

JMCC Public Opinion Poll No. 5 On Palestinian Attitudes to the PLO-Israeli Agreement July 1994

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Methodology

A random sample of 1,920 Palestinians, over the age of 18 years, were interviewed throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip on 15/16/17 July 1994. The interviews were conducted on a face-to-face basis with people who visited general service offices to fill out application forms for their identity cards, travel documents, birth registrations, etc, in the main towns. The interviewers reported that some people filled out their questionnaire by themselves in the presence of the interviewer.

In the West Bank, 1,246 questionnaires were collected from the following major towns: Jenin, Tulkarem, Qalqilia, Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, East Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Jericho. In the Gaza Strip, 674 questionnaires were received from: Gaza, Khan Younis, Rafah, Deir Al-Balah, Beit Hanoun, Jabalia and the Central Refugee Camp areas.

The major of error is plus or minus 3% with a confidence level of 95%.

Sample Distribution

- 64.9% of the respondents were from the West Bank
- 35.1% from the Gaza Strip
- 29.9% said they live in villages
- 22.4% in refugee camps
- 47.7% in towns/cities
- 79.8% were male
- 20.2% were female
- 62.8% were married
- 35.6% were single
- 1.1% were widowed
- 0.5% were divorced
- The average of age of the respondents was 31 years.

Occupation respondents

- Students 11.8%
- Waged laborers 20.9%
- Housewives 5.4%
- Employees e.g. secretaries/teachers/nurses/municipal employees 13.9%

- Businessmen/private business 10.9%
- Farmers/fishermen 2.6%
- Craftsmen 7.8%
- Professionals - e.g. doctors/lawyers/pharmacists/engineers 11.8%
- Unemployed 10.8%
- Retired 0.9%
- Others 3.2%

Results

Q1. Have you already looked at the Cairo Agreement (Gaza - Jericho)?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	67.9%	68.4%	67.0%
No	30.2%	29.5%	31.4%
No answer	1.9%	2.1%	1.6%

Q2. The Cairo Agreement between the PLO and Israel provides limited autonomy for the Palestinian in the Gaza and Jericho areas. Do you personally welcome this agreement?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	57.8%	56.2%	60.8%
No	37.8%	38.7%	36.1%
No answer	4.4%	5.1%	3.1%

Q3. Two months after the implementation of the Cairo Agreement, would you say that you are optimistic or pessimistic regarding the future of the Palestinians?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Optimistic	53.2%	52.9%	53.9%
Pessimistic	31.7%	32.7%	30.0%
No answer	15.1%	14.4%	16.1%

Q4. What is your opinion regarding to the Cairo Agreement, would you say you support it, or oppose it?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Support it	56.5%	55.2%	58.7%
Oppose it	34.5%	34.6%	34.5%

No answer	9.0%	10.2%	6.8%
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Q5. If you support the peace process in principle, would you say that the Cairo Agreement...

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Increased your support	34.3%	33.3%	36.1%
Reduced your support	13.8%	14.0%	13.2%
Did not affect your position	28.4%	27.8%	29.4%
I have never been a supporter of the peace process	18.5%	19.1%	17.5%
No answer	5.0%	5.8%	3.8%

Q6. Taking the latest developments into consideration, how has your attitude towards the PLO changed?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
My support of the PLO increased	34.8%	33.9%	36.4%
My support of the PLO declined	18.1%	19.3%	15.8%
My support of the PLO did not change	41.1%	40.4%	42.3%
No answer	6.0%	6.4%	5.5%

Q7. After having assumed power in the autonomous areas of the Gaza Strip and the Jericho areas, what do you think? Does the PLO exercise authority in a:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good way	52.8%	49.9%	58.2%
Bad way	21.4%	20.6%	22.9%
No answer	25.8%	29.5%	18.9%

Q8. Which of the following factions do you support?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh	40.9%	42.2%	38.5%
Hamas	10.8%	9.2%	13.5%
PFLP	6.9%	5.9%	8.8%
Palestinian People's Party	4.0%	4.3%	3.4%
Jihad Movement	3.2%	2.8%	4.0%
FIDA	2.4%	2.3%	2.5%
DFLP	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%
Independent	16.8%	17.7%	15.0%
No answer	12.8%	13.3%	12.4%

Q9. Would you say that the return of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian leadership...

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
made you more confident and optimistic of the future	55.1%	51.4%	62.1%
Made you more anxious and pessimistic of the future; or	13.9%	16.7%	8.5%
Did not change your feelings in regard to the future at all	31.0%	31.9%	29.4%

Q10. Currently, there are negotiations to implement the self-rule experience to the rest of the West Bank. Would you support a similar agreement for the West Bank or would you oppose it?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Support it	70.2%	68.5%	73.1%
Oppose it	21.1%	21.8%	19.9%
No answer	8.7%	9.7%	7.0%

I will read a few statements about the agreements between Israel and the PLO. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement.

Q11. The PLO should try to make agreements with Israel, even if such agreements bring slight changes:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agree	59.2%	56.0%	65.2%
Disagree	36.4%	39.1%	31.4%
No answer/No opinion	4.4%	4.9%	3.4%

Q12. The PLO should try to make agreements with Israel, even if some key issues, like Jerusalem, are negotiated later:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agree	30.8%	27.2%	37.4%
Disagree	64.5%	67.6%	58.8%
No answer/ No opinion	4.7%	5.2%	3.8%

Q13. The PLO should not make any agreement with Israel at all:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agree	26.9%	26.1%	28.2%
Disagree	65.3%	66.0%	64.0%
No answer/ No opinion	7.8%	7.9%	7.8%

Judging from his speeches, statements, and actions, what is your opinion on the seriousness of Yasser Arafat in the following issues?

Q14. Prisoners

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Serious	63.2%	62.4%	64.6%
Not serious	29.1%	28.7%	29.9%
No answer/ No opinion	7.7%	8.9%	5.5%

Q15. Jerusalem

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Serious	47.3%	44.9%	51.6%
Not serious	41.2%	42.6%	38.6%
No answer/ No opinion	11.5%	12.5%	9.8%

Q16. Refugees

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Serious	46.5%	45.4%	48.4%
Not serious	39.9%	40.6%	38.6%
No answer/ No opinion	13.6%	14.0%	13.0%

Q17. Economy

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Serious	57.3%	61.5%	49.6%
Not serious	26.4%	23.9%	31.1%
No answer/ No opinion	16.3%	14.6%	19.3%

What is your opinion in regard to the performance and effectiveness of the following new agencies:

Q18. Palestinian Council

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	45.4%	42.2%	51.4%
Bad	22.0%	22.0%	22.1%
No answer/ No opinion	32.6%	35.8%	26.5%

Q19. Palestinian Police

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	71.9%	67.3%	80.2%
Bad	12.8%	13.6%	11.3%
No answer/ No opinion	15.3%	19.1%	8.5%

Q20. Preventive Security Service

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	43.2%	41.8%	45.9%
Bad	26.7%	26.9%	26.4%
No answer/ No opinion	30.1%	31.3%	27.7%

Q21. PECDAR

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Good	30.7%	34.3%	24.1%
Bad	22.9%	19.1%	29.9%
No answer/ No opinion	46.4%	46.6%	46.0%