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Methodology:

A random sample of 1194 people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between 2-6 October. 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 60 sampling points chosen randomly according to population.

In the **West Bank** 754 people were surveyed from the following areas: **Hebron:** Hebron, Biet Ommar, Bani Naim, Sa'ir, Dahiriyeh, Fawwar RC, Taffouh, Beit Kahel. **Jenin:** Jenin, Jenin RC, Ya'bad, Misiliyeh, Raba, Anza, Ajje, Aqabeh, az-zababdeh. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Biet Jala, Za'tara, al-Khader, Husan, al-Azzeh RC. **Ramallah & al-Bireh:** Ramallah, al-Bireh, Kufr Nimeh, Jalazon RC, Silwad, Der Jrir, Biet Rima, Deir Ghassaneh. **Jericho:** Jericho, Ein es-Sultan RC. **Jerusalem:** el-Ezarriyeh, Abu Dis, Biet Liqya, Qalandiya RC, Shufat, Old City, Biet Hanina, Biet Hanina el-Tahta, al-'Issawia, Wadi al-Joz, Jabel el-Mukkaber, Sour Baher. **Nablus:** Nablus, Bidya, Salfit, Qabalan, Aqraba, Burqa, Biet Ein elma RC, Burin, Ourif. **Tulkarem and Qalqilya:** Tulkarem, Tulkarem RC, Deir Lighsoun, Qifin, Qalqilia, Kufr Qaddoum.

In the **Gaza Strip:** 440 people were surveyed from: **Gaza:** Shati RC, a-shoja'ia, Attufah, al-Durj, Sheikh Radwan, a-Nasser, a-rimal a-shamali, a-rimal a-janoubi, sabra, a-Zeitoun. **Khan Younis:** Abasan al-Sagheerah, Khan younis, Bani Suheila, Abasan al-Kabeerah, Khan younis RC. **Rafah:** Rafah, Rafah RC. **Gaza North:** Jabalia, Beit Lahia, Jabalia RC, Beit Hanoun. **Deir al-Balah:** Deir Al Balah, Nussirat RC, al-Maghazi RC.

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

Sample Distribution

51.7 % of the respondents were from West Bank, 11.6 % from Jerusalem, 36.7 % from the Gaza Strip.

29.2% said they live in villages 15.0% in refugee camps, and 55.8 % in towns/cities.

50.9% were male, 49.1% were female.

64.7% were married, 29.0%, single, 3.5% widowed, 1.4% divorced, 1.4% no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 35 years.

Occupation of Respondents

- Students 13.6%
- laborers 8.5%
- Farmers/fishermen 1.7%
- Craftsmen 1.2%
- Businessmen/private business 8.3%
- Public Sector Employees 12.6%
- Private Sector Employees 7.3%
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/pharmacists/engineers) 1.3%
- Housewives 32.8%
- Unemployed 10.3%
- Retired 2.2 %,
- No answer 0.2%.

Results:

Q.21 What is your primary source for news?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	N= 1194	n= 754	n= 440
Newspapers	6.0	8.9	1.1
Radio stations	10.0	7.4	14.3
TV	76.2	77.7	73.6
Electronic news internet	5.4	4.9	6.1
Others	0.3	0.3	0.5
Friends and Family*	1.0	0.3	2.3
Don't know	0.3	0.1	0.7
No answer	0.8	0.4	1.4

Q.22 Do you have a TV set?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n= 754	n=440
Yes	99.3	100.0	98.2
No	0.7	0.0	1.8

Q.23 Do you have a satellite dish?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1186	n= 754	n= 432
Yes	95.4	95.8	94.7
No	4.0	3.8	4.4
No Answer*	0.6	0.4	0.9

Q.24 In general, which TV station do you watch the most? **

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1186	n= 754	n= 432
M.B.C	21.9	28.4	10.6
Al-Jazeera	16.4	15.6	17.6
Syria	1.1	1.7	0.0
Abu Dhabi	3.2	3.2	3.2
Al-Manar	2.5	3.3	1.2
Dubai	1.3	0.8	2.3
L.B.C	1.9	2.4	0.9
Al-Arabiya	4.3	2.9	6.7
M.B.C Action	1.1	1.5	0.5
Palestine	11.1	9.3	14.4
Jordan	1.5	2.4	0.0
Panorama Drama	1.3	0.3	3.2
Rotana Cinema	3.0	2.9	3.0
Al-Jazeera Sport	1.1	1.5	0.5
Rotana	1.3	1.9	0.2
Al-Aqsa	8.3	3.2	17.4
Iqra'	1.8	1.9	1.6
An-Nas	1.3	1.6	0.7
M.B.C 2	1.6	1.1	2.5
Other	12.1	13.7	9.3
Don't know / No answer	1.9	0.4	4.2

Q.25 In general, which TV station news programs do you watch most? **

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1186	n=754	n= 432
M.B.C	2.7	3.2	1.9
Al-Jazeera	54.2	60.5	43.3
Abu Dhabi	1.8	2.7	0.2
Al-Manar	4.6	6.4	1.6
Al-Arabiya	14.2	10.5	20.8
Palestine	8.8	6.6	12.5
Don't know	0.2	0.3	0.0
Other	12.6	9.2	18.5
No answer	1.2	0.6	0.9

Q. 26 In general, which Radio station do you listen to most? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 846	n=512	n= 334
Bethlehem 2000	2.5	3.7	0.6
Palestine	11.0	15.0	4.8
Ajyyal	11.6	19.1	0.0
Israel	7.1	10.7	1.5
Marah	4.7	5.7	3.3
AL-Aqsa	13.6	2.0	31.4
Angham	2.5	4.1	0.0
B.B.C	5.6	3.9	8.1
Al-Quran radio station	3.3	4.9	0.9
Al-Quds	9.1	0.4	22.5
Al-Hurriya	3.1	2.1	4.5
An-Najah	2.0	3.3	0.0
Ash-Sha'b	2.0	0.0	5.1
Other	21.9	25.1	17.3

Q. 27 How often do you read the newspaper per week? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n=754	n=440
None	43.7	32.8	62.5
Once	17.0	16.7	17.5
Twice	11.0	13.1	7.3
Three Times	8.6	10.5	5.5
Four Times	4.0	5.7	1.1
Five Times	2.8	4.0	0.9
Six Times	2.6	3.7	0.7
Seven Times	10.3	13.5	4.5

Q. 28 Which daily newspaper do you read most? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=672	n=507	n=165
Al -Quds	67.0	74.0	45.5
Al-Ayyam	17.1	16.8	18.2
Al- Hayat al-Jadeedah	8.9	8.3	10.9
Palestine	3.7	0.0	0.6
Al-Risala	2.2	0.0	15.2
Other	0.3	0.2	9.1
No Answer	0.8	0.7	0.5

Q. 29 Do you use the internet as a news source?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n= 754	n= 440
Yes	25.1	25.6	24.3
No	74.9	74.4	75.7

Q. 30 Which internet website do you look for news? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 300	n=193	n=107
Al-Arabiya	1.0	1.0	0.9
Ma'an	39.7	42.5	34.6
Google	10.3	15.5	0.9
Al-Jazeera Net	11.3	11.4	11.2
Al-Quds Al-Arabi	1.0	1.6	0.0
Al-Sharq Al-Awsat	1.0	1.6	0.0
Palestine Press	4.0	2.6	6.5
Wafa	1.7	1.6	1.9
Yahoo	1.7	2.6	0.0
Panet	4.3	6.7	0.0
Qawqaba Press Agency	2.7	0.5	6.5
Firas Press	1.7	0.5	3.7
Palestine Now	1.7	0.5	3.7
Nablus	1.0	1.6	0.0
Al-Quds	1.0	1.6	0.0
Fatah Forum	1.0	0.0	2.8
Sama News	1.3	0.0	3.7
Dunia Al-Watan	1.3	0.0	3.7
Other	12.3	8.2	19.9

Q. 31 According to your viewpoint, what should be the minimum age for females to get married in our country?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=1194	n=754	n=440
14-17	9.0	7.6	11.6
18-21	70.6	69.9	71.8
22-25	18.4	19.9	15.9
26-30	0.8	1.1	0.2
Don't know	0.8	1.1	0.5
No answer	0.4	0.4	0.0

Q.32 According to your viewpoint, what should be the number of children (males\ females) per family? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n=754	n=440
0-2	8.8	10.3	6.1
3-5	62.0	63.1	60.0
6-8	23.1	20.4	27.7
9-12	2.9	2.5	3.6
Don't know	1.3	1.3	1.4
No answer	1.9	2.4	1.2

Q. 33 According to your viewpoint, what should be the minimum education that girls receive in our country?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n=754	n=440
until elementary	0.1	0.1	0.0
until preparatory	1.1	1.3	0.7
until secondary	30.6	27.5	35.9
Diploma	7.5	8.5	5.9
BA\ BS	34.6	35.7	32.7
MA+ \ MS+	10.0	10.9	8.4
Girls should receive same education as boys	14.7	14.3	15.2
10. Girls do not need to study in schools	0.8	0.7	1.1
Don't know	0.3	0.5	0.0
No answer	0.3	0.5	0.1

Q.34 According to your viewpoint, is it useful for women to work outside the house (be employed) or is it better for women not to work outside the house in our country?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=1194	n=754	n=440
It is useful for women to work (be employed) outside the house	66.7	67.1	65.9
It is preferable for women not to work (be employed) outside the house	30.7	29.8	32.3
Don't know	1.7	2.0	1.1
No answer	0.9	1.1	0.7

Q 35. Is religion an important part of your daily life?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n=754	n=440
Yes	92.7	91.5	94.8
No	7.3	8.5	5.2

Q. 36 Did you fast during the month of Ramadan?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1153	n= 724	n= 429
Most of the days or all of the days	69.0	94.9	97.9
Few days	2.9	3.5	1.9
I did not fast	1.1	1.6	0.2

Q. 37 During the month of Ramadan, did you perform all religious prayers?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1153	n=724	n=429
I prayed all days	87.7	83.3	95.1
I prayed only on Fridays	8.2	10.9	3.5
I didn't pray	3.6	5.1	1.2
No answer	0.5	0.7	0.2

Q. 38. Are you a smoker or nonsmoker?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n=754	n=440
Smoker	26.2	29.7	20.2
Non-smoker	73.4	69.6	79.8
No Answer	0.4	0.7	0.0

Q 39. How many books have you read in the last 12 months? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n=754	n=440
None	44.3	44.8	43.4
1 Book	12.9	9.5	18.6
2 Books	8.5	9.8	6.1
3 Books	7.6	8.0	7.0
4 Books	4.1	4.1	4.1
5-12 Books	16.5	17.1	15.5
13-24 Books	3.4	3.7	2.7
25+	1.2	1.3	0.9
Don't know	1.3	1.2	1.6
No answer	0.2	0.5	0.1

Q. 40 Most of the books were:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 632	n=394	n=238
Literary	26.4	32.2	16.8
Scientific	26.6	30.5	20.2
Academic	20.9	24.1	15.5
Religious	3.3	2.5	4.6
Don't Know	21.7	9.6	41.6
Other	1.1	1.1	1.3

Q 41. Do you usually go to Coffee shops?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n=754	n=440
Yes	16.4	20.6	9.3
No	82.1	78.8	87.7
No Answer	1.5	0.6	3.0

Q 42. Do you agree or disagree with co-education in schools?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1194	n=754	n=440
Agree till elementary	30.4	28.8	33.2
Agree till secondary	12.2	17.8	2.7
I disagree with co-education in schools.	56.4	52.8	62.7
No Answer	1.0	0.6	1.4