

Public Opinion Poll #32
5-7 March 1998

	Total %	West Bank %	Gaza Strip %
Unemployment	26.0	21.0	33.0

1. How often do you follow the news?

1) Always	27.8	28.7	26.5
2) Often	16.4	14.5	19.2
3) Sometimes	47.1	48.2	45.5
4) Not Sure	08.6	08.6	08.7

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

1) Very Good	12.6	12.6	12.7
2) Good	36.8	38.9	33.6
3) Fair	30.9	29.2	33.5
4) Bad	07.6	06.2	09.8
5) Very Bad	05.0	04.5	05.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	07.0	08.5	04.7

3. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of your district representative in the PLC ?

1) Very Good	14.8	16.5	12.2
2) Good	37.1	39.0	34.1
3) Fair	23.2	20.5	27.3
4) Bad	10.6	09.1	13.0
5) Very Bad	05.5	04.3	07.4
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	08.8	10.6	06.0

4. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian government (the Cabinet)?

1) Very Good	21.1	18.7	24.8
2) Good	38.3	43.2	30.6
3) Fair	23.5	21.3	26.8
4) Bad	08.2	06.6	10.6
5) Very Bad	04.4	04.1	05.0
6) No Opinion/ Do not know	04.5	06.1	02.2

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

5-1 Education

1) Very Good	28.8	26.6	32.2
2) Good	42.5	42.5	42.6
3) Fair	17.3	18.4	15.6
4) Bad	05.7	06.2	05.0
5) Very Bad	01.8	01.9	01.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.8	04.4	02.9

5-2 Health

1) Very Good	19.7	17.9	22.6
2) Good	41.5	40.3	43.4
3) Fair	20.4	21.5	18.8
4) Bad	10.6	10.8	10.2
5) Very Bad	03.8	04.0	03.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	04.0	05.6	01.5

5-3 Economy

1) Very Good	04.9	06.0	03.2
2) Good	20.4	20.5	20.1
3) Fair	29.4	27.9	31.7
4) Bad	26.8	26.0	28.0
5) Very Bad	12.9	11.9	14.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	05.6	07.7	02.5

5-4 Democracy & Human Rights

1) Very Good	09.0	10.3	07.0
2) Good	28.5	27.2	30.6
3) Fair	28.5	27.5	30.0
4) Bad	16.9	16.8	17.2
5) Very Bad	09.2	08.1	10.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	07.8	10.1	04.2

5-5 Security of Citizens

1) Very Good	26.9	22.1	34.1
2) Good	39.7	40.1	39.1
3) Fair	19.5	20.8	17.5
4) Bad	06.9	07.2	06.4
5) Very Bad	03.7	04.7	02.0
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.4	05.0	00.9

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5. How do you evaluate the performance of the government in the following areas:			
5-1 Education			
1) Very Good	28.8	26.6	32.2
2) Good	42.5	42.5	42.6

3) Fair	17.3	18.4	15.6
4) Bad	05.7	06.2	05.0
5) Very Bad	01.8	01.9	01.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.8	04.4	02.9

5-2 Health

1) Very Good	19.7	17.9	22.6
2) Good	41.5	40.3	43.4
3) Fair	20.4	21.5	18.8
4) Bad	10.6	10.8	10.2
5) Very Bad	03.8	04.0	03.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	04.0	05.6	01.5

5-3 Economy

1) Very Good	04.9	06.0	03.2
2) Good	20.4	20.5	20.1
3) Fair	29.4	27.9	31.7
4) Bad	26.8	26.0	28.0
5) Very Bad	12.9	11.9	14.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	05.6	07.7	02.5

5-4 Democracy & Human Rights

1) Very Good	09.0	10.3	07.0
2) Good	28.5	27.2	30.6
3) Fair	28.5	27.5	30.0
4) Bad	16.9	16.8	17.2
5) Very Bad	09.2	08.1	10.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	07.8	10.1	04.2

5-5 Security of Citizens

1) Very Good	26.9	22.1	34.1
2) Good	39.7	40.1	39.1
3) Fair	19.5	20.8	17.5
4) Bad	06.9	07.2	06.4
5) Very Bad	03.7	04.7	02.0
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.4	05.0	00.9

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

1) Very Good	16.2	13.8	19.8
2) Good	37.0	38.5	34.7
3) Fair	19.4	17.3	22.6
4) Bad	07.2	07.6	06.6
5) Very Bad	03.8	02.9	05.2
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	16.4	19.9	11.1

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

1) Very Good	31.7	30.4	33.9
2) Good	39.6	39.7	39.4
3) Fair	17.4	17.2	17.7
4) Bad	05.3	06.1	04.1
5) Very Bad	02.3	01.8	03.1
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.7	04.8	01.9

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

1) Very Good	36.6	33.5	41.4
2) Good	37.1	39.6	33.2
3) Fair	13.1	11.8	15.0
4) Bad	03.0	03.4	02.5
5) Very Bad	02.3	02.0	02.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	07.9	09.7	05.1

9. Generally, how do you evaluate the performance of the Palestinian opposition parties? (Cancelled from P31) Translated

1) Very Good	10.6	09.7	12.0
2) Good	29.7	30.5	28.6
3) Fair	26.6	23.6	31.3
4) Bad	16.3	17.8	14.0
5) Very Bad	03.2	02.9	03.5
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	13.6	15.5	10.6

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

1) Yes	24.8	24.3	25.5
2) To some extent	34.7	32.6	37.9
3) No	30.7	30.6	30.8
4) No Opinion/ Do not know	09.9	12.5	05.8

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

1) Yes	37.1	38.8	34.2
2) No	56.1	51.7	62.9
3) Do not know	06.8	09.5	02.8

12. 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	22.0	25.4	16.9
2) Comfortable	32.4	31.2	34.3
3) In between	19.3	16.9	23.0
4) Uncomfortable	11.3	09.2	14.4
5) Very uncomfortable	04.5	04.4	04.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	10.4	13.0	06.6

13. 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	34.6	36.9	30.9
2) Maybe	38.2	36.6	40.8
3) No	12.2	10.1	15.5
4) Definitely no	09.2	08.8	09.9
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	05.7	07.6	02.9

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

1) Yes	60.7	58.1	64.7
2) No	25.5	24.7	26.7
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	13.8	07.6	08.6

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

1) Increase	38.5	35.4	43.0
2) Remain as it is	11.3	11.9	10.5
3) Decrease	41.5	41.5	41.6
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	08.6	11.3	04.9

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

1) Very Good	09.2	09.8	08.3
2) Good	36.8	38.9	33.7
3) Fair	30.4	28.3	33.5
4) Bad	13.1	11.2	16.0
5) Very Bad	04.6	04.3	05.1
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	05.9	07.5	03.4

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

1) Democracy and human rights	28.4	27.2	30.2
2) Dictatorship	14.1	12.6	16.5
3) Between	46.5	46.5	46.6
6) No Opinion	11.0	13.7	06.7

18. There are different Palestinian views regarding the proposed Public Assembly Law, which is being discussed now by the PLC. Some think that people should have the right to hold public meetings without prior permission from the Palestinian Authority, while others think that holding such public meetings should require prior permission. What do you think ?

1) No need for prior permission from the PA	22.6	25.0	19.0
2) Prior permission by the PA should be a requirement	72.4	69.5	76.8
3) Others (specify,-)	01.0	00.7	01.6
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	04.0	04.8	02.6

19. The PLC is currently debating a proposed law regarding carrying weapons. The proposed law requires Palestinian factions and organizations to license any weapons they may have. Some people support the requirement that factions and organizations license their weapons, while others oppose such a requirement at the present time. What do you think ?

1) I support the requirement that Palestinian factions and organizations license their weapons	74.0	77.6	68.5
2) I oppose the requirement that Palestinian factions and organizations license their weapons	20.0	16.9	24.9
3) Others (specify,-)	02.4	01.6	03.6
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	03.6	04.0	02.9

20. The PLC is currently debating a proposed law regarding Political Parties. The proposed law requires Palestinian factions and political parties to register themselves in the Ministry of Justice as political parties. Some people support the requirement that factions register themselves, while others oppose such requirement under the present circumstances. What do you think ?

1) I support the requirement that Palestinian factions register themselves in the Ministry of Justice	72.0	70.6	74.2
2) I oppose the requirement that Palestinian factions register themselves in the Ministry of Justice	16.1	14.9	18.0
3) Others (specify,-)	00.6	00.7	00.6
3) No Opinion/ Do not know	11.3	13.8	07.3

21. Given the current conditions of the Palestinian-Israeli peace process, do you support or oppose the Oslo Agreement ?

1) Support	66.6	64.7	69.6
2) Oppose	28.9	29.3	28.3
3) No opinion/Don't know	04.5	06.1	02.0

22. How do you evaluate the performance of the following institutions towards the recent American-Iraqi crisis ?

22-1 PLC

1) Very Good	23.6	23.4	23.8
2) Good	41.7	41.2	42.5
3) In Between	15.3	14.4	16.8
4) Bad	07.1	07.8	06.0
5) Very Bad	02.1	01.9	02.5
6) No opinion/Don't Know	10.2	11.3	08.5

22-2 Executive Authority (Cabinet)

1) Very Good	20.0	19.6	20.6
2) Good	41.9	43.7	39.1
3) In Between	17.7	15.7	20.9
4) Bad	07.7	08.2	07.0
5) Very Bad	01.5	01.2	01.9
6) No opinion/Don't Know	11.2	11.6	10.5

22-3 Police and Security Forces

1) Very Good	19.4	20.8	17.4
2) Good	37.6	37.2	38.2
3) In Between	17.9	16.1	20.6
4) Bad	09.7	10.0	09.2
5) Very Bad	04.0	03.3	05.1
6) No opinion/Don't Know	11.4	12.6	09.5

23. Which of the following political trends do you support?

1) PPP	01.1	01.1	01.0
2) PFLP	02.5	02.2	03.1
3) Fateh	45.6	42.3	50.8
4) Hamas	09.1	07.9	11.1
5) DFLP	01.1	01.3	00.7
6) Islamic Jihad	02.4	03.2	01.2
7) Fida	00.3	00.4	00.1
8) Independent Islamists	02.9	03.4	02.0
9) Independent Nationalists	03.1	03.6	02.3
10) None of the above	29.4	31.8	25.7
11) Others	02.5	02.8	01.9