

JMCC Public Opinion Poll No. 9

On Attitudes Hebron residents on the settlers and on redeployment in Hebron

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Methodology

A random sample of 353 people over the age of 18 were interviewed by telephone throughout the city of Hebron on 6-7 September 1995. Telephone numbers were selected randomly and the subject inside each home were also selected randomly according to Kish tables.

Sample Distribution

- 71.1% were married
- 24.0% were single
- 1.4% were widowed
- 3.5% No answer

- 54.1% were male
- 45.9% were female

The average of age of the respondents was 35 years.

Occupation respondents

- Students 6.2%
 - Waged laborers 10.5%
 - Housewives 25.5%
 - Employee (clerical/secretarial) 4.8%
 - Businessmen 16.1%
 - Craftsman 10.2%
 - Professionals - e.g. doctors/lawyers/pharmacists/engineers 11.0%
 - Unemployed 7.9%
 - Retired 2.0%
 - No answer 5.8%
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Results

Q1. There are negotiations currently underway between Palestinians and Israelis over many important issues including Hebron. To what extent would you say that you are optimistic about the future of the city? Would you say you are optimistic, pessimistic or don't you have an opinion?

	Total
Optimistic	42.2%
Pessimistic	45.6%
No opinion	12.2%

Q2. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied about the manner by which the Palestinian negotiations are dealing with the issue of Hebron and the settlers in the current negotiations.

	Total
Satisfied	41.6%
Dissatisfied	45.6%
No opinion	12.8%

Q3. To what extent would you say that you trust the statements of the Palestinian officials regarding their rejection to any agreement that does not put Hebron on the same level as the other areas. Do you trust their statements, or distrust, or don't have an opinion?

	Total
I trust their statements	51.3%
I do not trust their statements	33.1%
I have no opinion	15.6%

Q4. I will read to you some available options regarding the city of Hebron in the current negotiations. Please answer as to whether you support these options or not.

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
Leaving the situation as it is...	3.7%	95.2%	1.1%
Keeping the settlers inside the city of Hebron but the supervision over the entire city in the hands of the Palestinian Security forces	15.6%	81.3%	3.1%
Keeping the settlers areas under Israeli control while the rest of the city under the Palestinian control	19.8%	72.2%	8.0%
There can be no solution without the total eviction of Israeli settlers from the city of Hebron	90.1%	7.1%	2.8%

Q5. Would you accept an Israeli as a neighbor to you in the city of Hebron?

	Total
Yes	8.2%
No	81.6%
Other	8.0%
No opinion	2.2%

Q6. If you were given a choice between war and keeping the settlers inside the city of Hebron what would you prefer?

	Total
War	63.5%
Keeping the settlers	14.4%
No opinion	22.1%

Q7. Would you approve having specific arrangements allowing the Israelis to pray in the Ibrahimi Mosque?

	Total
I approve	2.3%
I do not approve	77.3%
I approve if the mosque is under Palestinian control	15.0%
No opinion	5.4%

Q8. Would you participate in the elections of the Palestinian Council?

	Total
I will participate	70.0%
I will not participate	18.7%
It depends	7.9%
No opinion	3.4%

Q9. Would you participate in the elections even if the Israeli military forces did not withdraw from Hebron like the rest of the cities in the West Bank?

	Total
Yes, I will participate	27.2%
No, I will not participate	64.6%
No opinion	8.2%