

**JMCC Public Opinion Poll No. 32 - Part Two
On Palestinian Attitudes Towards Politics - August 1999**

Q19. If you need to build a residence what are the opportunities of getting a license from your municipality?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very possible	46.8	50.5	40.5
In between	20.9	15.6	30.2
Not possible	24.4	28.3	17.4
No answer	7.9	5.6	11.9

Q20. How do you evaluate your health insurance system and the medical care provided to you?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	5.4	6.9	2.7
Very good	8.6	8.1	9.4
Good	22.9	23.7	21.7
Fair	17.2	13.9	22.9
Weak	15.8	13.6	19.5
I don't have a health insurance	28.8	32.8	22.0
No answer	1.3	1.0	1.8

Q21. Jerusalem has been closed in front of the people from West Bank and Gaza for several years, how did it affect the following aspects in your life?

Commerce in general

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A very positive effect	0.4	0.6	0.1
A positive effect	2.4	3.5	0.5
It didn't have any effect	14.1	15.3	11.7
A negative effect	31.4	31.7	30.9
A very negative effect	47.8	45.9	51.3
No answer	3.9	3.0	5.5

Psychologically - feeling isolated

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A very positive effect	0.3	0.5	0.0

A positive effect	1.0	1.4	0.3
It didn't have any effect	8.8	10.0	6.6
A negative effect	34.4	36.7	30.4
A very negative effect	52.5	48.0	60.4
No answer	3.0	3.4	2.3

Family relations (with relatives in Jerusalem / West Bank)

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A very positive effect	1.0	1.1	0.9
A positive effect	1.9	2.2	1.4
It didn't have any effect	27.3	28.2	25.9
A negative effect	27.8	31.5	21.3
A very negative effect	33.3	32.2	35.2
No answer	8.7	4.8	15.3

Work conditions

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A very positive effect	0.5	0.5	0.5
A positive effect	1.7	2.0	1.4
It didn't have any effect	23.7	24.9	21.5
A negative effect	23.6	25.0	21.0
A very negative effect	44.0	44.8	42.6
No answer	6.5	2.8	13.0

Freedom of movement

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A very positive effect	0.3	0.4	0.0
A positive effect	1.7	1.4	2.1
It didn't have any effect	14.0	17.3	8.2
A negative effect	32.5	31.2	34.8
A very negative effect	48.5	47.3	50.8
No answer	3.0	2.4	4.1

Cultural opportunities

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A very positive effect	0.3	0.1	0.6
A positive effect	2.7	2.1	3.7

It didn't have any effect	27.4	28.7	25.2
A negative effect	28.0	29.9	24.7
A very negative effect	33.3	32.6	34.6
No answer	8.3	6.6	11.2

I would like to ask you some questions about your activities in your society

Q22. In our society, there are a large number of civil organizations (non-governmental) like the charitable associations, such as the trade unions, and the youth organizations like clubs, the developmental organizations that provide services in health and agriculture. Also, the research centers, women centers, human right centers, and any non-governmental organization. Are you a member in any of these organizations?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	19.2	19.1	19.2
No	78.0	78.5	77.3
No answer	2.8	2.4	3.5

Q23. If the answer is yes, please mention the name of the organization or organizations which you are a member in?*

Total

	1st mention	2nd mention	3rd mention
Workers unions	8.7	0.0	0.0
Professionals unions	6.9	3.5	0.9
Athletic clubs and organizations	25.7	0.8	2.2
Women's organizations	12.9	2.5	0.0
Religious organizations	2.6	0.0	0.0
Health and medical organizations	4.8	2.2	2.7
Educational schools-organizations	4.2	0.4	0.4
Educational centers	1.7	2.1	0.4
Agricultural organizations	3.4	0.4	0.0
Social services	12.9	10.0	3.4
Human rights organizations	0.4	1.7	0.9
Other organizations	7.5	0.0	0.0
No answer	8.3	76.4	89.1

West Bank

	1st mention	2nd mention	3rd mention
Workers unions	11.0	0.0	0.0
Professional unions	4.9	4.1	0.7

Athletic clubs and organizations	31.7	0.0	3.5
Women's organizations	9.7	2.0	0.0
Religious organizations	2.1	0.0	0.0
Health and medical organizations	5.6	2.0	2.8
Educational schools-organizations	3.5	0.7	0.0
Educational centers	0.7	2.1	0.0
Agricultural organizations	2.8	0.0	0.0
Social services	15.8	13.1	4.8
Human rights organizations	0.0	2.7	0.7
Other organizations	1.9	0.0	0.0
No answer	10.3	73.3	87.5

Gaza Strip

	1st mention	2nd mention	3rd mention
Workers unions	4.8	0.0	0.0
Professional unions	10.8	2.4	1.2
Athletic clubs and organizations	16.8	2.4	0.0
Women's organizations	19.1	3.6	0.0
Religious organizations	3.6	0.0	0.0
Health and medical organizations	3.6	1.2	0.0
Educational schools-organizations	6.0	0.0	1.2
Educational centers	3.6	2.4	1.2
Agricultural organizations	4.8	1.2	0.0
Social services	8.4	4.8	1.2
Human rights organizations	1.2	0.0	1.2
Other organizations	13.2	0.0	1.2
No answer	4.1	82.0	92.8

**For those who answered yes in question 22*

Q24. In general, how do you evaluate the role of civil organization (non-governmental) in Palestine?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very good	2.0	1.7	2.6
Good	27.4	29.4	24.0
Bad	6.6	6.3	7.1
Very bad	2.9	3.0	2.7
Some are good / some are bad	23.4	24.9	20.7
I don't know enough about their role	34.2	30.2	41.1

No answer	3.5	4.5	1.8
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** For those who answered No in question 22*

Q25. If you were a member in any of the mentioned organizations, what is the level of your activities?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
I am only a member but not active	31.3	32.2	29.8
I attend meetings or activities when I am invited	34.8	36.3	32.1
I organize meetings, workshops, or activities	12.2	13.0	10.7
I speak in meetings and participate in elections	14.3	13.0	16.7
No answer	7.4	5.5	10.7

Do you agree or oppose the following:

The Palestinian Authority should implement the law in any case

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
I agree	82.3	84.0	79.4
I oppose	10.9	8.8	14.6
I don't know	5.5	5.6	5.3
No answer	1.3	1.6	0.7

Using violence or threatening to use violence from the elected body for political purposes is not accepted at all

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
I agree	51.5	52.8	49.0
I oppose	39.4	39.3	39.6
I don't know	6.3	5.0	8.7
No answer	2.8	2.9	2.7

The right of establishing political parties should be always granted

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
I agree	66.8	71.6	58.8
I oppose	14.2	12.0	17.8
I don't know	15.2	12.2	20.4
No answer	3.8	4.2	3.0

The elections could be canceled if the majority decides on this

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
I agree	51.3	51.4	51.5
I oppose	34.8	34.6	35.0
I don't know	10.2	10.2	10.1
No answer	3.7	3.8	3.4

The majority could cancel certain laws concerning the minority

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
I agree	23.5	23.0	24.5
I oppose	64.3	65.0	62.9
I don't know	8.7	8.3	9.4
No answer	3.5	3.7	3.2

The Judicial system must be independent

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
I agree	78.1	78.2	78.0
I oppose	11.0	11.8	9.6
I don't know	8.7	7.7	10.3
No answer	2.2	2.3	2.1

Q27. Did you participate in the last legislative elections in Palestine?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	58.6	55.2	64.5
No	40.5	43.6	35.0
No answer	0.9	1.2	0.5

Q28. Do you feel that you are obliged to help others in your society?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Yes	80.3	82.3	76.7
No	13.3	11.5	16.2
I don't know	5.4	5.4	5.5
No answer	1.0	0.8	1.6

Q29. If a problem rises in your quarter or village, how do you deal with it?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
I interfere by listening to both sides and try to reconcile between them	35.0	37.0	31.5
I interfere by listening to both sides and stand by the right opinion	27.8	27.0	29.1
I don't interfere	34.2	33.8	34.8
I don't know	2.5	1.8	3.9
No answer	0.5	0.4	0.7

Q30. In your opinion do you feel that most people now like to be useful to others or most of them care about their own personal interest?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Most people would like to help others	6.8	6.4	7.4
Most people care about their own personal interest	65.9	67.6	62.9
Nearly half of the people care about their own personal interest while the other half cares about others	25.0	24.1	26.8
I don't know/I have no opinion	2.0	1.6	2.7
No answer	0.3	0.3	0.2