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THE PALESTINIAN PUBLIC EAGER FOR A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM

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Public Demands Role for Palestinian Youth in Decision Making

Bodies

A public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre (JMCC), in cooperation with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, FES showed there is a lack of opportunity for youth to play leadership roles, which has resulted in their reluctance to join political parties. The majority of those polled, 82.5%, said they believed Palestinian youth had the ability and potential to play a leading political role in public life, as opposed to 14.1% who said they did not. Furthermore, the majority of respondents, 88.3%, maintained it was important for youth to be members of central committees and politburos of political parties and factions. The poll indicated a clear decline in the number of youth members in PLO factions and parties, most likely because of how difficult it is for youth to play a role in political life. In this respect, the majority of respondents, 68.8%, said there was a huge decline in the membership of Palestinian youth in PLO factions and parties.

Palestinians still eager for elections

The majority of respondents, 74.8%, said they believe in the importance of holding legislative elections, with the majority, 78.6% also saying it was important to hold presidential elections. Furthermore, the majority of those polled, 70.1% said they would vote in elections if held, while 28.7% said they would not likely vote.

Economic issues came in first place in terms of the issues voters found most important when evaluating the platforms of electoral lists or parties, at 34.3%, followed by safety and security at 29.3% and combatting corruption at 14.1%.

When asked about the electoral battle between the PLO's political platform or Hamas' platform, nearly half of the respondents, 51.2% said they would support the PLO's platform, as opposed to 21.8% who said they would support Hamas' and around one-third, or 27%, who gave no response.

In response to the question concerning the internal situation of political parties and factions, the majority of those polled, 75.8% said it was important to hold leadership elections for these parties, as opposed to 18.5% who said this was unimportant.

When asked who they would vote for if PLC elections were held today, the majority of respondents, 32.5%, said they would vote for the candidate representing Fatah, led by President Mahmoud Abbas, followed by Hamas, led by Ismail Haniyeh, at 13.5% , while the largest percentage, 33.2% said they would not vote or did not know who they would vote for.

It can be surmised from the poll that the voting criteria in local council

elections in the West Bank is not politically-based. That is, half of the respondents in the West Bank, 48.5%, said their reasons for electing their local and village council candidates were based on competence and qualifications. Another 29.8% said their vote was based on family or clan considerations. Meanwhile, only 11.1% said that political affiliation was the reason for their choice of candidate.

Setback in the standing of political factions and figures and rise in Marwan Barghouthi's standing

The poll results showed a huge setback in the standing of most figures, clear from respondents' answers to questions on the popularity of political parties, factions and figures. Contrastingly, there was a rise in the standing of Marwan Barghouthi. In response to the question about who should be the future president of the PLO, the biggest percentage of respondents, 19.1% said Marwan Barghouthi (18.5% in the West Bank and 20.0% in the Gaza Strip), followed by Mohammed Dahlan, 4.3% (0.8% in the West Bank and 9.5% in the Gaza Strip), Hussein Al Sheikh at 3.6%, Mohammed Shtayeh, 3.3% and finally Mohammed Aloul at 2.9%. When asked who should be the future PA president, their answers were similar.

Meanwhile, 21.4% of those polled said President Mahmoud Abbas' decision to appoint Hussein Al Sheikh as PLO Executive Committee Secretary was good, while 44.3% said it was not good and 34.3% gave no answer. When asked whether they thought Hussein Al Sheikh would do a good job as PLO Executive Committee Secretary, 32.7% said they expected he would do a bad job, while 12.9% said they expected he would do a good job and 22.3% said he would do a moderate job.

Retreat in the public's assessment of the PA's performance

The public was divided over their assessment of the PA's performance. Around half of the respondents, 50.1%, said its performance was good while 45.3% said it was bad. This constitutes a setback in comparison to 68.2% who said the PA's performance was good in June, 2020. Nevertheless, 58.5%, of respondents believe the PA should be maintained as opposed to 33.3% who said it was necessary to dissolve it.

As to how satisfied the public is with the government three years since its formation, 33.5% said they were satisfied, while 61.1% said they were unsatisfied. This dissatisfaction was mostly directed at President Mahmoud Abbas, with 38.1% who said they were satisfied with the way he was doing his job as PA President, as opposed to 57.1% who said they were not satisfied.

The respondents were divided over the possibility of the leadership conducting political reforms, with 51.3% who said there was a possibility while 42.9% who said there was not. This result is most likely because the public is not confident that the leadership is interested in such reforms. 52.1% said the leadership was not interested in carrying out reforms while 40.4% said they believed it was.

Neutral on the conflict in Ukraine

The respondents were asked their thoughts about the conflict in Ukraine, with a majority of 65.2% who said they were neutral, while 17.3% said they sympathized more with Russia and 8.1% who said they were more sympathetic to Ukraine. When asked what the Palestinian leadership's position on the conflict should be, the majority of respondents, 64.9% said they thought it should take a neutral stance, while 13.3% said the leadership should support Russia and 6.2% said it should support Ukraine.

US President Biden's visit made no difference

The respondents were asked about the recent visit of US President Joe Biden to the region, with the biggest percentage, 42.2%, saying the visit would have no effect on the interests of the Palestinian people. Meanwhile, 38.2% said the visit harmed the interests of the Palestinians and 12.6% said it could be beneficial to the Palestinian people.

Credibility is the main characteristic why Palestinians love

Shireen Abu Akleh

When asked what they thought was the main characteristic of slain journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, which won her so much love and respect from the Palestinian people, 30.3% of respondents said it was her credibility and integrity, followed by her patriotism, at 21.4% and her professionalism at 16.4%.

Methodology:

A random sample of 1200 people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between 14th and 19th of July 2022. The interviews were conducted in randomly selected homes, and the respondents inside each home were also selected randomly according to Kish tables. The interviews were conducted in 134 sampling points chosen randomly according to population.

In the West Bank 715 people were surveyed from the following areas:

Hebron: Hebron, Yatta, Sa'ir, Dura, Beit Ummar, Halhul, Beit Ula, Beit Kahel, Tarqumia, Hadab al-Fawwar, Al-Rihiyeh, Al-Fawwar refugee camp. Jenin: Jenin, Al-Yamun, Silat al-Daher, Qabatiya, Burqin, Siris, Fahma, Ajja, Jenin refugee camp. Tubas: Aqqaba, Tayassir. Ramallah & al-Bireh: Ramallah, Beit 'Ur Al-Tahta, Betoniya, Sinjil, Kur Ni'ma, Beit 'Ur Al-Fuqa, Qarawet Bani Zeid, Khirbe Abu Falah, Al-Am'ari refugee camp. Jericho: Jericho, Nui'ema refugee camp. Jerusalem: Al-Sawahra al-Sharqiyeh, Bir Nabala, Qalandia refugee camp, Mikhmas, Al-Ezariyeh, Shu'fat, Silwan, Beit Hanina Ras al-Amoud, Wadi al-Joz, Old City. Bethlehem: Bethlehem, Beit Sahur, Nahaalin, Za'tara, Artas, Aida refugee camp. Nablus: Nablus, Jammain Qabalan, Beita, Deir Sharaf, Zawata, Azmout, Beit Iba, Balata refugee camp. Salfit: Salfit, Burqin. Tulkarem: Tulkarem, Anabta, Beit Lid, Kafr Labad, Tulkarem refugee camp. Qalqilya: Qalqilya, Azzun, Kufr Qaduum.

In the Gaza Strip 485 people were surveyed from the following areas:

Gaza: Al-Jdaideh, Al-Tufah, Al-Shekh Radwan, Al-Zaytoun, Al-Rimal South, Tal Al-Hawa, Sabra, Al-Rimal North, Al-Shekh Ajleen, Old City, Al-Durj, Al-Naser, Al-Turkuman, Al-Shati refugee camp, Al-Mughraqa (Aub Middein). Khan Younis: Khan Younis, Bani Suheila, Al-Qarara, Abasan al-Kabira, Abasan al-Saghira, Khan Younis refugee camp. Rafah: Rafah, Rafah refugee camp. Gaza North: Jabalya, Beit Lahiya, Beit Hanoun, Jabalya refugee camp. Deir al-Balah: Deir al Balah, Al-Zawaydeh, Al-Maghazi refugee camp, Al-Nusseirat refugee camp.

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

Sample Distribution

Occupation of Respondents

<p>50.4 of the respondents were from the West Bank, 9.3% from Jerusalem, 40.2% from the Gaza Strip.</p> <p>15.0 % said they live in villages, 8.8% in refugee camps, and 76.2 % in towns/cities.</p> <p>49.9 were male, 50.1%, female.</p> <p>65.9% were married, 27.1%, single, 4.8% widowed, 2.1% divorced, 0.1 % no answer.</p> <p>The average age of the respondents was 37 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Students 8.1% × Laborers 13.2% × Housewives (not looking for a job) 25.4% × Housewives (looking for a job) 9.5% × Farmers/fishermen 0.8 % × Craftsmen 1.1% × Businessmen/private business 10.5% × Public Sector Employees 7.2% × Private Sector Employees 5.1% × Professionals (e.g., doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 1.5 % × Unemployed 14.2 % × Retired 2.5%, × No answer 0.9%.
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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 n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Very Optimistic	12.5	16.5	6.6
Optimistic	53.4	50.9	57.1
Pessimistic	20.4	19.7	21.4
Very pessimistic	13.3	12.4	14.6
No answer	0.4	0.5	0.3

Q2- Do you think it is important to have legislative council elections in Palestine?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Yes, important	74.8	73.3	77.1
No, not important	20.4	22.0	18.1
Don't know	4.3	4.2	4.3
No answer	0.5	0.5	0.5

Q3- Do you think it is important to have presidential elections in Palestine?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Yes, important	78.6	77.6	80.0
No, not important	17.8	19.3	15.7
Don't know	2.9	2.4	3.7
No answer	0.7	0.7	0.6

Q4- How likely is it that you are going to vote in the coming PLC and Presidential elections?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Very likely	43.6	43.5	43.7
Somewhat likely	26.5	25.2	28.5
Somewhat unlikely	7.3	7.3	7.2
Not likely at all	21.4	22.7	19.6
Don't know/ No answer	1.2	1.3	1.0

Q5- Which are the issues you consider most important in evaluating a party program?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Economic issues	34.3	24.5	48.7
Security	29.3	34.0	22.3
Corruption	14.1	17.3	9.3
Position towards Oslo	7.3	8.7	5.2
Social issues	6.5	6.9	6.0
All mentioned	4.1	3.4	5.2
Others	3.1	3.4	2.7
No idea	0.5	0.7	0.2
Don't know/ No answer	0.8	1.1	0.4

Q6- If the PLC elections were based on the PLO's political program based on negotiation, versus Hamas political program based on military means, which one you will choose?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
PLO's political program based on negotiation	51.2	42.4	64.1
Hamas political program based on military means	21.8	25.3	16.5
Don't know/ No answer	27.0	32.3	19.4

Q7- How important do you think it is for members of political parties to elect their party leadership regularly?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Very important	46.5	48.0	44.3
Somewhat important	29.3	27.4	32.2
Somewhat not important	8.3	8.8	7.6
Not important at all	10.2	11.0	8.9
Don't know/ No answer	5.7	4.8	7.0

Q8- If Legislative council elections were held today, which party would you vote for?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Fatah, led by Mahmoud Abbas	32.5	32.9	32.0
Hamas, led by Ismail Haniyeh	13.5	15.0	11.3
PFLP, led by Ahmad Saadat	1.8	1.7	2.1
DFLP, led by Nayef Hawatmeh	0.4	0.6	0.2
Palestinian National Initiative, led by Mustafa Barghouti	2.0	1.4	2.9
PPP, led by Bassam Salhi	0.3	0.6	0
FIDA, led by Saleh Rafat	0.1	0.1	0
National Democratic Forum, led by Nasser Qudwa	0.8	1.0	0.4
Democratic Reform Bloc, led by Mohammad Dahlan	4.8	0.8	10.5
Independents	6.6	6.0	7.4
Others -----	1.1	1.4	0.6
Won't vote	24.3	26.0	21.9
Don't know (don't read)	8.9	10.1	7.2
No answer (don't read)	2.9	2.4	3.5

Q9- Did you vote in the recent local council elections?*

West Bank	
n= 715	
Yes	53.0
No	46.4
Don't know / no answer	0.6

* This question was asked in the West Bank only

Q10 – On what basis did you choose your candidate in the elections?*

West Bank	
n= 475	
Political affiliation	11.1
Personal qualities	9.5
Professional competency	48.5
Family or clan connections	29.8
Don't know/no answer	1.1

* This question was asked to those who answered that they vote in the local council election in the previous question

**Q11- 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	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Very good	8.8	9.4	7.8
Good	41.3	40.4	42.5
Bad	20.4	18.2	23.7
Very bad	24.9	28.8	19.2
Don't know / No answer	4.6	3.2	6.8

Q12 – In general, do you think the performance of the current government is better when compared to previous governments? Didn't change, or become worse?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Its performance has become better	11.2	9.9	13.0
Didn't change	39.8	39.7	40.0
Its performance has become worse	43.8	46.3	40.2
Don't know / No answer	5.2	4.1	6.8

Q13 – After around Three years on the formation of the current government, are you satisfied of its performance? Do you say that you are?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Very satisfied	3.8	4.2	3.1
Somewhat satisfied	29.7	28.3	31.8
Somewhat dissatisfied	15.4	12.2	20.2
Very dissatisfied	45.7	50.8	38.1
Don't know / no answer	5.4	4.5	6.8

Q14 – Do you believe that the Palestinian Authority is interested in conducting serious/effective political reform?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Yes	51.3	48.5	55.3
No	42.9	46.4	37.7
Don't Know/ No answer	5.8	5.1	7.0

Q15 – Do you think the Palestinian leadership concern to hold serious/acts political improvements?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Yes	40.4	33.0	51.3
No	52.1	59.4	41.2
Don't know / no answer	7.5	7.6	7.5

Q16 – Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way that Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) is doing his job as President of the PNA?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Very satisfied	10.3	9.8	11.1
Somewhat satisfied	27.8	28.1	27.4
Somewhat dissatisfied	16.9	14.8	20.0
Very dissatisfied	40.2	42.8	36.3
Don't know/ No answer	4.8	4.5	5.2

Q17. How much trust do you have in the following people: Much, somewhat, no trust or don't know?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
1. Mahmoud Al Aloul			
Much trust	8.0	8.8	6.8
Somewhat trust	18.9	18.3	19.8
No trust	25.8	21.4	32.2
Don't know/No answer	47.3	51.5	41.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
2. Jibril Rajoub			
Much trust	8.6	8.7	8.5
Somewhat trust	25.0	26.3	23.1
No trust	38.3	38.0	38.6
Don't know/No answer	28.1	27.0	29.8

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
3. Nasser Qidwa			
Much trust	7.6	7.4	7.8
Somewhat trust	23.3	21.0	26.6
No trust	27.6	25.7	30.3
Don't know/No answer	41.5	45.9	35.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
4. Marwan Barghouthi	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Much trust	55.2	56.9	52.6
Somewhat trust	26.3	24.5	28.9
No trust	7.2	6.4	8.2
Don't know/No answer	11.3	12.2	10.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
5. Hussein Al Sheikh	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Much trust	8.2	7.1	9.7
Somewhat trust	22.0	20.7	23.9
No trust	39.8	42.5	35.7
Don't know/No answer	30.0	29.7	30.7

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
6. Mohammad Shtayeh	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Much trust	13.3	13.3	13.2
Somewhat trust	31.1	29.7	33.2
No trust	41.9	46.4	35.3
Don't know/No answer	13.7	10.6	18.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
7. Ismail Haniyeh	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Much trust	17.4	21.5	11.3
Somewhat trust	23.7	27.4	18.1
No trust	42.3	33.6	55.3
Don't know/No answer	16.6	17.5	15.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
8. Yehya Sinwar	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Much trust	16.4	18.9	12.8
Somewhat trust	20.8	22.5	18.1
No trust	39.4	30.2	53.0
Don't know/No answer	23.4	28.4	16.1

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
9. Khaled Meshaal	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Much trust	14.6	17.8	9.9
Somewhat trust	20.5	23.4	16.3
No trust	42.0	33.3	54.8
Don't know/No answer	22.9	25.5	19.0

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
10. Mohammad Dahlan	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Much trust	8.8	5.2	14.0
Somewhat trust	21.8	17.9	27.6
No trust	47.7	51.7	41.6
Don't know/No answer	21.7	25.2	16.8

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
11. Mostafa Al Barghouthi	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Much trust	19.3	16.8	22.9
Somewhat trust	35.6	33.3	39.0
No trust	24.3	27.1	20.2
Don't know/No answer	20.8	22.8	17.9

Q18 – 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	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Dissolving the PNA is necessary	33.3	33.4	33.2
Maintain the PNA is a necessity	58.5	59.2	57.5
Don't know/ No answer	8.2	7.4	9.3

Q19 – Do you consider Mahmoud Abbas decision to appoint Hussein Al-Sheikh as Secretary General of the PLO Executive Committee is good decision or not a good decision?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Good decision.	21.4	17.6	27.0
Not a good decision	44.3	48.1	38.8
Don't know/ No answer	34.3	34.3	34.2

Q20 – Do you think Hussein Al Sheikh will do a good, moderate or bad job as PLO Executive Committee Secretary?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Good	12.9	11.2	15.5
Moderate	22.3	19.3	26.6
Bad	32.7	37.8	25.2
Don't know/ No answer	32.1	31.7	32.7

Q21 – Who do you think he should be president of the PLO in the future?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Marwan Barghouthi	19.1	18.5	20.0
Mohammad Dahlan	4.3	0.8	9.5
Hussein Al Sheikh	3.6	2.8	4.7
Mohammad Shtayeh	3.3	2.4	4.5
Mahmoud Al Aloul	2.9	3.2	2.5
Others	9.7	9.8	9.5
Don't know / no answer	57.1	62.5	49.3

* This is an-open ended questions- no options were given to the interviewee

Q22 – Who do you think he should be president of the PA in the future?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Marwan Barghouthi	19.8	19.0	21.0
Mohammad Dahlan	7.7	1.4	16.9
Hussein Al Sheikh	3.9	4.1	3.7
Ismail Haniyeh	3.3	4.1	2.3
Others	14.3	13.6	15.3
Don't know /no answer	51.0	57.8	40.8

* This is an-open ended questions- no options were given to the interviewee

Q23 – Who do you think he should be president of Fatah in the future?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Marwan Barghouthi	18.1	16.2	20.8
Mohammad Dahlan	6.4	0.7	14.8
Mahmoud Al Aloul	3.0	3.1	2.9
Others	11.8	11.0	12.8
Don't know / no answer	60.7	69.0	48.7

* This is an-open ended questions- no options were given to the interviewee

Q24 – Some believe that the two state formula is the most preferred solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict; others believe that Historical Palestine cannot be divided into two states, so the best solution would be to have a bi-national state in all of Palestine where Palestinians and Israelis enjoy equal rights. Which solution do you prefer?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
I prefer the two state solution: Palestinian and an Israeli	26.0	20.8	33.6
I prefer the bi-national state in all of Palestine	28.4	34.1	20.0
I prefer another solution	0.1	0.1	0.0
There is no solution for the problem	19.3	15.8	24.3
Palestinian State*	22.8	25.9	3.9
Don't know/No answer	3.4	3.3	18.2

* This option was not as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q25 – In general, what is the best method to achieve the Palestinian people’s goals of ending the occupation and establishing a state?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Peaceful negotiations	37.5	31.0	47.0
Military means(armed intifada)	30.0	32.6	26.2
Non-violent resistance (peaceful popular intifada)	21.0	24.2	16.3
Others	1.9	2.2	1.4
Don’t know / no answer	9.6	10.0	9.1

Q26 – 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	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
I support them under the current conditions	38.1	37.9	38.4
I oppose them and believe they harm Palestinian national interests	50.1	49.4	51.1
Other	0.2	0.3	0.0
Don’t know/ No answer	11.6	12.4	10.5

Q27 – What was late journalist Shireen Abu Akleh’s main characteristic that won her so much attention and love from the Palestinian people?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Credibility, transparency and integrity	30.3	28.5	32.8
Patriotism	21.4	20.8	22.3
Professional, sincerity at work and speed in reporting news	16.4	14.7	19.0
Humanity	11.1	16.2	3.5

Courage, Strength and Dosage	9.4	7.7	12.0
Humility, simplicity and high morality	4.7	4.2	5.4
Strong personality	2.7	3.5	1.4
Others	1.3	1.5	0.8
Don't know/No answer	2.7	2.9	2.8

* This is an-open ended questions- no options were given to the interviewee

Q28– In general, is religion an important part of your life?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Yes	99.1	99.3	98.8
No	0.9	0.7	1.2

Q29– How would you define yourself- only in one word- in terms of particular affiliation?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Palestinian	39.7	32.4	50.3
Muslim	19.7	17.1	23.5
Patriotic	11.8	14.5	7.6
Religious	3.0	4.9	0.2
Arab	2.1	3.1	0.6
Fatahwi (Belong to Fatah)	1.8	2.2	1.2
Hamsawi (Belong to Hamas)	0.3	0.3	0.4
No affiliation	0.3	0.6	0.0
Other	10.8	14.0	6.2
I don't know/ No answer	10.5	10.9	10.0

* This is an-open ended questions- no options were given to the interviewee

Q30— Are you more sympathetic with Russia or Ukraine, or are you neutral?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
I am more sympathetic with Russia	17.3	17.5	16.9
I am more sympathetic with Ukraine	8.1	6.4	10.5
I am neutral	65.2	71.6	55.7
I don't know/no answer	9.4	4.5	16.9

Q31— In your opinion, what do you think the Palestinian leadership's position should be on the current Russia-Ukraine conflict? Should it take a position in support of Ukraine, in support of Russia or remain neutral?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n=715	n= 485
It should take a position in support of Ukraine	6.2	4.8	8.2
It should take a position in support of Russia	13.3	14.3	12.0
It should remain neutral	64.9	69.7	57.9
Don't know/no answer	15.6	11.2	21.9

Q32— Do you think Palestinian youth have the ability and potential to play a leadership and political role?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 414	n= 185	n= 229
Yes	82.5	84.9	79.0
No	14.1	12.7	16.1
Don't know / no answer	3.4	2.4	4.9

Q33— How important is it for youth to be members of politburos, central committees and leaders of political parties?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Very important	66.3	72.6	56.9
Somewhat important	22.0	17.8	28.2
Somewhat not important	4.8	4.1	6.0
Not important at all	3.6	3.2	4.1
Don't know/no answer	3.3	2.3	4.8

Q34— Has there been any major retreat in the membership of Palestinian youth in PLO factions and parties?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Yes	68.8	66.2	72.8
No	22.0	23.5	19.8
Don't know / no answer	9.2	10.3	7.4

Q35 - Do you think the visit of the US President Joe Biden for Israel, Palestine and Saudi Arabia, is beneficial to the Palestinians? is it harmful to them? Or it have no effect on the Palestinian cause?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Beneficial to the Palestinians	12.6	12.3	13.0
Harmful to the Palestinians	38.2	38.5	37.7
It have no effect on the Palestinian cause	42.2	41.7	42.9
Don't know/ No answer	7.0	7.5	6.4

Q36– Which Palestinian personality do you trust the most?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Marwan Al- Barghouthi	11.9	10.6	13.8
Mahmoud Abbas (Abo Mazen)	6.0	3.2	10.1
Mohammad Dahlan	3.6	0.1	8.7
Ismail Haniyeh	3.4	3.5	3.3
Others	15.4	16.6	13.6
Don't trust anyone	48.1	50.6	44.3
Don't know/No answer	11.6	15.4	6.2

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Q37– What is the main characteristic candidates must have for you to elect them?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Credibility, Loyalty, trust and honesty	36.2	34.8	38.1
Patriotism	8.7	8.8	8.5
Efficiency	6.4	8.0	4.1
Public interest	6.4	5.3	8.0
Religious	5.9	6.7	4.7
Integrity	4.8	6.4	2.5
Justice	3.3	4.1	2.3
National unity	1.1	0.3	2.3
Others	7.6	7.6	7.6
Don't know/No answer	19.6	18.0	21.9

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Q38– Which political or religious faction do you trust the most?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Fatah	28.8	26.2	32.6
Hamas	12.0	12.9	10.7
Other Islamic Factions	3.3	2.9	3.7
Others	3.4	2.7	4.5
Don't trust anyone	43.3	44.2	41.9
Don't know/No answer	9.2	11.1	6.6

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Q39— What is the main characteristic that political parties or organizations must have for you to elect them?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Credibility	27.7	25.5	30.9
Public interest	8.2	6.0	11.3
Patriotism	7.8	7.6	8.0
Religious	5.1	5.7	4.1
Integrity	5.1	7.0	2.3
Justice	3.7	3.6	3.7
National unity	3.0	2.1	4.3
Other	13.0	15.4	9.5
I don't know/no answer	26.4	27.1	25.9

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