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- * Rise in popularity of the President and the Prime Minister*
- * Fayyad's government ahead of Haniyeh's government on performance*
- * More Palestinians believe economic conditions under Fayyad's government improved*
- * Fatah will win the next general elections and local elections*
- * Rise in number of Palestinians who support a bi-national state*
- * Counting on Obama's Administration suffers a major setback*

The results of the public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communication Center show that there is a rise in the level of satisfaction regarding the way that Mahmoud Abbas assumes his role as President of the PNA from 39.4% last October 2009 to 48.2% in April 2010. Along the same lines, the poll which was conducted during the period 10-15 April 2010, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, shows rise in the ratio of Palestinians who believe that the performance of Fayyad's government is better than the performance of Haniyeh's government from 26.9% in January 2009 to 42.9% this month.

The poll that included a random sample of 1,198 respondents with a margin of error reaching +/- 3 showed a significant increase in the ratio of those who believe that the economic situation has improved under Fayyad's government from 23.7% who said that in April 2009 to 41.7% this month. On the other hand, assessment of the security performance of Fayyad's government remained stable: a ratio of 43.7% of the respondents said security and safety have improved under Fayyad's government while 31.7% of the respondents said they did not notice any change and a ratio of 19.6% said the state of security and safety has deteriorated.

The same applies to the assessment of the respondents regarding the security performance of Haniyeh's government upon comparing the results of this poll and the results of the poll that was conducted in October 2009. The ratio of those who believe that Haniyeh's government security performance has improved remained stable at around 32.4% compared with 32.6% who said the performance deteriorated. The same applies to those who believe that the economic performance has improved under Haniyeh's government.

Despite the belief that there is corruption inside the PNA, the ratio of those who believe there is corruption in general went down from 87.3% in March 2007 to 73.1% this month. Moreover, the ratio of those who believe that there is a high degree of corruption declined from 56.0% in March 2007 to 48.9% in April 2010.

Political forces and figures

With regards to the balance of power between the religious and political parties and figures, the ratio of Palestinians who will vote for Hamas Movement decreased from 18.7% in October 2009 to 14.4% this April while Fatah Movement maintained its level of support at 39.7% in this poll which is very close to the ratio it got last October (40.0%).

At the level of public figures and when asked whom would they vote for if presidential elections were to happen this year, President Mahmoud Abbas came in the first rank with a support level of 19.1% compared with 16.8% last October. Marwan Barghouti came in second place with a support ratio of 14.5% followed by Ismail Haniyeh who got 11.2% compared with 16.0% last October. Salam Fayyad came in fourth place with a support ratio of 6.7% compared with 4.2% last October. Mustafa Barghouti came in fifth place with a support ratio of 4.7% compared with 6.8% last October. Ratio of Palestinians who do not want to vote increased from 23.8% last October to 27% this month.

The poll results also showed a notable increase in the level of support to the establishment of a bi-national state in all over Palestine from 20.6% last June to 33.8% this month while Palestinians who support the two state solution declined from 55.2% last June to 43.9% in April 2010.

Local elections

On the issue of local elections which are expected to be organized next July, a ratio of 52.3% said they would participate in them compared with a ratio of 38.4% who said they would not participate. A ratio of 59.5% of the respondents said they will vote for Fatah Movement while a ratio of 18.8% said they would vote for Hamas Movement.

In case Hamas does not participate in the local elections, Fatah Movement will get a ratio of 60.6% compared with 6.4% for Islamic Jihad and 4.6% for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Peace prospects and negotiations

There is a general feeling of pessimism among the respondents with regards to the peace process, and this is displayed by the rise in ratio of Palestinians who believe that the peace process is dead and that there is no chance to resume negotiations from 19.4% in February 2006 to 32.1% this month. Along the same lines, the ratio of Palestinians who still believe that the peace process is alive and that there is a chance to resume negotiations declined from 25.1% in February 2006 to 18.4% this month.

When asked about the best means to achieve the goals of the Palestinian people in ending the occupation and establishing the Palestinian state, a majority of the respondents supported the option of peaceful negotiations (43.7%) and the option of armed struggle came in second place with a support ratio of 29.8% while 21.9% supported peaceful resistance as the best means to end the occupation.

The American role

Finally, it seems that the hopes built on the US Administration under Barack Obama suffered a major setback as the ratio of Palestinians who believe that the policies of Obama will increase the chances to achieve a just peace declined from 35.4% in June 2009 to 23.7% in October 2009 to reach 9.9% in April 2010.

With regards to the recent American-Israeli disagreements on the issue of settlements, a majority of the Palestinians (78.7%) believe that these disagreements are not serious compared with 17.5% who think that these disagreements are serious.

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 10-15 April 2010. 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** 748 people were surveyed from the following areas: **Hebron:** Hebron, Halhoul, Beit Kahel, Dura, Yatta, Adahiria, Assamou, Beit Ummar, Sourif, Kharsa, al-Riheih, Taffuh, Sa'eer Fawwar RC. **Jenin&Tubas:** Jenin, Qabatia, Ya'bad, al-Yamoun, Sanour, Serees, a-Zaweih, Jenin RC, Aqaba, Tayaseer. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Biet Jala, Tqou', Bateer, Ayda RC. **Ramallah & al-Bireh:** Ramallah, al-Bireh, Birzeit, Silwad, Ni'lin, Kobar, Rantees, Qarawa Bani Zeid, Kharbatha al-Misbah, Al-Amari RC. **Jericho:** Jericho, Nwei'meh. **Jerusalem:** a-Dahia, a-Ram, Biddo, Beit Ikse, Beit Hanina, Shufat, Old City, Silwan, Ras al-Amoud, Shufat RC. **Nablus&Salfit:** Nablus, Huwara, Beit Fureek, Asira a-Shamalia, Beit Umrein, Deir al-Hatab, Til, Oreef, Balata RC, Bidia, Bruqueen. **Tulkarem:** Tulkarem, Ateel, Bala', Deir al-Ghousoon, Kufr Labad, Zeita. **Qalqilya:** Qalqilia, Azzoun, Jayyous.

In the **Gaza Strip** 450 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, a-Sheikh Ejleen, Tal al-Hawa, al-Mughraga, Shati RC. **Khan Younis:** Khan Younis, Absan al-Kabira, Bani Suheila, al-Qarara, Khuza', Khan Younis RC. **Rafah:** Rafah, Shouket a-Soufi, Rafah RC. **Gaza North:** Jabalia, Beit Lahia, Jabalia RC, Beit Hanoun. **Deir al-Balah:** Deir al-Balah-Zawaydeh, Nussirat RC, al-Maghazi RC, Bureij RC, Deir al-Balah RC.

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

Sample Distribution

52.4 % of the respondents were from West Bank, 10 % from Jerusalem, 37.6 % from the Gaza Strip.

17.5% said they live in villages 9.6 % in refugee camps, and 72.9 % in towns/cities.

50.9% were male, 49.1 % were female.

63.5% were married, 28.1 %, single, 4.0 % widowed, 0.9 % divorced, 3.5% no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 35 years.

Occupation of Respondents

- Students 15.6%
- laborers 10.7 %
- Housewives 33.1%
- Farmers/fishermen 2.3 %
- Craftsmen 1.1%
- Businessmen/private business 7.1 %
- Public Sector Employees 10.2%
- Private Sector Employees 5.8%
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 0.8 %
- Unemployed 9.3 %
- Retired 2.0%,
- No answer 2.0%.

Results:

Q1. In general, how optimistic or pessimistic do you feel towards the future? Would you say you are: Very optimistic, optimistic, pessimistic, or very pessimistic?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Very optimistic	8.0	9.5	5.6
Optimistic	60.0	60.0	60.0
Pessimistic	25.1	24.1	26.9
Very Pessimistic	6.5	6.3	6.9
No answer	0.4	0.1	0.6

Q2. Some believe that a two-state formula is the favored solution for the Israeli –Palestinian 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?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Two-state solution : an Israeli and a Palestinian State	43.9	48.1	36.9
Bi-national state on all of historic Palestine	33.8	29.7	40.7
Palestinian State *	9.8	6.8	14.9
Islamic State *	0.8	1.3	0.0
Others	0.8	0.7	1.1
No solution	8.2	10.7	4.0
I don't know	1.7	1.7	1.6
No answer	1.0	1.0	0.8

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

Q3. 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
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Peaceful negotiations	43.7	47.6	37.1
Armed resistance (armed intifada)	29.8	25.5	36.9
Non-Violent resistance (peaceful popular intifada)	21.9	21.7	22.2
Other	1.0	0.8	1.3
I don't know/ no answer	3.6	4.4	2.5

Q4. To what extent do you support the Arab Peace Initiative? Do you strongly support it, support it, oppose it, or strongly oppose it?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Strongly support	16.9	18.7	14.0
Somewhat support	43.9	44.0	43.8
Somewhat oppose	17.3	16.6	18.4
Strongly oppose	17.0	16.0	18.7
I don't know	4.0	3.5	4.9
No answer	0.9	1.2	0.2

Q5. These days, Israeli settlement activities in East Jerusalem are subjected to international debates. Many actors have expressed strong criticism. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied regarding the reaction of the following:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
The Palestinian people	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Satisfied	43.0	39.3	49.1
Dissatisfied	56.5	60.0	50.7
I don't know/ no answer	0.5	0.7	0.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
The Palestinian leadership	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Satisfied	27.1	21.9	35.8
Dissatisfied	71.0	75.8	63.1
I don't know/ no answer	1.9	2.3	1.1

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
The Arab Countries	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Satisfied	11.2	8.8	15.1
Dissatisfied	87.6	89.3	84.7
I don't know/ no answer	1.2	1.9	0.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
The United States	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Satisfied	4.2	4.1	4.2
Dissatisfied	94.0	93.3	95.1
I don't know/ no answer	1.8	2.6	0.7

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Europe	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Satisfied	6.9	7.8	5.6
Dissatisfied	90.2	88.2	93.6
I don't know/ no answer	2.9	4.0	0.9

Q6. Do you think that there is corruption in the PNA?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Yes	73.1	72.6	74.0
No	17.3	15.9	19.6
I don't know	8.6	10.2	6.0
No answer	1.0	1.3	0.4

Q6-1. To what extent do you think there is corruption in the PNA?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=876	n= 543	n=333
To a great extent	48.9	53.4	41.4
To an average extent	37.9	33.7	44.7
To a low extent	12.6	12.0	13.5
I don't know/ no answer	0.6	0.9	0.4

*Asked only to those that said that there is corruption in the PNA

Q7. Do you expect that all the parties will agree once again to form a national unity government through the national dialogue between Fatah and Hamas?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	N= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Yes, I expect the parties to agree to form a national unity government	49.8	48.0	52.9
No, I don't expect the parties to agree to form a national unity government	45.4	46.1	44.2
I don't know	4.2	4.9	2.9
No answer	0.6	1.0	0.0

Q8. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way President Abbas (Abu Mazen) is performing his job as President of the PNA?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Very satisfied	18.6	18.0	19.6
Somewhat satisfied	29.6	30.1	28.9
Somewhat unsatisfied	15.5	14.0	18.0
Very unsatisfied	32.3	33.3	30.7
No answer	4.0	4.6	2.8

Q9. How would you evaluate the performance of the government of Salam Fayyad in the West Bank at the present time compared with the performance of Ismael Haniyeh's government in Gaza? Would you say that the performance of Fayyad's government is better, similar or worse than the performance of Haniyeh's government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
The performance of Fayyad's government is better than the performance of Haniyeh's government	42.9	44.1	40.9
The performance of Fayyad's government is similar to the performance of Haniyeh's government	24.2	24.2	24.2
The performance of Fayyad's government is worse than the performance of Haniyeh's government	22.0	19.5	26.0
I don't know	9.2	10.6	6.9
No answer	1.7	1.6	2.0

Q10. In general, under the current government headed by Salam Fayyad, do you think the security and internal security conditions in the West Bank have improved, deteriorated or have not changed?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Security and internal security conditions have improved	43.7	49.3	34.4
Security and internal security conditions have deteriorated	19.6	15.4	26.7
Security and internal security conditions did not change	31.7	32.2	30.9
No answer	5.0	3.1	8.0

Q 11. In general, under the current government headed by Ismael Haniyeh, do you think the security and internal security conditions in the Gaza Strip have improved, deteriorated or have not changed?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Security and internal security conditions have improved	32.4	21.4	50.7
Security and internal security conditions have deteriorated	32.6	35.7	27.6
Security and internal security conditions did not change	27.5	32.4	19.6
No answer	7.5	10.5	2.1

Q12. In general, under the current government headed by Fayyad, do you believe that the economic conditions have improved, deteriorated, or have not changed at all?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
The economic conditions have improved	41.7	37.0	49.6
The economic conditions have deteriorated	23.8	27.3	18.0
The economic conditions didn't change at all	28.9	31.4	24.7
I don't know	4.1	2.7	6.4
No answer	1.5	1.6	1.3

Q13. In general, under the current government headed by Ismael Haniyeh, do you believe that the economic conditions have improved, deteriorated, or have not changed at all?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
The economic conditions have improved	7.8	9.8	4.4
The economic conditions have deteriorated	59.4	47.6	79.1
The economic conditions didn't change at all	25.0	31.3	14.7
I don't know	6.7	10.0	1.1
No answer	1.1	1.3	0.7

Q14. In general, under the current government headed by Fayyad, do you think that the Percentage of corruption has increased, decreased, or has not changed at all?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Percentage of corruption has increased	20.4	20.5	20.2
Percentage of corruption has decreased	40.8	42.6	37.8
Percentage of corruption has not changed	29.0	29.0	28.9
I don't know	8.5	6.7	11.6
No answer	1.3	1.2	1.5

Q15. How do you evaluate the Government's and Prime Minister's plan "Palestine: Ending the Occupation and Establishing the State"? It is:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
A very good plan	8.8	9.2	8.2
A good plan	26.4	28.2	23.3
A mediocre plan	22.7	20.6	26.2
A bad plan	10.4	10.2	10.7
A very bad plan	8.3	8.2	8.4
I have never heard anything about it	18.6	19.4	17.3
I don't know	4.1	3.5	5.1
No answer	0.7	0.7	0.8

Q16. What are the possibilities of successfully implementing such a plan?*

	Total n=917	West Bank n= 571	Gaza n= 346
There is a high chance that this plan will succeed	8.8	10.2	6.6
There is a fair chance that this plan will succeed	29.9	33.1	24.6
There is a slim chance that this plan will succeed	24.4	22.1	28.3
There is a very slim chance that this plan will succeed	17.3	15.8	19.9
There is no chance at all that this plan will succeed	18.3	17.2	20.2
I don't know/ no answer	1.3	1.6	0.4

*Asked only to those you said that they heard about the Fayyad's plan

Q17. How optimistic or pessimistic are you that a peaceful settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict will be reached?

	Total n= 1198	West Bank n= 748	Gaza n= 450
Very optimistic	2.6	3.3	1.3
Optimistic	32.9	31.3	35.6
Pessimistic	39.8	39.6	40.2
Very pessimistic	22.1	23.4	20.0
I don't know	2.1	2.1	2.0
No answer	0.5	0.3	0.9

Q18. 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?

	Total n= 1198	West Bank n= 748	Gaza n= 450
The peace process is dead and there is no chance of resuming the negotiations	32.1	32.6	31.1
The peace process is passing through difficult times with an uncertain future	46.2	45.1	48.0
The peace process is still alive and there is a possibility of resuming negotiations	18.4	18.9	17.8
I don't know/ no answer	3.3	3.4	3.1

Q19. There has been talk recently about the resumption of indirect negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis under American sponsorship. Do you believe that such negotiations serve or harm the Palestinian interests? Or do you think these negotiations will neither harm nor serve the Palestinian interests?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Serve the Palestinian interests	16.8	20.7	10.2
Harm the Palestinian interests	39.1	34.9	46.0
Neither harm nor serve the Palestinian interests	38.3	39.4	36.4
I don't know	5.0	4.3	6.2
No answer	0.8	0.7	1.2

Q20. Do you expect Palestinian presidential and legislative elections during the current year 2010?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Yes	52.7	61.0	38.9
No	41.6	32.8	56.2
No answer	5.7	6.2	4.9

Q21. If elections were to take place during 2010, which of the following parties/factions would you vote for?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Fatah	39.7	38.0	42.7
Hamas	14.4	13.5	16.0
PFLP	3.1	3.6	2.2
Islamic Jihad	2.3	1.5	3.6
PNI (Al-Mubadara)	1.5	2.4	0.0
DFLP	1.3	1.2	1.6
PPP	0.9	1.1	0.7
FIDA	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other Factions	1.1	0.8	1.6
I won't vote	29.1	30.5	26.9
No answer	6.4	7.3	4.5

Q22. If elections were to take place during 2010, which of the following candidates will you vote for, for a presidential position?

	Total n= 1198	West Bank n= 748	Gaza n= 450
Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	19.1	19.3	18.9
Marwan Barghouti	14.5	13.0	17.1
Ismael Haniyeh	11.2	8.8	15.1
Salam Fayyad	6.7	7.8	4.9
Mustafa Barghouti	4.7	5.1	4.0
Mohamad Dahlan	3.8	0.4	9.3
Khaled Mish'al	2.6	2.8	2.2
Mahmoud Zahhar	1.8	2.5	0.4
Others	2.3	2.7	1.6
I won't vote	27.0	29.7	22.7
No answer	6.3	7.9	3.8

Q23. There are preparations now for Local Council Elections. Are you willing to participate in those elections or not?

	Total n= 1198	West Bank n= 748	Gaza n= 450
Yes, I will participate	52.3	59.2	40.9
No, I will not participate	38.4	36.5	41.6
I don't know	5.5	1.6	12.0
No answer	3.8	2.7	5.5

Q24. Which of the following Parties\ Factions will you vote for?*

	Total n= 627	West Bank n= 443	Gaza n=184
Fatah	59.5	58.7	61.4
Hamas	18.8	18.5	19.6
PFLP	4.3	4.5	3.8
Islamic Jihad	2.7	1.6	5.4
PNI (Al-Mubadara)	2.7	3.8	0.0
DFLP	1.6	1.1	2.7
PPP	1.3	1.8	0.0
FIDA	0.2	0.0	0.5
Other Factions	1.4	0.7	3.3
I Won't vote	0.8	0.5	1.6
No answer	6.7	8.8	1.7

***Asked only to those who said that they will participate in the Local Council Elections**

Q25. If Hamas should decide not to participate in the upcoming Local Council Elections, which of the following parties\ Factions would you vote for?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 627	n= 443	n=184
Fatah	60.6	59.1	64.1
Islamic Jihad	6.4	5.4	8.7
PFLP	4.6	5.0	3.8
PNI (Al-Mubadara)	3.0	4.1	0.5
DFLP	1.9	1.6	2.7
PPP	1.4	1.8	0.5
FIDA	0.2	0.0	0.5
Other Factions	1.0	0.7	1.6
I Won't vote	13.1	12.0	15.8
No answer	7.8	10.3	1.8

*Asked only to those who said that they will participate in the Local Council Elections

Q26.What is your criteria for selecting your candidates in these elections?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 627	n= 443	n=184
Political affiliation	38.1	35.9	43.5
Professional Qualifications	50.9	53.5	44.6
Family ties	8.6	8.8	8.2
I don't know	1.3	1.1	1.6
No answer	1.1	0.7	2.1

*Asked only to those who said that they will participate in the Local Council Elections

Q27. Which Political or religious faction do you trust the most?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Fatah	36.2	36.6	35.6
Hamas	14.4	13.1	16.7
PFLP	2.8	3.3	2.0
Islamic Jihad	2.7	1.2	5.1
PNI (Al-Mubadara)	1.3	2.1	0.0
Other Islamic factions	2.4	0.1	6.2
Others	1.7	2.0	1.1
Don't trust any one	31.3	32.0	30.2
No answer	7.2	9.6	3.1

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

Q28. Which Palestinian Personality do you trust the most?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	14.8	14.4	15.3
Ismael Haniyeh	11.2	8.2	16.2
Marwan Barghouthi	10.4	10.7	9.8
Salam Fayyad	6.2	7.4	4.2
Mohamad Dahlan	3.8	0.4	9.3
Mustafa Barghouthi	3.3	4.0	2.2
Khaled Mish'al	1.8	2.1	1.1
Ahmad Sa'adat	1.3	1.7	0.7
Mahmoud Zahhar	1.3	1.9	0.4
Yasser Arafat	1.0	0.5	1.8
Ramadan Shalah	1.0	0.1	2.4
Others	4.0	4.5	3.1
Don't trust any one	32.5	33.4	30.9
No answer	7.4	10.7	2.6

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

Q29. Do you think that the policies of US President Obama will increase or reduce the chances of reaching a just peace between the Palestinians and Israelis? Or do you think that his policies won't make any difference?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
It will increase the chances	9.9	11.1	8.0
It will reduce the chances	22.5	22.6	22.4
It won't make any difference	61.3	59.6	64.0
I don't know	4.8	6.1	2.4
No answer	1.5	0.6	3.2

Q30. What is your opinion of the performance regarding the Middle East of the new US administration headed by President Barack Obama one year after his inauguration? Do you think that the United States has improved its dealings with the problems in the Middle East, or have you noticed regression or no change?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
There has been improvement in the dealings of the United States with Middle East problems	10.1	11.8	7.3
There has been regression in the dealings of the United States with Middle East problems	22.9	19.8	28.0
There has been no change in the United States dealing with Middle East problems	63.1	64.7	60.4
I don't know	3.3	3.3	3.1
No answer	0.6	0.4	1.2

Q31. Recently, signs of Israeli- American disagreements have emerged on the Israeli settlement policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, to what extent do you think that the American is serious on opposing the Israeli settlement policy?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 748	n= 450
Very serious	2.4	2.7	2.0
Somewhat serious	15.1	15.8	14.0
Somewhat not serious	30.6	28.7	33.6
Not serious at all	48.1	48.8	46.9
I don't know	2.8	2.9	2.7
No answer	1.0	1.1	0.8