

EDITORIAL

Palestinians are deeply divided over the question of responsibility for the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, the latest public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Centre (JMCC), in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in August 2017 finds. Coincidentally, trust in all political factions has fallen considerably since the beginning of 2017. Below, you will find the results in more detail. In recent months the already dire situation in the Gaza Strip was exacerbated by a number of restrictive policies imposed by the Palestinian Authority (PA) in Ramallah. The PA decided to withhold the salaries of civil servants, rejected to pay for electricity in Gaza and also requested from Israel to further reduce the electricity supply in May of this year.

With Gazans only having up to four hours of electricity every day, followed by blackouts of up to twelve hours, the consequences on the humanitarian situation in coastal enclave are tremendous. While it would seem, that many would blame the PA, only one fifth of respondents said the PA was responsible (20.4%), with 30.4% saying it was Hamas and 38.3% blaming Israel. Interestingly, the majority in the Gaza Strip (51.6%) believes Hamas bears responsibility for the deteriorating situation, with 26.4% blaming the PA and 16.9% saying the aggravation of the electricity crisis is due to Israel. In the West Bank however, the majority of Palestinians (51.1%) said Israel was responsible, while only 17.8% blame Hamas and 16.7% the PA. This situation is also reflected in the continuing decline in trust in political factions. In a poll published in March of this year, 35.4% of Palestinians claimed to trust Fatah the most.

While Fatah, in comparison, still appears to be the most trustworthy of the Palestinian parties, the most recent poll shows a strong decline (25%). Trust in Hamas remains relatively low with 14.5%, compared to 16.3% earlier this year. The sharp increase in the percentage of Palestinians that claim to trust no political faction at all is striking: 42.8% compared to 33.7% in a poll conducted in February. Half of the respondents in the West Bank (49.9%) claim to have no trust in any political faction, indicating that the local elections in May 2017, that were only held in the West Bank, have done little to improve the re-

lationship between the leadership and their constituency. Dismissed Fatah leader and rival of President Abbas, Mohammed Dahlan, has been rumored to make a return to the Palestinian political scene. In an effort to gain a foothold in Gaza, he has been cooperating with both the new leadership of Hamas as well as Egypt. Nevertheless, the recent rapprochement between Hamas and Fatah could result in the isolation of Dahlan.

While 18% of Palestinians in Gaza said they would vote for him should presidential elections be held without the participation of Mahmoud Abbas, his popularity in the West Bank is very low (1.5%). Overall, only 7.7% of respondents said they would vote for him, favoring imprisoned Fatah leader Marwan Barghouti (26.1%) and Ismail Haniyeh (12.1%). While Dahlan has invested considerable resources to alleviate the pressure on the Gaza Strip, Palestinians still deem both Barghouti (13.4%) and Haniyeh (11.2%) more trustworthy than him (5.2%). Interestingly, Mahmoud Abbas, the most trustworthy politician earlier this year (12.4%), appears to have lost the confidence of Palestinians, with only 7.6% saying they trusted him the most. Although a majority of Palestinians remains supportive of a resumption of the peace negotiations (54.2%), the high percentage of those who oppose it (41.9%) should not be disregarded.

Furthermore, Palestinians are pessimistic about the prospects of such resumption: Just under one fifth of Palestinians (19.7%) believe that the peace process was still alive. A majority of Palestinians (54.7%) say they support the Arab Peace Initiative, indicating that Palestinians have put their hopes in a regional approach to the peace process and that the new U.S. administration has done little to gain the confidence of Palestinians. An overwhelming majority of 79.3% do not believe that U.S. President Donald Trump is serious in his call for a resumption of the peace process, as only 5.1% said the dealings of the United States in the Middle East had improved during his term in office. In comparison, in a poll conducted in June 2009, shortly after Barack Obama's inauguration, 40.6% of Palestinians said there was an improvement in the United States' dealings in the Middle East and 35.4% said his administration would increase the chances for peace between Israel and Palestine.



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Pessimism towards Trump administration's role in negotiations; Fall in trust in factions Increase in popularity of Marwan Barghout

A public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre (JMCC) in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung showed the Palestinians' pessimism towards the United States' role in the peace process six months after US President Donald Trump's inauguration. The majority of respondents (79.3%) said Trump was not serious in his call for a resumption of the peace process while 11.9% said he was serious. Meanwhile, 42.9% said there was a decline in the United States' dealings with the Middle East peace process while 42.8% said there had been no change compared to previous US Administrations.

Moreover, the majority of respondents, 54%, advised the Palestinian leadership to agree to a resumption of negotiations if Donald Trump calls for them, on the condition that settlement construction is halted, as opposed to 30.6% who said the Palestinian leadership should not participate.

Negotiations instead of military operations

The largest percentage of Palestinians, 54.2%, still supports the resumption of negotiations with Israel in principle, compared to 41.9%, who oppose resumption. Still, 35.6% of respondents said the peace process was dead and could not be revived, while 39.6% said the peace process was facing difficult conditions with an uncertain future. 19.7% said the peace process was still alive and could be resumed.

Meanwhile, the percentage of those who support the resumption of military operations against Israeli targets as an appropriate response under the current political conditions declined to 28.6% in this poll in comparison to 42.7% in October 2014 and 50.9% in December 2012.

Furthermore, the majority of respondents, 54.7%, continued to support the Arab Peace Initiative compared to 36.1% who opposed it and 9.2% who had no position on the issue.

Balfour Declaration

On the occasion of 100 years since the Balfour Declaration, 40.6% of respondents said Britain bears responsibility for the current Palestinian situation to a large extent, while 19.6% said it bore responsibility to some extent and 30.4% who said it did not bear any responsibility at all.

Opposition to dissolving the Palestinian National Authority (PNA)

Despite a decline in the percentage of those who evaluate the performance of the PNA as good or very good, the majority of respondents oppose its dissolution. The percentage of those who evaluated the performance of the PNA as good dropped from 61.6% in November 2013 to 54.1% in September 2017. Meanwhile, the percentage of those who evaluated the performance of the PNA as being bad increased to 45.9% after it was 33.6% in November 2013. Nonetheless, the majority of respondents opposes the dissolution of the PNA and sees a necessity to maintain it, reaching 65.5% in this poll.

Trust in Factions

The poll showed an unprecedented increase in the percentage of those who do not trust any political faction, reaching 42.8%. It is noteworthy that the percentage is far higher in the West Bank (49.9%) compared to the Gaza Strip (30.9%).

The total percentage of trust in Fatah fell to 25% in this poll after being 33.1% in July, 2016. It should be noted that the percentage of trust in Fatah in the Gaza Strip, 34.7%, is higher than it is in the West Bank, at 19.2%. As for trust in Hamas, the percentage remained constant in this poll at 14.5% compared to 14.3% in July 2016. Yet, trust in Hamas in Gaza with 22.9% was considerably higher than it was in the West Bank with 9.5%. However, when asked who was responsible for the aggravation of the electricity crisis in the Gaza Strip, the majority of respondents in the Gaza Strip, 51.6%, said it was the Hamas government in Gaza, while 16.9% of Gazans said it was Israel. Yet in the West Bank, a majority of 51.1% said Israel was responsible with only 17.8% saying it was Hamas.

Increase in Marwan Barghouti's popularity

If general elections were held and current President Mahmoud Abbas would not run for office again the largest percentage of Palestinians, 26.1%, said they would vote for Marwan Barghouti – 25.8% in the west bank and 26.7% in Gaza- while 12.1% said they would vote for Ismail Haniyeh -9.3% in the West Bank and 16.7% in Gaza . Another 7.7% said they would vote for Mohamad Dahlan -1.5% in the West Bank and 18% in Gaza-.

However, if presidential elections were held in which only Marwan Barghouti and Ismail Haniyeh ran for office, about half of the respondents, 50.2%, said they would vote for Marwan Barghouti while 19.5% would vote for Haniyeh. Moreover, if only Mahmoud Abbas and Ismail Haniyeh ran, 34.8% said they would vote for Abbas, while 27.0% would vote for Haniyeh.

Gender Equality in Palestine

The larger percentage of those polled, 47.5%, said that equality between women and men has improved over the past 10 years while 32.4% said it stayed the same and 16.8% said it had declined.

Police treatment towards women

Regarding battered women and those who report to the police, the majority, 59%, said they thought the police dealt with such cases appropriately, while 27% said they did not. Nonetheless, respondents were split regarding fair treatment of women. Around half of the respondents, 49.2%, said they thought the police adopted fair policies towards women while 47.1% said they did not. In general, almost two-thirds of the respondents, 63.5%, said they had confidence in the Palestinian police to a great or somewhat high extent, while 32% said they had confidence only to a small extent.

Ways of reducing domestic violence

Palestinians were divided over the best ways of reducing levels of domestic violence. 29.9% of respondents said the best solution was passing stricter laws, while 26.2% said it was by increasing the enforcement of current laws and 39.3% said the best way was to improve education and awareness with regards to women's rights.

Majority considers religion an important part of their lives

A majority of Palestinians, 97.4%, still considers religion an important part of their lives, while 2.6% said it was not. Furthermore, 90.1% said they always performed prayers during the month of Ramadan, while 5.1% said they prayed only on Fridays. Moreover, the majority, 94.2%, said they fasted all or most of the month of Ramadan, while 4.8% said they did not fast at all or only for a few days. As for the Umra (pilgrimage), 28.1% said they had performed it, while 71.9% said they had not performed it or not performed it yet.

Methodology:

A random sample of 1199 people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between **13th and 21st of August 2017**. 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 **749** people were surveyed from the following areas:

Hebron: Hebron, Halhul, Sa'ir, Yatta, Dura, Bani Na'im, Beit Ummar, Tarqumia, Qalqas, Hadab al-Fawwar, Al-Fawwar refugee camp. **Jenin:** Jenin, Qabatiya, Ya'bad, Meithalun, Al-Yamun, Zububa, Rummana, T'inink Jenin refugee camp. **Tubas:** Tubas, Tayasir. **Ramallah & al-Bireh:** Ein Yabrud, Ramallah, Al-Bireh, Silwad, Beitunya, Ein 'arik, Deir Dibwan, Kobar, Saffa, Al-'amari refugee camp. **Jericho:** Jericho. **Jerusalem :** Al-'Ezariyeh, Bir nabala, A-sawahira al-sharqiya, Jaba', Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Old City, Silwan, Ras al-Amoud, Qalandia refugee camp. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Tuqu', Beit Sahur, Beit Jala, Battir, Ad-duheisheh refugee camp. **Nablus:** Nablus, Qabalan, Huwwara, Beita, Aqraba, Awarta, Urif, Talfit, Balata refugee camp. **Salfit:** Salfit, Kifl Haris. **Tulkarem:** Tulkarem, Bal'a, Illar, Anabta, Far'un, Seida. **Qalqilya:** Qalqilya, Azzun, Jayyus.

In the Gaza Strip **450** people were surveyed from the following areas:

Gaza: al-Rimal a-Shamali, al-Rimal a-Janoubi, a-Zeitoun, a-Shuja'ia, a-Tufah, a-Daraj, a-Naser, a-Sheikh Radwan, Tal al-Hawa, al-Mughraga, Shati Refugee Camp . **Khan Younis:** Khan Younis, Absan al-Kabira, Abasan al-Saghira, Bani Suheila, al-Qarara, Khuza', Khan Younis Refugee Camp. **Rafah:** Rafah, Shouket a-Soufi, Rafah Refugee Camp. **Gaza North:** Jabalia, Beit Lahia, Beit Hanoun, Jabalia Refugee Camp. **Deir al-Balah:** Deir al-Balah, Buriy, -Zawaydeh, Nussirat, al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah Refugee Camp.

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

Sample Distribution

52.5% of the respondents were from the West Bank , 10.0% from Jerusalem, 37.5% from the Gaza Strip.

20.4% said they live in villages, 8.8% in refugee camps, and 70.8 % in towns/cities.

59.3% were married, 31.4 % , single, 6.9% widowed, 2.3 % divorced, 0.1% no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 36.8 years.

Occupation of Respondents

- Students 14.3 %
- Laborers 8.0 %
- Housewives 44.7%
- Farmers/fishermen 1.4%
- Craftsmen 1.2%
- Businessmen/private business 5.1%
- Public Sector Employees 8.1%
- Private Sector Employees 5.8%
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 0.8%
- Unemployed 7.6 %
- Retired 2.8%,
- No answer 0.2%.

Results:

Q1. To what extent do you feel optimistic or pessimistic regarding the Palestinian future? Would you say that you are very optimistic, cautiously optimistic, pessimistic or very pessimistic?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Optimistic	30.4	41.9	11.3	24.2	34.4
Cautiously optimistic	30.2	29.5	31.3	29.0	30.9
Pessimistic	22.3	18.6	28.4	24.5	20.9
Very pessimistic	16.5	9.2	28.7	21.6	13.3
No answer	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.5

Q2. Do you support the continuation of military operations against Israeli targets as an appropriate response under current political conditions or do you oppose them and believe they harm Palestinian national interests?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n= 450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
I support them under the current political conditions	28.6	28.8	28.2	26.8	29.7
I oppose them and believe they harm Palestinian national interests	59.5	56.1	65.3	63.2	57.3
Other	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.7
Don't know \ no answer	11.1	14.2	6.1	9.1	12.3

Q3. Under the current conditions, some believe that the peace process has died and that negotiations cannot be resumed while others believe that the peace process faces difficult conditions with an unclear future. Again others believe that the peace process is still alive and that it is possible resume negotiations. What do you think?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n= 450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
The peace process is dead and negotiations cannot be resumed	35.6	30.2	44.7	41.1	32.2
The peace process faces difficult conditions with unclear future	39.6	39.4	40.0	39.0	40.0
The peace process is still alive and negotiations can be resumed	19.7	23.9	12.7	17.1	21.3
Don't know \ no answer	5.1	6.5	2.6	2.8	6.5

Q4. In general, how would you evaluate the performance of the PNA? Would you say its performance is very good, good, bad or very bad?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n= 450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Very good	9.8	14.0	2.9	8.9	10.4
Good	44.3	56.1	24.7	40.5	46.7
Bad	26.7	19.4	38.9	29.0	25.2
Very bad	19.2	10.5	33.5	21.6	17.7

Q5. There is a debate on the future of the PNA whereby some people believe that dissolving the PNA is necessary now, while others believe that the PNA should be maintained. What do you think?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n= 450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Dissolving the PNA is necessary	24.8	22.4	28.7	24.7	24.8
Maintain the PNA is necessary	65.5	68.8	60.0	66.9	64.6
Don't know \ no answer	9.7	8.8	11.3	8.4	10.6

Q6. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree with peace negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n= 450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Strongly agree	16.0	19.8	9.8	14.7	16.8
Somewhat agree	38.2	37.7	39.1	36.6	39.2
Somewhat disagree	19.5	17.6	22.7	21.0	18.6
Strongly disagree	22.4	19.5	27.1	25.5	20.4
Don't know \ no answer	3.9	5.4	1.3	2.2	5.0

Q7. To what extent do you support or oppose the Arab Peace Initiative? Do you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose it or strongly oppose it?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n=749	Gaza n= 450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Strongly support	14.5	15.9	12.2	11.9	16.1
Somewhat support	40.2	39.0	42.2	40.9	39.8
Somewhat oppose	18.8	16.4	22.7	20.6	17.6
Strongly oppose	17.3	17.4	17.3	21.2	14.9
Don't know \ no answer	9.2	11.3	5.6	5.4	11.6

Q8. If presidential elections were held today, with Marwan Barghouthi and Isma'el Haniyeh as the only candidates running in the elections, for which one of them would you vote?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n=749	n= 450	n= 462	n=737
Marwan Barghouthi	50.2	49.4	51.6	51.5	49.4
Isma'el Haniyeh	19.5	16.2	25.1	19.3	19.7
Don't know	13.8	14.2	13.3	13.9	13.8
No answer	16.5	20.2	10.0	15.3	17.1

Q9. If presidential elections were held today, with Mohamad Dahlan and Isma'el Haniyeh as the only candidates running the elections, for which one of them would you vote?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n= 450	n= 462	n=737
Mohamad Dahlan	24.5	17.0	37.1	27.1	22.9
Isma'el Haniyeh	28.3	28.6	27.8	26.0	29.7
Don't know	20.4	20.6	20.0	19.9	20.6
No answer	26.8	33.8	15.1	27.0	26.8

Q10. If presidential elections were held today, with Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) and Isma'el Haniyeh as the only candidates running the elections, for which one of them would you vote?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n= 450	n= 462	n=737
Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	34.8	38.5	28.7	36.1	33.9
Isma'el Haniyeh	27.0	25.2	30.0	25.3	28.1
Don't know	15.9	12.6	21.6	16.0	15.9
No answer	22.3	23.7	19.7	22.6	22.1

Q11. If presidential elections were held today, with Marwan Barghouthi and Kahled Meshaal as the only candidates running the elections, for which one of them would you vote?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n= 450	n= 462	n=737
Marwan Barghouthi	51.7	51.5	52.0	52.2	51.4
Khaled Meshaal	18.0	14.7	23.6	19.0	17.4
Don't know	13.8	11.9	17.1	13.9	13.8
No answer	16.5	21.9	7.3	14.9	17.4

Q12. If presidential elections were to take place today and Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) would not run again, whom would you vote for?*

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Marwan Barghouthi	26.1	25.8	26.7	26.6	25.8
Isma'el Haniyeh	12.1	9.3	16.7	11.3	12.6
Mohamad Dahlan	7.7	1.5	18.0	10.0	6.2
Others	9.5	4.9	17.1	13.6	6.9
Don't know	24.0	29.5	14.9	19.0	27.1
No answer	20.6	29.0	6.6	19.5	21.4

*This was an open-ended question no options were read to the interviewee

Q13. Do you think that the policy of the US President Trump will increase or decrease 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 n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
It will increase the chances	6.3	7.7	4.0	5.0	7.2
It will reduce the chances	36.4	35.1	38.7	36.8	36.2
It won't make any difference	46.5	44.9	49.3	49.6	44.6
Don't know \ no answer	10.8	12.3	8.0	8.6	12.0

Q14. What is your opinion about the performance of the US Administration headed by President Trump six months after his inauguration regarding the Middle East? Do you think the United States has improved its dealings with the problems in the Middle East, or have you noticed regression or no change at all?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
There has been improvement in the dealings of the United States with the problems in the Middle East	5.1	5.9	3.8	5.2	5.0
There has been regression in the dealings of the United States with the problems in the Middle East	42.9	38.6	50.0	45.5	41.2
There has been no change in the United States dealing with the problems in the Middle East	42.8	44.6	39.8	42.0	43.3
Don't know \ no answer	9.2	10.9	6.4	7.3	10.5

Q15. How serious is US President Trump's call to resume the peace process and renew negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis? Would you say he is:

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Very serious	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.2
Somewhat serious	10.5	12.7	6.9	10.2	10.7
Somewhat unserious	22.3	20.7	24.9	20.1	23.6
Very unserious	57.0	54.2	61.8	59.7	55.4
Don't know	7.5	8.8	5.3	7.6	7.5
No answer	1.3	2.0	0.0	0.7	1.6

Q16. If US President Trump calls on Palestinians and Israelis to resume negotiations, what do you think should be the response of the Palestinian leadership?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Participate	9.5	11.3	6.4	9.3	9.6
Participate with conditions (such as freeze in settlement construction)	54.0	55.0	52.4	53.5	54.4
Don't participate	30.6	26.7	37.1	32.3	29.6
Don't know \ no answer	5.9	7.0	4.1	4.9	6.4

Q17. In general, do you think certain Arab Gulf countries will respond to Israel's desire for normalized relations before the Palestinian cause is resolved and the occupation ended?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Yes, they will respond	43.3	42.6	44.4	47.2	40.8
No, they will not respond	43.4	43.4	43.3	42.4	44.0
Don't know\ no answer	13.3	14.0	12.3	10.4	15.2

Q18. In general, is religion an important part of your life?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Yes	97.4	97.7	96.9	94.8	99.1
No	2.6	2.3	3.1	5.2	0.9

Q19. Have you performed Al Umra (pilgrimage to Mecca performed by Muslims that can be undertaken at any time of the year)?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
Yes	28.1	32.3	21.1	25.3	29.9
No	71.9	67.7	78.9	74.7	70.1

Q20. Did you fast during the month of Ramadan?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
Most of the days or all of the days	94.2	92.5	96.9	93.1	94.8
A few days	3.1	3.6	2.2	3.2	3.0
I did not fast	1.7	2.3	0.7	2.6	1.1
No answer	1.0	1.6	0.2	1.1	1.1

Q21. During the month of Ramadan, did you perform all religious prayers?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
I prayed all days	90.1	88.8	92.2	84.6	93.5
I prayed only on Fridays	5.1	4.5	6.0	10.4	1.8
I didn't pray	4.8	6.7	1.8	5.0	4.7

Q22. What is your **first** source of news in general?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
Television	32.6	37.0	25.3	29.2	34.7
Social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	29.9	31.8	26.9	28.8	30.7
Internet news sites	24.7	19.2	33.8	31.6	20.4
Radio	6.1	4.8	8.2	5.8	6.2
Newspapers	1.0	1.3	0.4	0.9	1.1
I don't follow the news	5.7	5.9	5.4	3.7	6.9

Q23. How often do you use social media (Facebook, etc.) to communicate with your family and friends?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Very often	21.4	21.8	20.9	28.6	17.0
Often	24.3	22.4	27.3	25.3	23.6
Every now and then	25.7	26.0	25.1	22.1	28.0
I don't use social media	28.2	29.4	26.2	23.6	31.1
No answer	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5

Q24. Have you ever been harassed by anyone through social media?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Yes	7.4	4.5	12.2	6.9	7.7
No	92.5	95.5	87.6	92.9	92.3
No answer	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0

Q25. Studies show that one in four women in Palestine has experienced physical violence. What do you think is the best way to reduce levels of domestic violence?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Passing stricter laws to protect women	29.9	25.6	36.9	30.7	29.3
Increasing the enforcement of current laws	26.2	25.8	26.9	28.1	25.0
Improving education with regards to women's rights	39.3	42.2	34.4	36.8	40.8
Other	1.6	2.5	0.0	1.5	1.6
Don't know \ no answer	3.0	3.9	1.8	2.8	3.3

Q26. In the last 10 years, do you think that equality between men and women in Palestine has improved, stayed about the same or declined?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Equality between men and women has improved	47.5	56.1	33.3	44.2	49.7
Equality between men and women stayed about the same	32.4	29.5	37.1	36.4	29.9
Equality between men and women has declined	16.8	11.5	25.8	16.2	17.2
Don't know \ no answer	3.3	2.9	3.8	3.2	3.2

Q27. To what extent do you have confidence in the police?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
To a great extent	22.1	25.6	16.2	23.4	21.3
To some extent	41.4	44.7	35.8	37.2	44.0
To a small extent	32.0	24.0	45.3	35.7	29.7
Don't know \ no answer	4.5	5.7	2.7	3.7	5.0

Q28. Do you think that the police adopt a fair policy towards women?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Yes	49.2	60.3	30.7	47.0	50.6
No	47.1	39.7	59.6	48.9	46.0
Don't know	3.7	0.0	9.7	4.1	3.4

Q29. To what extent do you think that the police is dealing appropriately or inappropriately with battered women who report to the police?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
In a very appropriate manner	19.0	24.6	9.8	16.9	20.4
In a somewhat appropriate manner	40.0	39.4	41.1	44.2	37.4
In a somewhat inappropriate manner	18.3	12.3	28.2	21.6	16.1
In a very inappropriate manner	8.7	6.3	12.7	7.6	9.4
Don't know	12.8	15.5	8.2	9.1	15.1
No answer	1.2	1.9	0.0	0.6	1.6

Q30. Hamas released a new political document with some new positions, including acceptance of the June 1967 borders. Do you think that this change will serve the Palestinian national interests?

	Total n= 1199	West Bank n= 749	Gaza n=450	Male n= 462	Female n=737
Yes	34.9	33.9	36.4	33.1	36.0
No	41.8	39.1	46.2	48.9	37.3
Don't know \ no answer	23.3	27.0	17.4	18.0	26.7

Q31. 100 years after the Balfour Declaration, to what extent do you think that Britain bears responsibility for the current situation facing Palestinians?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
To a large extent	40.6	34.6	50.7	46.3	37.0
To some extent	19.6	20.3	18.4	19.0	19.9
To no extent at all	30.4	33.9	24.7	28.4	31.8
Don't know \ no answer	9.4	11.2	6.2	6.3	11.3

Q32. Do you think an apology and recognition of a Palestinian state from Britain is sufficient compensation to satisfy the Palestinians?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 722	n= 411	n=311	n= 302	n=420
Yes	13.6	14.1	12.9	12.6	14.3
No	84.6	83.9	85.5	85.8	83.8
Don't know \ no answer	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.9

* This question was asked to those who answered that Britain bears responsibility for the current situation facing Palestinians in the previous question (at least "to some extent")

Q33. To what extent do you think that the government collects taxes and other fees from citizens in a fair manner?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
To a great extent	11.8	11.7	12.0	12.6	11.4
To some extent	32.4	34.0	29.8	32.3	32.6
To a small extent	44.4	40.9	50.2	46.3	43.1
Don't know \ no answer	11.4	13.4	8.0	8.8	12.9

Q34. To what extent do you think there is discrimination between women and men in the tax system?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
To a great extent	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.5	8.4
To some extent	24.2	21.4	28.9	24.9	23.7
To a small extent	19.9	14.3	29.3	21.0	19.3
There is no discrimination	31.4	36.6	22.7	31.6	31.2
Don't know \ no answer	15.7	18.9	10.2	13.0	17.4

Q35. Do you think that the level of social services provided by the authority is appropriate with regards to the amount of tax collected?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
Yes	16.3	20.3	9.6	16.9	15.9
No	74.7	68.4	85.3	77.9	72.7
No answer	9.0	11.3	5.1	5.2	11.4

Q36. Who is more responsible for the aggravation of the electricity crisis in the Gaza Strip?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
Israel	38.3	51.1	16.9	31.6	42.5
Hamas Government in Gaza	30.4	17.8	51.6	37.4	26.1
PNA	20.4	16.7	26.4	22.1	19.3
Don't know\ no answer	10.9	14.4	5.1	8.9	12.1

Q37. Which political or religious faction do you trust the most? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n= 450	n= 462	n=737
Fatah	25.0	19.2	34.7	29.7	22.1
Hamas	14.5	9.5	22.9	15.4	14.0
Islamic Jihad	1.7	0.8	3.1	3.2	0.7
PPP	1.4	0.7	2.7	2.4	0.8
Other Islamic factions	1.2	0.8	1.8	0.9	1.4
Others	0.8	0.3	1.6	0.6	0.8
Don't trust anyone	42.8	49.9	30.9	37.9	45.9
No answer	12.6	18.8	2.3	9.9	14.3

*This was an open-ended question no options were read to the interviewee

Q38. Which Palestinian personality do you trust the most?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza	Male	Female
	n= 1199	n= 749	n=450	n= 462	n=737
Marwan Barghouthi	13.4	9.7	19.6	15.6	12.1
Isma'el Haniyeh	11.2	7.6	17.1	10.6	11.5
Mahmud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	7.6	10.1	3.3	9.5	6.4
Mohamad Dahlan	5.2	0.4	13.1	7.4	3.8
Others	9.3	4.9	16.4	14.1	6.2
Don't trust anyone	40.5	48.5	27.1	32.9	45.2
No answer	12.8	18.8	3.4	9.9	14.8

*This was an open-ended question no options were read to the interviewee