

CPRS Public Opinion Poll 25

December 1996

Weighted Data

	Total		West Bank		Gaza Strip	
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count
Unemployment	31.0		25.0		44.0	

1. How often do you follow the news ?

1) Always	34.3	(375)	37.8	(260)	28.4	(114)
2) Often	14.4	(157)	14.8	(102)	13.8	(55)
3) Sometimes	44.2	(482)	40.8	(281)	50.1	(201)
5) Don't follow the news	7.0	(77)	6.7	(46)	7.7	(31)

2. Nearly a year has passed since the elections of the Legislative Council. During this year, have you made contact, other than a social visit, with your district representative? The contact could have been a face to face encounter, attending a group meeting, a telephone call or a letter through the mail?

1) Yes	9.1	(99)	10.2	(70)	7.1	(28)
2) No	90.9	(990)	89.8	(617)	92.9	(373)

3. If you have a problem which you think a PLC member can help resolve, do you think s/he would help if you asked?

1) Yes	42.7	(464)	45.0	(309)	38.8	(156)
2) No, s/he would not	33.1	(360)	31.3	(215)	36.1	(145)
3) Don't Know	24.2	(264)	23.7	(162)	25.2	(101)

4. Some people say that many PLC members know very well how ordinary people like you and me think, but others say that PLC members do not know how ordinary people like you and me think. What do you say? Do they:

1) Know	51.7	(560)	50.1	(342)	54.3	(218)
2) Don't Know	29.7	(322)	32.4	(221)	25.3	(102)
3) Not Sure	18.6	(201)	17.5	(119)	20.5	(82)

5. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the PLC?

1) Very Good	10.6	(115)	9.8	(67)	12.0	(48)
2) Good	38.3	(415)	40.5	(276)	34.5	(139)
3) Fair	25.0	(271)	22.4	(152)	29.4	(118)
4) Bad	9.4	(102)	10.5	(71)	7.6	(31)
5) Very Bad	5.8	(63)	6.3	(43)	5.1	(20)
6) No Opinion	10.9	(118)	10.5	(72)	11.4	(46)

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6. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian government (the Executive Cabinet)?						
1) Very Good	18.3	(199)	15.1	(104)	23.6	(95)
2) Good	43.7	(475)	44.1	(303)	43.0	(172)
3) Fair	17.9	(195)	18.3	(125)	17.4	(70)
4) Bad	7.9	(86)	9.3	(64)	5.4	(22)
5) Very Bad	4.3	(47)	4.4	(30)	4.2	(17)
6) No Opinion	7.9	(86)	8.7	(60)	6.4	(26)
7. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian security forces and police?						
1) Very Good	28.0	(304)	25.5	(176)	32.1	(128)
2) Good	43.1	(468)	42.9	(295)	43.3	(173)
3) Fair	14.0	(153)	14.4	(99)	13.4	(54)
4) Bad	5.5	(59)	5.9	(40)	4.8	(19)
5) Very Bad	4.7	(51)	5.6	(38)	3.3	(13)
6) No Opinion	4.8	(52)	5.7	(39)	3.1	(12)
8. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the institution of the Presidency?						
1) Very Good	39.5	(430)	34.2	(236)	48.5	(195)
2) Good	35.4	(386)	38.4	(265)	30.1	(121)
3) In between	10.2	(111)	9.9	(68)	10.7	(43)
4) Bad	4.1	(45)	5.1	(35)	2.4	(10)
5) Very Bad	3.4	(37)	4.1	(28)	2.3	(9)
6) No Opinion	7.5	(81)	8.3	(57)	5.9	(24)
9. Some people say that these days it is not possible to find a job without <i>wasta</i> (personal connections and nepotism). But others say that jobs are given based only on qualifications. Based on experience(s) you personally knew about, you say:						
1) Jobs are obtained by <i>wasta</i> to a large extent	56.6	(617)	51.6	(355)	65.3	(262)
2) Jobs are obtained by <i>wasta</i> sometimes	26.8	(292)	28.6	(197)	23.8	(95)
3) Jobs are not obtained by <i>wasta</i>	7.7	(83)	10.0	(69)	3.6	(14)
4) I have no experience	8.8	(96)	9.7	(67)	7.3	(29)

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10. Some people say that they feel comfortable dealing with Palestinian officials in the authority, but others say they feel uncomfortable. Based on your own personal experience, you feel:

1) Very comfortable	27.4	(287)	32.0	(208)	19.8	(79)
2) Comfortable	28.5	(299)	27.5	(179)	30.3	(121)
3) In between	27.8	(292)	23.8	(155)	34.4	(137)
4) uncomfortable	10.9	(115)	11.0	(71)	10.9	(43)
5) Very uncomfortable	5.3	(56)	5.7	(37)	4.7	(19)

11. If you have been unjustly treated by an official Palestinian authority, such as a ministry or a security service, do you feel that the judicial authority and the Palestinian courts are capable of removing that injustice?

1) Definitely, yes	25.4	(272)	26.0	(175)	24.3	(98)
2) Yes	28.9	(310)	29.0	(195)	28.7	(115)
3) Maybe	26.5	(284)	23.7	(159)	31.2	(125)
4) No	12.0	(129)	14.0	(94)	8.8	(35)
5) Definitely no	7.2	(77)	7.3	(49)	7.0	(28)

12. In your view, do we have a free press?

1) Yes	27.1	(295)	23.2	(160)	33.8	(135)
2) To some extent	32.8	(357)	33.7	(232)	31.4	(126)
3) No	37.1	(403)	39.3	(271)	33.1	(132)
4) No opinion	3.1	(33)	3.8	(26)	1.8	(7)

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

1) Yes	37.4	(406)	37.2	(255)	37.5	(150)
2) No	52.7	(572)	53.2	(365)	51.9	(208)
3) Do not know	10.0	(108)	9.6	(66)	10.6	(42)

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

1) Very Good	8.7	(93)	8.4	(56)	9.3	(37)
2) Good	34.2	(366)	33.8	(228)	34.9	(138)
3) Fair	33.7	(360)	32.6	(219)	35.6	(141)
4) Bad	14.7	(157)	15.6	(105)	13.0	(52)
5) Very Bad	8.1	(87)	8.7	(59)	7.1	(28)
6) No Opinion	0.6	(6)	0.8	(6)	0.2	(1)

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15. And what about the status of democracy and human rights in other countries:						
15-1 America						
1) Very Good	44.5	(483)	44.0	(302)	45.4	(182)
2) Good	24.1	(261)	24.4	(167)	23.5	(94)
3) Fair	6.7	(73)	6.1	(42)	7.7	(31)
4) Bad	4.2	(46)	4.6	(31)	3.6	(14)
5) Very Bad	3.0	(33)	4.1	(28)	1.3	(5)
6) No Opinion	17.4	(189)	16.9	(116)	18.4	(74)
15-2 Israel						
1) Very Good	53.1	(577)	50.6	(347)	57.4	(230)
2) Good	25.0	(272)	25.3	(174)	24.4	(98)
3) Fair	5.6	(61)	5.0	(35)	6.6	(26)
4) Bad	4.6	(50)	5.8	(40)	2.7	(11)
5) Very Bad	2.3	(25)	2.7	(19)	1.6	(6)
6) No Opinion	9.4	(102)	10.6	(73)	7.4	(29)
15-3 Jordan						
1) Very Good	7.8	(84)	5.5	(38)	11.6	(47)
2) Good	24.6	(267)	20.7	(142)	31.1	(124)
3) Fair	24.4	(265)	21.8	(150)	28.9	(116)
4) Bad	17.5	(190)	21.3	(146)	10.9	(44)
5) Very Bad	14.5	(157)	19.7	(135)	5.6	(22)
6) No Opinion	11.3	(123)	11.0	(75)	11.9	(123)
15-4 Egypt						
1) Very Good	8.4	(91)	5.8	(39)	12.9	(52)
2) Good	24.4	(265)	20.7	(141)	30.8	(124)
3) Fair	20.4	(221)	16.8	(115)	26.5	(106)
4) Bad	17.3	(188)	18.5	(127)	15.3	(61)
5) Very Bad	14.3	(156)	18.7	(128)	6.9	(27)
6) No Opinion	15.1	(164)	19.5	(134)	7.6	(31)
15-5 France						
1) Very Good	36.3	(395)	34.8	(238)	38.9	(156)
2) Good	25.4	(276)	24.5	(168)	26.9	(108)
3) Fair	4.5	(49)	4.7	(32)	4.2	(17)
4) Bad	2.1	(22)	2.5	(17)	1.2	(5)
5) Very Bad	1.2	(13)	1.7	(12)	0.2	(1)
6) No Opinion	30.6	(333)	31.8	(218)	28.7	(115)

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16. Tell us what you think of the following statements:						
16-1 PLC Members are honest						
1) Definitely agree	9.4	(101)	8.7	(59)	10.6	(42)
2) Agree	42.8	(460)	40.1	(272)	47.2	(188)
3) In between	29.3	(315)	28.4	(192)	30.8	(123)
4) Do not agree	14.1	(151)	17.3	(117)	8.5	(34)
5) Definitely do not agree	4.5	(48)	5.4	(36)	2.9	(12)
16-2 Leaders of police and security services are honest						
1) Definitely agree	12.4	(134)	9.8	(67)	16.8	(67)
2) Agree	46.5	(502)	44.5	(301)	50.0	(201)
3) Fair	22.0	(238)	23.6	(160)	19.4	(78)
4) Do not agree	13.7	(148)	16.2	(110)	9.4	(38)
5) Definitely do not agree	5.3	(57)	5.8	(39)	4.4	(18)
16-3 Ministers in our country are honest						
1) Definitely agree	8.1	(86)	6.8	(45)	10.2	(41)
2) Agree	45.0	(480)	42.4	(282)	49.4	(198)
3) Fair	27.6	(295)	27.7	(185)	27.5	(110)
4) Do not agree	14.3	(153)	17.1	(114)	9.6	(39)
5) Definitely do not agree	5.0	(54)	6.1	(40)	3.3	(13)
16-4 Judges in our country are honest						
1) Definitely agree	13.5	(144)	12.2	(82)	15.6	(62)
2) Agree	47.4	(506)	45.2	(301)	51.2	(205)
3) Fair	24.2	(258)	24.6	(164)	23.5	(94)
4) Do not agree	10.8	(115)	12.8	(85)	7.3	(29)
5) Definitely do not agree	4.2	(44)	5.2	(34)	2.5	(10)
17. In your opinion, what direction is the government heading toward?						
1) Democracy	35.5	(387)	35.5	(244)	35.5	(143)
2) Dictatorship	14.7	(160)	16.7	(115)	11.4	(46)
3) Combination of both	38.7	(421)	36.0	(247)	43.2	(173)
4) Not Sure	11.1	(120)	11.7	(81)	9.9	(40)
18. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions? (if yes, go to Q19)						
1) Yes	52.7	(573)	56.9	(391)	45.5	(182)
2) No	24.2	(263)	23.7	(163)	25.1	(100)
3) Not sure	23.1	(251)	19.4	(133)	29.5	(118)

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19. Will this corruption in PA institutions increase, decrease or remain as it is in the future?						
1) Increase	34.0	(216)	32.9	(143)	36.4	(74)
2) Remain as it is	8.4	(53)	8.3	(36)	8.6	(17)
3) Decrease	42.9	(273)	45.0	(195)	38.4	(78)
4) No opinion	14.7	(94)	13.8	(60)	16.6	(34)
20. With regard to armed attacks against Israeli targets, I...						
1) Support	39.1	(271)	39.4	(426)	38.6	(155)
2) Oppose	48.7	(531)	49.2	(339)	48.0	(192)
3) No opinion	12.2	()	11.5	(79)	13.4	(54)
21. Do you support or oppose the peace process between Palestinians and Israelis?						
1) Support	78.7	(857)	74.2	(511)	86.3	(345)
2) Oppose	16.6	(181)	21.5	(148)	8.2	(33)
3) No opinion	4.7	(51)	4.3	(30)	5.4	(22)
22. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian opposition parties, movements and factions?						
1) Very good	9.7	(106)	7.9	(54)	12.9	(52)
2) Good	29.5	(322)	29.9	(205)	29.0	(116)
3) Fair	25.9	(282)	23.7	(163)	29.6	(119)
4) Bad	17.1	(186)	19.7	(136)	12.5	(50)
5) Very bad	5.8	(63)	6.6	(45)	4.4	(18)
5) No opinion	12.0	(130)	12.2	(84)	11.6	(46)
23. Which political party do you support?						
1) PPP	1.3	(14)	1.4	(10)	1.2	(5)
2) PFLP	3.3	(36)	3.3	(22)	3.4	(14)
3) Fateh	45.7	(498)	41.3	(284)	53.3	(214)
4) Hamas	9.7	(106)	9.6	(66)	9.9	(40)
5) DFLP	0.9	(10)	1.3	(9)	0.4	(1)
6) Islamic Jihad	2.0	(22)	1.9	(13)	2.0	(8)
7) Fida	0.4	(4)	0.4	(3)	0.4	(2)
8) Independent Islamists	3.2	(35)	4.2	(29)	1.5	(6)
9) Independent Nationalists	3.7	(40)	4.6	(32)	2.1	(8)
10) No one	26.1	(284)	27.8	(191)	23.1	(92)
11) Other (<i>Specify</i>)	3.6	(39)	4.2	(29)	2.5	(10)