

**Results of Public Opinion Poll # 45
2-4 December 1999**

	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
Unemployment	19.0	15.0	26.0

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1. Do you support or oppose the current peace process between Palestinians and Israelis?

1) Support	74.7	74.5	75.0
2) Oppose	20.9	20.6	21.6
3) No Opinion	4.4	4.9	4.4

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2. Six months after the establishment of the new Israeli government led by Barak, do you trust the intentions of the new government toward the peace process with the Palestinians?

1) Yes	17.9	16.2	20.8
2) No	71.1	72.1	69.3
3) No Opinion	11.0	11.7	9.9

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3. Regarding the permanent status negotiations between the Palestinian and Israeli sides over Jerusalem, refugees, borders, and settlements, I believe

1) There is a possibility to reach a solution acceptable to the two parties.	30.0	27.4	34.2
2) There is no possibility to reach a solution acceptable to the two parties.	58.4	60.2	55.6
3) No Opinion	11.6	12.4	10.2

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4. Do you expect the current peace process to lead to the establishment of a Palestinian State in West Bank and Gaza Strip in the coming years?

1) Yes	50.3	49.1	52.2
2) No	27.2	29.0	24.3
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	22.5	21.9	23.5

Total % West Bank % Gaza Strip %

5. Following the peace process and the implementation of autonomy, your economic situation and standard of living have become :

1) Better	13.3	12.5	14.7
2) Worse	50.7	47.3	56.3
3) Stayed the same	34.2	38.5	27.3
4) Don' t Know	1.8	1.7	1.7

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6. Are you optimistic or pessimistic with regard to the future of the Palestinian people?

1) Optimistic	65.1	46.2	66.6
2) Pessimistic	30.6	32.2	28.2
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	4.3	3.6	5.2

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7. With regard to the situation of the Palestinian refugees in the camps of Lebanon, are you satisfied or concerned about the way they are being treated by the Lebanese government?

1) Satisfied	3.0	2.8	3.3
2) Concerned	70.4	70.4	70.3
3) Unaware of their situation	23.8	23.2	24.9
4) Others	0.2	0.2	0.2
5) Do Not Know	2.6	3.4	1.3

Total % West Bank % Gaza Strip %

8. For several weeks now, Safe Passage has been opened between the West Bank and Gaza Strip, are you pleased with the way it affected the relationship between the residents of the two areas?

1) Pleased	57.3	53.6	63.2
2) Concerned	26.1	26.0	26.3
3) No opinion/Do not know	16.6	20.4	10.5

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8-1 Reasons for not being pleased

1) Economic reasons	29.0	44.0	9.0
2) Social reasons	31.0	30.0	32.0
3) Social and economic reasons	13.0	13.0	14.0
4) Others	27.0	13.0	45.0
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9. The Jordanian government has transferred four leaders of Hamas from Jordan to Qatar after arresting them for more than a month. How do you view this step?

1) A positive step taken by the Jordanian government toward the Palestinians	4.0	3.9	4.3
2) A negative step taken by the Jordanian government toward the Palestinians	67.4	67.6	67.2
3) Unaware of the step	20.9	20.6	21.5
4) Others (Specify _____)	1.5	1.8	0.9
5) No opinion/Don not know	6.2	6.1	6.1
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10. How do you view the events that have taken place among the Palestinians of Nazareth?

1) A violation committed by some Muslims against some Christians	1.1	1.4	0.7
2) A violation committed by some Christians against some Moslems	15.2	17.9	10.8
3) Neither, it is a simple quarrel between brothers in the family	33.9	31.0	38.8
4) Unaware of the events	30.8	30.2	31.6
5) Other	13.4	13.7	12.8
6) No opinion/Do not know	5.6	5.8	5.3
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11. A statement issued by a member of the Israeli Knesset from the Labor Party regarding the possibility of the return of a number of Palestinian refugees to Israel caused a mixed

reaction in Israel. How do you view this reaction?

1) Point to a positive development in the Israeli thinking toward the recognition of the refugees' right of return	12.6	14.2	10.0
2) Point to continued Israeli insistence on refusing to deal positively with the right of return	32.9	30.9	36.0
3) Unaware of the Israeli reaction/unaware of the statement itself	48.8	49.0	48.4
4) No Opinion/Do not know	5.7	5.9	5.6
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12. Currently, final status negotiations are being conducted by the Palestinian and Israeli sides. Are you presently confident that the Palestinian leadership will remain committed to Palestinian basic rights and declared positions (i.e., return to the 1967 borders, right of return or compensation, sovereignty over Jerusalem, and evacuation of settlers)?

1) Yes	46.4	46.9	45.6
2) No	27.5	28.0	26.5
3) Not Sure	19.3	17.6	22.1
4) Others	0.3	0.3	0.4
5) No Opinion /Don't Know	6.5	7.2	5.4
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13. The Sharm al-Sheikh agreement stipulated that the Palestinian and Israeli sides should reach a framework agreement on the final status issues by February 2000. Do you expect that the two sides will in fact reach such an agreement in the specified date?

1) Yes	13.5	13.8	13.0
2) No	55.6	58.6	50.8
3) Not Sure	23.9	19.7	30.7
4) No Opinion /Don't Know	7.0	7.9	5.5
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14. If separate elections for a Vice President of the Palestinian Authority were held today, and the following names were nominated as candidates, whom would you choose?

1) Ahmad Qurai' (Abu Ala')	3.6	4.2	2.7
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	5.0	4.0	6.6
3) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	3.9	5.0	2.1
4) Nabil Sha'ath	2.2	1.3	3.7
5) Sa'eb Erikat	7.0	7.8	5.8
6) Hanan Ashrawi	4.1	4.3	3.8
7) Faisal Husseini	8.2	8.8	7.1
8) Haidar Abdul Shafi	17.1	13.7	22.6
9) Other (Specify_____)	0.9	0.9	0.9
10) No one	29.7	31.2	27.3
11) I will not participate in the elections	13.2	13.5	12.7
12) No Opinion /Don't Know	5.1	5.3	4.7
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15. If separate elections for a Vice President of the Palestinian Authority were held today, and the following names were nominated as candidates, whom would you choose?

1) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	13.7	14.1	13.0
2) Faisal Husseini	21.9	25.2	16.8
3) Haidar Abdul Shafi	39.1	33.5	47.6
4) Ahmad Qurai' (Abu Ala')	10.6	13.7	5.8
5) Other (Specify_____)	9.6	8.9	10.6
6) No Opinion /Don't Know	5.1	4.6	6.2
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16. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions?

1) Yes	68.2	65.7	72.3
2) No	15.0	16.0	13.3
3) Not Sure	16.8	18.3	14.4
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17. Will this corruption in PA institutions increase, decrease or remain as it is in the future?

1) Increase	53.7	53.0	54.7
2) Remain as it is	8.2	6.6	10.6
3) Decrease	26.2	27.7	23.9
4) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	11.9	12.7	10.8
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18. If you want to evaluate the status of democracy and human rights under the Palestinian Authority, you would say it is:

1) Very Good	3.5	3.6	3.4
2) Good	19.8	22.1	16.0
3) Fair	34.1	32.8	36.2
4) Bad	21.3	21.3	21.1
5) Very Bad	13.2	10.5	17.6
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	8.1	9.7	5.7
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19. In your opinion, can people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip criticize the Palestinian Authority without fear?

1) Yes	30.5	32.3	27.8
2) No	61.4	59.7	64.1
3) Do not know	8.1	8.1	8.2
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20. If separate elections for the president of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?

1) Haydar Abdul Shafi	12.3	11.9	12.9
2) Yasser Arafat	44.5	40.3	51.3
3) Ahmad Yasin	9.6	10.1	8.7
4) No one	0.5	0.6	0.5

5) Others	18.6	20.6	15.2
6) I will not participate	11.2	12.1	9.8
7) No Opinion / Don't Know	3.3	4.4	1.7
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21. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli targets, I...

1) Support	35.6	36.4	34.3
2) Oppose	54.8	52.2	58.8
3) No Opinion /Don' t Know	9.6	11.4	6.9
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22. Which of the following political parties do you support?

1) PPP	0.5	0.6	0.3
2) PFLP	3.2	2.5	4.3
3) Fateh	37.1	38.2	35.2
4) Hamas	9.0	10.0	7.5
5) DFLP	1.3	0.9	1.9
6) Islamic Jihad	2.0	2.1	1.8
7) Fida	0.1	0.1	-----
8) Independent Islamists	3.1	2.0	4.8
9) Independent Nationalists	3.2	2.5	4.3
10) None of the above	38.5	38.5	38.6
11) Others	2.0	2.6	1.3