

## Public Opinion Poll #34

	Total %	West Bank %	Gaza Strip %
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>
<b>1. How often do you follow the news?</b>			
1) Always	24.0	22.5	26.2
2) Often	12.9	15.1	9.5
3) Sometimes	52.5	52.2	52.4
4) Not Sure	10.7	9.8	12.0
<b>2. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the PLC?</b>			
1) Very Good	12.4	14.4	9.4
2) Good	32.2	33.7	30.0
3) Fair	28.2	26.6	30.6
4) Bad	10.8	9.8	12.3
5) Very Bad	7.8	5.7	11.0
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	8.6	9.8	6.7
<b>3. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian government (the Cabinet)?</b>			
1) Very Good	16.9	14.9	19.8
2) Good	36.1	36.3	35.9
3) Fa	25.3	25.8	24.5
4) Bad	9.9	10.9	8.5
5) Very Bad	6.6	5.1	8.8
6) No Opinion/ Do not know	5.2	6.9	2.5
<b>4. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the judicial authority and courts?</b>			
1) Very Good	17.2	15.8	19.2
2) Good	30.7	29.8	32.1
3) Fair	19.7	17.1	23.6
4) Bad	10.6	11.6	9.1
5) Very Bad	5.9	6.0	5.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	16.0	19.7	10.4
<b>5. 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?</b>			
1)Yes	48.4	47.9	49.3
2) No	35.5	37.5	32.0
3) Not Sure	16.1	14.6	18.7
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>
<b>6. Following the peace process and the implementation of autonomy, your economic situation and standard of living has become :</b>			
1) Better	14.4	14.7	13.8
2) Worse	50.1	46.2	57.0

3) Stayed the same	34.8	38.5	28.4
4) Don't Know	0.7	0.6	0.8

**7. Can your family provide for all the basic monthly expenses (for food, residence, health care and education)?**

1) Yes	53.6	57.6	46.4
2) No	45.9	41.9	53.0
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	0.5	0.4	0.6

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

1) Optimistic	64.6	60.2	72.4
2) Pessimistic	32.6	36.2	26.3
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	2.8	3.6	1.4

**9. According to Oslo Agreement, the transitional period will end on May 4,1999. Some people see the necessity of transforming the PA into a Palestinian State at that date even if Israel objected. Others argue that the establishment of the state should wait until an agreement is reached with Israel. What do you think?**

1) Support waiting till reaching an agreement with Israel.	34.3	34.7	33.5
2) Support establishing a Palestinian state right after the end of the transitional period even if there no agreements was reached with Israel at that time	57.8	55.8	61.4
3) Others (specify_____)	2.8	3.3	1.8
4) No Opinion /Don't know	5.1	6.2	3.2

**10. The Government of the United States proposed a political initiative for an Israeli redeployment from 13% of the West Bank. What is your attitude toward it?**

1) I accept the initiative	43.0	46.8	36.4
2) I oppose the initiative	50.5	46.3	57.8
3) Others (Specify_____)	1.2	1.3	1.1
4) No Opinion /Don't Know	5.3	5.6	4.8

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**11. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions? (if yes, go to the next question)**

1) Yes	64.2	61.2	69.6
2) No	22.6	24.4	19.4
3) Not Sure	13.2	14.4	11.1

**12. Will this corruption in PA institutions increase, decrease or remain as it is in the future?**

1) Increase	52.2	50.6	54.6
2) Remain as it is	6.0	6.8	4.8
3) Decrease	32.7	31.9	33.8
4) Don't Know/ No Opinion	9.1	10.6	6.8

**13. If you want to evaluate the status of democracy and human rights under the Palestinian Authority, you would say it is:**

1) Very Good	6.0	5.4	7.1
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2) Good	28.6	28.5	28.6
3) Fair	35.3	36.3	33.5
4) Bad	15.6	15.0	16.8
5) Very Bad	9.8	9.3	10.6
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	4.7	5.5	3.4

**14. And what about the status of democracy and human rights in other countries:**

**14-1 America**

1) Very Good	33.5	29.6	40.2
2) Good	24.7	27.2	20.3
3) Fair	7.9	7.3	8.9
4) Bad	9.0	8.2	10.4
5) Very Bad	2.6	3.0	1.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	22.3	24.6	18.3

**14-2 Israel**

1) Very Good	42.1	38.5	48.5
2) Good	26.9	27.9	25.1
3) Fair	6.6	6.9	6.0
4) Bad	9.0	9.0	9.1
5) Very Bad	2.9	3.3	2.2
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	12.5	14.3	9.2

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**14-3 Jordan**

1) Very Good	8.1	5.9	12.0
2) Good	27.6	25.0	32.2
3) Fair	22.3	23.1	20.8
4) Bad	18.2	20.6	14.0
5) Very Bad	6.7	8.4	3.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	17.0	16.9	17.2

**14-4 Egypt**

1) Very Good	8.2	4.0	15.4
2) Good	23.8	20.0	30.5
3) Fair	19.9	18.6	22.2
4) Bad	15.5	15.6	15.4
5) Very Bad	6.9	7.6	5.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	25.8	34.2	11.1

**14-5 France**

1) Very Good	27.1	23.3	33.7
2) Good	25.3	23.8	28.0
3) Fair	4.1	3.5	5.2
4) Bad	2.9	3.1	2.6
5) Very Bad	1.1	1.3	0.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	39.5	45.0	29.7

**15. The Palestinian President is currently holding discussions and consultations to form a new cabinet. Some people see that there is a need for a comprehensive change that would**

**replace all or most of the ministers and senior officials, while others argue that most of those are fine and only some should be changed.**

**15-1 What do you want?**

1) I want a complete reshuffling that replaces most of the current ministers	37.6	38.0	36.7
2) I want a partial reshuffling that replaces only some of the current ministers	51.1	48.3	56.2
3) Others (Specify_____)	2.8	3.1	2.5
4) No opinion /Don't know	8.5	10.6	4.6
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**15-2 What do you expect to happen?**

1) I expect a complete reshuffling that replaces most of the current ministers	17.8	18.0	17.8
2) I expect a partial reshuffling that replaces only some of the current ministers	65.9	70.0	63.6
3) Others (Specify_____)	3.5	4.1	3.5
4) opinion /Don't know	12.5	7.8	.1

**16. In your opinion, can people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip criticize the Palestinian Authority without fear?**

1) Yes	39.0	40.0	37.3
2) No	56.8	55.2	59.6
3) Do not know	4.2	4.8	3.1

**17. Concerning the armed attack against Israeli targets, I...**

1) Support	49.7	47.1	54.2
2) Oppose	44.8	46.5	41.8
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	5.5	6.4	4.0

**18. If separate elections for the president of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?**

1) Yasser Arafat	61.4	58.2	67.1
2) Ahmad Yassin	1.6	1.6	1.6
3) Haidar Abdul Shafi	1.6	1.8	1.2
4) Others (Less than 1% each)	6.0	6.1	5.8
5) No one	14.3	15.5	12.2
6) No Opinion / Don't Know	15.1	16.8	12.1

**19. If separate elections for a Vice President of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?**

1) (Mahmoud Abbas) Abu Mazin	5.9	4.6	8.0
2) Saib Erikat	3.6	3.8	3.4
3) Ahmad Qurai' (Abu Al-Ala')	3.2	3.2	3.4
4) Haidar Abdul Shafi	2.6	1.5	4.5
5) Farouq Al-Qaddomi	1.8	1.8	1.8
6) Tayyeb A. Rahim	1.7	0.4	4.1
7) Nabil Sha'ath	1.6	1.2	2.2
8) Others (Less than 1.5% each)	15.1	17.8	10.3

9) No one	21.3	21.1	21.7
10) No opinion/Don't know	43.2	44.6	40.6
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**20. Which of the following political parties do you support?**

1) PPP	1.5	2.3	0.2
2) PFLP	3.7	3.1	4.6
3) Fateh	43.0	42.3	44.2
4) Hamas	13.4	13.1	13.8
5) DFLP	0.8	1.0	0.3
6) Islamic Jihad	3.0	3.1	2.9
7) Fida	0.6	0.8	0.2
8) Independent Islamists	2.5	3.3	1.1
9) Independent Nationalists	3.3	3.7	2.8
10) None of the above	25.8	24.6	28.0
11) Others	2.4	2.7	2.0