

## JMCC Public Opinion Poll No. 22 - Part Four

### Concerning some issues relating to Palestinian Refugees

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### Results

**Q49. Taking into account the general current political situation, do you believe that:**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
All refugees will return to their homes and lands including inside the Green Line	5.6%	3.6%	9.1%
Only the refugees living outside Palestine will return to the areas of the PNA	10.6%	10.8%	10.3%
A small number of the refugees of the outside will return to the PNA areas and also a small number of refugees will return to inside the Green Line	7.8%	5.8%	11.2%
Only a limited number of refugees from the outside will return to the PNA areas	29.1%	31.7%	24.7%
No refugees will be allowed to return to the PNA areas or to inside of the Green Line	33.2%	35.1%	29.9%
No answer	13.7%	13.0%	14.8%

**Q50. If refugees were offered the chance to return to their lands and homes on the condition that they accept Israeli law and rule do you believe that:**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
All refugees will accept to return even on this condition	3.8%	3.2%	4.8%
A large number of refugees will agree to return under this condition	10.1%	11.1%	8.4%
A small number of refugees will agree to return under this condition	26.5%	28.5%	23.1%
No refugees will accept to return under this condition	47.6%	41.1%	58.9%
No answer	12.0%	16.1%	4.8%

**Q51. Do you think that permitting 100,000 refugees to return to their homes and lands in Israel is a good idea which would ease the refugee problem?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	21.4%	20.3%	23.3%
Maybe	42.4%	45.6%	37.0%
No	28.5%	26.6%	32.0%
No answer	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%

**Q52. How do you define yourself from the following choices?\***

	West Bank & Gaza Strip
Arab	25.6%

Palestinian	32.6%
Muslim/Christian	30.0%
From a certain village/city/camp	4.1%
From a certain clan	0.8%
Refugee	6.4%
Other	0.5%

*\* This is a multiple response - Total responses are 3466 - Valid cases = 1171 - Missing cases = 24*

**Q53. How do you define yourself from the following choices?**

**Total**

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Arab	17.9%	27.7%	28.6%
Palestinian	30.9%	45.5%	18.4%
Muslim/Christian	45.1%	15.2%	26.7%
From a certain village/city/camp	0.8%	3.0%	8.2%
From a certain clan	0.6%	0.5%	1.3%
Refugee	2.4%	4.4%	11.7%
Other	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
No answer	2.0%	3.3%	4.5%

**West Bank**

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Arab	20.2%	28.0%	28.8%
Palestinian	34.3%	44.9%	17.8%
Muslim/Christian	40.7%	16.9%	29.3%
From a certain village/city/camp	0.7%	3.4%	10.4%
From a certain clan	0.9%	0.4%	1.1%
Refugee	1.7%	3.2%	7.7%
Other	0.3%	0.4%	0.8%
No answer	1.2%	2.8%	4.1%

**Gaza Strip**

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Arab	13.9%	27.2%	28.3%
Palestinian	24.9%	46.1%	19.4%
Muslim/Christian	52.7%	12.3%	22.1%
From a certain village/city/camp	0.9%	2.3%	4.3%
From a certain clan	-	0.7%	1.6%

Refugee	3.7%	6.6%	18.7%
Other	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%
No answer	3.7%	4.3%	5.4%

**Q54. Do you support the idea of transferring the duties of UNRWA to the PNA?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	26.5%	29.1%	22.1%
No	61.3%	57.7%	67.6%
No answer	12.2%	13.2%	10.3%

**Q55. In your view, what makes the refugee a refugee?\***

	West Bank & Gaza Strip
Loss of the land	27.8%
Loss of the mother land	29.6%
Loss of the house	19.5%
Living in a refugee camp	10.1%
Possession of an UNRWA card	6.8%
Poverty	5.5%
Other	0.7%

*\* This is a multiple response. - Total responses are 3451 - Valid cases = 1165 - Missing cases = 30*

**Q56. In your view, what makes the refugee a refugee?**

**Total**

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Loss of the land	28.1%	38.7%	13.6%
Loss of the mother land	50.9%	26.9%	7.6%
Loss of the house	9.6%	12.3%	34.5%
Living in a refugee camp	4.4%	10.1%	14.6%
Possession of an UNRWA card	2.7%	4.1%	12.7%
Poverty	1.6%	3.1%	11.3%
Other	0.3%	0.7%	1.2%
No answer	2.4%	4.1%	4.5%

**West Bank**

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Loss of the land	26.6%	40.4%	16.5%
Loss of the mother land	52.6%	27.3%	7.8%

Loss of the house	11.2%	13.2%	39.5%
Living in a refugee camp	4.5%	9.0%	11.9%
Possession of an UNRWA card	2.6%	2.5%	10.0%
Poverty	0.8%	2.9%	8.3%
Other	0.1%	0.9%	1.6%
No answer	1.6%	3.8%	4.4%

### **Gaza Strip**

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Loss of the land	30.8%	35.6%	8.4%
Loss of the mother land	47.9%	26.3%	7.3%
Loss of the house	6.8%	10.7%	25.8%
Living in a refugee camp	4.1%	12.1%	19.2%
Possession of an UNRWA card	2.7%	6.8%	17.4%
Poverty	3.0%	3.4%	16.4%
Other	0.5%	0.2%	0.5%
No answer	4.2%	4.9%	5.0%

**Q57. From amongst the five final-status issues: the boundaries, Jerusalem, the settlements, the refugees, and water where do you list the refugee issue as to its difficulty? Do you see it first, second, third, fourth or fifth?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
First issue	21.1%	17.7%	26.9%
Second issue	29.6%	28.9%	30.8%
Third issue	21.6%	22.7%	19.6%
Fourth issue	14.1%	18.2%	6.8%
Fifth issue	6.1%	4.0%	9.8%
No answer	7.5%	8.5%	6.1%

**Q58. Are you satisfied with the postponement of negotiations on the refugee issue until the final negotiations?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	18.7%	19.3%	17.8%
No	61.2%	57.5%	67.6%
I don't know	14.4%	17.2%	9.6%
No answer	5.7%	6.0%	5.0%

**Q59. Do you agree to give priority in solving the refugee problem to the refugees residing outside Palestine?  
For example the refugees of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I agree	45.7%	48.3%	41.1%
I do not agree	41.2%	37.9%	46.8%
No answer	13.1%	13.8%	12.1%

**Q60. If Israel was to compensate the refugees and resettle them in an independent Palestinian State, and allowed refugees from abroad to return to the Palestinian state lands, do you believe this would be a just solution for the refugee problem, and will compensate them for the right of return?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	13.6%	12.4%	15.5%
No	59.8%	58.1%	62.8%
I don't know	22.1%	25.0%	17.1%
No answer	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%