jordan were asked when it should be implemented, respondents were split between 49.6% who said they supported it only after a Palestinian state was established, while 43.8% said they would support it in any event.

Majority in favor of negotiations and opposed to armed resistance

The poll indicated disparities in the public's positions on what was the best strategy for achieving the goals of the Palestinian people in ending the occupation and establishing a state. The percentage of those who view peaceful negotiations as the best method rose to 46.9% in this poll from 25.2% last January (2018), while it was 37.6% in February 2017 and 33.6% in March 2015.

In contrast, the percentage of those who support armed resistance dropped to 24.7% after it was 30.3% in February 2017 and 33.1% in March 2015. Furthermore, the percentage of those who support nonviolent popular resistance dropped to 20.3% in this poll compared to 25.4% in February 2017 and 27% in March 2015.

In response to a question about whether locally-made rockets fired from Gaza at Israeli targets help or harm Palestinian national interests, the percentage of those who said they help dropped to 31.0% in this poll from 61.8% in October 2014 and 74% in December 2012.

In spite of rise in support for the one-state solution, preference remains for two states

Regarding the opinion of respondents on the best solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the two-state solution continued to be the most prominent one, with 37.5% supporting it as opposed to 30.3% who preferred the one-state binational solution in Historical Palestine. Support for this formula has increased, from 18.1% in February, 2017 and 21.3% in July 2016.

Public perception sees widespread corruption

The majority of those polled, 81.7%, said they believed there was widespread corruption in the Palestinian Authority institutions and services in comparison to 12.9% who said that corruption was not widespread at all or was spread to a small extent. The poll specifically asked about what was perceived as the worst forms of corruption (nepotism, bribery, abuse of public funds, favoring supporters of a certain movement, or lack of transparency). 49.8% of those polled said nepotism, 13.4% said bribery, 12.7% the abuse of public funds, and 10.5% said favoring supporters of a certain movement.

In terms of providing public services, the majority of those polled, 83.4% said nepotism was present to a great or average extent while 11.9% said it was not. The same applied to government appointments, whereby the majority, 85.4% said they felt there was nepotism in government appointments as opposed to 10.1% who said there was not. The larger percentage, 50.4%, said the government dealt with public funds transparently to a low or very low degree, while 15.9% said it handles public funds transparently to a high or very high degree.

The poll also showed that the public is dissatisfied with social services in proportion to the taxes collected. The majority of those polled, 76.7%, said they think the level of services provided by the PA in general are not appropriate for the amount of taxes collected as opposed to 14.9%, who said the taxes were proportionate to the services.

Methodology:

A random sample of 1200 people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between 19th and 24th of September 2018. The interviews were conducted in randomly selected homes, and the respondents inside each home were also selected randomly according to Kish tables. The interviews were conducted in 134 sampling points chosen randomly according to population.

In the West Bank 715 people were surveyed from the following areas:

Hebron: Hebron, Adhahiriya, Yatta, Dura, Deir Samit, Halhul, Sa'ir, Taffuh, Al-Rihiya, Hadab al-Fawwar, Al-Arrub refugee camp. Jenin: Jenin, Kafr Ra'i, Qabatiya, Jaba', Al-Yamun, Arabbuna, Fahma, Raba, Jenin refugee camp. Tubas: Tammun, Tayasri. Ramallah & al-Bireh: Ramallah, Al-Bireh, Beit 'Ur at-Tahta, Silwad, Al-Mughayyir, Abud, Shuqba, Al-Mazra'a al-Qibliya, Deir 'Ammar refugee camp. Jericho: Jericho,

Al-Jiftlik, Aqabet Jaber refugee camp. Jerusalem: Beit Hanina, Old City, Qufr Aqab, Silwan, Ras al-Amoud, Esaweyeh, Anata, Al-'Ezariya, Al-Ram and Dahiat al Bareed, Qatana, Qalandia refugee camp. Bethlehem: Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Al-Khader, Al-Walaja, Ayda refugee camp. Nablus: Nablus, Beita, Al-Badhan, Urif, Talluza, Qusin, Balata refugee camp. Salfit: Salfit, Marda. Tulkarem: Tulkarem, Deir Al-Ghusun, Bal'a, Kafr al-Labad, Nur Shams refugee camp. Qalqilya: Qalqilya, Kafr Thulth.

In the Gaza Strip 485 people were surveyed from the following areas:

Gaza: Al-Jdaideh, Al-Tufah, Al-Shekh Radwan, Al-Zaytoun, Al-Shekh Ajleen, Tal-al Hawa, Sabra, Al-Rimal North, Al-Rimal South, Old City, Al-Durj, Al-Naser, Al-Turkuman, Ash-shati refugee camp. Al-Mughraqa. Khan Younis: Khan Younis, Abassan Al-Kabira, Khuza'a, Khan Youis refugee camp. Rafah: Rafah, Rafah refugee camp. Gaza North: Beit Lahiya, Jabalya, Jabalya refugee camp. Deir al-Balah: Deir al Balah, Al-Zawaydeh, Al-Maghazi refugee camp, Al-Nusseirat refugee camp.

The margin of error is ± 3 percent, with a confidence level of 95%.

Sample Distribution

50.4% of the respondents were from the West Bank, 9.2% from Jerusalem, 40.4% from the Gaza Strip. 15.3% said they live in villages, 8.8% in refugee camps, and 75.9% in towns/cities. 43.7% were male, 56.3%, female. 70.4% were married, 21.8%, single, 5.9% widowed, 1.8% divorced, 0.1% no answer. The average age of the respondents was 39 years.

Occupation of Respondents

- Students 8.3%
- Laborers 13.0%
- Housewives 42.4%
- Farmers/fishermen 1.4%
- Craftsmen 1.8%
- Businessmen/private business 7.1%
- Public Sector Employees 6.9%
- Private Sector Employees 4.1%
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 1.2%
- Unemployed 10.8%
- Retired 3.0%
- No answer 0.0%.

RESULTS:

Q1- To what extent do you feel optimistic or pessimistic regarding the Palestinian future? Would You say that you are optimistic, cautiously optimistic, pessimistic or very pessimistic?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Optimistic	28.8	35.8	18.6	27.1	30.2
Cautiously optimistic	26.9	23.1	32.6	26.9	26.9
Pessimistic	24.2	19.0	31.8	25.6	23.1
Very pessimistic	19.8	21.7	17.0	20.4	19.4
No answer	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4

Q2- Some believe that the two state formula is the most preferred solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict; others believe that Historical Palestine cannot be divided into two states, so the best solution would be to have a bi-national state in all of Palestine where Palestinians and Israelis enjoy equal rights. Which solution do you prefer?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
I prefer the two state solution: Palestinian and an Israeli	37.5	30.9	47.2	35.9	38.8
I prefer the bi-national state in all of Palestine	30.3	37.1	20.4	30.3	30.3
Historic Palestine*	19.7	18.5	21.4	21.4	18.3
Islamic State *	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.6
I prefer another solution	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1
There is no solution for the problem	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.0
Don't know \no answer	3.5	4.3	2.5	3.2	3.9

* These answers were not included as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q3- In general, what is the best method to achieve the Palestinian people's goals of ending the Occupation and establishing a state?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Peaceful negotiations	46.9	42.1	54.0	44.1	49.1
Armed resistance (armed intifada)	24.7	20.4	30.9	27.1	22.8
Non-violent resistance (peaceful popular intifada)	20.3	26.7	10.7	19.7	20.7
Others	2.6	2.2	3.1	4.2	1.3
Don't know \ no answer	5.5	8.6	1.3	4.9	6.1

Q4- It is discussed within political circles to what the extent the Palestinian President is in control of the Palestinian internal situation. Do you think that he is in full control, that he is somewhat in control, that he is somewhat not in control, or that he is not in control at all?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Full control of the internal situation	12.7	14.5	9.9	13.2	12.3
Somewhat control of the internal situation	32.2	36.5	25.8	33.6	31.1
Somewhat does not have control of the internal situation	20.0	17.2	24.1	18.9	20.9
Does not have control at all of the internal situation	30.3	24.8	38.6	31.1	29.7
No answer	4.8	7.0	1.6	3.2	6.0

Q5- Currently, there are several attempts at boycotting Israeli products in Palestinian markets. Which of the following do you support most?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
I support boycotting all Israeli products	43.3	50.1	33.2	40.6	45.3
I support boycotting settlement products only	8.9	9.2	8.5	8.4	9.3
I support boycotting products with an alternative	17.8	14.0	23.3	18.9	16.9
I support boycotting settlement products and products with an alternative	7.8	6.0	10.5	8.6	7.2
I don't support boycotting Israeli products	21.0	19.0	23.9	21.8	20.4
Don't Know \ no answer	1.2	1.7	0.6	1.7	0.9

Q6- Do you think that the locally-made rockets fired from Gaza Strip towards Israeli regions help, harm or don't make any difference with regards to the Palestinian goals?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Help	31.0	31.5	30.3	32.6	29.7
Harm	31.1	26.3	38.1	30.7	31.4
Don't make any difference	28.3	28.1	28.5	27.5	28.8
Others	0.0	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Don't Know \ no answer	9.6	2.2	3.1	9.2	10.1

Q7- Do you think that the level of social services provided by the authority is appropriate with regards to the amount of tax collected?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Yes	14.9	17.3	11.3	16.0	14.1
No	76.7	71.6	84.1	77.5	76.0
No answer	8.4	11.1	4.6	6.5	9.9

Q8- To what extent do you think corruption is widespread in Palestinian Authority institutions? Is it widespread to a great extent, widespread to some extent, widespread to a small extent, or not widespread at all?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
To a great extent	52.2	55.1	47.8	53.1	51.5
To some extent	29.5	27.4	32.6	27.5	31.1
To a small extent	9.1	6.6	12.8	10.1	8.3
Not widespread at all	3.8	4.8	2.3	3.8	3.7
Don't Know	4.7	5.3	4.1	5.0	4.7
No answer	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7

Q9- In your opinion, what is the worst form of corruption?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Nepotism	49.8	51.6	47.2	51.0	49.0
Bribery	13.4	14.1	12.4	10.7	15.5
Abuse of public funds	12.7	11.7	14.0	13.5	12.0
Favoring supporters of a certain movement	10.5	9.1	12.6	10.9	10.2
Lack of transparency	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.7
Others	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.5
All mentioned above	5.1	4.8	5.6	5.7	4.6
No answer	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.5

Q10- In light of the present government, to what extent do you feel the presence of nepotism in providing public services?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
To a great extent	57.0	61.8	49.9	55.9	57.8
To an average extent	26.4	25.2	28.2	26.7	26.2
To a low extent	8.2	5.3	12.4	9.9	6.8
No nepotism at all	3.7	3.4	4.1	3.2	4.0
Don't Know	4.4	4.1	4.9	3.8	4.9
No answer	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3

Q11- In the light of the present government, to what extent do you feel the presence of nepotism in Governmental Appointments?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
To a great extent	62.9	69.8	52.8	60.5	64.8
To an average extent	22.5	18.7	28.0	25.8	20.0
To a low extent	7.3	5.3	10.3	7.1	7.5
No nepotism at all	2.8	2.1	3.9	2.9	2.8
Don't Know	4.3	3.8	5.0	3.6	4.7
No answer	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2

Q12- To what extent do you think the present government is being transparent in handling financial issues?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
To a very high degree	6.1	7.1	4.5	5.2	6.8
High degree	9.8	10.6	8.7	9.5	10.1
Average degree	21.8	20.3	24.1	24.8	19.5
Low degree	19.9	18.3	22.3	20.0	19.8
Very low degree	30.5	28.0	34.2	30.5	30.5
Don't Know	11.4	15.1	6.0	9.4	13.0
No answer	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.3

Q13- In the last 10 years, do you think that equality between men and women in Palestine has improved, stayed about the same or declined?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Equality between men and women has improved	51.1	62.4	34.4	50.0	51.9
Equality between men and women stayed about the same	24.5	19.9	31.3	24.8	24.3
Equality between men and women has declined	21.8	14.5	32.4	21.6	21.9
Don't Know /no answer	2.6	3.2	1.9	3.6	1.9

Q14- In your opinion, which side should be more blamed for the persisting division and the failure of efforts pertinent between Fatah and Hamas?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Hamas movement	11.1	7.7	16.1	13.0	9.6
Fatah movement	9.5	6.6	13.8	10.5	8.7
Hamas and Fatah	38.3	31.9	47.6	42.0	35.4
Israel	17.3	21.5	10.9	15.8	18.3
Egypt	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.0	2.1
United States	7.2	7.7	6.4	4.8	9.0
Others	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.7	0.4
All mentioned above	2.0	2.5	1.2	2.3	1.8
Don't Know \ no answer	12.0	19.3	1.8	8.9	14.7

Q15- Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the efforts to restore calm between Israel and Hamas in Gaza?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Very satisfied	17.6	17.3	17.9	19.1	16.4
Somewhat satisfied	34.7	35.5	33.4	34.4	34.9
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.5	11.7	28.5	21.0	16.6
Very dissatisfied	21.7	24.1	18.1	19.8	23.1
Don't Know	6.6	9.8	1.9	5.2	7.7
No answer	0.9	1.6	0.2	0.5	1.3

Q16- How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Egyptian role in sponsoring reconciliation talks between Fatah and Hamas?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Very satisfied	10.8	6.6	17.1	12.2	9.8
Somewhat satisfied	29.4	24.9	36.1	28.2	30.3
Somewhat dissatisfied	21.6	15.2	30.9	24.0	19.7
Very dissatisfied	29.0	38.9	14.4	28.4	29.4
Don't Know	8.1	12.7	1.2	6.1	9.6
No answer	1.1	1.7	0.3	1.1	1.2

Q17- Recently, there has been progress in Palestinian reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas. Are you now more optimistic about achieving reconciliation or less optimistic? Or has there been no change in your level of optimism?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
More optimistic	21.3	25.5	15.1	22.3	20.4
Less optimistic	36.8	27.3	50.7	41.6	33.0
No change in level of optimism	39.1	43.1	33.2	34.2	42.9
Don't Know \ no answer	2.8	4.1	1.0	1.9	3.7

Q18- To what extent do you support or oppose a long-term ceasefire (hudna) between Palestinians and Israel?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Strongly support	33.8	33.8	33.8	32.3	35.1
Somewhat support	34.0	31.5	37.7	33.6	34.3
Somewhat oppose	13.4	9.1	19.8	14.1	12.9
Strongly oppose	15.3	19.7	8.7	17.2	13.8
Don't Know	2.8	4.6	0.0	1.7	3.6
No answer	0.7	1.3	0.0	1.1	0.3

Q19- Do you think a long-term ceasefire (hudna) between Palestinians and Israel will improve the living conditions of the Palestinians?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Yes	61.7	61.7	61.6	62.4	61.1
No	32.6	30.2	36.1	33.2	32.1
Don't Know \ no answer	5.7	8.1	2.3	4.4	6.8

Q20- In principle, do you support or oppose the idea of a confederation between Jordan and Palestine?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Support	39.0	43.8	32.0	39.5	38.6
Oppose	61.0	56.2	68.0	60.5	61.4

Q21- Do you support the confederation in any event or only after the establishment of the Palestinian state?

	Total n= 468	West Bank n= 313	Gaza n=155	Male n= 207	Female n=261
I support the confederation in any event	43.8	49.8	31.6	44.4	43.3
I support the confederation after the establishment of the Palestinian state	49.6	42.2	64.5	51.7	47.9
Don't Know	6.0	7.3	3.2	3.9	7.7
No answer	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.1

***this question was asked to those who said that they support the confederation in the previous question**

Q22- To what extent do you think there is discrimination between women and men in the tax system?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
To a great extent	6.9	9.1	3.7	5.5	8.0
To some extent	21.3	17.2	27.2	23.3	19.7
To a small extent	15.0	9.2	23.5	15.3	14.8
There is no discrimination at all	39.3	40.1	37.9	39.5	39.1
Don't Know \ no answer	17.5	24.4	7.7	16.4	18.4

Q23- Studies show that one in four women in Palestine has experienced physical violence. What do you think is the best way to reduce levels of domestic violence?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Passing stricter laws to protect women	31.7	32.4	30.5	33.2	30.5
Increasing the enforcement of current laws	21.9	22.0	21.9	22.3	21.6
Improving education with regards to women's right	42.7	40.4	46.0	40.5	44.4
Other	1.7	2.2	0.8	1.9	1.5
Don't Know \ no answer	2.0	3.0	0.8	2.1	2.0

Q24- Do you think that the police adopt a fair policy towards women?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Yes	47.3	52.2	40.0	47.3	47.2
No	36.0	26.3	50.3	37.8	34.6
Don't Know \ no answer	16.7	21.5	9.7	14.9	18.2

Q25- To what extent do you think that the police are dealing appropriately or inappropriately with physically assaulted women who go to the police?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
In a very appropriate manner	23.3	28.8	15.3	21.9	24.4
In a somewhat appropriate manner	42.1	36.9	49.7	42.6	41.7
In somewhat inappropriate manner	12.6	6.7	21.2	14.7	10.9
In a very inappropriate manner	5.6	5.0	6.4	6.7	4.7
Don't Know	15.8	21.5	7.4	13.4	17.8
No answer	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.5

Q26- Do you agree or disagree with co-education in schools?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
I agree till elementary	32.6	27.1	40.6	33.6	31.8
I agree till secondary	11.3	16.9	3.1	10.9	11.7
I disagree with co-education in schools	56.1	56.0	56.3	55.5	56.5

Q27- Do you support marriage of young women under the age of 18?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Yes	16.8	17.9	15.3	18.3	15.7
No	83.2	82.1	84.7	81.7	84.3

Q28- Do you support having multiple wives?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Yes	23.2	22.8	23.7	34.2	14.6
No	76.8	77.2	76.3	65.8	85.4

Q29- Some shake hands with the other sex while others don't, how about you? Do you shake hands with the other sex, or you don't shake hands with the other sex?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
I shake hands with the other sex	21.5	26.2	14.6	24.4	19.2
I don't shake hands with the other sex	78.5	73.8	85.4	75.6	80.8

Q30- Why don't you shake hands with the other sex? Is it for religious or social reasons (traditions and habits)?*

	Total n= 942	West Bank n= 528	Gaza n=414	Male n= 396	Female n=546
Religious reasons	89.5	89.4	89.6	88.9	89.9
Social reasons (traditions and habits)	9.7	9.8	9.4	10.9	8.8
No answer	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.2	1.3

*This question was asked to those who said that they don't shake hands with the other sex in the previous question

Q31 - Which political or religious faction do you trust the most?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Fatah	21.1	19.3	23.7	22.5	20.0
Hamas	9.5	5.9	14.8	9.7	9.3
Others	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.1	3.0
Other Islamic factions	8.0	6.4	10.3	9.4	7.0
Don't trust anyone	52.8	59.2	43.3	50.8	54.3
No answer	6.0	6.8	5.0	5.5	6.4

* This was an open-ended question; no options were read to the interviewee

Q32 - Which Palestinian personality do you trust the most?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n=485	Male n= 524	Female n=676
Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	9.8	9.4	10.5	11.5	8.6
Isma'el Haniyeh	5.8	3.4	9.5	6.1	5.6
Marwan al-Barghouthi	5.9	5.5	6.6	7.3	4.9
Mohamad Dahlan	4.8	0.3	11.5	4.6	5.0
Others	13.2	13.8	12.2	15.3	11.5
Don't trust anyone	53.8	58.6	46.8	49.2	57.4
No answer	6.7	9.0	2.9	6.0	7.0

*This was an open-ended question no options were read to the interviewee