

**Results of Public Opinion Poll # 38
7-9 January 1999**

	Total %	West Bank %	Gaza Strip %
Unemployment	24.0	22.0	28.0

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1. Do you support or oppose the current peace process between Palestinians and Israelis?			
1) Support	66.2	64.0	69.3
2) Oppose	30.9	32.1	29.1
3) No Opinion	3.0	3.9	1.6
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2. 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.	36.0	33.7	39.3
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	57.0	56.3	57.9
3) Others (specify_____)	3.1	4.1	1.6
4) No Opinion /Don't know	3.9	5.8	1.2
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3. American President, Bill Clinton, paid a visit to Palestinian areas on December 14, 1998 during which he spoke in front of the National Palestinian Conference that was held in Gaza. Do you believe that the visit signal an American move toward recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination?

1) Yes	38.1	32.2	46.6
2) No	55.5	58.8	50.7
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	6.4	9.0	2.7
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4. During the National Conference that was held in Gaza on December 12, 1998, and in the presence of the

American President, Bill Clinton, members of the Palestinian National Council affirmed their support for Yassir Arafat' s letter in which he pointed out the articles that have been removed from the Palestinian National Charter (which is the basic document of the PLO) calling for the destruction of the state of Israel or contradicting the peace process. Do you support or oppose the affirmation decision?

1) I support the decision to affirm the removal of the charter articles	36.7	33.4	41.6
2) I oppose the decision to affirm the removal of the charter articles	54.4	54.3	54.6
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	8.9	12.4	3.8
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5. How do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian National Authority regarding the American missile attack on Iraq?

1) Very Good	13.9	14.8	12.5
2) Good	25.3	26.7	23.4
3) In Between	16.1	15.9	16.5
4) Bad	22.1	20.8	24.0
5) Very Bad	14.7	12.1	18.5
6) No Opinion/Don't Know	7.8	9.8	5.0
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6. In few months, Israel will hold elections for the prime minister and the Keneset, in which the Labor party, led by Barak, the Likud, led by Netanyahu, and perhaps a center party, led by Shahak, will compete. Whom do you see best for achieving Palestinian objectives?

1) A government led by Netanyahu and the Likud	2.4	2.7	1.8
2) A government led by Barak and Labor	16.8	16.1	17.9
3) A government led by Shahak and the center party	3.8	4.3	3.2
4) There is no difference between the three	69.9	67.9	72.8
5) No Opinion /Don't Know	7.1	9.0	4.4
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7. In light of the Israeli decision to suspend the implementation of its commitment in the Wye River Memorandum, the best way for the Palestinians to deal with this Israeli position is:

1) Suspend implementation of Palestinian commitments	45.9	47.4	43.8
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in the Oslo and Wye River agreements

2) Continue implementation of the Palestinian commitments in the Oslo and the Wye River agreements	43.9	40.0	49.4
3) Others (specify_____)	3.5	3.5	3.7
4) No Opinion /Don't Know	6.7	9.2	3.1
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8. In your view, and in light of the Israel's suspension of implementation of its commitments in accordance of the Wye River Memorandum, what alternatives do the Palestinians have?

1) Return to Intifada	16.4	18.6	13.3
2) Return to Armed Struggle	13.9	13.0	15.3
3) Continue the political/diplomatic work and wait for the results of the Israeli elections	60.2	56.4	65.8
4) Other (specify_____)	4.3	5.0	3.3
5) No Opinion /Don't Know	5.1	7.0	2.3
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9. If separate elections for a Vice President of the Palestinian Authority were held today, and the following names were nominated as candidates, whom would you choose?

1) Ahmad Qurai' (Abu Ala')	6.1	5.7	6.6
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	6.9	6.7	7.2
3) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	6.3	7.2	5.0
4) Nabil Sha'ath	3.0	1.7	5.0
5) Sa'eb Erikat	7.8	7.6	8.1
6) Hanan Ashrawi	5.7	6.3	4.8
7) Faisal Hussein	7.9	7.4	8.6
8) Haidar Abdul Shafi	17.3	11.8	25.3
9) Other (Specify_____)	0.7	0.8	0.6
10) No one	20.3	25.7	12.5
11) I will not participate in the elections	13.0	14.1	11.4
12) No Opinion /Don't Know	4.9	4.9	4.9

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10. If separate elections for a Vice President of the Palestinian Authority were held today, and the following names were nominated as candidates, whom would you choose?			
1) Sa'eb Erikat	21.1	25.5	16.2
2) Hanan Ashrawi	12.6	13.8	11.3
3) Faisal Hussein	18.3	19.8	16.6
4) Haidar Abdul Shafi	38.0	31.9	44.9
5) Other (Specify_____)	2.5	2.8	2.3
6) No one	5.1	4.2	6.1
7) I will not participate in the elections	1.7	1.5	2.0
8) No Opinion /Don't Know	0.6	0.4	0.7
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11. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions?

1) Yes	67.7	63.6	73.7
2) No	18.7	19.7	17.3
3) Not Sure	13.5	16.7	9.0
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12. Will this corruption in PA institutions increase, decrease or remain as it is in the future?

1) Increase	57.2	56.5	58.0
2) Remain as it is	7.3	6.3	8.5
3) Decrease	26.3	27.2	25.0
4) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	9.3	10.0	8.4
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13. In your opinion, in which of the following PA institutions does corruption exist?

13-1 Ministries and Governmental offices

1) Yes	76.1	73.7	79.0
2) No	12.4	11.6	13.3

3) No Opinion /Don't Know	11.5	14.6	7.6
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13-2 Security forces and Police

1) Yes	75.0	77.4	72.0
2) No	17.7	13.6	23.0
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	7.2	9.0	5.0
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13-3 Presidency Office

1) Yes	42.5	39.4	46.4
2) No	26.0	22.1	31.0
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	31.5	38.5	22.6
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13-4 PLC

1) Yes	49.4	52.1	46.0
2) No	31.3	24.1	40.2
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	19.3	23.8	13.8
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14. In your opinion, can people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip criticize the Palestinian Authority without fear?

1) Yes	41.1	43.0	38.2
2) No	52.7	48.7	58.5
3) Do not know	6.2	8.2	3.3
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15. If you want to evaluate the status of democracy and human rights under the Palestinian Authority, you would say it is:

1) Very Good	6.1	5.1	7.6
2) Good	25.4	27.2	22.9

3) Fair	31.9	31.6	32.3
4) Bad	18.0	18.8	16.8
5) Very Bad	12.0	9.1	16.2
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	6.6	8.2	4.2
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16. And what about the status of democracy and human rights in other countries:

16-1 America

1) Very Good	38.2	34.4	43.5
2) Good	28.5	27.2	30.4
3) Fair	7.8	9.0	6.1
4) Bad	6.9	7.5	6.2
5) Very Bad	1.9	1.8	2.1
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	16.7	20.2	11.7
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16-2 Israel

1) Very Good	44.5	40.5	50.3
2) Good	30.6	31.2	29.6
3) Fair	6.8	6.3	7.6
4) Bad	5.6	6.9	3.8
5) Very Bad	1.9	1.9	1.9
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	10.6	13.2	6.8
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16-3 Jordan

1) Very Good	8.7	7.5	10.4
2) Good	21.1	18.8	24.5
3) Fair	24.3	21.2	28.8

4) Bad	24.5	28.9	18.2
5) Very Bad	8.4	7.4	9.9
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	13.0	16.2	8.3
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16-4 Egypt

1) Very Good	6.5	4.6	9.3
2) Good	19.9	14.6	27.6
3) Fair	22.1	19.1	26.4
4) Bad	23.0	26.3	18.3
5) Very Bad	10.2	8.9	12.1
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	18.2	26.5	6.3
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16-5 France

1) Very Good	29.3	24.9	35.6
2) Good	25.6	23.1	29.1
3) Fair	4.9	5.0	4.7
4) Bad	2.6	3.4	1.5
5) Very Bad	1.1	1.3	0.7
6) Don' t Know/ No			
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17. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of :

17-1 the Palestinian Legislative Council?

1) Very Good	12.5	12.5	12.5
2) Good	36.2	35.8	36.9
3) Fair	24.7	26.3	22.4
4) Bad	11.1	8.7	14.6
5) Very Bad	5.5	4.0	7.8

6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	9.9	12.8	5.8
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17-2 Palestinian Government (The Cabinet)

1) Very Good	11.5	10.3	13.2
2) Good	37.1	35.6	39.2
3) Fair	23.0	23.0	23.1
4) Bad	11.4	11.1	11.8
5) Very Bad	4.5	3.0	6.6
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	12.6	17.1	6.2
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17-3 Judicial Authority and Palestinian Courts

1) Very Good	12.1	11.0	13.7
2) Good	35.6	32.7	39.7
3) Fair	18.9	18.7	19.2
4) Bad	12.7	12.4	13.1
5) Very Bad	7.1	6.6	7.7
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	13.7	18.5	6.6
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17-4 Police and Security forces

1) Very Good	14.9	11.2	20.2
2) Good	41.3	40.4	42.5
3) Fair	19.4	19.2	19.5
4) Bad	12.8	14.0	11.2
5) Very Bad	4.8	4.7	5.0
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	6.9	10.5	1.6
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17-5 Institution of Presidency

1) Very Good	16.2	14.2	19.0
2) Good	39.7	37.3	43.1
3) Fair	13.9	13.0	15.1
4) Bad	6.9	6.0	8.2
5) Very Bad	3.8	3.2	4.7
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	19.5	26.3	9.8
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17-6 Opposition groups and factions

1) Very Good	9.9	7.7	13.0
2) Good	27.9	27.9	27.8
3) Fair	28.0	24.9	32.6
4) Bad	13.9	14.0	13.6
5) Very Bad	3.2	2.8	3.7
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	17.2	22.7	9.2
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17-7 Your district representatives at the PLC

1) Very Good	9.1	8.3	10.2
2) Good	36.3	35.8	37.0
3) Fair	18.1	17.7	18.6
4) Bad	13.8	13.7	13.9
5) Very Bad	8.2	6.1	11.2
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	14.6	18.4	9.1
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18. If separate elections for the president of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?

1) Haydar Abdul Shafi	9.8	7.4	13.2
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2) Yasser Arafat	46.8	42.6	52.9
3) Ahmad Yasin	11.6	12.6	10.1
4)No one	1.0	0.9	1.1
5) Others	18.1	22.3	12.0
6) I will not participate	11.4	12.1	10.4
7) No Opinion / Don't Know	1.4	2.1	0.3
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19. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli targets, I....

1) Support	52.7	53.2	52.0
2) Oppose	41.3	39.2	44.4
3) No Opinion /Don' t Know	6.0	7.6	3.7
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20. Which of the following political parties do you support?

1) PPP	1.2	0.9	1.5
2) PFLP	4.5	3.5	5.9
3) Fateh	40.2	39.4	41.5
4) Hamas	11.2	8.2	15.5
5) DFLP	0.8	1.4	0.0
6) Islamic Jihad	2.4	2.4	2.3
7) Fida	0.2	0.3	0.0
8) Independent Islamists	2.7	3.5	1.6
9) Independent Nationalists	3.3	3.1	3.6
10) None of the above	31.9	35.9	26.1
11) Others	1.6	1.5	1.9