

JMCC Public Opinion Poll No. 3

On Palestinian Attitudes on PLO - Israel Agreement

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Methodology

A random sample of 1,505 Palestinians, over the age of 18 years, were interviewed throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip on 19/20/21 September 1993. The interviews were conducted on a face-to-face basis with people who visited general service offices in the main towns to fill out application forms for their identity cards, travel documents, birth registrations, etc.

In the West Bank, 920 questionnaires were received from the following major areas: Jenin, Tulkarem, Qalqilia, Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, East Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Jericho. In the Gaza Strip, 585 questionnaires were received from Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.

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

Sample Distribution

- 61.1% of the respondents were from the West Bank
- 38.9% from the Gaza Strip
- 21.8% said they live in villages
- 26.6% in refugee camps
- 51.6% in towns/cities
- 77.5% were male
- 22.5% were female
- 68.3% were married
- 30.4% single
- 0.6% widowed
- 0.7% divorced
- The average of age of the respondents was 32 years.

Occupation respondents

- Students 10.9%
- Waged laborers 14.7%
- Housewives 4.9%
- Employees 24.7%
- Businessmen/private business 15.1%

- Farmers 1.1%
- Craftsmen 13.1%
- Doctors/lawyers/pharmacists/engineers 8.8%
- Unemployed 5.8%
- Retired 0.9%

Results

What is your opinion on the following:

Q1. The leadership of the PLO and the Israeli Government have reached a preliminary agreement (Declaration of principles on the transitional arrangements) Do you agree with the phased agreement?

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	68.6%	66.4%	72.0%
No	27.8%	29.3%	25.3%
Other	3.6%	4.3%	2.7%

Q2. The agreement constitutes a realistic step that may lead us towards a Palestinian state.

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agree	60.1%	57.6%	64.2%
Disagree	33.0%	34.5%	30.5%
Other	6.9%	7.9%	5.3%

Q3. The agreement legitimizes and strengthens the occupation.

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agree	37.5%	42.6%	29.5%
Disagree	54.6%	48.4%	64.4%
Other	7.9%	9.0%	6.1%

Q4. The agreement is a way to save us from the difficult situation we live in.

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agree	68.1%	64.0%	74.7%
Disagree	24.2%	28.1%	18.1%
Other	7.7%	7.9%	7.2%

Q5. The agreement will lead to internal Palestinian conflict.

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agree	26.8%	33.2%	16.8%
Disagree	60.8%	54.7%	70.5%
Other	12.4%	12.1%	12.7%

Q6. The Palestinian leadership will be unable to administer the affairs of the Palestinians during the transitional stage:

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agree	26.2%	31.6%	17.6%
Disagree	64.2%	59.7%	71.3%
Other	9.6%	8.7%	11.1%

Q7. Do you support the continuation of negotiations between the PLO and Israel?

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	72.9%	71.0%	75.9%
No	25.0%	26.0%	23.3%
Other	2.1%	3.0%	0.8%

Q8. Who do you think has more ability to save us from the present situation?

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
The national forces (PLO)	64.4%	60.7%	70.1%
The Islamic movements	17.5%	17.1%	18.1%
Other	18.1%	22.2%	11.8%

Q9. How did the agreement influence your attitude towards the PLO?

	All	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Increased my support and confidence in the PLO	46.5%	42.4%	52.8%
Reduced my support and confidence in the PLO	19.1%	21.8%	15.0%
Did not affect my support nor my confidence in the PLO	24.6%	25.9%	22.5%
No opinion	9.8%	9.9%	9.7%