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### Poll no. 73\_April 2011

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#### A public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communications Center

- \* Increase in ratio of Palestinians who oppose military and bombing operations and firing of rockets***
- \* A majority of Palestinians support holding local council elections and believe that early elections are a solution to end the internal split***
- \* Popularity of political parties and figures remains stable***
- \* Around 41% of the Palestinians believe that the local council elections will not be held on the set date (July 9, 2011)***

The public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communication Center (JMCC) showed an increase in the ratio of Palestinians who oppose military operations as an appropriate response under the current political conditions from 38.1% in January 2009 to 51.8% this April. Accordingly, the ratio of Palestinians who support military operations decreased from 53.3% in January 2009 to 37.1% in April 2011.

With regards to the rockets fired from Gaza Strip towards Israel, the ratio of Palestinians who believe they are useful in achieving the national goals went down from 50.8% in January 2009 to 25.4% this month while the ratio of Palestinians who believe that these rockets harm the national interests went up from 20.8% in January 2009 to 38.6% this month.

In a similar trend, the ratio of Palestinians who support bombing operations against Israeli civilian targets decreased from 55.4% in January 2009 to 37.3% this April. Some discrepancy was seen in the public opinion between the West Bank and Gaza Strip with regards to these issues as a ratio of 45.5% in Gaza supported military operations against Israeli targets compared with 32.0% in the West Bank. A ratio of 57.3% of the respondents in Gaza Strip supported bombing operations against Israeli civilian targets compared with 25.3% in the West Bank.

With regards to the internal political split in the Palestinian arena, a majority of Palestinians (33.6%) said that the best solution is to hold early elections while a ratio of 31.2% said that the solution lies in continuing dialogue between the factions; a ratio of 18.1% believes that the

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solution to this problem is to cancel the government of Fayyad and return to a national unity government.

On the government structure that is preferred by the majority of Palestinians, a ratio of 45.8% of Palestinians said that it should be a government of independent figures while a ratio of 28.6% preferred a government with a Fatah majority and a ratio of 12.8% preferred a government with a Hamas majority. When asked about the initiative of Abu Mazen to visit Gaza in order to form a national unity government, a majority of the respondents (65.0%) said it is a step in the right direction compared with a ratio of 28.4% who said that the step won't make any difference on the issue of the reconciliation file.

### **Political forces and parties**

The current poll did not show any major changes on the popularity of political forces, parties and figures. A ratio of 34.0% said they trusted Fatah Movement, compared with a ratio of 15.0% for Hamas, 3.0% for PFLP and 1.7% who trust Islamic Jihad. At the level of Palestinian figures, President Mahmoud Abbas maintained the highest confidence ratio at 17.9% compared with 11.4% for Ismail Hanieh, 6.8% for Marwan al-Barghouthi and 4.3% for Salam Fayyad.

### **Elections**

With regards to local council elections in the West Bank, a majority (63.4%) of the respondents said they will participate in them, while a ratio of 55.6% said the local councils elections serve the public interest compared with 8.2% who said that these elections harm the public interest. A ratio of 31.4% said these elections won't make any difference.

On the criteria to select the candidates in the local council elections, a majority (30.8%) of the respondents said they will choose their candidates on the basis of competence and professionalism compared with a ratio of 26.3% who said they will choose their candidates based on political affiliation. A ratio of 47.3% said they expect the elections to take place on the set date of July 9<sup>th</sup> compared with a ratio of 41.3% who expect postponing the elections to another date.

The poll; however, showed a clear split in expectations with regards to the general elections. A ratio of 46.7% said they expect them sometime this year compared with a ratio of 45.5% who said that they expect the opposite. With regards to the Palestinian National Council (PNC – legislative body of the PLO) elections, a ratio of 49.5% said they do not expect them to be held this year compared with 38.5% who expect the opposite.

### **Use of Internet and Facebook**

With regards to the use of the Internet, the poll shows a notable increase in ratio of those who use the Internet as a source of news from a ratio of 25.1% in October 2008 to 66.3% in April 2011, with no differences in usage between the West Bank and Gaza Strip. On the use of Facebook, a ratio of 49.7% of the respondents who use the Internet said they have a facebook account with clear differences between the West Bank and Gaza Strip; the ratio in the West Bank reached 55.0% compared with 40.7% in Gaza Strip.

## **The government performance**

Attitudes of the general public vis-à-vis the performance of the Palestinian government headed by Dr. Salam Fayyad varied. For example, a ratio of 52.2% of the respondents said its performance in the field of education is either very good or good compared with 17.3% who said the opposite. In the field of health, a ratio of 47.6% said the performance of the government is either very good or good compared with 18.2% who said it was either very bad or bad. On security and public order, a ratio of 40.4% said the performance is either very good or good compared with 26.4% who said the opposite. With regards to financial performance, a ratio of 40% said the performance is either very good or good compared with 29.2% who said the opposite.

On the impact of the current revolutions in the Arab world on the Palestinian cause, a ratio of 41.1% said these revolutions will have a positive impact compared with a ratio of 22.2% who said they will have a negative impact while a ratio of 35.2% of the respondents said they will not make any difference.

## **Methodology:**

A random sample of 1198 people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of April 2011. 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:** Tarqoumiya, Hebron, Beit Ummar, Taffuh, Beit Ula, Yatta, Ad-Dhahiriya, Dura, Halhul, Sa'ir, Qalqas, Al-Karmil, al-Fawwar Refugee Camp. **Jenin:** Kafr Ra'l, Al-Yamoun, Arraba, Jenin, Jaba', Kufeirrit, al-Jalamah, Siris, Jenin Refugee Camp. **Tubas:** Tubas, Wadi al-Far'a. **Ramallah & Al-Bireh:** al-Bireh, Bani zeid asharqiya, Ramallah, Beit Liqiya, Deir Abu Mash'al, Kafr Malik, An-Nabi Saleh, al-Zaytouneh, al-Jalazun Refugee Camp. **Jericho:** Jericho, Ein ad-duyuk al fauqa. **Jerusalem:** Al-Ram, Al-Dahyeh, Biddo, Beit Ikssa, Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Old City, Silwan, Ras al-Amoud, Shu'fat Refugee Camp. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Nahalin, Tuqu', Al-Khader, Irtas, Al-Azza Refugee Camp. **Nablus:** Nablus, Salim, Huwwara, Burin, Beit Iba, Qusin, Tell, Sarra, Ein Beit El Ma' Refugee Camp. **Salfit:** Salfit, Bruqin. **Tulkarem:** Baqa ash-sharqiya, Tulkarem, Deir al-Ghusun, Illar, An-nazalah al-Sharqiya, Ramin. **Qalqiliya:** Qalqiliya, Jitt.

In the **Gaza Strip** 448 people were surveyed from: **Gaza:** Al-Rimal a-Shamali, a-Rimal a-Janoubi, a-Zeitoun, a-Shuja'ia, a-Tufah, a-Daraj, a-Naser, a-Sheikh Radwan, Tal Al-Hawa, Al-Mughraga, Shati RC. **Khan Younis:** Khan Younis, Absan Al-Kabira, 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, Al-Brej, Al-Zawaydeh, Al-Nusseirat, Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Al-Brej Refugee Camp, Der al -Balah Refugee Camp.

The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  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.

45.9% were male, 54.1% were female.

70.1% were married, 22.7%, single, 3.5 % widowed, 1.9 % divorced, 1.8 % no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 36 years.

### **Occupation of Respondents**

- Students 13.6%
- Laborers 10.3%
- Housewives 37.3%
- Farmers/fishermen 2.3 %
- Craftsmen 0.9%
- Businessmen/private business 6.8%
- Public Sector Employees 13.2%
- Private Sector Employees 5.4%
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 0.9%
- Unemployed 6.9%
- Retired 1.8%,
- No answer 0.6%.

## **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?

|                  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                  | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Very optimistic  | 5.5            | 5.6              | 5.4           |
| Optimistic       | 58.7           | 59.7             | 56.9          |
| Pessimistic      | 26.6           | 24.5             | 30.1          |
| Very pessimistic | 8.7            | 9.5              | 7.4           |
| No answer        | 0.5            | 0.7              | 0.2           |

Q2. To what extent do you feel optimistic regarding the Palestinian future? Would you say that you are optimistic, cautiously optimistic, or pessimistic?

|                       | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>  |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
|                       | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n=448</b> |
| Optimistic            | 21.9           | 25.3             | 16.1         |
| Cautiously optimistic | 44.3           | 38.8             | 53.6         |
| Pessimistic           | 32.6           | 34.3             | 29.9         |
| No answer             | 1.2            | 1.6              | 0.4          |

Q3. Some believe that a two-state formula is the favored solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict, while others believe that historic Palestine cannot be divided and thus the favored solution is a bi-national state on all of Palestine, where Palestinians and Israelis enjoy equal representation and rights. Which of these solutions do you prefer?

|                                                         | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
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|                                                         | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Two-state solution : an Israeli and a Palestinian State | 53.2           | 55.1             | 50.0          |
| Bi-national state on all of historic Palestine          | 22.1           | 22.5             | 21.4          |
| Palestinian State *                                     | 10.4           | 6.4              | 17.0          |
| Islamic State *                                         | 1.2            | 1.1              | 1.3           |
| Others                                                  | 0.4            | 0.3              | 0.7           |
| No solution                                             | 9.5            | 10.3             | 8.3           |
| I don't know                                            | 2.7            | 3.9              | 0.7           |
| No answer                                               | 0.5            | 0.4              | 0.6           |

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

Q4-How optimistic or Pessimistic are you towards reaching a peaceful settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict?

|                  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>  |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
|                  | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n=448</b> |
| Very optimistic  | 1.9            | 2.4              | 1.1          |
| Optimistic       | 29.8           | 29.5             | 30.4         |
| Pessimistic      | 41.8           | 39.6             | 45.5         |
| Very pessimistic | 22.8           | 23.1             | 22.3         |
| I don't know     | 3.3            | 4.9              | 0.7          |
| No answer        | 0.4            | 0.5              | 0.0          |

**Q5.** Do you support the continuation of military operations against Israeli targets as an appropriate response under current political conditions or do you oppose them and believe they harm Palestinian national interests?

|                                                                  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                                                  | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| An appropriate response                                          | 37.1           | 32.0             | 45.5          |
| Oppose them and believe they harm Palestinian national interests | 51.8           | 54.4             | 47.5          |
| Others                                                           | 2.5            | 2.4              | 2.7           |
| I don't know                                                     | 7.3            | 9.5              | 3.8           |
| No answer                                                        | 1.3            | 1.7              | 0.5           |

**Q6.** Do you support the continuation of military operations inside Israel only, or inside the Occupied Palestinian Territories only or inside Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

|                                                          | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                                          | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Inside Israel only                                       | 22.6           | 21.2             | 25.0          |
| Inside the occupied Palestinian territories only         | 4.3            | 3.9              | 5.1           |
| Inside Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories   | 18.9           | 11.6             | 31.0          |
| I do not support the continuation of military operations | 48.5           | 54.7             | 38.2          |
| No answer                                                | 5.7            | 8.6              | 0.7           |

Q7- How do you feel about the suicide bombings operations against Israeli civilians? Do you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose it, or strongly oppose it?

|                  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                  | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Strongly support | 15.8           | 10.1             | 25.2          |
| Somewhat support | 21.5           | 15.2             | 32.1          |
| Somewhat oppose  | 26.0           | 26.1             | 25.9          |
| Strongly oppose  | 31.1           | 39.6             | 16.7          |
| I don't know     | 4.1            | 6.5              | 0.0           |
| No answer        | 1.5            | 2.5              | 0.1           |

Q8- Under the current conditions, some believe that the peace process is dead and there is no chance of resuming the negotiations, while others see that the peace process is passing through difficult times with an uncertain future, and a third group believes that the peace process is still alive and there is a possibility of resuming negotiations. What do you think?

|                                                                                      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
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|                                                                                      | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| The peace process is dead and there is no chance of resuming the negotiations        | 37.2           | 35.7             | 39.7          |
| The peace process is passing through difficult times with an uncertain future        | 44.2           | 42.3             | 47.3          |
| The peace process is still alive and there is a possibility of resuming negotiations | 15.5           | 17.5             | 12.3          |
| I don't know                                                                         | 2.8            | 4.1              | 0.7           |
| No answer                                                                            | 0.3            | 0.4              | 0.0           |

Q9. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied about the way that Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) is dealing with his job as a president to the Palestinian National Authority?

|                       | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                       | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Very satisfied        | 21.0           | 21.2             | 20.5          |
| Somewhat satisfied    | 28.6           | 30.3             | 25.9          |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 14.9           | 13.7             | 16.7          |
| Very dissatisfied     | 31.8           | 29.9             | 35.0          |
| No answer             | 3.7            | 4.9              | 1.9           |

Q10- The internal fighting in Gaza led to split between the West Bank and Gaza with the presence of two governments; what is your opinion on the best solution to end this problem?

|                                                                                                                  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                                                  | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| To cancel the government of Fayyad and return to the national unity government                                   | 18.1           | 18.0             | 18.3          |
| To cancel the government of Hanieh and enforce the rule of Fayyad's government over the West Bank and Gaza Strip | 10.3           | 7.7              | 14.5          |
| To hold early elections                                                                                          | 33.6           | 33.7             | 33.5          |
| To call on international troops to assume responsibilities in Gaza strip                                         | 1.9            | 1.9              | 2.0           |
| Dialogue between the factions                                                                                    | 31.2           | 31.6             | 30.6          |
| Others                                                                                                           | 0.4            | 0.5              | 0.2           |
| I don't know                                                                                                     | 3.9            | 5.7              | 0.9           |
| No answer                                                                                                        | 0.6            | 0.9              | 0.0           |

Q11- The Palestinians have tried a Fatah-majority government and a Hamas-majority government, now there is a government with the majority of its ministers as independent figures. In your opinion and from the past experiences, which is the government that best serves the interests of the Palestinian people?

|                                                                        | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                                                        | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| A Fatah-majority government                                            | 28.6           | 27.2             | 31.0          |
| A Hamas-majority government                                            | 12.8           | 11.2             | 15.4          |
| A government with the majority of its ministers as independent figures | 45.8           | 46.5             | 44.6          |
| No answer                                                              | 12.8           | 15.1             | 9.0           |

Q12- Do you think that the locally-made rockets fired from Gaza Strip towards Israeli regions help, harm or don't make any difference with regards to the Palestinian goals?

|                           | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                           | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Help                      | 25.4           | 25.3             | 25.4          |
| Harm                      | 38.6           | 36.8             | 41.5          |
| Don't make any difference | 31.6           | 31.9             | 31.3          |
| Others                    | 0.8            | 1.2              | 0.2           |
| I don't know              | 3.0            | 3.9              | 1.6           |
| No answer                 | 0.6            | 0.9              | 0.0           |

Q13- In light of the current conditions, do you think that it is better to form a national unity government regardless of reaching reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas or is it better to achieve reconciliation as a precondition before the formation of a national unity government?

|                                                                                                                | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>  |
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|                                                                                                                | <b>n=1198</b> | <b>n=750</b>     | <b>n=448</b> |
| It is better to form a national unity government regardless of reaching reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas | 27.4          | 28.9             | 24.8         |
| It is better to achieve reconciliation as precondition before the formation of a national unity government     | 66.7          | 62.7             | 73.4         |
| I don't know                                                                                                   | 4.8           | 6.8              | 1.3          |
| No answer                                                                                                      | 1.1           | 1.6              | 0.5          |

14- How many times do you use the Internet per month?

|                          | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|                          | <b>n=1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Daily                    | 21.3          | 20.0             | 23.4          |
| 5-6 times per week       | 6.4           | 6.7              | 6.0           |
| 3-4 times per week       | 7.2           | 7.9              | 6.0           |
| 1-2 times per week       | 5.4           | 6.3              | 4.0           |
| Many times in the month  | 6.4           | 7.3              | 4.9           |
| One time per month       | 3.8           | 3.6              | 4.0           |
| In occasions             | 4.9           | 4.0              | 6.5           |
| I don't use the internet | 44.6          | 44.2             | 45.2          |

Q15- Do you consider the Internet as a main source of news? \*

|           | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|           | <b>n= 664</b> | <b>n= 418</b>    | <b>n= 246</b> |
| Yes       | 66.3          | 66.5             | 65.9          |
| No        | 33.6          | 33.3             | 34.1          |
| No answer | 0.1           | 0.2              | 0.0           |

\*asked to those who said that they use the internet

Q16- Do you use the social networks or Facebook? Do you have your own Facebook page?\*

|           | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|           | <b>n= 664</b> | <b>n= 418</b>    | <b>n= 246</b> |
| Yes       | 49.7          | 55.0             | 40.7          |
| No        | 49.8          | 44.3             | 59.3          |
| No answer | 0.5           | 0.7              | 0.0           |

\*asked to those who said that they use the internet

Q17- Do you expect the organization of the following elections this year:

|                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                                                                                     | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| 1- PLC (Palestinian Legislative Council, currently dismissed parliament of the Palestinian National Authority) elections and Presidential elections |                |                  |               |
| Yes                                                                                                                                                 | 46.7           | 53.7             | 34.8          |
| No                                                                                                                                                  | 45.5           | 35.5             | 62.3          |
| No answer                                                                                                                                           | 7.8            | 10.8             | 2.9           |

|                                                                              | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
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|                                                                              | <b>n=1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| 2- PNC (Palestinian National Council, legislative body of the PLO) elections |               |                  |               |
| Yes                                                                          | 38.5          | 41.9             | 32.8          |
| No                                                                           | 49.5          | 41.5             | 62.9          |
| No answer                                                                    | 12.0          | 16.6             | 4.3           |

Q18- Some believe that elections must be organized in order to renew the legitimacy of the Palestinian leadership while others believe that holding elections before the end of the internal split is rejected because this consolidates the split; which option is closest to your viewpoint?

|                                                             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                                             | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Holding elections without any delay                         | 38.8           | 39.6             | 37.5          |
| Elections must be held only after ending the internal split | 52.8           | 49.5             | 58.3          |
| I don't know                                                | 7.3            | 9.9              | 3.1           |
| No answer                                                   | 1.1            | 1.0              | 1.1           |

Q19-Do you expect the local council elections to be held on July 9, 2011 as announced?

|                                               | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                               | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| I expect them to be held on the set date      | 47.3           | 56.9             | 31.3          |
| I expect them to be postponed to another date | 41.3           | 32.9             | 55.4          |
| No answer                                     | 11.4           | 10.2             | 13.3          |

Q20-Do you think that the idea of holding local council elections at the current phase would serve the public interest? Or do you think that it will harm the public interest or that holding local councils elections would have no impact at all?

|                                    | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                    | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| It would serve the public interest | 55.6           | 60.9             | 46.7          |
| It would harm the public interest  | 8.2            | 6.5              | 10.9          |
| It would have no impact at all     | 31.4           | 30.5             | 32.8          |
| No answer                          | 4.8            | 2.1              | 9.6           |

Q21- Are you going to vote in the local council elections if they are held on the set date?

|           | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>  |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|           | <b>n=1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n=448</b> |
| Yes       | 63.4          | 66.9             | 57.6         |
| No        | 28.5          | 27.5             | 30.4         |
| No answer | 8.1           | 5.6              | 12.0         |

Q22- What is your criteria for selecting your candidates in these elections? \*

|                             | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|                             | <b>n= 760</b> | <b>n= 502</b>    | <b>n= 258</b> |
| Professional qualifications | 30.8          | 31.7             | 29.1          |
| Personal qualifications     | 27.5          | 29.3             | 24.0          |
| Political affiliation       | 26.3          | 23.5             | 31.8          |
| Religiosity                 | 8.8           | 6.8              | 12.8          |
| Family ties                 | 5.1           | 7.2              | 1.2           |
| I don't know                | 1.1           | 1.2              | 0.8           |
| No answer                   | 0.4           | 0.3              | 0.3           |

- This question was asked to those who answered they will vote in the local council elections

Q23- Do you believe that the recent developments in the Arab world (what happened in Egypt and Tunis....) will have positive or negative impact on the Palestinian cause?

|                  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                  | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Positive impact  | 41.1           | 37.1             | 47.8          |
| Negative impact  | 22.2           | 22.0             | 22.5          |
| No impact at all | 35.2           | 39.7             | 27.7          |
| No answer        | 1.5            | 1.2              | 2.0           |

Q24- The Palestinian government headed by Fayyad has recently submitted its resignation. What is your impression on its performance in the following areas: would you say the performance was very good, good, average, bad or very bad?

|                                              | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>1- Economic and financial performance</b> | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Very good                                    | 10.5           | 8.4              | 14.1          |
| Good                                         | 29.5           | 31.1             | 26.8          |
| Average                                      | 27.0           | 28.0             | 25.4          |
| Bad                                          | 19.9           | 20.4             | 19.0          |
| Very bad                                     | 9.3            | 8.5              | 10.5          |
| No answer                                    | 3.8            | 3.6              | 4.2           |

|                                                                   | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>2- Security and enforcing public order and rule of the law</b> | <b>n=1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Very good                                                         | 10.8          | 10.9             | 10.5          |
| Good                                                              | 29.6          | 33.3             | 23.4          |
| Average                                                           | 29.8          | 31.3             | 27.2          |
| Bad                                                               | 19.3          | 17.6             | 22.1          |
| Very bad                                                          | 7.1           | 3.9              | 12.5          |
| No answer                                                         | 3.4           | 3.0              | 4.3           |

|                                          | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>3- Reform and fighting corruption</b> | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Very good                                | 6.4            | 4.7              | 9.4           |
| Good                                     | 24.0           | 26.1             | 20.3          |
| Average                                  | 27.4           | 29.5             | 23.9          |
| Bad                                      | 28.8           | 28.5             | 29.2          |
| Very bad                                 | 9.0            | 6.7              | 12.9          |
| No answer                                | 4.4            | 4.5              | 4.3           |

|                  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>4- Health</b> | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Very good        | 11.0           | 8.7              | 15.0          |
| Good             | 36.6           | 38.0             | 34.4          |
| Average          | 31.4           | 33.7             | 27.5          |
| Bad              | 13.4           | 14.1             | 12.3          |
| Very bad         | 4.8            | 3.3              | 7.4           |
| No answer        | 2.8            | 2.2              | 3.4           |

| 5- Education | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|              | <b>n=1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Very good    | 13.5          | 11.9             | 16.3          |
| Good         | 38.7          | 40.4             | 35.9          |
| Average      | 27.7          | 28.8             | 25.9          |
| Bad          | 12.9          | 14.0             | 10.9          |
| Very bad     | 4.4           | 2.5              | 7.6           |
| No answer    | 2.8           | 2.4              | 3.4           |

Q25- What is your opinion about the initiative of President Abu Mazen to head to Gaza to form a national unity government of independent and competent figures to prepare for legislative and presidential and PNC elections, do you believe the step is:

|                                                                    | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                                                    | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Positive and serves to achieve Palestinian national reconciliation | 65.0           | 65.7             | 63.8          |
| Negative and harms the efforts to achieve national reconciliation  | 3.8            | 2.8              | 5.4           |
| It has no influence                                                | 28.4           | 27.3             | 30.1          |
| No answer                                                          | 2.8            | 4.2              | 0.7           |

Q26- Is religion an important part of your life?

|           | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|           | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Yes       | 95.3           | 94.0             | 97.5          |
| No        | 4.1            | 5.2              | 2.2           |
| No answer | 0.6            | 0.8              | 0.3           |

Q27- Do you agree or disagree with coeducation in schools?

|                                         | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                         | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| I agree till elementary                 | 34.3           | 28.7             | 43.8          |
| I agree till secondary                  | 7.6            | 9.9              | 3.8           |
| I disagree with co-education in schools | 57.3           | 60.7             | 51.8          |
| I don't know                            | 0.4            | 0.5              | 0.2           |
| No answer                               | 0.4            | 0.2              | 0.4           |

Q28- During the last month, did you perform all religious prayers?

|                          | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                          | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| I prayed all days        | 82.1           | 77.5             | 90.0          |
| I prayed only on Fridays | 10.1           | 12.7             | 5.8           |
| I didn't pray            | 7.3            | 9.5              | 3.6           |
| No answer                | 0.5            | 0.3              | 0.6           |

Q29- Some shake hands with the other sex while others don't, how about you? Do you shake hands with the other sex? \*

|                                        | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                        | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| I shake hands with the other sex       | 35.0           | 41.6             | 23.9          |
| I don't shake hands with the other sex | 64.5           | 58.0             | 75.4          |
| No answer                              | 0.5            | 0.4              | 0.7           |

- This questions was only asked to Muslims

Q30- Why don't you shake hands with the other sex? Is it for religious or social reasons (traditions and habits)?\*

|                                        | <b>Total</b>  | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                        | <b>n= 773</b> | <b>n= 435</b>    | <b>n= 338</b> |
| Religious reasons                      | 82.4          | 78.9             | 87.0          |
| Social reasons (traditions and habits) | 16.2          | 19.1             | 12.4          |
| No answer                              | 1.4           | 2.0              | 0.6           |

- This questions was asked to the Muslims that said that they don't shake hands with the other sex

Q31. Which political or religious faction do you trust the most?\*

|                                 | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                 | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n= 448</b> |
| Fatah                           | 34.0           | 34.5             | 33.0          |
| Hamas                           | 15.0           | 12.4             | 19.4          |
| PFLP                            | 3.0            | 3.2              | 2.7           |
| Islamic Jihad                   | 1.7            | 0.9              | 2.9           |
| Palestinian National Initiative | 1.5            | 2.3              | 0.2           |
| Other Islamic factions          | 1.3            | 0.8              | 2.0           |
| Others                          | 2.0            | 2.3              | 1.6           |
| I don't trust any faction       | 37.0           | 36.9             | 37.1          |
| No answer                       | 4.5            | 6.7              | 1.1           |

\* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee

Q32. Which Palestinian personality do you trust the most?\*

|                           | <b>Total</b>   | <b>West Bank</b> | <b>Gaza</b>  |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
|                           | <b>n= 1198</b> | <b>n= 750</b>    | <b>n=448</b> |
| Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) | 17.9           | 16.9             | 19.6         |
| Ismail Hanieh             | 11.4           | 7.6              | 17.6         |
| Marwan Barghouti          | 6.8            | 8.1              | 4.5          |
| Salam Fayyad              | 4.3            | 5.1              | 2.9          |
| Mustafa al-Barghouti      | 2.5            | 3.2              | 1.3          |
| Ahmad Sa'adat             | 1.6            | 1.2              | 2.2          |
| Khaled Mash'al            | 1.2            | 1.2              | 1.1          |
| Mohammed Dahlan           | 1.0            | 0.0              | 2.7          |
| Others                    | 8.3            | 8.7              | 7.9          |
| Don't trust any one       | 39.1           | 39.7             | 37.9         |
| No answer                 | 5.9            | 8.3              | 2.3          |

\* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee