

Palestinians demand presidential and parliamentary elections

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- Palestinians demand presidential (86.9%) as well as parliamentary elections (82.8%)
- 87.6% of Palestinians say it is important that the government provides Social Security
- The Palestinian Democratic Assembly, a coalition of left wing parties, would receive 9.9% of the votes in parliamentary elections
- 78.4% reject land swaps in future Peace Agreement

Elections: A popular demand

The majority of Palestinians polled, 82.8%, said it was important to hold Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) elections. Likewise, 86.9% said it was important to hold presidential elections. The poll showed that the public was split into those choosing between independent candidates and those choosing candidates from factions and parties, with 38.6% saying they would vote for independent candidates while 37.7% said they would vote for party or faction candidates. At the same time the majority of Palestinians, 86.6%, rejected holding elections without the Gaza Strip, opposed to 10.5% who said this was acceptable.

Leftist Coalition on the rise

If parliamentary (PLC) elections were held and the Palestinian Democratic Assembly, a coalition of leftist political parties established in late 2018, ran, they would receive 9.9% of the votes, while 34.8% said they would vote for Fatah and 12% for Hamas. 31.1% said they would not vote at all. If elections were held without the participation of the Democratic Assembly, 35.2% said they would vote for Fatah, 12.3% for Hamas, 2.8% for the PFLP and 1.6% for the Palestinian National Initiative (PNI) while 31.3% said they would not vote at all.

Social Security is important to a majority of Palestinians

In total, 87.6 % of Palestinians say that it is important for the government to provide Social Security, such as health insurance, pension, and unemployment insurance. Asked about the reasons for the protests against the implementation of the Social Security law last year, 27.9% said it was due to a lack in confidence in the government and 25.1% argued it was due to low wages of workers in comparison to a high percentage of contributions to the fund.

Presidential elections: Marwan Barghouti most prominent personality

If elections were held without President Mahmoud Abbas running, Marwan Barghouti would win 12.6% of the votes, followed by Mohammed Dahlan at 8.1%, and Ismail Haniyeh at 6.3%. Meanwhile, over half of the respondents, 53.9%, said they did not know or they had no answer. The poll showed large discrepancies between electoral tendencies in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. For example, the percentage of those who did not know who they would vote for in the West Bank was more than double of those in the Gaza Strip (69% compared to 31.7%) and the percentage of those who would vote for Isma'el Haniyeh in the West Bank was 2.9% as opposed to 11.3% in Gaza. Similarly, 1.1% of those polled in the West Bank said they would vote for Mohammed Dahlan as opposed to 18.4% in the Gaza Strip.

Low trust in fairness of elections

Palestinians expressed low levels of trust in the fairness of elections. Respondents were divided between 45.1% who believe that if elections were held, they would be unfair and 43.5% who said they would be fair. Trust in the fairness of elections in the Gaza Strip was higher than in the West Bank. The percentage of those who believe elections would be fair was 51.1% in the Gaza Strip as opposed to 38.3% in the West Bank. Conversely, the percentage of those polled who thought elections would be unfair was 50.2% in the West Bank, opposed to 37.5% in Gaza.

A large majority rejects land swaps, security control or customs union in future state

The majority of those polled, 78.4%, said they would not accept any Peace Agreement that included land swaps between Israel and the State of Palestine, opposed to 17.1% who said this would be acceptable. Furthermore, the majority of respondents, 83.9%, said they would not accept any future Peace Agreement that includes continued Israeli security control over parts of the Palestinian state, opposed to 12.4% who said this was acceptable. At the economic level, the majority of those polled, 72.1%, said they would not accept any future agreement that included a customs union between Israel and the Palestinian state. Almost two-thirds of respondents, 63.4%, said it was not acceptable for any future peace deal to include the integration of Palestinian refugees in neighboring Arab countries, while 32.3% said this was acceptable to them.

Support for national reconciliation

The majority of those polled 89.6%, said that national reconciliation was important or very important, opposed to 8.6% who said it was not important. Regarding the question which side was most responsible for the persisting division, the largest percentage, 32.2%, blamed both Hamas and Fatah together while 16.1% blamed Hamas alone and 8.8% blamed Fatah alone. 21.2% blamed Israel for the persisting division.

Mixed expectations of new Palestinian government

Around one-third of those polled, 35.6%, believe President Mahmoud Abbas' commissioning of Dr. Mohammed Shtayeh to form the new government is a positive step, opposed to 10.9% who said it was negative and 40.6% who said it was neither positive nor negative. In comparison, 23.8% of respondents said they expected the performance of the Shtayeh government to be better than that of the Hamdallah government, while 10.8% said the opposite. Almost half of the Palestinian public, 49.7%, said there would be no difference between the performances of the two governments. Regarding the public's expectations of the new government, 36.3% of respondents said that it should improve living conditions, 16.6% said they expected it to combat corruption, 16% said they expected government reforms and 15.3% expecting it to achieve national reconciliation.

Normalization and security coordination rejected by majority of Palestinians

The majority of those polled, 73.8%, opposed the establishment of diplomatic relations between Arab countries and Israel, as opposed to 19% who said they supported this. Moreover, 60.6% said they opposed the continuation of security coordination between the PNA and Israel while 32.5% said they supported its continuation.

Palestinians support PA policy towards the United States

The poll showed that the majority of respondents, 59.3%, supported the continued boycott of the US administration by the Palestinian leadership, opposed to 30.3% who said they preferred the Palestinian leadership to be involved in diplomatic relations. If, however, the US announced its so-called “Deal of the Century”, about two-thirds of respondents, 65.3%, said they believe the Palestinian leadership should reject the plan, while 6.1% said they should accept it and 21.3% said they preferred that the Palestinian leadership negotiates over it.

Low trust in factions and personalities

Asked which political or religious faction Palestinians trust the most, 28.2% of respondents said they trusted Fatah most, followed by Hamas at 10.3%. The largest percentage, 41.1%, said they did not trust any political or religious faction. The poll also showed that 11.5% trust President Abbas the most, followed by Marwan Barghouti with 8.4% and Isma’el Haniyeh at 6.3%, while those who said they do not trust any political or religious personality was 47.8%.

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 23rd of March 2019. 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, Dura, Beit Ummar, A-Shyoukh, Beit Ula, Sa'ir, A-Dhahiriya, Al-Rihiya, Khursa, Al-Arrub refugee camp. Jenin: Jenin, Meithalun, Qabatiya, Al-Yamun, Kafr Dan, Misliya, Siris, Al-Judeida, Jenin refugee camp. Tubas: Tubas, Tyasir. Ramallah & al-Bireh: Ramallah, Al-Bireh, Beituniya, Kharbatha al misbah, Khirbet abu falah, Shuqba, Kafr Ni'ma, Al- Am'ari refugee camp. Jericho: Jericho, Al-Jiftlik, Ein al-Sultan refugee camp. Jerusalem: Anata, Qalandia refugee camp, Beit Surik, Al-Tur, Ras al-Amoud, Old City, Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Silwan, Al-Ezariyeh. Bethlehem: Al-Ubeideyeh, Janatha, Bethlehem, Husan, Artas, Ayda refugee camp. Nablus: Nablus, Beita, Jamma'in, Talluza, Awarta, As-Sawiya, Beit Dajan, Balata refugee camp. Salfit: Salfit, Deir Istiya. Tulkarem: Tulkarem, Anabta, Far'un, Tulkarem refugee camp. Qalqilya: Qalqiliya, Azzun, Jayyous.

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, Bani Suheila, Al-Qarara, Abasan al-Kabira, Abasan al-Saghira, Khan Younis refugee camp. Rafah: Rafah, Rafah refugee camp. Gaza North: Jabalya, Beit Lahiya, Beit Hanoun, Jabalya refugee camp. Deir al-Balah: Deir al Balah, Al-Zawaydeh, Al-Maghazi refugee camp, Al-Nusseirat refugee camp.

A poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre in cooperation with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung showed that around one-third of those polled, 35.6%, believe President Mahmoud Abbas' commissioning of Dr. Mohammed Shtayeh to form the new government is a positive step, opposed to 10.9% who said it was negative and 40.6% who said it was neither positive nor negative. In comparison, 23.8% of respondents said they expected the performance of the Shtayeh government to be better than that of the Hamdallah government, while 10.8% said the opposite and 49.7% who said there would be no difference between the performances of the two governments. Regarding the public's expectations from the new government,

the larger percent of respondents, 36.3% said the Shtayeh government should improve living conditions, 16.6% said they expected it to combat corruption, 16% said they expected it to achieve government reforms and 15.3% said to achieve national reconciliation.

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. 15.4% said they live in villages, 8.8% in refugee camps, and 75.8% in towns/cities. 45.0% were male, 55.0%, female. 66.4% were married, 24.4%, single, 7.3% widowed, 1.8% divorced, 0.1% no answer. The average age of the respondents was 39 years.

Occupation of Respondents

| | | | |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Students | 9.3% | Laborers | 12.3% |
| Housewives | 41.5% | Farmers/fishermen | 0.8% |
| Craftsmen | 1.1% | Businessmen/ private business | 6.0% |
| Public Sector Employees | 7.3% | Private Sector Employees | 5.8% |
| Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) | 0.8% | Unemployed | 12.2% |
| Retired | 2.9% | No answer | 0.0% |

Results:

1.Parliamentary and Presidential Elections

Q9- Do you think it is important to have a legislative council elections in Palestine?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Yes, important | 82.8 | 77.8 | 90.1 | 82.4 | 83.0 |
| No, not important | 13.3 | 15.9 | 9.3 | 14.3 | 12.4 |
| Don't know/ no answer | 3.9 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 4.6 |

Q10- Do you think it is important to have presidential elections in Palestine?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Yes | 86.9 | 84.8 | 90.1 | 87.0 | 86.8 |
| No | 11.1 | 12.3 | 9.3 | 11.5 | 10.8 |
| Don't know/ no answer | 2.0 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 2.4 |

Q11- In your opinion, how important is it to you to have a legislative council in Palestine?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Very important | 66.6 | 61.5 | 74.0 | 69.3 | 64.4 |
| Somewhat important | 22.1 | 23.1 | 20.6 | 20.6 | 23.3 |
| Somewhat not important | 5.4 | 6.7 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 6.4 |
| Not important at all | 3.4 | 4.8 | 1.4 | 4.1 | 2.9 |
| Don't know/ no answer | 2.5 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 3.0 |

Q13- If legislative council elections were held today, which party would you vote for?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Fatah | 35.2 | 30.1 | 42.7 | 37.6 | 33.2 |
| Hamas | 12.3 | 8.5 | 17.9 | 12.4 | 12.3 |
| PFLP | 2.8 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 3.3 |
| DFLP | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| PNI | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| PPP | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| FIDA | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Independents * | 5.1 | 3.8 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 4.4 |
| Others | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 1.4 |
| Won't vote | 31.3 | 39.0 | 19.8 | 28.3 | 33.6 |
| Don't know \no answer | 8.1 | 11.8 | 3.0 | 9.1 | 7.6 |

This option was not as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q14- Recently, a coalition of leftist political parties, the Palestinian Democratic Assembly (PNI, PFLP, DFLP, PPP, FIDA), was formed. If this coalition ran as a unified list in elections and PLC elections were held today, which party would you vote for?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Fatah | 34.8 | 29.7 | 42.5 | 37.4 | 32.7 |
| Hamas | 12.0 | 8.0 | 17.9 | 11.9 | 12.1 |
| The Palestinian Democratic Assembly | 9.9 | 9.1 | 11.1 | 8.7 | 10.9 |
| Independents * | 3.3 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| Other parties | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| Won't vote | 31.1 | 38.9 | 19.6 | 27.8 | 33.8 |
| Don't know /no answer | 7.2 | 9.8 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 6.3 |

This option was not as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q15- If presidential elections were to take place today and Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) would not run again, whom would you vote for?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Marwan Barghouthi | 12.6 | 8.3 | 19.0 | 14.1 | 11.4 |
| Mohamad Dahlan | 8.1 | 1.1 | 18.4 | 9.4 | 7.0 |
| Isma'el Haniyeh | 6.3 | 2.9 | 11.3 | 7.2 | 5.6 |
| Won't vote | 5.8 | 9.2 | 0.8 | 4.3 | 7.1 |
| Others | 13.3 | 9.5 | 18.8 | 13.1 | 13.3 |
| Don't know /no answer | 53.9 | 69.0 | 31.7 | 51.9 | 55.6 |

Q29- If the political division continues and elections are not held in all of the Palestinian territories, would you support holding elections in the West Bank, without the Gaza Strip?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Yes, support | 10.5 | 14.8 | 4.1 | 9.6 | 11.2 |
| No, I don't support | 86.6 | 81.0 | 94.8 | 88.5 | 85.0 |
| Don't know /no answer | 2.9 | 4.2 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 3.8 |

Q12- If Palestinian elections were held, would you more likely vote for candidates from Palestinian factions and parties or for independent candidates?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|--|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| I would vote for candidates from Palestinian factions or parties | 37.7 | 28.1 | 51.8 | 40.4 | 35.5 |
| I would vote for independent candidates | 38.6 | 41.8 | 33.8 | 37.6 | 39.4 |
| I wouldn't vote | 18.6 | 22.7 | 12.6 | 15.9 | 20.8 |
| Don't know / no answer | 5.1 | 7.4 | 1.8 | 6.1 | 4.3 |

Q16- If elections were to take place in Palestine in the near future, do you think they would be fair or unfair elections?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Fair | 43.5 | 38.3 | 51.1 | 44.1 | 43.0 |
| Unfair | 45.1 | 50.2 | 37.5 | 46.7 | 43.8 |
| Don't know /no answer | 11.4 | 11.5 | 11.4 | 9.2 | 13.2 |

2. Future Peace Agreement and Final Status Issues

Q1- Would it be acceptable to you if a future Peace Agreement between Palestinian and Israel included land swaps between the two countries?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| This would be acceptable | 17.1 | 10.3 | 27.0 | 18.0 | 16.4 |
| This would not be acceptable | 78.4 | 85.5 | 68.0 | 78.0 | 78.8 |
| This would be acceptable under certain conditions | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Don't know/no answer | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 3.6 |

Q2- Would it be acceptable to you if a future Peace Agreement between Palestinian and Israel included continued Israeli security control over certain parts of the Palestinian state?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| This would be acceptable | 12.4 | 6.9 | 20.6 | 12.4 | 12.4 |
| This would not be acceptable | 83.9 | 89.9 | 75.1 | 83.3 | 84.4 |
| This would be acceptable under certain conditions | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| Don't know/ no answer | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.7 |

Q3- Would it be acceptable to you if a future Peace Agreement between Palestinians and Israel included customs union?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| This would be acceptable | 19.5 | 16.1 | 24.5 | 22.0 | 17.4 |
| This would not be acceptable | 72.1 | 74.5 | 68.5 | 71.7 | 72.4 |
| This would be acceptable under certain conditions | 1.9 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 2.1 |
| Don't know/ no answer | 6.5 | 8.0 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 8.1 |

Q4- Would it be acceptable to you if a future Peace Agreement between Palestinians and Israel included integrating Palestinian refugees into neighboring countries (e.g. Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt)?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| This would be acceptable | 32.3 | 26.3 | 41.0 | 31.7 | 32.7 |
| This would not be acceptable | 63.4 | 69.4 | 54.6 | 64.1 | 62.9 |
| This would be acceptable under certain conditions | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Don't know/ no answer | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 3.0 |

Q5- Do you support or oppose the continuation of security coordination between the PNA and Israel?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Support | 32.5 | 28.8 | 37.9 | 31.1 | 33.6 |
| Oppose | 60.6 | 62.9 | 57.1 | 61.9 | 59.5 |
| Don't know\ no answer | 6.9 | 8.3 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 6.9 |

Q6- Do you support or oppose the establishment of diplomatic relations between Arab countries and Israel?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Support | 19.0 | 18.5 | 19.8 | 18.3 | 19.5 |
| Oppose | 73.8 | 73.3 | 74.4 | 75.0 | 72.7 |
| Don't know / no answer | 7.2 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 7.8 |

Q19- If the United States announces its peace plan the so called "deal of the century", do you think the Palestinian leadership should accept it, reject it or negotiate over it?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| The leadership should accept it | 6.1 | 3.6 | 9.7 | 6.3 | 5.9 |
| The leadership should reject it | 65.3 | 61.5 | 70.9 | 68.0 | 63.2 |
| The leadership should negotiate over it | 21.3 | 23.9 | 17.5 | 19.3 | 23.0 |
| Don't know / no answer | 7.3 | 11.0 | 1.9 | 6.4 | 7.9 |

3. Social Security

Q17- How important do you think it is for the government to provide social security (e.g. health insurance, pension, and unemployment insurance)?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Very important | 74.1 | 65.9 | 86.2 | 73.7 | 74.4 |
| Somewhat important | 13.5 | 14.7 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 14.2 |
| Somewhat not important | 5.7 | 8.4 | 1.6 | 6.3 | 5.2 |
| Not important at all | 6.7 | 11.0 | 0.4 | 7.4 | 6.2 |

Q18- There was a dispute among the Palestinians over the implementation of the Social Security Law. What do you think are the reasons behind the opposition to the implementation of this law?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|--|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| The general political situation | 23.6 | 15.0 | 36.3 | 23.9 | 23.3 |
| The independence of the Social Security institutions | 6.2 | 5.3 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| Low wages of workers and a high percentage of their contribution to the fund | 25.1 | 32.4 | 14.1 | 24.4 | 25.6 |
| Lack of confidence in the government | 27.9 | 27.8 | 28.0 | 30.2 | 26.1 |
| Employers "unwillingness to pay workers" rights | 9.4 | 11.0 | 7.0 | 8.7 | 10.0 |
| Don't know\ no answer | 7.8 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 9.1 |

4. The Palestinian Leadership and Government Policies

Q22- Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way that Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) is doing his job as President of the PNA?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Very satisfied | 15.2 | 17.3 | 12.0 | 14.8 | 15.5 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 23.1 | 26.9 | 17.5 | 23.0 | 23.2 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 12.2 | 11.0 | 13.8 | 12.8 | 11.7 |
| Very dissatisfied | 41.4 | 35.0 | 50.9 | 41.5 | 41.4 |
| Don't know/no answer | 8.1 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 7.9 | 8.2 |

Q20- Do you prefer that the Palestinian leadership continues boycotting US President Trump's policy or do you think the leadership should deal with the Trump administration?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| I prefer the leadership continues boycotting Trump's policies | 59.3 | 58.0 | 61.0 | 60.6 | 58.2 |
| I prefer the leadership deals with the US administration | 30.3 | 30.6 | 29.7 | 29.1 | 31.2 |
| Don't know /no answer | 10.4 | 11.4 | 9.3 | 10.3 | 10.6 |

Q23- With the resignation of the Hamdallah government, how would you assess its performance?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| It's performance was good | 14.7 | 18.6 | 8.9 | 11.9 | 17.0 |
| It's performance was average | 38.6 | 36.1 | 42.3 | 40.9 | 36.7 |
| It's performance was bad | 32.6 | 28.3 | 39.0 | 34.4 | 31.1 |
| Don't know/no answer | 14.1 | 17.0 | 9.8 | 12.8 | 15.2 |

Q25- President Mahmoud Abbas [Abu Mazen] commissioned Fatah Central Committee member Dr. Mohammed Shtayeh to form the new Palestinian government. In general, do you think this is a positive step, negative step or neither?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Positive step | 35.6 | 34.7 | 36.9 | 35.0 | 36.1 |
| Negative step | 10.9 | 9.4 | 13.2 | 12.8 | 9.4 |
| Neither positive nor negative | 40.6 | 40.4 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 40.2 |
| Don't know /no answer | 12.9 | 15.5 | 9.1 | 11.1 | 14.3 |

Q24- What do you expect from the new Palestinian government?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| To achieve national reconciliation | 15.3 | 13.0 | 18.8 | 12.8 | 17.4 |
| To implement government reform | 16.0 | 12.6 | 21.0 | 16.1 | 15.9 |
| To improve living conditions | 36.3 | 34.7 | 38.8 | 35.2 | 37.3 |
| Combating corruption | 16.6 | 19.6 | 12.2 | 17.8 | 15.6 |
| Nothing * | 10.6 | 14.4 | 4.9 | 13.0 | 8.6 |
| Other | 3.0 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 2.6 |
| Don't know/no answer | 2.2 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 2.6 |

This option was not as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q26- Do you expect the performance of the Shtayeh government to be better than the Hamdallah government, worse than it, or no difference?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Better than the Hamdallah government | 23.8 | 21.5 | 27.0 | 26.3 | 21.7 |
| Worse than the Hamdallah government | 10.8 | 9.5 | 12.6 | 13.0 | 8.9 |
| No difference | 49.7 | 49.9 | 49.3 | 48.3 | 50.8 |
| Don't know/no answer | 15.7 | 19.1 | 11.1 | 12.4 | 18.6 |

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

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Fatah | 28.2 | 21.4 | 38.1 | 32.0 | 25.0 |
| Hamas | 10.3 | 6.0 | 16.7 | 10.6 | 10.2 |
| Other Islamic factions | 9.1 | 13.0 | 3.3 | 8.5 | 9.5 |
| Others | 3.4 | 2.1 | 5.4 | 3.1 | 3.6 |
| Don't trust anyone | 41.1 | 47.0 | 32.4 | 37.2 | 44.2 |
| No answer | 7.9 | 10.5 | 4.1 | 8.6 | 7.5 |

*** 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= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) | 11.5 | 9.1 | 15.1 | 12.6 | 10.6 |
| Marwan Barghouthi | 8.4 | 7.4 | 9.9 | 9.3 | 7.7 |
| Isma'el Haniyeh | 6.3 | 3.4 | 10.5 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| Mohamad Dahlan | 5.6 | 0.6 | 13.0 | 7.2 | 4.2 |
| Others | 11.6 | 10.3 | 13.4 | 13.0 | 10.5 |
| Don't trust anyone | 47.8 | 56.9 | 34.4 | 42.4 | 52.3 |
| No answer | 8.8 | 12.3 | 3.7 | 9.0 | 8.6 |

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Q21- Do you think the judicial system in Palestine issues verdicts independently or is it subjected to interferences that influence its verdicts?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| It issues verdicts independently | 21.4 | 22.1 | 20.4 | 21.1 | 21.7 |
| It is subject to interferences that influence its verdict | 67.6 | 65.0 | 71.3 | 69.8 | 65.8 |
| Don't know /no answer | 11.0 | 12.9 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 12.5 |

5. Reconciliation

Q27- At present, how important is achieving national reconciliation? Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not important at all?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Very important | 72.3 | 69.5 | 76.3 | 70.7 | 73.5 |
| Somewhat important | 17.3 | 17.2 | 17.5 | 19.6 | 15.5 |
| Somewhat unimportant | 4.6 | 5.6 | 3.1 | 5.0 | 4.2 |
| Not important at all | 4.0 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Don't know/no answer | 1.8 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 |

Q28- 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= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Hamas movement | 16.1 | 7.6 | 28.7 | 16.5 | 15.8 |
| Fatah movement | 8.8 | 7.0 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 6.5 |
| Hamas and Fatah | 32.2 | 31.6 | 33.0 | 33.3 | 31.2 |
| Israel | 21.2 | 26.0 | 14.0 | 18.7 | 23.2 |
| Egypt | 2.2 | 0.8 | 4.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| United States | 3.9 | 5.6 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 4.7 |
| Others | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| All above * | 4.1 | 5.6 | 1.9 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| Don't know/no answer | 9.1 | 13.3 | 3.3 | 7.5 | 10.6 |

This option was not as part of the options read to the interviewee

6. Other Issues

Q7- In general, do you feel public opinion polls are useful or not?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| They are useful | 79.3 | 76.2 | 83.9 | 78.9 | 79.7 |
| They are not useful | 20.7 | 23.8 | 16.1 | 21.1 | 20.3 |

Q8- From time to time, public opinion polls are conducted; in general to what extent do you trust their results?

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| To a great extent | 18.0 | 17.5 | 18.8 | 18.1 | 17.9 |
| To an average extent | 57.9 | 57.1 | 59.2 | 56.1 | 59.4 |
| To a low extent | 24.1 | 25.4 | 22.0 | 25.8 | 22.7 |

Q30 – How would you define yourself – only in one word- in terms of particular affiliation?*

| | Total n= 1200 | West Bank n= 715 | Gaza n= 485 | Male n= 540 | Female n= 660 |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Palestinian | 54.9 | 53.8 | 56.5 | 52.4 | 57.0 |
| Muslim | 11.8 | 9.5 | 15.1 | 10.4 | 12.9 |
| National | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 6.4 |
| Belongs to Fatah movement | 5.3 | 3.9 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 3.6 |
| Others | 14.6 | 18.0 | 9.5 | 16.9 | 12.7 |
| Don't know/no answer | 7.6 | 8.6 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 7.4 |

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