

**Results of Public Opinion Poll # 44  
14-16 October 1999**

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>

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

1) Support	74.8	72.2	78.9
2) Oppose	21.3	23.5	17.7
3) No Opinion	3.9	4.3	3.4

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**2. After signing (Sharm el-Sheikh) agreement, do you trust the intentions of the new Israeli government headed by Barak towards reaching an Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement with Palestinians?**

1) Yes	19.0	16.1	23.7
2) No	68.7	71.7	63.7
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	12.3	12.2	12.6

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**3. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of :**

**3-1 the Palestinian Legislative Council?**

1) Very Good	6.1	6.0	6.3
2) Good	31.1	30.1	32.9
3) Fair	30.8	32.5	28.2
4) Bad	12.7	11.7	14.5
5) Very Bad	8.2	6.8	10.5
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	11.1	12.9	7.6

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### 3-2 Palestinian Government (The Cabinet)

1) Very Good	7.7	8.2	6.9
2) Good	35.5	36.0	34.7
3) Fair	27.9	28.0	27.7
4) Bad	10.8	9.6	12.8
5) Very Bad	5.9	5.1	7.4
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	12.2	13.1	10.5
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### 3-3 Judicial Authority and Palestinian Courts

1) Very Good	8.8	8.5	8.8
2) Good	31.2	28.8	35.1
3) Fair	23.4	22.3	25.2
4) Bad	14.3	15.5	12.3
5) Very Bad	7.0	7.5	6.1
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	15.5	17.4	12.5
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### 3-4 Police and Security forces

1) Very Good	13.9	13.9	14.0
2) Good	38.7	35.8	43.6
3) Fair	22.8	22.1	24.1
4) Bad	12.9	14.5	10.3
5) Very Bad	5.4	5.8	4.7
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	6.3	7.9	3.3
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### 3-5 Institution of Presidency

1) Very Good	14.4	13.5	15.9
2) Good	38.6	40.8	34.9
3) Fair	15.7	14.8	17.2
4) Bad	6.5	6.2	7.1
5) Very Bad	3.0	2.1	4.5
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	21.8	22.6	20.4
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### **3-6 Opposition groups and factions**

1) Very Good	6.5	7.3	5.3
2) Good	26.6	27.8	24.5
3) Fair	22.2	19.7	26.3
4) Bad	17.6	18.7	15.8
5) Very Bad	4.6	4.1	5.4
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	22.5	22.4	22.7
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### **3-7 Your district representatives at the PLC**

1) Very Good	7.7	8.7	6.1
2) Good	31.7	31.7	31.6
3) Fair	20.8	19.8	22.5
4) Bad	15.1	14.5	16.1
5) Very Bad	6.9	5.5	9.2
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	17.8	19.8	14.5
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**4. 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')	5.3	5.7	4.7
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	6.7	6.6	7.0
3) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	6.3	7.2	4.7
4) Nabil Sha'ath	3.1	1.4	5.8
5) Sa'eb Erikat	8.9	9.0	8.7
6) Hanan Ashrawi	6.4	6.9	5.6
7) Faisal Hussein	7.0	7.9	5.5
8) Haidar Abdul Shafi	16.3	11.8	23.8
9) Other (Specify_____)	0.8	0.5	1.2
10) No one	20.2	21.5	17.9
11) I will not participate in the elections	15.2	17.3	11.7
12) No Opinion /Don't Know	3.8	4.2	3.4
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**5. 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) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	14.3	16.3	11.7
2) Faisal Hussein	22.2	27.0	15.7
3) Haidar Abdul Shafi	36.0	29.6	44.5
4) Ahmad Qurai' (Abu Ala')	9.6	11.4	7.1
5) Other (Specify_____)	11.0	11.1	10.7
6) No Opinion /Don't Know	6.9	4.6	10.3
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**6. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian non governmental organizations (NGO's):**

1) Very Good	16.2	17.6	14.0
2) Good	43.7	43.2	44.6

3) Fair	17.1	18.4	15.0
4) Bad	5.5	5.8	5.0
5) Very Bad	1.9	1.0	3.4
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	15.6	14.0	18.0
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**7. Do you think that there is corruption in Palestinian NGO's?**

1) Yes	38.0	40.9	33.2
2) No	31.2	31.2	31.3
3) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	30.8	27.9	35.5
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**8. An Inter-ministerial committee for administrative reform was formed by the PA after the publication of international reports concerning Palestinian institutions building. Do you trust the PA intentions towards reforming its institutions?**

1) Yes	61.3	61.6	60.9
2) No	26.9	26.0	28.3
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	11.8	12.4	10.8
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**9. The Palestinian security services have been conducting campaigns to collect unlicensed weapons from citizens, do you support or oppose these campaigns?**

1) Support	86.5	84.1	90.4
2) Oppose	11.2	13.4	7.6
3) No Opinion / Don't Know	2.3	2.5	2.0
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**10. If you want to evaluate the status of democracy and human rights under the Palestinian Authority, you would say it is:**

1) Very Good	5.8	7.0	3.9
2) Good	26.0	26.2	25.8

3) Fair	28.5	28.0	29.4
4) Bad	21.4	20.5	22.9
5) Very Bad	11.5	10.3	13.5
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	6.8	8.0	4.5
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**11. And what about the status of democracy and human rights in other countries:**

**11-1 America**

1) Very Good	31.1	28.0	36.1
2) Good	24.4	25.5	22.6
3) Fair	6.9	6.3	7.9
4) Bad	10.0	11.0	8.4
5) Very Bad	3.0	3.4	2.5
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	24.6	25.8	22.5
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**11-2 Israel**

1) Very Good	37.7	32.7	46.0
2) Good	29.6	31.6	26.4
3) Fair	5.4	5.5	5.1
4) Bad	8.4	8.9	7.5
5) Very Bad	3.2	3.2	3.2
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	15.7	18.1	11.8
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**11-3 Jordan**

1) Very Good	4.9	4.8	5.0
2) Good	26.6	24.6	29.9

3) Fair	22.6	21.3	24.8
4) Bad	18.3	19.8	15.7
5) Very Bad	6.8	6.4	7.5
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	20.8	23.1	17.1
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#### 11-4 Egypt

1) Very Good	4.8	3.9	6.3
2) Good	24.4	20.0	31.7
3) Fair	18.7	16.6	22.2
4) Bad	19.3	21.6	15.5
5) Very Bad	7.2	5.9	9.3
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	25.6	32.0	15.0
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#### 11-5 France

1) Very Good	25.9	20.7	34.6
2) Good	23.7	23.1	24.5
3) Fair	4.9	5.1	4.5
4) Bad	5.3	5.9	4.4
5) Very Bad	1.0	0.6	1.6
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	39.2	44.6	30.4
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#### 12. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions?

1) Yes	63.4	61.1	67.2
2) No	17.7	18.1	17.1
3) Not Sure	18.9	20.8	15.6

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<b>13. Will this corruption in PA institutions increase, decrease or remain as it is in the future?</b>			
1) Increase	50.6	50.0	51.5
2) Remain as it is	7.9	7.9	7.7
3) Decrease	29.3	30.6	27.5
4) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	12.2	11.5	13.3

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**14. In your opinion, in which of the following PA institutions does corruption exist?**

**14-1 Ministries and governmental offices**

1) Yes	80.0	80.2	79.8
2) No	9.6	9.0	10.4
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	10.4	10.9	9.8

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**14-2 Security forces and police**

1) Yes	76.5	75.8	77.6
2) No	16.0	15.0	17.5
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	7.5	9.2	4.9

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**14-3 Presidency Office**

1) Yes	41.9	41.3	42.9
2) No	27.8	26.7	29.4
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	30.3	32.0	27.7

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**14-4 PLC**



1) Yes	51.1	51.0	51.1
2) No	30.0	28.8	31.6
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	18.9	20.2	17.3
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**15. In your opinion, can people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip criticize the Palestinian Authority without fear?**

1) Yes	38.1	39.2	36.2
2) No	55.9	54.0	58.9
3) Do not know	6.0	6.8	4.9
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**16. If new elections for the PLC and PA Presidency were held today, would you participate in these elections?**

1) Yes	67.5	67.5	67.4
2) No	28.9	28.3	29.8
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	3.6	4.2	2.8
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**17. If separate elections for the president of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?**

1) Haydar Abdul Shafi	11.7	11.2	12.6
2) Yasser Arafat	42.2	37.6	49.7
3) Ahmad Yasin	10.7	11.3	9.7
4) Others	1.6	2.2	0.5
5) No one	17.2	19.2	13.9
6) I will not participate	14.4	16.1	11.6
7) No Opinion / Don't Know	2.2	2.4	2.0
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**18. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli targets, I...**

1) Support	39.5	41.1	36.9
2) Oppose	52.3	50.6	55.1
3) No Opinion /Don' t Know	8.2	8.3	8.0
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**19. Which of the following political parties do you support?**

1) PPP	0.9	1.1	0.5
2) PFLP	3.2	2.4	4.6
3) Fateh	36.6	36.2	37.2
4) Hamas	9.7	9.8	9.5
5) DFLP	1.2	1.6	0.5
6) Islamic Jihad	2.6	2.5	2.8
7) Fida	0.1	0.1	0.0
8) Independent Islamists	2.8	3.3	2.0
9) Independent Nationalists	3.9	4.1	3.5
10) None of the above	37.5	36.8	38.6
11) Others	1.5	2.1	0.8