

**Public Opinion Poll #27  
April 1997**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>	36.0	26.0	50.0
<b>1. How often do you follow the news?</b>			
1) Always	36.3	36.7	35.7
2) Often	14.6	15.8	12.5
3) Sometimes	43.4	41.4	46.7
4) Not Sure	5.7	6.1	5.1
<b>2. Do you support or oppose the peace process between Palestinians and Israelis?</b>			
1) Yes	60.2	60.0	60.6
2) No	34.4	33.7	35.5
3) Don't Know/ No Opinion	5.4	6.3	3.9
<b>3. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the PLC?</b>			
1) Very Good	10.7	9.6	12.4
2) Good	37.3	38.1	36.1
3) Fair	26.2	24.4	29.0
4) Bad	10.2	10.3	10.0
5) Very Bad	6.6	5.6	8.2
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	9.0	12.0	4.3
<b>4. How do you evaluate the performance of the PLC in the following areas:</b>			
<b>4-1 Defending human rights</b>			
1) Very Good	12.5	10.7	15.3
2) Good	38.5	39.0	37.7
3) Fair	18.5	17.3	20.4
4) Bad	14.3	14.3	14.3
5) Very Bad	06.6	06.4	06.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	09.6	12.3	05.3
<b>4-2 Defending land against settlements</b>			
1) Very Good	26.2	20.1	36.0
2) Good	37.9	40.4	33.8
3) Fair	11.8	11.1	13.0
4) Bad	11.2	12.8	08.6
5) Very Bad	06.2	06.8	05.3
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	06.7	08.8	03.3
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<b>4-3 Adopting laws that enhance democracy</b>			
1) Very Good	10.3	7.5	14.7
2) Good	37.2	35.7	39.7
3) Fair	15.3	13.8	17.7
4) Bad	14.5	14.9	13.9

5) Very Bad	05.9	06.8	04.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	16.8	21.4	09.4

#### **4-4 Relationship with the Executive authority**

1) Very Good	16.2	11.2	24.2
2) Good	37.3	36.7	38.4
3) Fair	12.6	12.2	13.2
4) Bad	08.8	09.8	07.1
5) Very Bad	04.1	04.7	03.1
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	21.0	25.5	14.0

#### **4-5 Defending Jerusalem**

1) Very Good	34.2	23.6	51.2
2) Good	35.1	40.4	26.8
3) Fair	09.5	09.7	09.3
4) Bad	10.0	11.7	07.3
5) Very Bad	04.8	06.5	02.2
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	06.3	08.2	03.3

#### **4-6 Prisoners**

1) Very Good	23.0	15.7	34.6
2) Good	36.0	38.7	31.6
3) Fair	11.8	11.2	12.8
4) Bad	14.9	16.6	12.2
5) Very Bad	07.7	08.6	06.3
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	06.7	09.3	02.6

#### **4-7 Negotiations with Israel**

1) Very Good	12.7	08.4	19.6
2) Good	35.5	37.1	32.8
3) Fair	16.9	16.2	18.1
4) Bad	17.8	17.6	18.1
5) Very Bad	06.9	08.1	04.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	10.2	12.6	06.5

#### **4-8 Resolving citizens' problems**

1) Very Good	10.2	08.9	12.4
2) Good	31.5	32.3	30.1
3) Fair	18.8	17.1	21.7
4) Bad	20.1	20.9	18.9
5) Very Bad	09.5	07.4	12.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	09.8	13.4	04.1

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#### **5. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian government (the Executive Cabinet)?**

1) Very Good	15.3	12.6	19.5
2) Good	43.4	43.9	42.6
3) Fair	20.5	19.2	22.5
4) Bad	08.1	09.1	06.5

5) Very Bad	05.2	05.1	05.3
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	07.5	10.0	03.6

**6. How do you evaluate the performance of the government in the following areas:**

**11-1 Education**

1) Very Good	24.2	13.9	40.6
2) Good	39.2	39.9	38.2
3) Fair	12.8	11.9	14.1
4) Bad	14.0	19.6	05.1
5) Very Bad	05.9	08.8	01.2
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.9	05.9	00.8

**6-2 Health**

1) Very Good	19.2	10.8	32.5
2) Good	44.8	64.1	42.7
3) Fair	13.9	14.1	13.5
4) Bad	12.3	15.6	07.1
5) Very Bad	04.5	05.7	02.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	05.3	07.7	01.4

**6-3 Economy**

1) Very Good	4.0	4.2	3.7
2) Good	20.6	23.9	15.3
3) Fair	17.9	15.3	22.0
4) Bad	30.3	28.7	32.8
5) Very Bad	22.0	20.2	25.0
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	05.2	07.7	01.2

**6-4 Democracy & Human Rights**

1) Very Good	09.2	08.0	11.0
2) Good	34.4	33.0	36.5
3) Fair	18.9	17.3	21.4
4) Bad	19.0	18.9	19.3
5) Very Bad	10.2	10.5	09.6
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	08.4	12.3	02.2

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**6-5 Security of Citizens**

1) Very Good	24.4	14.5	40.4
2) Good	43.8	45.5	41.2
3) Fair	9.8	10.0	09.4
4) Bad	12.3	16.1	06.3
5) Very Bad	05.0	06.9	02.0
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	04.7	07.1	00.8

**7. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the judicial authority and courts?**

1) Very Good	15.2	11.5	21.0
2) Good	40.0	40.3	39.6
3) Fair	13.6	11.0	17.6
4) Bad	09.0	09.0	09.0

5) Very Bad	04.5	04.9	03.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	17.7	23.2	09.0

**8. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian police and security services?**

1) Very Good	25.8	22.1	31.6
2) Good	50.7	52.0	48.6
3) Fair	11.6	11.7	11.4
4) Bad	04.8	05.0	04.5
5) Very Bad	03.9	04.8	02.4
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.3	04.4	01.6

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

1) Very Good	11.2	08.1	16.1
2) Good	38.4	39.6	36.5
3) Fair	23.6	22.8	24.8
4) Bad	12.3	12.6	11.8
5) Very Bad	08.1	07.7	08.6
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	06.4	09.1	02.2

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

**10-1 America**

1) Very Good	43.2	36.1	54.7
2) Good	22.6	26.7	15.9
3) Fair	05.2	04.2	06.9
4) Bad	05.8	05.6	06.1
5) Very Bad	02.0	02.2	01.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	21.1	25.2	14.7

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**10-2 Israel**

1) Very Good	51.1	43.2	63.7
2) Good	26.3	30.1	20.2
3) Fair	04.3	04.1	04.7
4) Bad	04.5	05.7	02.7
5) Very Bad	02.0	02.0	02.0
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	11.8	15.0	06.7

**10-3 Jordan**

1) Very Good	09.9	06.5	15.3
2) Good	28.9	24.1	36.7
3) Fair	18.4	17.8	19.2
4) Bad	20.4	24.6	13.7
5) Very Bad	07.9	09.5	05.3
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	14.5	17.5	09.8

**10-4 Egypt**

1) Very Good	10.0	05.5	17.1
2) Good	27.0	21.3	36.2
3) Fair	16.6	14.6	19.7

4) Bad	18.0	20.3	14.4
5) Very Bad	08.2	09.7	05.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	20.2	28.6	06.7

**10-5 France**

1) Very Good	34.1	26.7	45.9
2) Good	26.7	27.6	25.1
3) Fair	02.8	02.2	03.7
4) Bad	01.9	02.5	01.0
5) Very Bad	00.8	01.1	00.4
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	33.8	39.9	23.9

**11. In your opinion, what direction is the government heading toward?**

**11-1 Democracy**

1) Strongly agree	11.3	10.0	13.6
2) Agree	40.2	40.3	40.1
3) Do not agree, do not disagree	14.7	13.5	16.5
4) Disagree	21.6	21.4	22.0
5) Strongly disagree	4.3	4.7	3.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	7.8	10.1	4.1

**11-2 Dictatorship**

1) Strongly agree	5.1	5.2	4.9
2) Agree	17.3	17.1	17.5
3) Do not agree, do not disagree	13.6	13.2	14.1
4) Disagree	46.6	45.1	49.1
5) Strongly disagree	7.4	7.1	7.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	10.1	12.3	6.5

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**11-3 Combination of both**

1) Strongly agree	05.8	05.4	06.3
2) Agree	30.1	28.8	32.0
3) Do not agree, do not disagree	19.4	17.5	22.4
4) Disagree	28.4	29.6	26.5
5) Strongly disagree	04.3	03.8	04.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	12.1	14.9	07.9

**12. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the institution of the Presidency?**

1) Very Good	33.2	25.8	45.0
2) Good	45.4	48.6	40.5
3) Fair	09.0	09.8	07.7
4) Bad	04.7	05.7	03.1
5) Very Bad	03.0	03.8	01.6
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	04.7	06.3	02.2

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

1) Yes	57.0	57.3	56.7
2) No	24.4	23.4	26.0
3) Not Sure	18.5	19.3	17.3

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

1) Increase	43.6	41.4	47.3
2) Remain as it is	09.4	08.2	11.4
3) Decrease	33.4	34.8	31.1
4) Don't Know/ No Opinion	13.6	15.7	10.2

**15. Concerning the armed attack against the Israeli Cafe in Tel-Aviv last month, I... :**

1) Support	40.3	38.0	44.0
2) Oppose	47.9	49.4	45.4
3) Don't Know/ No Opinion	11.8	12.6	10.6

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**16. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian opposition parties, movements and factions?**

1) Very Good	11.4	10.9	12.0
2) Good	33.9	32.1	36.8
3) Fair	19.7	17.3	23.4
4) Bad	18.5	19.7	16.7
5) Very Bad	05.0	05.9	03.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	11.5	14.0	07.5

**17. Which political party do you support?**

1) PPP	01.1	01.1	01.0
2) PFLP	04.5	04.0	05.3
3)Fateh	41.3	38.4	46.0
4) Hamas	10.3	09.9	11.1
5) DFLP	01.1	01.4	00.8
6) Islamic Jihad	02.2	02.1	02.4
7) Fida	00.3	00.2	00.4
8) Independent Islamists	02.6	03.2	01.6
9) Independent Nationalists	05.8	06.7	04.3
10) None of the above	29.3	31.4	25.9
11) Others	01.5	01.7	01.2

**18) In general, how would you evaluate the performance of the local (municipal or village) council, or the refugee camp committee in your neighborhood?**

1) Very Good	14.3	14.0	14.6
2) Good	37.8	36.1	40.4
3) Fair	18.1	17.3	19.2
4) Bad	14.2	15.1	12.8
5) Very Bad	12.4	13.2	11.4
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.2	04.3	01.6

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**19) How would you evaluate the performance of your local council in the following areas :****19-1 Providing water**

1) Very Good	22.2	17.5	30.8
2) Good	39.9	41.4	37.1

3) Fair	10.7	08.0	15.7
4) Bad	19.3	22.8	12.6
5) Very Bad	06.2	07.4	03.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	01.8	02.8	00.0

**19-2 Providing Electricity**

1) Very Good	28.6	26.0	33.2
2) Good	50.1	49.6	51.1
3) Fair	08.4	08.3	08.5
4) Bad	07.7	09.5	04.4
5) Very Bad	03.5	03.9	02.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	01.7	02.7	00.0

**19-3 Building and maintaining Roads**

1) Very Good	15.4	12.9	20.1
2) Good	33.6	31.8	36.8
3) Fair	14.1	13.3	15.7
4) Bad	22.8	26.2	16.2
5) Very Bad	12.3	13.2	10.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	01.8	02.5	00.5

**19-4 Cleaning Streets**

1) Very Good	11.9	08.4	18.4
2) Good	35.5	35.2	36.0
3) Fair	15.4	15.0	16.2
4) Bad	23.8	26.8	18.1
5) Very Bad	12.0	12.6	10.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	01.5	02.1	00.5

**20-A If elections for local (municipal or village) councils took place today, would you be willing to elect the current head of your council?**

1) Yes	42.1	38.7	48.1
2) No	40.6	44.7	33.2
3) Don't Know/ No Opinion	17.4	16.6	18.7

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**20-B And what about the other local council members, would you elect them?**

1) Yes	35.7	33.5	39.5
2) No	42.7	46.0	36.7
3) Don't Know/ No Opinion	21.6	20.4	23.8

**21) In recent months, newspapers published news stories regarding different plans for a permanent Palestinian-Israeli settlement. The following six items constituted one such plan:**

- 1. The establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state with the right to self defense, but with restrictions on its armaments, and within 95% of the West Bank and the whole Gaza Strip.**
- 2. Mutual border adjustments are to take place whereby Israel annexes 5% of the West Bank in areas where there are settlements blocs and, in return, the Palestinian state would receive an equal area of territory from Israel.**
- 3. The remaining settlers inside the Palestinian state would live as individuals under Palestinian sovereignty and law.**

4. The refugees would have the right to return to the Palestinian state only, but a small agreed upon number would be allowed to return to Israel. Those not returning to Israel would be compensated for properties lost in 1948 and for material and non-material damages done to them. They are also rehabilitated. The Palestinian insistence on the right of return, as a principle, would not be given up.
5. Israeli forces withdraws from the territories of the Palestinian state, but a limited and agreed upon number of Israeli forces remains deployed in specified locations for a limited period of time. Joint Palestinian-Israeli patrols are allowed along the Jordan River.
6. Jerusalem becomes an open city to all the citizens of the Palestinian state, but it remains united under Israeli control, and the question of sovereignty over East Jerusalem remains suspended awaiting conclusion of negotiations in a special committee. The boundaries of the municipality of Jerusalem are expanded to include additional new Arab and Jewish areas, and a Palestinian municipality is established in the Arab neighborhoods of Eastern Jerusalem and is connected to the Palestinian authorities administratively, functionally and in security matters. This is done with the understanding that the Arab neighborhoods would revert later to Palestinian sovereignty. Meanwhile, a Palestinian capital is established within the expanded municipal boundaries but outside the current municipal boundaries. Islamic and Christian holy places are placed under Palestinian sovereignty.

**If this plan as a whole was offered as permanent settlement, would you support or oppose it?**

1) Strongly support	04.7	05.1	04.0
2) Support	37.9	35.9	40.9
3) Oppose	39.7	40.0	39.3
4) Strongly Oppose	12.7	13.4	11.7
5) Don't Know/ No Opinion	05.0	05.6	04.0
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**22. How would you view these items of the plan?**

**22-1 Item No.(1) (Palestinian state on 95% of West Bank and the whole Gaza Strip)**

1) Strongly support	09.6	08.0	12.2
2) Support	42.0	42.2	41.7
3) Oppose	30.7	30.0	31.6
4) Strongly oppose	14.2	15.5	12.2
5) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.6	04.3	02.4

**22-2 Item No.(2) (exchange of 5% of land)**

1) Support strongly	02.6	02.5	02.9
2) Support	28.9	27.6	31.0
3) Oppose	44.5	44.6	44.4
4) Strongly oppose	18.8	19.6	17.5
5) Don't Know/ No Opinion	05.1	05.8	04.1

**22-3 Item No.(3) (remaining settlers)**

1) Strongly support	05.2	05.0	05.7
2) Support	42.4	47.8	33.7
3) Oppose	32.5	28.5	38.8
4) Strongly oppose	16.4	14.5	19.5
5) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.5	04.2	02.4

**22-4 Item No.(4) (Refugees and right of return)**

1) Strongly Support	07.2	05.9	09.2
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2) Support	47.3	44.9	51.1
3) Oppose	29.5	31.9	25.5
4) Strongly oppose	12.0	12.7	10.8
5) Don't Know/ No Opinion	04.1	04.6	03.3

**22-5 Item No.(5) (Israeli withdrawal and joint patrols)**

1) Strongly Support	03.7	03.8	03.5
2) Support	38.6	37.8	39.8
3) Oppose	37.9	37.3	38.8
4) Strongly oppose	14.9	14.7	01.4
5) Don't Know/ No Opinion	04.9	06.4	02.6

**22-6 Item No.(6) (Jerusalem and the sovereignty question)**

1) Strongly Support	03.9	03.6	04.3
2) Support	23.5	21.0	27.3
3) Oppose	36.7	36.9	36.3
4) Strongly oppose	31.6	33.5	28.5
5) Don't Know/ No Opinion	04.4	05.0	03.5