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A public opinion conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communications Center

68.9% of Palestinians express optimism regarding the Mecca Agreement and the new government

The general public wants the new government to end the economic suffering first and then to stop the security chaos

29.2% of Palestinians will not participate in the elections if they happen now; 31.6% said they will vote for Fatah Movement while 24.3% said they will vote for Hamas and 14.9 will vote for other lists

82.4% of the Palestinians view the role of US Secretary of State Rice in reviving the peace process as negative

- * A public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center (JMCC) after the formation of the national unity government during the period between 19 and 21 March 2007 shows that a significant majority of the Palestinian public are optimistic regarding the current government with regards to handling the basic problems of the Palestinians people. A ratio of (68.9%) of the sample expects that the national unity government would end the state of security chaos while 25.5% said the government will not succeed. A ratio of 63.9% expects the government to succeed in ending the siege imposed on the Palestinian people compared with 29.1% who believe otherwise.
- * The poll with a sample of 1,198 persons (757 in the West Bank and 441 in Gaza Strip) showed the priorities of the government as perceived by the Palestinian public. A majority said that the first priority of the government must be to tackle the hard financial and economic conditions of the Palestinian people. Ending security chaos and enforcing law and order came in second place. Palestinians view reform and combating as occupying the third rank.
- * When asked whether Mecca Agreement is capable of ending the Palestinian crisis, a majority (61.2%) said the current government can end the crisis compared with 32.9% who said the opposite.
- * With regards to the satisfaction of the public over the performance of the previous government, a ratio of 44% of those who voted for Hamas in the PLC elections said the tenth government didn't rise to the level of their expectations.
- * A majority of the respondents (60.8%) said signs of chaos and absence of the rule of the law increased under the previous government with only 11.1% who said the chaos decreased.

- * On the issue of reform, the highest ratio of respondents believe that the previous government didn't have any influence on the reforms undergoing in the PNA while the ratio of those who believe that the previous assisted in pushing the reform process forward came equal to the ratio of those who think that the previous government impeded the reform process.
- * In the same manner, a ratio of 52.9% said nepotism and favoritism existed to a large or medium extent in the government posts appointments under the previous government headed by Ismail Hanieh while 39.8% said there was either no nepotism or minimal level of nepotism.
- * At the level of assessing the performance of the previous government, the poll showed that 36.1% view the performance of the previous council of ministers as bad compared with 25% who view it as good. With regards to assessment of the security services, a majority (47.9%) said its performance was bad compared with 17.4% who said the performance of the security service was good.
- * The negative assessment also applies to the performance of the health and social affairs apparatuses. On the other hand, a ratio of 44.2% of the respondents assessed the performance of PM Hanieh as positive while 23.1% saw his performance as bad.
- * On the performance of the Palestinian Legislative Council, a ratio of 34.1% believe it was bad while 23% assessed the PLC performance as positive.
- * Despite the relatively negative assessment of the performance of the previous government headed by Hanieh, a ratio of 33.7% said the performance of the previous government was better than the performance of the government of Ahmad Qurei compared with 28.5% who believed the opposite. Moreover, a majority of 35.8% of the Palestinian respondents said the level of corruption decreased during the previous Hamas government when compared with the Fatah government in the past and a ratio of 25.9% think the opposite.
- * If elections happen today and if the same electoral blocs nominated themselves, Fatah Movement would get 31.6% of the votes compared with 24.3% who would vote for Change and Reform List (Hamas). All other lists and blocs would suffer slight drop in support but the striking result is that a ratio of 29.2% said they will not participate in the elections if they happen today.
- * With regards to the optimism of the Palestinians regarding the peace process and future, the poll results show that the Palestinian public is optimistic towards the future. A ratio of 67.8% said they feel optimistic towards the future in general compared with 54.2% in June 2006. The ratio of Palestinians who feel optimistic regarding reaching a peaceful settlement to the conflict also rose to 44.9% this March compared with 34.0% in June 2006.
- * On the position regarding the recent international diplomatic activities, a majority of the Palestinians 82.4% believe that the US Secretary of State is playing a negative role in the region compared with 11.5% who say that her role is positive. Moreover, a majority of the respondents view the recent diplomatic efforts of Rice as making the image of the United States worse compared with 4.6% who believe that her efforts improved the image of the United States. A ratio of 46.3% thinks the efforts of Secretary Rice have not affected the image of the United States in the region.
- * With regards to Germany which is the current President of the European Union, a ratio of 34.6% of the respondents said its role as President of the EU is bad while 35.7% said its role is average and 11.9% described Germany's role as President of the EU as good.
- * With regards to the German position on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, a ratio of 61.1% of the respondents said Germany is biased more towards Israel compared with only 4.3% who said Germany is biased more with the Palestinians and 21.5% said Germany's position is neutral.

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 19th and 21st of March 2007. 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 <u>West Bank</u> 757 people were surveyed from the following areas: **Hebron**: Hebron, Dahiriya, Sair, Yatta, Beit Ummar, al-Arrub Refugee Camp, Tarqumiya, Beit Ula. **Jenin**: Jenin, Jenin Refugee Camp, Tubas, Kafr Dan, Silat al-Harithiya, Arraba, Sanur, Meithalun. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Beit Sahour, Husan, Nahalin, Za'tara, Dheishah Refugee Camp. **Ramallah & al-Bireh:** Ramallah, al- Bireh, Deir Jarir, al-Amari Refugee Camp, Beit Rima, Deir Ghassaneh, Bilin, Kafr Nima. **Jericho:** Jericho, Ein al Sultan Refugee Camp. **Jerusalem:** Ezzariya, Abu Dis, Bir Nabala, Qalandiya Refugee Camp, Shufat, Old City, Beit Hanina, Beit Hanina a-tahta, al-Isaweieh, Wadi al-Joz Silwan, Ras al-Amoud. **Nablus:** Nablus, Salem, Deir al-Hatab, Haris, Kifl Haris, Beit Iba, Ein Beit al-Ma Refugee Camp, A-Saweih, Qabalan. **Tulkarem and Qalqiliya:** Tulkarem, Nur-Shams Refugee Camp, Deir al-Ghusun, Ramin, Qalqiliya, Azzun.

In the <u>Gaza Strip</u>: 441 people were surveyed from: Gaza: Beach Refugee Camp, Shuja'ia a-Tufah, a-Daraj, a-Sheikh Radwan, a-Nasir, a-Rimal North, a-Rimal South, Sabra, Zaytoun. **Khan Younis**: Abasan al-Saghir, Khan Younis, Bani Suheila, Absan al-Kabur, Khan Younis Refugee Camp, al-Qararah. **Rafah:** Rafah, Rafah Refugee Camp, Tal al Sultan Refugee Camp. Gaza North: Jabaliya, Beit Lahiya, Jabaliya Refugee Camp, Beit Hanoun. **Deir al-Balah:**Deir Al Balah, al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, al- Nuseirat Refugee Camp, al- Bureij Refugee Camp.

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

Sample Distribution

51.6 % of the respondents were from West Bank, 11.6 % from Jerusalem, 36.8 % from the Gaza Strip.

30.4% said they live in villages 14.1% in refugee camps, and 55.5 % in towns/cities.

48.5% were male, 51.5% were female.

63.9 % were married, 29.1%, single, 3.9% widowed, 1.4% divorced, 1.7% no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 34 years.

Occupation of Respondents

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Students 12.8%	Professionals - e.g.
laborers 10.2%	doctors/lawyers/
Farmers/fishermen 3.1	pharmacists/engineers
%	0.8%
Craftsmen 0.8%	Housewives 33.6%
Businessmen/private	Unemployed 9.2%
business 7.6%	Retired 1.6 %,
Public Sector	No answer 0.8%.
Employees12.1%	
Private Sector	
Employees7.4%	

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	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Very optimistic	7.3	5.7	10.0
Optimistic	60.5	58.7	63.7
Pessimistic	23.0	25.9	17.9
Very Pessimistic	8.3	8.5	8.2
No answer	0.9	1.2	0.2

Q2. To what degree do you feel optimistic or pessimistic regarding the possibility of reaching a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict? Would you say that you are very optimistic, optimistic, pessimistic or very pessimistic?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Very optimistic	3.7	2.8	5.2
Optimistic	41.2	43.1	38.1
Pessimistic	33.1	30.1	38.1
Very Pessimistic	20.4	21.7	18.1
No answer	1.6	2.3	0.5

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 binational state on all of Palestine where Palestinians and Israeli enjoy equal representation and rights, which of these solutions do you prefer?

·	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Two- state solution: an Israeli state and a Palestinian state	46.7	46.0	48.1
Bi –national state on all of historic	26.5	28.1	23.6
Palestine			
One Palestinian state *	11.0	9.5	13.6
Islamic state *	2.0	2.6	0.9
Other solution	0.4	0.4	0.5
No solution	9.7	8.9	11.1
I don't know/ No answer	3.7	4.5	2.2

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

Q4. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way President (Abu Mazen) is performing his job as a president of the PNA?

•	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Very satisfied	15.1	14.0	17.0
Somewhat satisfied	33.8	34.0	33.1
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.4	18.2	18.8
Very dissatisfied	29.8	29.9	29.7
No answer	2.9	3.9	1.4

Q5. How would you evaluate the performance of Haniyeh's previous government in comparison with Abu Ala's government? Would you say that the performance of the previous Hanieh's government is better than Abu Ala's government, same as Abu Ala's government, or worse than Abu Ala's government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Hanieh's previous government's	33.7	30.4	39.5
performance is better than Abu Ala's			
government			
Hanieh's previous governments	32.3	32.9	31.3
performance is as same as Abu Ala's			
government			
Hanieh's previous government	28.5	30.1	25.9
performance is worse than Abu Ala's			
government			
No answer	5.5	6.6	3.3

Q6. Hamas Campaign's slogan was "yes for change and reform" to what extent do you think Hanieh's government was genuine in achieving its slogan? Was it very genuine, genuine, in between, or not genuine at all?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Was Very genuine	19.7	18.1	22.4
Was genuine	23.5	22.9	24.7
Was in between	22.1	22.3	21.8
Was not Genuine	17.1	16.9	17.5
Was not Genuine at all	14.7	16.4	11.8
I don't know/ No answer	2.9	3.4	1.8

Q7. How would you evaluate the performance of the following Palestinian Authority agencies during Hanieh's previous government? Good, average, or bad?

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	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Prime Minister (Ismail Hanieh)	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Good	44.2	39.8	51.7
Average	31.2	33.6	27.2
Bad	23.1	24.7	20.4
No answer	1.5	1.9	0.7

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Security Agencies	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Good	17.4	19.2	14.5
Average	33.6	32.6	35.1
Bad	47.9	46.5	50.4
No answer	1.1	1.7	0.0

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Legislative Council	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Good	23.0	22.7	23.6
Average	40.6	42.1	37.9
Bad	34.1	31.6	38.3
No answer	2.3	3.6	0.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Council of Ministers (Executive	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Authority)			
Good	25.0	23.5	27.7
Average	35.6	38.6	30.6
Bad	36.1	33.4	40.8
No answer	3.3	4.5	0.9

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Palestinian Education System	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Good	39.1	42.7	32.9
Average	35.6	31.2	43.3
Bad	24.4	24.8	23.6
No answer	0.9	1.3	0.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Palestinian Health System	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Good	29.8	30.3	29.0
Average	36.1	30.8	45.1
Bad	32.4	36.3	25.6
No answer	1.7	2.6	0.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Palestinian Television	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Good	29.4	35.5	18.8
Average	38.0	36.5	40.6
Bad	29.9	23.8	40.4
No answer	2.7	4.2	0.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Palestinian Radio	n= 1198	n= 757	n=441
Good	27.0	31.6	19.0
Average	38.3	36.2	42.0
Bad	27.6	22.5	36.5
No answer	7.1	9.7	2.5

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Ministry of Interior (Passports, ID	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Cards)			
Good	25.7	27.2	23.1
Average	41.2	36.6	49.0
Bad	27.2	27.5	26.8
No answer	5.9	8.7	1.1

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Ministry of Social Affairs	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Good	22.0	23.2	20.0
Average	42.0	36.9	50.8
Bad	28.2	28.4	27.9
No answer	7.8	11.5	1.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Vehicle registration and traffic	n= 1198	n= 757	n= 441
department			
Good	21.0	23.1	17.5
Average	37.8	32.8	46.5
Bad	31.5	31.4	31.5
No answer	9.7	12.7	4.5

Q8. In recent years, the phenomenon of chaos and insecurity and weak enforcement of law has emerged. Do you believe that this phenomenon increased remained unchanged or decreased during the term of the former Hanieh government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
The phenomenon increased	60.8	56.0	68.9
The phenomenon remained unchanged	27.0	30.1	21.5
The phenomenon decreased	11.1	12.3	9.1
I don't know/ No answer	1.1	1.6	0.5

Q9. Do you think that Hanieh's previous government assisted pushing the current PA Reform process forward? Backward? Or it didn't have any influence on the current reform process?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
It assisted pushing the current PA reform process forward	29.6	27.7	32.9
It assisted pushing the current PA Reform process backwards	28.4	30.5	24.7
It didn't have any influence on the current reform process	39.2	38.0	41.3
No answer	2.8	3.8	1.1

Q10. With regards to its work and agenda, do you think that Hanieh's previous government provided the Palestinian citizen with more information than Abu Ala's government, less than Abu Ala's government, or the same amount of information as Abu Ala's government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
More than Abu Ala's government	31.9	29.1	36.7
The same as Abu Ala's government	32.0	31.2	33.3
Less than Abu Ala's government	28.0	28.9	26.3
I don't know/ No answer	8.1	10.8	3.7

Q11. Do you believe there is corruption in the Palestinian Authority?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Yes	87.3	87.6	86.8
No	9.2	9.8	8.2
I don't know/ No answer	3.5	2.6	5.0

Q11-1. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, to what extent do you believe there is corruption: to a great extent, to some extent or to a small extent?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1046	n=663	n=383
to a great extent	56.0	58.7	51.4
to some extent	31.3	29.7	33.9
to a small extent	12.5	11.3	14.6

No answer	0.2	0.3	0.1
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^{*} This question was asked to those who answered that there was corruption in the PNA in q11

Q12. In the light of Hanieh's previous government, to what extent did you feel the presence of nepotism in providing public services?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
To a great extent	24.3	25.4	22.4
To an average extent	26.4	22.2	33.6
To a low extent	27.0	25.5	29.7
No nepotism at all	15.8	18.2	11.6
I don't know/ No answer	6.5	8.7	2.7

Q13. In the light of Hanieh's previous government, to what extent did you feel the presence of nepotism in providing public services?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
To a great extent	29.2	28.0	31.3
To an average extent	23.7	22.1	26.5
To a low extent	24.9	22.5	29.0
No nepotism at all	14.9	18.5	8.8
I don't know	6.8	8.3	4.1
No answer	0.5	0.6	0.3

Q14. To what extent do you think Hanieh's previous government was transparent in handling the financial matters? To a very high extent, to a high extent, to an average extent, to a low extent, to a very low extent?

•	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
To a very high degree	15.6	14.8	17.0
High degree	20.5	19.4	22.2
Average	24.1	21.9	27.9
Low degree	20.1	19.2	21.8
Very low degree	11.4	13.6	7.7
I don't know/ No answer	8.3	11.1	3.4

Q15. To what extent did Haniyeh's previous government spend its revenues from the donations , taxes and other fees in an ingenuous way?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
To a great extent	25.2	21.9	30.8
To an average extent	30.3	28.3	33.8
To a low extent	29.8	31.3	27.2
I don't know/ No answer	14.7	18.5	8.2

Q16. When comparing Hanieh's previous government with Abu Ala's government did the level of corruption in Hanieh's previous government increase, did not change, or did it increase?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Increased	25.9	25.6	26.3
Decreased	35.8	31.0	44.0
Didn't change	36.3	41.1	28.1
No answer	2.0	2.3	1.6

Q17. In your opinion, what is the worst form of corruption?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Nepotism	33.6	28.5	42.2
Favoring supporters of a certain	25.7	28.0	21.8
movement			
Lack of transparency	20.0	21.1	18.1
Abuse of Public Fund	9.8	9.4	10.7
Bribery	8.8	10.2	6.3
Other	0.5	0.8	0.9
No answer	1.6	2.0	0.0

Q18. Recently, do you think that the number of civil servants has increased, didn't change, or decreased?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Increased	48.0	37.5	66.0
Didn't change	31.1	37.3	20.4
Decreased	12.3	16.1	5.7
I don't know/ No answer	8.6	9.1	7.9

Q19. In your opinion, to what extent did Hanieh's previous government publicize its decisions and policy in order to keep the citizen informed of its work?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
To a great extent	20.4	22.1	17.5
To an average extent	27.8	21.9	37.9
To a low extent	42.0	42.4	41.3
I don't know/ No answer	9.8	13.6	3.3

Q20. Did you vote in the PLC elections that took place at the beginning of last year?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Yes	75.5	73.4	78.9
No	23.7	25.6	20.4
No answer	0.8	1.0	0.7

Q21.Which list did you vote for?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 904	n=556	n=348
Alternative list (DFLP, PPP, Fida,	3.8	3.8	3.7
and independents coalition)			
Independent Palestine list (Mustafa	4.1	4.9	2.9
Barghouthi and the independents)			
Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa List	4.8	4.5	5.2
Martyr Abu Abbas List	0.3	0.5	0.0
Freedom and Social Justice list	0.6	0.7	0.3
Change and reform list	44.8	42.3	48.9
The National Coalition for	0.3	0.5	0.0
Democratic Justice (Waed)			
The Third Road List	3.3	3.1	3.7
Freedom and Independence List	0.6	0.5	0.6
Palestine Justice List	0.3	0.5	0.0
Fateh List	34.3	35.1	33.0
No answer	2.8	3.6	1.7

^{*} This question was asked to those who voted in the PLC elections

Q21-1Did Hanieh's previous government rise to the level of your expectations?

	Total	Total West Bank	Gaza
	n= 405	n=235	N=170
Yes	53.8	49.4	60.0
No	44.0	47.7	38.8
No answer	2.2	2.9	1.2

^{*} This question was asked to those who voted for change and reform list in the PLC elections

Q22. If elections were to happen again today, for which of the following lists would you vote?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza N= 441
	n= 1198	n=757	
Alternative list (DFLP, PPP, Fida,	1.5	1.5	1.6
and independents coalition)			
Independent Palestine list (Mustafa	3.2	3.0	3.4
Barghouthi and the independents)			
Martyr Abu Ali Mustafa List	3.2	3.0	3.4
Martyr Abu Abbas List	0.1	0.0	0.2
Freedom and Social Justice list	0.1	0.1	0.0
Change and reform list	24.3	20.6	30.6
The National Coalition for	0.3	0.4	0.0
Democratic Justice (Waed)			
The Third Road List	1.9	1.7	2.3
Freedom and Independence List	0.3	0.1	0.7
Palestine Justice List	0.3	0.3	0.2
Fateh List	31.6	32.2	30.4
I wont' vote	29.2	32.5	23.6
No answer	4.0	4.6	3.6

Q23. In your opinion, to what extent is Mecca Agreement capable of ending the internal Palestinian crisis?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
To a great extent	28.5	27.3	30.6
To an average extent	32.7	31.2	35.4
To a low extent	22.9	22.7	23.1
Not capable at all	10.0	11.1	8.2
I don't know/ No answer	5.9	7.7	2.7

Q24. In your opinion, what should the priorities of this coming government be?

Q= 10 mm opinion, while should be	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Finat muianity	n= 1198		n=441
First priority		n=757	+
Resolve the difficult financial and	43.1	40.2	48.1
economic situation of the Palestinian			
people			
Move ahead with a peace process	7.8	10.4	3.2
that might contribute to ending the			
occupation			
1	10.6	17.6	10.0
Counter the Israeli settlement	13.6	15.6	10.2
expansion and the obliteration of			
Jerusalem			
	24.7	21.9	29.5
End the state of chaos and			
implement law and order			
Undertake reform and combat	10.3	11.4	8.4
corruption			

No answer 0.5 0.6		Total	West Penk	Cozo
No answer 0.5 0.6				
	No answer	0.5	0.5	0.6

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Second Priority	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Resolve the difficult financial and economic situation of the Palestinian people	25.0	26.6	22.2
Move ahead with a peace process that might contribute to ending the occupation	13.1	15.7	8.6
Counter the Israeli settlement expansion and the obliteration of Jerusalem	14.7	15.1	14.1
End the state of chaos and implement law and order	30.9	26.4	38.5
Undertake reform and combat corruption	15.9	15.7	16.3
No answer	0.4	0.5	0.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Third priority	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Resolve the difficult financial and economic situation of the Palestinian people	15.0	15.2	14.7
Move ahead with a peace process that might contribute to ending the occupation	14.9	15.2	14.3
Counter the Israeli settlement expansion and the obliteration of Jerusalem	23.5	21.3	27.2
End the state of chaos and implement law and order	22.0	24.2	18.4
Undertake reform and combat corruption	24.0	23.6	24.5
No answer	0.6	0.5	0.9

110 answer	0.0	0.5	0.7
	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Fourth Priority	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Resolve the difficult financial and	9.8	10.3	8.8
economic situation of the Palestinian			
people			
Move ahead with a peace process	22.5	22.2	22.9
that might contribute to ending the			
occupation			
Counter the Israeli settlement	26.1	23.9	29.9
expansion and the obliteration of			
Jerusalem			
End the state of chaos and	14.8	17.2	10.7
implement law and order			
Undertake reform and combat	26.5	25.9	27.4
corruption			
	0.3	0.5	0.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Fifth Priority	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Resolve the difficult financial and economic situation of the Palestinian	7.0	7.5	6.1
people			
Move ahead with a peace process that might contribute to ending the occupation	41.0	35.5	50.3
Counter the Israeli settlement expansion and the obliteration of Jerusalem	21.4	23.2	18.1
End the state of chaos and implement law and order	7.4	10.3	2.5
Undertake reform and combat corruption	22.4	22.9	21.5
	0.8	0.6	1.5

Q25. Do you expect the unity government to be able to accomplish each of the following?

1. End the internal chaos and lack of security	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Yes	68.9	68.2	70.1
No	25.5	26.2	24.3
I don't know/ No answer	5.6	5.6	5.6

2. End the Economic siege	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Yes	63.9	59.4	71.4
No	29.1	33.4	21.8
I don't know/ No answer	7.0	7.2	6.8

3. Lift international boycott	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Yes	53.3	49.9	59.0
No	39.3	43.3	32.4
I don't know/ No answer	7.4	6.8	8.6

4. Resume the peace process	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Yes	47.9	46.6	50.1
No	44.2	46.0	41.0
I don't know/ No answer	7.9	7.4	8.9

5. Combat corruption and undertake reform needed	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Yes	67.8	63.0	76.0
No	26.4	31.4	17.7
I don't know/ No answer	5.8	5.6	6.3

Q26. What do you think of the role the US Secretary of State, Rice is playing in reviving the peace process? Is It?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
A very positive role	0.8	0.7	1.1
A positive role	10.7	10.3	11.3
A negative role	34.3	31.2	39.7
A very negative role	48.1	53.0	39.7
I don't know	5.0	4.1	6.6
No answer	1.1	0.7	1.6

Q27. In your opinion, did the US Secretary of State Rice's efforts in the region make the image of the US?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Better than before	4.6	6.3	1.6
Worse than before	44.4	44.5	44.2
Didn't change	46.3	44.3	49.9
I don't know/ No answer	4.7	4.9	4.3

Q28. With regards to the German policy concerning the Palestinian – Israeli conflict, do you think Germany is biased more towards the Israelis, the Palestinians, or it's not biased at all?

•	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Germany is biased more towards the	61.1	60.8	61.7
Israelis			
Germany is biased more towards the	4.3	4.0	5.0
Palestinians			
Not biased at all	21.5	21.4	21.5
I don't know/ No answer	13.1	13.8	11.8

Q29. How do you evaluate the Performance of Germany as President of the European Union at present?

•	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n=757	n=441
Good	11.9	8.5	17.7
Average	35.7	33.9	38.8
Bad	34.6	37.1	30.2
I don't know/ No opinion	16.9	19.4	12.7
No answer	0.9	1.1	0.6

Q30. Which Palestinian Personality do you trust the most?

-	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=1198	n= 757	n= 441
Ismail Hanieh	19.5	13.9	29.3
Mahmoud Abbas	12.4	12.9	11.6
Marwan Barghouthi	5.1	6.9	2.0
Muhammed Dahlan	4.5	1.3	10.0
Mustafa Barghouthi	3.4	3.3	3.6
Khaled Meshaal	2.8	2.5	3.2
Yasser Arfat	2.8	4.1	0.5
Ahmed Saadat	2.2	2.2	2.0
Mahmoud al-Zahar	1.5	1.5	1.6
Ahmed Yassin	1.1	1.7	0.0
Other personalities	11.5	12.4	10.0
Don't trust anyone	27.3	30.0	22.7
No answer	5.9	7.3	3.5

*The question was open-ended

Q31. Which Palestinian Faction do you trust the most?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 757	n= 441
Fatah	31.4	32.5	29.5
Hamas	25.2	21.5	31.5
PFLP	3.3	3.3	3.2
Islamic Jihad	1.5	1.1	2.3
The Palestinian Initiative	1.4	1.8	0.7
Other Islamic factions	1.7	1.8	1.4
Other factions	2.3	2.1	2.5
Don't trust any faction	27.1	29.2	23.6
No answer	6.1	6.7	5.3

^{*}The question was open-ended