

JMCC Public Opinion Poll No. 14

On Attitudes of East Jerusalemites on the Recent Hamas Bombings March 1996

In cooperation with Kol Ha'ir

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Methodology

The Poll was conducted on the evenings of 5 and 6 March 1996. The poll started immediately after the last bombing in Tel-Aviv. The respondents were selected randomly and the interviews were conducted by phones. Respondents in the household were selected using Kish Tables.

263 interviews covered the following areas of East Jerusalem: Jerusalem - Old City, Sheikh Jarrah %36.8, Wadi Al-Jouz (33.2%), Issawieh (4.6%), Beit Safafa (3.4%), Beit Hanina (12.9%), Al-Tour (7.6%), Umm Touba (1.5%).

Sample Distribution

- 46.4% were male
- 53.6% were female
- 78.7% were married
- 18.6% were single
- 1.9% were widowed
- 0.4% were divorced
- 0.4% No answer
- The average of age of the respondents was 34 years.

Occupation respondents

- Students 9.2%
 - Waged laborers 13.7%
 - Housewives 40.3%
 - Businessmen 7.2%
 - Professionals - e.g. doctors/lawyers/pharmacists/engineers 4.2%
 - Technicians 1.9%
 - Clerks 15.2%
 - Unemployed 5.7%
 - Retired 1.5%
 - No answer 1.1%
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Results

Q1. What was your feeling when you heard about the Hamas suicidal bombings? Did you...

	Total
Oppose them	65.0%
Support them	5.3%
Oppose but understood the reason	14.7%
Refused to answer	15.0%

Q2. Have you participated in the elections of the Palestinian Legislative Council?

	Total
Yes	47.5%
No	50.6%
Refused to answer	1.9%

Q3. Do you believe that the Palestinian Authority (PA) should prevent such attacks?

	Total
Yes	63.1%
No	17.1%
Refused to answer	19.8%

Q3-1 Do you think that the PA should prevent such attacks by force or by persuasion?

(This question was asked only to those who said that the PA should prevent such attacks)

	Total
By force	2.4%
By persuasion	50.0%
Force and Persuasion	45.2%
Refused to answer	2.4%

Q4. Do you think that the PA is capable of preventing such attacks?

	Total
PA is capable	28.1%
PA is not capable	30.0%

Refused to answer	41.9%
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Q5. Have you been exposed personally to provocations from Israelis as a result of the attack?

	Total
Yes	31.6%
No	65.8%
Refused to answer	2.6%

Q6. Are you afraid of revenge by Israelis?

	Total
Yes, I am afraid	74.9%
No, I am not afraid	19.8%
Refused to answer	5.3%

Q7. Are you afraid now of using Israeli buses?

	Total
Yes	61.2%
No	23.6%
Refused to answer	15.2%

Q7-1 Is your fear a result of the treatment of Israeli passengers or from explosions?

(This question was asked only to those who said that they are afraid now from using Israeli buses)

	Total
Israeli Passengers	9.3%
Explosions	24.9%
Both	64.6%
Refused to answer	1.2%

Q8. Are you....

	Total
In support of separating East Jerusalem from West Jerusalem	20.9%
In support of separating East Jerusalem from West Jerusalem only if East Jerusalem becomes a part of the West Bank	11.4%
I am against separating East from West Jerusalem	45.2%
Other	1.1%
Refused to answer	21.4%

Q9. Do you feel that the suicidal attacks contribute to the achievement of Palestinian National goals like an Independent State with Jerusalem as its capital?

	Total
Yes	17.5%
No	60.5%
Refused to answer	22.0%

Q10. Do you think that Israel should negotiate with Hamas directly, or through the PA, or that Israel should not negotiate with Hamas?

	Total
Israel should negotiate directly with Hamas	18.6%
Israel should negotiate with Hamas through the PA	55.1%
Israel should not negotiate with Hamas	3.0%
Refused to answer	23.3%