

**Results of Public Opinion Poll # 39
28-30 January 1999**

	Total %	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
Unemployment	25.0	19.0	35.0

1. Do you support or oppose the current peace process between Palestinians and Israelis?

1) Support	72.6	71.0	75.5
2) Oppose	23.1	23.5	22.5
3) No Opinion	4.3	5.6	2.0

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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.	38.8	38.7	39.1
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	51.7	49.9	54.7
3) Others (specify_____)	3.3	3.2	3.4
4) No Opinion /Don't know	6.2	8.2	2.8

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3. How would you describe your economic situation over the last three years compared to the situation today?

1) Better	38.9	39.0	38.8
2) Worse	23.1	22.5	24.0
3) Stayed the same	37.6	38.3	36.4
4) Don' t Know	0.5	0.2	0.8

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4. Are you optimistic or pessimistic regarding your economic situation over the next three years?

1) Optimistic	56.3	55.2	58.1
2) Pessimistic	26.2	27.3	24.3
3) Remain the same	12.6	11.9	13.8
4) Others	1.1	1.2	0.8
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	3.9	4.4	3.0
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5. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions? (if yes, go to the next question)

1) Yes	54.4	50.3	61.3
2) No	22.1	22.6	21.3
3) Not Sure	23.5	27.1	17.4
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6. Will this corruption in PA institutions increase, decrease or remain as it is in the future?

1) Increase	50.0	47.0	54.1
2) Remain as it is	7.8	6.0	10.2
3) Decrease	31.8	34.3	28.4
4) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	10.4	12.7	7.3
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7. In your opinion, in which of the following PA institutions does corruption exist?

7-1 Ministries and Governmental offices

1) Yes	79.2	78.8	79.7
2) No	9.0	6.7	12.1
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	11.8	14.4	8.2
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7-2 Security forces and Police

1) Yes	69.8	68.8	71.3
2) No	17.9	16.3	20.1
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	12.2	14.9	8.6
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7-3 Presidency Office

1) Yes	37.2	33.9	41.6
2) No	25.9	22.4	30.8
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	36.9	43.8	27.5
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7-4 PLC

1) Yes	47.1	49.2	44.3
2) No	28.8	23.4	36.1
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	24.2	27.5	19.7
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8. If you want to evaluate the status of democracy and human rights under the Palestinian Authority, you would say it is:

1) Very Good	7.2	6.2	8.9
2) Good	28.3	29.4	26.3
3) Fair	32.3	32.4	32.2
4) Bad	15.1	15.3	14.8
5) Very Bad	9.6	6.7	14.4
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	7.5	10.0	3.4
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9. And what about the status of democracy and human rights in other countries:

9-1 America

1) Very Good	31.6	26.4	40.2
2) Good	21.6	22.3	20.5
3) Fair	8.7	8.2	9.6
4) Bad	8.4	8.9	7.5
5) Very Bad	3.3	3.5	2.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	26.4	30.7	19.3

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9-2 Israel

1) Very Good	37.4	31.1	48.0
2) Good	26.8	27.6	25.4
3) Fair	7.1	7.3	6.7
4) Bad	8.3	9.8	5.9
5) Very Bad	2.6	2.7	2.4
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	17.8	21.6	11.6

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9-3 Jordan

1) Very Good	6.9	5.6	9.2
2) Good	24.7	21.7	29.7
3) Fair	22.7	20.0	27.3
4) Bad	18.2	21.7	12.2
5) Very Bad	6.5	6.8	5.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	21.0	24.1	15.7

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9-4 Egypt

1) Very Good	6.2	3.2	11.2
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2) Good	20.5	16.6	27.0
3) Fair	18.4	15.2	23.6
4) Bad	18.2	18.9	17.1
5) Very Bad	7.0	6.8	7.3
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	29.8	39.3	13.8
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9-5 France

1) Very Good	24.7	19.2	33.9
2) Good	22.6	22.4	22.9
3) Fair	4.6	4.4	4.9
4) Bad	3.1	3.4	2.4
5) Very Bad	0.6	0.5	0.8
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	44.5	50.1	35.1
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10. In your opinion, can people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip criticize the Palestinian Authority without fear?

1) Yes	36.1	37.8	33.2
2) No	58.4	55.5	63.4
3) Do not know	5.5	6.7	3.4
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11. Does the situation in the Palestinian areas in the West Bank and Gaza force you to seek permanent emigration?

1) Yes	21.0	17.7	26.4
2) No	78.3	81.4	73.2
3) I don't know	0.7	0.9	0.4
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12. Some people say that these days it is not possible to find a job without *wasta* (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	58.9	53.0	68.7
2) Jobs are obtained by <i>wasta</i> sometimes	26.0	28.5	21.8
3) Jobs are not obtained by <i>wasta</i>	5.9	7.2	3.8
4) I have no experience	9.2	11.3	5.7
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13. 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')	5.6	6.5	4.0
2) Farouq Kaddomi	5.6	6.3	4.2
3) Mahmoud Abbas	4.4	2.6	7.5
4) Nabil Sha'ath	2.6	1.3	4.6
5) Sa'eb Erikat	7.9	6.7	9.9
6) Hanan Ashrawi	6.5	7.1	5.5
7) Faisal Hussein	6.5	7.9	4.0
8) Haidar Abdul Shafi	14.6	10.7	21.0
9) Others	0.5	0.6	0.4
10) Non of the above	25.8	28.0	22.0
11) Will not participate in the elections	14.5	15.9	12.3
12) No Opinion/Don't Know	5.6	6.3	4.4
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14. If separate elections for a Vice President of the Palestinian Authority were held, and only the following names were nominated as candidates, whom would you choose?

1) Sa'eb Erikat	26.0	26.0	25.8
2) Faisal Hussein	22.1	27.0	15.4

3) Haidar Abdul Shafi	39.7	35.1	46.0
4) Others, Specify (_____)	4.3	4.2	4.4
5) None of the above	5.4	5.4	5.4
6) Will not participate in the elections	1.3	0.7	2.0
7) No Opinion/Don't Know	1.3	1.5	1.0
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15. In general, how would you evaluate the performance of the current local (municipal or village) council, or the refugee camp committee in your neighborhood?

1) Very Good	14.0	15.5	11.6
2) Good	34.4	33.8	35.3
3) Fair	24.2	21.9	28.0
4) Bad	11.1	9.0	14.4
5) Very Bad	7.5	7.3	7.9
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	8.8	12.5	2.8
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16. Regarding new Palestinian local elections, some demand holding them immediately as stipulated by the local election law, which was approved by the PLC and signed by the President, while others want to delay holding these elections until after Israeli redeployment from new areas in the West Bank. What is your opinion?

1) I support the immediate holding of local elections	41.8	40.4	44.2
2) I support postponing them until further Israeli redeployment.	46.8	46.1	47.9
3) No Opinion/Don't know	11.4	13.5	7.9
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17. Donor countries prove support for the Palestinians in the following fields:

17-1 In your opinion, which field is the most important? (select one only)

1) Water	16.8	20.8	10.2
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2) Health	25.6	21.2	32.7
3) Education	26.8	28.9	23.4
4) Sewage treatment	5.4	3.2	8.9
5) Democracy & Human Rights	7.1	6.4	8.3
6) Institution Building	5.0	5.2	4.7
7) Roads	3.5	3.5	3.5
8) Security and Police	1.7	2.0	1.2
9) Agriculture	3.6	4.4	2.4
10) Housing	2.6	2.1	3.3
11) Women	1.6	1.7	1.4
12) No Opinion/Don't Know	0.3	0.5	0.0

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17-2 In your opinion, which field is the least important? (select one only)

1) Water	4.6	5.2	3.7
2)Health	2.9	3.2	2.5
3) Education	2.4	3.0	1.7
4) Sewage	6.6	7.4	5.4
5) Democracy & Human Rights	10.8	12.3	8.5
6) Institution Building	7.9	7.9	7.9
7) Roads	11.2	11.7	10.6
8) Security and Police	10.7	9.0	13.3
9) Agriculture	9.3	9.1	9.5
10) Housing	12.6	14.6	9.5
11) Women	20.8	16.5	27.4

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18. As far as you know, which country among the donor community contributes most to the development of the Palestinian economy?

1) United States of America	13.9	14.1	13.5
2) European Union	14.2	10.2	20.8
3) Germany	2.7	3.3	1.8
4) France	8.1	6.9	10.0
5) United Kingdom	0.5	0.4	0.6
6) Japan	16.2	14.1	19.6
7) Arab Countries	8.4	9.2	6.9
8) Others (specify_____)	2.4	2.4	2.4
9) International Organization	0.5	0.1	1.0
10) No Opinion /Don't Know	33.2	39.2	23.3
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19. In general, how would you evaluate the impact of donor's support on Palestinian conditions?

1) Very positive	9.0	7.7	11.1
2) Positive	37.3	38.3	35.6
3) In Between	31.9	30.5	34.2
4) Bad	11.2	11.7	10.3
5) Very bad	4.3	2.9	6.5
6) No Opinion/Don't know	6.4	8.9	2.2
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20. If separate elections for the president of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?

1) Haidar Abdul Shafi	9.1	8.6	9.9
2) Yaser Arafat	47.0	44.5	51.1
3) Ahmad Yassin	10.3	10.3	10.3

4) Others	0.7	0.5	1.0
5) No one	18.8	20.6	16.0
6) I will not participate in the elections	12.0	12.9	10.5
7) No Opinion / Don't Know	2.1	2.6	1.2

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21. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli targets, you....

1) Support it	40.8	42.2	38.4
2) Oppose it	52.8	50.1	57.4
3) No Opinion /Don' t Know	6.4	7.7	4.2

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22. Which of the following political parties do you support?

1) PPP	1.0	1.3	0.4
2) PFLP	2.7	2.3	3.4
3) Fateh	36.6	35.6	38.4
4) Hamas	12.3	10.8	14.7
5) DFLP	0.8	1.0	0.6
6) Islamic Jihad	3.2	3.2	3.2
7) Fida	0.2	0.1	0.2
8) Independent Islamists	3.2	3.7	2.4
9) Independent Nationalists	2.2	2.9	1.0
10) None of the above	36.5	38.0	33.9
11) Others	1.3	1.1	1.6

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A. Do you have?

A00 Telephone at home

1) Yes	41.5	43.9	37.6
2) No	58.5	56.1	62.4

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A10 Mobile phone at home

1) Yes	21.3	29.0	8.5
2) No	78.7	71.0	91.5

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A01 Computer at home

1) Yes	10.7	12.2	8.1
2) No	89.3	87.8	91.9

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A02 Subscription to the Internet at home

1) Yes	5.4	5.3	6.1
2) No	94.6	94.7	93.9

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A03 Subscription to the Internet at work

1) Yes	5.6	6.9	3.9
2) No	94.4	93.1	96.1

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A04 Satellite Dish at home

1) Yes	29.5	28.7	30.9
2) No	70.5	71.3	69.1