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Palestinians pessimistic after Trump: support cancelling recognition of Israel if US embassy is moved

Preference for holding elections, although women more reluctant

Support for Fatah remains consistent, backing for Hamas falls

Continued pessimism regarding Hamas-Fatah reconciliation

Differing attitudes of men and women on social and religious customs

A public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre (JMCC) in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung showed that the majority of Palestinians, 53.7%, have become more pessimistic regarding the possibility of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict after the election of new US President Donald Trump, as opposed to 4.7% who became more optimistic. In comparison, when Barack Obama was elected president in 2009, 28.1% of respondents were more optimistic while 18.9% more pessimistic. In addition, 48.5% said the election of Trump would decrease the chances of reaching a just peace between Palestinians and Israelis against 5.1% who said his election would increase the chances for peace between the two sides. When Obama was elected president in 2009, 35.4% believed his election would increase chances for peace as opposed to 11.5% who said the opposite.

As for the best response to a possible move of the US Embassy to Jerusalem, the largest percentage 23.4%, called for the cancellation of the Palestinian recognition of Israel while 19.7% said they supported a boycott of the US Embassy. 18.7% of the Palestinians polled answered that a complaint should be lodged against the United States at the UN and 16.5% supported an end to dealing with the United States as a sponsor of the peace process.

Preference for holding elections, although women more reluctant

For the first time, the poll separated the answers of Palestinian men and women to get a better idea of how opinions differ on important Palestinian issues. The poll showed there was an increase in the percentage of those who support elections under any circumstances from 37.6% in March of last year to 46.9% this February. The majority of these respondents, 55.9%, are from the Gaza Strip as opposed to 41.5% from the West Bank. Meanwhile, the percentage of those who said they would vote for Hamas decreased to 16.5% in this poll after being 20.2% in August, 2015. Furthermore, 40.4% said they would vote for Fatah in comparison to 41.1% in August, 2015. It is noteworthy that 31.1% of women who participated in the poll said they would not vote under any circumstances while 19.9% of men answered the same way.

If presidential elections took place and President Mahmoud Abbas did not run, Marwan Barghouti would be the preferred option of Palestinians with 14.6% of respondents voting in his favor, followed by Ismail Haniyeh with 9.1%.

In general, the biggest percentage of respondents, 35.4%, still said they trust Fatah the most among the Palestinian political and religious factions as opposed to 16.3% who trusted Hamas the most, followed by the PFLP with 3.8%. It is noteworthy that the percentage of men who trust Fatah is higher than that of women. Contrarily, the percentage of women who do not trust anyone is higher than men.

Discrepancies between men and women: reconciliation and political solutions

The poll showed a discrepancy between the opinions of men and women in regarding a number of pressing issues; for example, men were more pessimistic regarding reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas (19.2% expected it to be completed) as opposed to 24.2% of women. Furthermore, the larger percentage of women, 25.6%, blamed Israel the most for the persisting division – in contrast only 19.9% of Palestinian men blamed Israel.

In all cases, the percentage of those who support the binational (one-state) solution decreased from 21.3% in July of last year to 18.1% in this poll. Meanwhile, the percentage of those who believe the two-state formula is the preferred solution to the conflict increased from 43.7% in July of last year to 49.6%.

In regards to the best method for achieving the goals of the Palestinian people, there is an increase in the percentage of those who believe peaceful negotiations are the best method from 33.6% in March, 2015 to 37.6% this February, with the highest percentage of support among women, 39.1%. Moreover, 19.3% of those polled blamed the persisting division on Hamas while 12% blamed it on Fatah; the percentage of those who blamed both Fatah and Hamas increased from 24.0% in August, 2015 to 39.2% this February.

Men and women: what about equality?

The largest percentage of those polled, 47.4% - with no notable difference between men and women – said that equality between men and women in our society had improved over the past 10 years. Still, 12.8% of respondents said the level of equality had declined. It should be noted that a larger number of respondents from Gaza 19.6%, said equality had declined.

48.0% of respondents said the police adopt a fair policy towards women; the majority of these respondents, 52.5%, in the West Bank with 40.3% in Gaza. Moreover, the majority, 61.1% said they believed that police deal appropriately with battered women while 22.4% said they deal inappropriately with them. A much higher percentage of women in Gaza (33.6%) felt that the police deal inappropriately with battered women - in contrast, 15.6% of respondents in the West Bank felt the same way.

Differing attitudes of men and women on social and religious customs

The largest percentage of those polled, 42.5%, said they would support laws based on Islamic Sharia as opposed to 14.7% who said they should be based on Civil Law. The poll showed that women leaned more towards adopting laws based on Islamic Sharia, with 45.1% in support as opposed to 39.8% of men.

The majority of those polled, 83.8%, said they opposed the marriage of girls under the age of 18 while 16.1% said they supported it. Likewise, the majority of respondents, 69.3%, said they opposed multiple wives while 30.6% said they supported it. It should be noted that 42.4% of polled men said they supported multiple wives while 80.4% of women opposed it.

Furthermore, the majority of those polled, 64.6%, said they do not shake hands with the other sex, the majority of these being women. As to why, the majority of those polled, 84.1%, said they do not shake hands with the other sex for religious reasons while 14.7% said for social reasons pertaining to traditions and habits.

Affiliation and the Palestinian identity

When respondents were asked how they would define themselves in one word, more than half, 52.5%, said they were Palestinian, while the other half were divided between 21.7% who said they were Muslim, 5.3% who said Arab, 3.3% who said they defined themselves as Fatah. The majority of the remaining respondents said they did not know or did not have an answer. It should be mentioned that no discrepancies in responses were noted between Gaza Strip and West Bank residents or between men and women.

Methodology:

A random sample of **1199** people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between **17th and 21st of February 2017**. The interviews were conducted in randomly selected homes, and the subjects inside each home were also selected randomly according to Kish tables. The interviews were conducted in 130 sampling points chosen randomly according to population.

In the West Bank **750** people were surveyed from the following areas:

Hebron: Hebron, Dura, Beit Ummar, Yatta, Beit Kahel, Deir Samit, Beit Ula, Bani Na'im, Kharas, Sa'ir, Taffuh, Hadab al-Fawwar, Kurza, Al-Fawwar refugee camp. **Jenin:** Jenin, Ya'bad, Kafr Ra'l, Jalqamus, Kafr Qud, Jalabun, Jenin refugee camp. **Tubas:** Aqaba, Wadi al-Far'a. **Ramallah & al-Bireh:** Kafr Malik, Al-Bireh, Al-Itihad, Beituniya, Sinjil, Shuqba, Ramallah, Deir Jarir, Abwein, Al-Jalazun refugee camp. **Jericho:** Jericho, Jiftlik. **Jerusalem :** Al-Dahyeh and al-Ram, Hizma, Abu-Dis, Jaba', Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Old City, Silwan, Ras al-Amoud, Qalandia refugee camp. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Za'tara, Al-Khader, Ad-Doha, Dar Salah, Al-'Aza refugee camp. **Nablus:** Nablus, Beita, Tell, Beit Imrin, Qusra, Talluza, Askar refugee camp **Salfit:** Salfit, Bruqin. **Tulkarem:** Attil, Tulkarem, Anabta, Zeita, Kafr al-Labad. **Qalqilya:** Qalqilya, Jinsafut.

In the Gaza Strip **449** people were surveyed from the following areas:

Gaza: al-Rimal a-Shamali, al-Rimal a-Janoubi, a-Zeitoun, a-Shuja'ia, a-Tufah, a-Daraj, a-Naser, a-Sheikh Radwan, Tal al-Hawa, al-Mughraga, Shati Refugee Camp . **Khan Younis:** Khan Younis, Absan al-Kabira, Abasan al-Saghira, Bani Suheila, al-Qarara, Khuza', Khan Younis Refugee Camp. **Rafah:** Rafah, Shouket a-Soufi, Rafah Refugee Camp. **Gaza North:** Jabalia, Beit Lahia, Beit Hanoun, Jabalia Refugee Camp. **Deir al-Balah:** Deir al-Balah, Burij, -Zawaydeh, Nussirat, al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah Refugee Camp.

The margin of error is ± 3 percent, with a confidence level of 95%.

Sample Distribution

52.5% of the respondents were from the West Bank , 10.0 % from Jerusalem, 37.5% from the Gaza Strip.

16.7 % said they live in villages, 8.8 % in refugee camps, and 74.5 % in towns/cities.

48.2% were male, 51.8 % were female.

68.1% were married, 25.4%, single, 4.7% widowed, 1.5 % divorced, 0.3% no answer.

The average age of the respondents was years.

Occupation of Respondents

- Students 14.1%
- Laborers 12.3 %
- Housewives 34.5%
- Farmers/fishermen 2.0%
- Craftsmen 1.0 %
- Businessmen/private business 7.7%
- Public Sector Employees 9.9%
- Private Sector Employees 5.9 %
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 1.3%
- Unemployed 8.8%
- Retired 2.4%,
- No answer 0.1%.

Results:

Q1. To what extent do you feel optimistic or pessimistic regarding the future in general? Would you say that you are very optimistic, optimistic, pessimistic or very pessimistic?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Very optimistic	6.6	7.3	5.3	6.9	6.3
Optimistic	54.3	57.6	48.8	47.2	60.9
Pessimistic	25.0	21.3	31.2	29.6	20.8
Very pessimistic	13.3	12.9	14.0	15.7	11.1
No answer	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9

Q2. How do you think that President Abu Mazen is performing his job as President of the PA: in a good, average or in a bad way?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Good	28.7	33.6	20.5	28.4	29.0
Average	33.4	33.6	33.0	30.1	36.4
Bad	35.4	29.5	45.4	39.1	32.0
No answer	2.5	3.3	1.1	2.4	2.6

Q3. Do you think that Prime Minister Dr. Rami al-Hamdallah is doing a good, average or a bad job as a Prime Minister?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Good	26.9	31.7	18.9	27.2	26.7
Average	32.2	32.0	32.5	28.5	35.6
Bad	35.1	29.1	45.2	40.7	30.0
I don't know\ no answer	5.8	7.2	3.4	3.6	7.7

Q4. Do you think that there is corruption in the PNA?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Yes	75.0	73.2	78.0	76.1	73.9
No	16.2	15.2	17.8	17.8	14.7
I don't know\ no answer	8.8	11.6	4.2	6.1	11.4

Q5. To what extent do you think that the government collects taxes and other fees from citizens in a fair manner?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
To a great extent	16.3	18.1	13.1	18.9	13.8
To some extent	35.4	34.8	36.3	36.9	34.0
To a small extent	39.3	35.5	45.7	38.6	39.9
I don't know \ no answer	9.0	11.6	4.9	5.6	12.3

Q6. To what extent do you think there is discrimination between women and men in the tax system?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
To a great extent	9.1	7.6	11.6	9.0	9.2
To some extent	26.7	25.5	28.7	27.0	26.4
To a small extent	22.4	19.1	28.1	23.0	21.9
There is no discrimination	28.3	31.2	23.4	29.6	27.1
I don't know \ no answer	13.5	16.6	8.2	11.4	15.4

Q7. Do you think that the level of social services provided by the authority is appropriate with regards to the amount of tax collected?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Yes	18.4	20.3	15.4	19.0	17.9
No	73.3	69.6	79.5	75.1	71.7
No answer	8.3	10.1	5.1	5.9	10.4

Q8. Do you expect "Fatah" and "Hamass" movements to reach reconciliation within 2017?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Yes	21.8	24.5	17.1	19.2	24.2
No	68.9	64.3	76.6	73.0	65.1
I don't know \ no answer	9.3	11.2	6.3	7.8	10.7

Q9. In your opinion, which side should be more blamed for the persisting division and the failure of efforts pertinent between Fatah and Hamas?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Hamas movement	19.3	17.3	22.7	20.4	18.4
Fatah movement	12.0	12.4	11.4	13.8	10.3
Hamas and Fatah	39.2	36.8	43.2	40.1	38.3
Israel	22.9	24.4	20.3	19.9	25.6
Others	1.8	2.1	1.1	2.1	1.4
I don't know/no answer	4.8	7.0	1.3	3.7	6.0

Q10. Who is more responsible for the aggravation of the electricity crisis in the Gaza Strip?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Israel	41.7	51.2	25.8	37.5	45.6
Hamas government in Gaza	32.6	22.5	49.4	37.7	27.9
PNA	20.6	20.3	21.2	20.6	20.6
I don't know\ no answer	5.1	6.0	3.6	4.2	5.9

Q11. Do you think ISIS serves the Palestinian cause? Does it harm it? Or does it have no impact on the cause?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
It serves the Palestinian cause	3.2	4.5	0.9	3.8	2.6
It harms it	54.8	47.7	66.6	53.8	55.7
It has no impact on it	36.8	42.1	27.8	37.9	35.7
I don't know\ no answer	5.2	5.7	4.7	4.5	6.0

Q12. If presidential elections were to take place today and Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) would not run again, whom would you vote for?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Marwan Al-Barghouthi	14.6	13.1	17.1	13.8	15.3
Isma'el Haniyeh	9.1	7.1	12.5	9.9	8.4
Mohamad Dahlan	7.4	3.6	13.8	8.1	6.8
I won't vote	5.8	7.1	3.6	4.5	6.9
I didn't decide yet	3.9	5.5	1.3	5.2	2.7
Others	23.3	20.9	27.2	27.9	19.0
I don't know/no answer	35.9	42.7	24.5	30.6	40.9

* This is an open-ended question; no options were given to the interviewee

Q13. If PLC elections were held today, to which party would you vote for?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Fatah	40.4	40.5	40.1	44.6	36.4
Hamas	16.5	14.7	19.6	16.6	16.4
Others	10.8	8.8	14.3	12.8	9.0
I will not vote	25.7	28.8	20.5	19.9	31.1
I don't know/no answer	6.6	7.2	5.5	6.1	7.1

Q14. According to the basic Law, the legislative and presidential elections should have been held six years ago. Do you prefer holding elections soon under any circumstances, or do you prefer holding elections only after reconciliation is completed?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Prefer holding elections under any circumstances	46.9	41.5	55.9	47.2	46.5
Prefer holding elections only after reconciliation is completed	44.3	46.8	40.1	44.8	43.8
I don't know/no answer	8.8	11.7	4.0	8.0	9.7

Q15. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with peace negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Strongly agree	16.3	17.2	14.9	19.6	13.4
Somewhat agree	39.5	38.1	41.9	35.6	43.2
Somewhat disagree	20.0	18.8	22.0	19.9	20.1
Strongly disagree	20.8	21.3	19.8	22.5	19.2
I don't know/no answer	3.4	4.6	1.4	2.4	4.1

Q16. If negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians were to be resumed, who would you prefer to act as mediator between the two sides?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
The United States	7.6	9.7	4.0	7.4	7.7
The European Union	23.7	25.3	20.9	23.7	23.7
The Mideast Quartet	16.1	12.3	22.5	14.9	17.2
The United Nations	14.3	14.8	13.6	16.1	12.7
Egypt	18.0	12.1	27.8	18.9	17.2
I don't know/no answer	20.3	25.8	11.2	19.0	21.5

Q17. In general, what is the best method to achieve the Palestinian people's goals of ending the occupation and establishing a state?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Peaceful negotiations	37.6	37.9	37.2	36.0	39.1
Armed resistance (armed intifada)	30.3	27.1	35.6	33.4	27.4
Non-violent resistance (peaceful popular intifada)	25.4	26.5	23.4	25.4	25.3
Others	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.9	1.6
I don't know/no answer	4.4	6.2	1.6	2.3	6.6

Q18. Some believe that the two state formula is the most preferred solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict; others believe that Historical Palestine cannot be divided into two states, so the best solution would be to have a bi-national state in all of Palestine where Palestinians and Israelis enjoy equal rights. Which solution do you prefer?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
I prefer the two state solution: Palestinian and an Israeli	49.6	48.0	52.3	48.4	50.7
I prefer the bi-national state in all of Palestine	18.1	20.3	14.5	18.9	17.4
Historic Palestine	16.7	16.8	16.5	17.6	15.8
Islamic State	1.2	1.7	0.2	1.3	1.1
I prefer another solution	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.5
There is no solution for the problem	11.0	9.1	14.3	10.4	11.6
I don't know/no answer	2.9	3.8	1.3	2.9	2.9

* These answers were not included as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q19. Donald Trump was recently sworn in as president of the United States, does this make you feel more optimistic about solving the Arab-Israeli conflict, more pessimistic or do you think it won't make any difference?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
More optimistic on solving the Arab-Israeli conflict	4.7	6.1	2.2	4.2	5.2
More pessimistic on solving the Arab-Israeli conflict	53.7	49.3	61.0	53.5	53.9
This will not make any difference	35.0	35.9	33.6	37.2	33.0
I don't know/no answer	6.6	8.7	3.2	5.1	7.9

Q20. Do you think that the policy of the US President Trump will increase or reduce the chances of reaching a just peace between the Palestinians and Israelis? Or that his policies won't make any difference?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
It will increase the chances	5.1	6.5	2.7	5.2	5.0
It will reduce the chances	48.5	47.7	49.7	46.7	50.1
It won't make any difference	39.7	37.3	43.7	42.4	37.2
I don't know/no answer	6.7	8.5	3.9	5.7	7.7

Q21. The new American president Donald Trump declared during his election campaign his intention to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. What is the best Palestinian response in case he moves the embassy?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Stop dealing with the United States as a sponsor of the peace process	16.5	16.7	16.3	16.8	16.3
Cancellation of the Palestinian recognition of Israel	23.4	24.0	22.5	23.4	23.5
Lodge a complaint against the United States at the United Nations	18.7	14.7	25.4	19.4	18.0
Boycotting the US Embassy	19.7	21.9	16.0	18.7	20.6
Nothing	13.9	13.2	15.1	15.4	12.6
I don't know/no answer	7.8	9.5	4.7	6.3	9.0

Q22. How would you define yourself – only in one word – in terms of particular affiliation?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Palestinian	52.5	49.2	58.1	51.7	53.3
Muslim	21.7	22.4	20.5	22.8	20.6
Arab	5.3	6.4	3.6	5.0	5.6
Fatah	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.0	2.7
Patriotic	2.8	2.7	3.1	3.3	2.4
Belonger	1.0	0.0	2.7	1.0	1.0
Hamas	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.3
I don't belong	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2
Other definitions	8.2	9.1	6.7	8.7	7.7
I don't know/no answer	4.5	6.2	1.3	2.6	6.2

Q23. To what extent do you have confidence in the police?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
To a great extent	22.9	26.1	17.4	24.4	21.4
To some extent	42.0	41.1	43.4	36.9	46.7
To a small extent	32.3	28.8	38.1	36.7	28.2
I don't know/no answer	2.8	4.0	1.1	2.0	3.7

Q24. Studies show that one in four women in Palestine has experienced physical violence. What do you think is the best way to reduce levels of domestic violence?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Passing stricter laws to protect women	34.3	36.1	31.2	32.0	36.4
Increasing the enforcement of current laws	24.9	23.6	27.2	27.0	23.0
Improving education with regards to women's rights	35.2	33.3	38.3	35.1	35.3
Other	1.2	1.6	0.4	1.4	1.0
I don't know/no answer	4.4	5.4	2.9	4.5	4.3

Q25. In the last 10 years, do you think that equality between men and women in Palestine has improved, stayed about the same or declined?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Equality between men and women has improved	47.4	51.5	40.5	46.9	47.8
Equality between men and women stayed about the same	35.3	33.7	37.9	35.6	34.9
Equality between men and women has declined	12.8	8.8	19.6	13.5	12.2
I don't know/no answer	4.5	6.0	2.0	4.0	5.1

Q26. Do you think that the police adopt a fair policy towards women?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Yes	48.0	52.5	40.3	49.7	46.4
No	34.7	26.4	48.6	34.8	34.6
I don't know/no answer	17.3	21.1	11.1	15.5	19.0

Q27. To what extent do you think that the police are dealing appropriately or inappropriately with battered women who go to the police?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
In a very appropriate manner	22.4	26.1	16.0	21.8	22.9
In a somewhat appropriate manner	38.7	37.5	40.8	40.5	37.0
In a somewhat inappropriate manner	17.3	11.7	26.5	16.3	18.2
In a very inappropriate manner	5.1	3.9	7.1	5.4	4.8
I don't know/no answer	16.5	20.8	9.6	16.0	17.1

Q28. How often do you use social media (Facebook, etc) to communicate with your family and your friends?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Very often	21.1	24.9	14.7	23.7	18.7
Often	29.3	31.2	26.1	30.1	28.5
Every now and then	26.2	21.5	34.1	25.4	26.9
I don't use social media	23.2	22.0	25.1	20.6	25.6
No answer	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3

Q29. Do you use the internet as a news source?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Yes	64.9	67.2	61.0	67.3	62.6
No	35.1	32.8	39.0	32.7	37.4

Q30. Have you ever been harassed by anyone through social media?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Yes	9.0	8.7	9.6	7.3	10.6
No	91.0	91.3	90.4	92.7	89.4

Q31. In general, is religion an important part of your life?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n=449	Male n=578	Female n=621
Yes	95.7	95.9	95.3	94.3	96.9
No	4.3	4.1	4.7	5.7	3.1

Q32. Do you agree or disagree with co-education in schools?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
I agree till elementary	38.9	34.1	46.8	36.9	40.7
I agree till secondary	8.5	11.7	3.1	8.3	8.7
I disagree with co-education in schools	52.6	54.2	50.1	54.8	50.6

Q33. Do you think that the Palestinian Personal Status Law must be based on the principles of Islamic Sharia or on the Civil Law?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
The Islamic Sharia	42.5	43.1	41.6	39.8	45.1
The Civil Law	14.7	12.5	18.3	18.0	11.6
Both	42.8	44.4	40.1	42.2	43.3

Q34. Do you support marriage of young women under the age of 18?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Yes	16.1	13.6	20.3	17.0	15.3
No	83.8	86.4	79.5	83.0	84.5
No answer	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2

Q35. Do you support having multiple wives?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Yes	30.6	27.5	35.9	42.4	19.6
No	69.3	72.4	64.1	57.4	80.4
No answer	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0

Q36. Some shake hands with the other sex while others don't, how about you? Do you shake hands with the other sex?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
I shake hands with the other sex	35.4	40.4	26.9	42.4	28.8
I don't shake hands with the other sex	64.6	59.6	73.1	57.6	71.2

Q37. Why don't you shake hands with the other sex? Is it for religious or social reasons (traditions and habits)?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 775	n=447	n=328	n=333	n=442
Religious reasons	84.1	81.7	87.5	84.1	84.2
Social reasons (traditions and habits)	14.7	16.3	12.5	14.1	15.2
No answer	1.2	2.0	0.0	1.8	0.6

Q38. Which political or religious faction do you trust the most?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Fatah	35.4	35.7	35.0	39.3	31.9
Hamas	16.3	14.3	19.6	16.4	16.1
PFLP	3.8	3.5	4.5	4.7	3.1
Other Islamic factions	3.0	2.0	4.7	3.3	2.7
Others	2.7	2.5	2.9	3.6	1.8
Don't trust anyone	33.7	35.5	30.7	29.1	38.0
No answer	5.1	6.5	2.6	3.6	6.4

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Q29. Which Palestinian personality do you trust the most?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 750	n=449	n=578	n=621
Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	12.4	14.3	9.4	11.9	12.9
Isma'el Haniyeh	9.8	7.5	13.8	10.0	9.7
Marwan Al-Barghouthi	8.3	7.9	9.1	7.8	8.9
Mohamad Dahlan	5.8	2.5	11.1	6.6	5.0
Khaled Mish'al	3.6	3.2	4.2	3.8	3.4
Ahmad Sa'adat	3.3	2.9	3.8	4.2	2.4
Others	15.2	14.5	16.3	19.6	11.1
Don't trust anyone	35.0	38.5	29.2	29.9	39.8
No answer	6.6	8.7	3.1	6.2	6.8

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