

**Results of Public Opinion Poll # 37
12-14 November 1998**

	Total %	West Bank %	Gaza Strip %
Unemployment	24.0	21.0	29.0
	Total %	West Bank %	Gaza Strip %

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

1) Support	75.2	74.0	76.9
2) Oppose	21.2	21.2	21.1
3) No Opinion	3.7	4.9	2.0
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2. Regarding the permanent status negotiations between the Palestinian and Israeli sides over Jerusalem, refugees, borders, and settlements, I believe

1) There is a possibility to reach a solution acceptable to the two parties.	37.8	33.4	44.2
2) There is no possibility to reach a solution acceptable to the two parties.	53.9	56.9	49.7
3) No Opinion	8.3	9.7	6.2
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3. Do you expect the current peace process to lead to the establishment of a Palestinian State in West Bank and Gaza Strip in the coming years?

1) Yes	44.8	43.4	46.8
2) No	21.5	23.2	19.0
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	33.7	33.4	34.2
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4. 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.	46.6	49.7	42.1
2) Support establishing a Palestinian state	45.5	40.4	52.8

right after the end of the transitional period
 even if there no agreements was reached
 with Israel at that time

3) Others (specify_____)	2.8	2.9	2.7
4) No Opinion /Don't know	5.1	7.0	2.4
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Now, we would like to ask you few questions about the Wye Plantation agreement (summary points of the agreement are read):

5. Do you support or oppose this agreement?

1) Support	58.6	54.5	64.5
2) Oppose	35.3	38.2	31.2
3) No Opinion/Don't know	6.1	7.4	4.3
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6. In your opinion, who gained more from the agreement, the Palestinians or the Israelis?

1) The Palestinians	17.9	15.5	21.3
2) The Israelis	57.1	58.3	55.4
3) Both to the same extent	12.3	11.5	13.4
4) None of them	5.4	5.4	5.3
5) No Opinion/ Don't Know	7.4	9.3	4.6
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7. Do you think that the Palestinian Authority will implement the agreement?

1) Yes	77.6	74.5	82.1
2) No	13.8	15.6	11.0
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	8.7	9.9	6.9
	Total %	West Bank %	Gaza Strip %

8. Do you think that the Israeli government will implement the agreement?

1) Yes	18.6	18.4	18.9
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2) No	72.8	72.0	73.8
3) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	8.6	9.5	7.3
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9. Do you support or oppose the Palestinian security commitments contained in the agreement and dealing with security arrangements that the PA should implement against armed Palestinian opposition in order to prevent armed attacks against Israeli targets?

1) Support	38.3	34.8	43.5
2) Oppose	53.6	55.9	50.4
3) No Opinion/ Don't Know	8.0	9.3	6.2
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10. Are you worried that the implementation of the Palestinian security commitments will lead to internal Palestinian strife between the PA and the opposition?

1) Yes	64.3	64.9	63.5
2) No	29.3	27.8	31.5
3) No Opinion/ Don't Know	6.4	7.4	5.0
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11. Do you think that the Palestinian negotiating team could have achieved a better agreement?

1) Yes	51.4	53.1	49.0
2) No	40.8	36.7	46.7
3) No Opinion/ Don't Know	7.8	10.2	4.3
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12. Do you think that the Palestinian opposition has the right to express its opposition to this agreement by acts of violence directed against Israeli targets?

1) Yes	41.4	43.2	38.7
2) No	52.8	49.5	57.5
3) No Opinion/ Don't Know	5.9	7.3	3.8
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13. Do you think that the Palestinian opposition has the right to express its opposition to this agreement by acts of violence directed against the Palestinian Authority and its security services?

1) Yes	8.8	9.5	7.8
2) No	87.4	85.9	89.5
3) No Opinion/ Don't Know	3.8	4.6	2.7
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14. Concerning the armed attacks against Israeli targets, I...

1) Support	41.2	41.1	41.2
2) Oppose	53.1	51.7	55.1
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	5.7	7.2	3.6
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15. If separate elections for a President of the Palestinian Authority were held today, and the following names were nominated as candidates, whom would you choose?

1) Haidar Abdul Shafi	7.4	7.9	6.7
2) Yaser Arafat	44.7	39.6	52.2
3) Ahmad Yassin	10.3	11.5	8.5
4) Other (Specify_____)	1.4	1.4	1.4
5) No one	16.6	19.1	12.9
6) I will not participate in the elections	17.8	18.3	17.2
7) No Opinion /Don't Know	1.8	2.3	1.1
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16. 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')	5.8	5.1	6.9
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	6.9	6.6	7.3
3) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	6.7	7.7	5.3
4) Nabil Sha'ath	3.5	2.0	5.6
5) Sa'eb Erikat	7.6	7.0	8.5
6) Hanan Ashrawi	7.0	7.1	6.9
7) Faisal Hussein	7.8	10.8	3.5

8) Haidar Abdul Shafi	10.3	8.4	13.0
9) Other (Specify_____)	0.5	0.4	0.7
10) No one	24.5	26.7	21.3
11) I will not participate in the elections	16.1	14.6	18.2
12) No Opinion /Don't Know	3.3	3.6	2.9
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17. 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')	22.3	19.4	26.3
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	21.6	21.7	21.4
3) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	23.5	26.6	19.2
4) No One	30.5	30.1	31.1
5) No Opinion /Don't Know	2.0	2.1	1.9
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18. 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')	38.2	34.6	43.6
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	41.6	44.0	38.1
3) No One	19.1	20.4	17.2
4) No Opinion /Don't Know	1.0	1.0	1.1
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19. 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')	47.7	42.3	55.7
2) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	39.8	43.8	33.9
3) No One	11.9	13.5	9.6
4) No Opinion/Don't Know	0.6	0.5	0.7
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20. 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) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	39.9	46.6	30.1
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	42.8	39.1	48.2
3) No One	15.6	13.3	19.1
4) No Opinion / Don't Know	1.6	1.0	2.6
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21. Which of the following political parties do you support?

1) PPP	1.7	1.8	1.5
2) PFLP	3.0	3.2	2.8
3) Fateh	39.8	39.1	40.7
4) Hamas	10.9	10.7	11.1
5) DFLP	0.6	1.0	0.0
6) Islamic Jihad	3.6	2.5	5.1
7) Fida	0.1	0.2	0.0
8) Independent Islamists	2.9	3.7	1.8
9) Independent Nationalists	4.2	4.7	3.5
10) None of the above	31.6	30.9	32.6
11) Others	1.7	2.2	0.8