

**JMCC Public Opinion Poll No. 22 - Part Two**  
**On The Palestinian Legislative Council Elections**  
**August 1997**

**Results**

**Q1. Did you vote in the elections of January 1996?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	64.6%	59.9%	72.7%
No	34.4%	38.9%	26.7%
No answer	1.0%	1.2%	0.6%

**Q2. For which political faction did you vote?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh	63.1%	65.1%	60.2%
Hamas	2.6%	1.5%	4.1%
PFLP	0.9%	1.1%	0.6%
DFLP	0.1%	--	0.3%
Islamic Jihad	--	--	--
PPP	1.7%	2.6%	0.3%
FIDA	0.8%	1.3%	--
Democratic Coalition	--	--	--
Other Islamic Organizations	0.8%	1.1%	0.3%
Secular pro-peace	0.8%	0.4%	1.3%
Secular against peace	--	--	--
PLO	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
Persons and not factions	19.8%	21.2%	17.9%
Others	0.5%	0.9%	--
No answer	8.6%	4.6%	14.7%

**Q3. Why didn't you vote?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I didn't register on time	17.0%	16.7%	17.9%
I didn't believe that it would make a difference	13.4%	13.3%	13.7%
I didn't find candidates for whom I would cast my vote	22.6%	21.8%	24.8%

Others	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%
I am opposition/against Oslo	3.4%	3.1%	4.3%
Not convinced	4.9%	5.8%	2.6%
I was out of the country	7.1%	6.8%	7.7%
Personal reasons	2.9%	2.7%	3.4%
Too young	5.1%	5.4%	4.3%
Old	1.5%	1.7%	0.9%
Sick	1.9%	2.4%	0.9%
Didn't have an idea	2.7%	1.4%	6.0%
No answer	9.0%	10.4%	5.0%

**Q4. When voting, did you know what was the agenda/campaign slogans of the candidates?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	73.7%	75.3%	71.5%
No	21.1%	19.9%	22.9%
No answer	5.2%	4.8%	5.6%

**I will list some categories of people, Please tell me whether, in general, you voted for them or not?**

**Q5. Returnees**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Voted	61.4%	66.9%	53.6%
Did not vote	33.8%	28.0%	42.0%
No answer	4.8%	5.1%	4.4%

**Q6. Relatives**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Voted	28.4%	30.2%	25.7%
Did not vote	59.3%	54.3%	66.5%
No answer	12.3%	15.5%	7.8%

**Q7. Females**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Voted	40.2%	39.3%	41.4%
Did not vote	53.2%	53.2%	53.3%

No answer	6.6%	7.5%	5.3%
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#### Q8. Christians

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Voted	21.2%	23.8%	17.6%
Did not vote	70.7%	68.7%	73.7%
No answer	8.1%	7.5%	8.7%

#### Q9. People with struggle history

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Voted	90.0%	92.7%	86.2%
Did not vote	7.3%	4.6%	11.0%
No answer	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%

**How important were the following factors when you cast your vote?**

#### Q10. Democratic values

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	59.8%	56.5%	64.6%
Important	28.5%	34.7%	19.7%
Somewhat important	6.7%	4.6%	9.7%
Not important	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%
Absolutely not important	0.8%	0.7%	0.9%
No answer	2.0%	1.3%	2.9%

#### Q11. Political affiliation

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	41.8%	44.6%	37.9%
Important	28.6%	28.9%	28.2%
Somewhat important	9.8%	9.5%	10.3%
Not important	16.2%	14.6%	18.5%
Absolutely not important	1.7%	1.3%	2.2%
No answer	1.9%	1.1%	2.9%

**Q12. Religion**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	39.4%	29.4%	53.6%
Important	25.3%	23.8%	27.3%
Somewhat important	11.9%	14.6%	8.2%
Not important	19.3%	26.3%	9.4%
Absolutely not important	2.5%	4.0%	0.3%
No answer	1.6%	1.9%	1.2%

**Q13. Religious Values**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	34.2%	25.2%	47.0%
Important	26.6%	23.6%	30.7%
Somewhat important	16.3%	20.3%	10.7%
Not important	18.1%	24.1%	9.7%
Absolutely not important	2.3%	4.0%	--
No answer	2.5%	2.8%	1.9%

**Q14. Why wouldn't you vote again?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
It wouldn't make any difference	26.0%	24.2%	29.9%
I don't believe the PLC represents the interests of the people	44.5%	40.3%	53.6%
Other reasons	15.9%	18.5%	10.3%
Don't believe in the PLC/they're not going to fulfill their promises	1.0%	1.4%	--
No answer	12.6%	15.6%	6.2%

**How important will the following factors be when you vote in future elections?****Q15. Democratic Values**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	65.1%	59.9%	73.0%
Important	27.3%	33.3%	17.9%
Somewhat important	3.7%	3.9%	3.5%
Not important	1.2%	0.6%	2.2%
Absolutely not important	0.1%	--	0.3%

No answer	2.6%	2.3%	3.1%
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#### Q16. Political affiliation

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	37.1%	39.1%	34.0%
Important	30.4%	30.1%	30.8%
Somewhat important	12.0%	12.9%	10.7%
Not important	15.6%	14.7%	17.0%
Absolutely not important	3.2%	2.0%	5.0%
No answer	1.7%	1.2%	2.5%

#### Q17. Religion

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	36.4%	29.7%	46.9%
Important	24.4%	23.3%	26.1%
Somewhat important	16.0%	18.2%	12.6%
Not important	18.2%	23.5%	10.1%
Absolutely not important	2.7%	3.5%	1.6%
No answer	2.3%	1.8%	2.7%

#### Q18. Religious values

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	34.3%	24.5%	49.4%
Important	26.8%	24.7%	29.9%
Somewhat important	14.7%	17.6%	10.4%
Not important	19.0%	26.8%	6.9%
Absolutely not important	2.6%	4.1%	0.3%
No answer	2.6%	2.3%	3.1%

#### Q19. History of political struggle

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	55.6%	55.0%	56.6%
Important	32.8%	32.9%	32.7%
Somewhat important	5.2%	5.7%	4.4%

Not important	3.7%	4.1%	3.1%
Absolutely not important	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
No answer	2.3%	1.9%	2.9%

## Q20. Education

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	58.6%	54.6%	64.8%
Important	34.0%	37.6%	28.3%
Somewhat important	4.5%	5.3%	3.1%
Not important	1.1%	1.2%	0.9%
Absolutely not important	0.1%	--	0.3%
No answer	1.7%	1.3%	2.6%

## Q21. Residence

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	16.9%	14.5%	20.4%
Important	26.8%	25.6%	28.6%
Somewhat important	18.8%	19.4%	17.9%
Not important	32.3%	36.6%	25.8%
Absolutely not important	2.4%	1.2%	4.1%
No answer	2.8%	2.7%	3.2%

## Q22. Socio-economic status

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	15.9%	13.1%	20.1%
Important	32.7%	33.3%	31.8%
Somewhat important	18.6%	19.8%	16.7%
Not important	27.8%	29.0%	25.8%
Absolutely not important	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%
No answer	2.3%	2.1%	2.8%

## Q23. Reputation

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	61.5%	57.1%	68.2%

Important	28.9%	32.1%	23.9%
Somewhat important	4.6%	5.5%	3.1%
Not important	1.5%	2.0%	0.6%
Absolutely not important	0.6%	0.8%	0.3%
No answer	2.9%	2.5%	3.9%

#### **Q24. Family Relations**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	12.8%	10.6%	16.0%
Important	28.3%	26.8%	30.5%
Somewhat important	23.4%	25.4%	20.4%
Not important	30.0%	32.9%	25.5%
Absolutely not important	3.2%	2.5%	4.4%
No answer	2.3%	1.8%	3.2%

#### **Q25. Gender**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	12.6%	10.4%	16.0%
Important	21.3%	19.6%	23.9%
Somewhat important	14.9%	14.3%	15.7%
Not important	44.0%	49.1%	36.2%
Absolutely not important	4.8%	4.5%	5.3%
No answer	2.4%	2.1%	2.9%

#### **Q26. Age**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	12.9%	11.9%	14.5%
Important	22.8%	23.7%	21.4%
Somewhat important	19.5%	20.7%	17.6%
Not important	39.0%	39.1%	39.0%
Absolutely not important	4.0%	3.3%	5.0%
No answer	1.8%	1.3%	2.5%

**Q27. Campaign**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Very important	37.8%	39.3%	35.5%
Important	37.2%	37.8%	36.2%
Somewhat important	13.3%	13.7%	12.6%
Not important	9.2%	7.2%	12.3%
Absolutely not important	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
No answer	1.9%	1.4%	2.8%