

**Results of Public Opinion Poll # 40**  
**15-17 April 1999**

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>

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

1) Support	70.2	69.7	70.9
2) Oppose	26.0	26.3	25.7
3) No Opinion	3.8	4.0	3.4
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**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.	47.9	46.2	50.7
2) Support establishing a Palestinian state center after the end of the transitional period even if there no agreements was reached with Israel at that time	42.8	43.8	41.2
3) Others (specify_____)	3.9	3.8	4.0
4) No Opinion /Don't know	5.4	6.2	4.0
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**3. In few months, Israel will hold elections for the prime minister and the Knesset, in which the Labor party, led by Barak, the Likud, led by Netanyahu, and perhaps a center party, led by Yetzhak Mordakhai, will compete. Who among them, in your view, is the most capable of moving forward the Palestinian Israeli peace process?**

1) A government led by Netanyahu and the Likud	2.8	3.3	2.0
2) A government led by Barak and Labor	19.3	18.8	20.2

3) A government led by Mordakhai and the center party	3.5	3.5	3.4
4) There is no difference between the three	63.3	61.5	66.5
5) No Opinion /Don't Know	11.0	12.9	7.9
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**4. Palestinian courts have recently issued sentences involving the death penalty. Some were issued in cases of normal crimes of murder and rape, while others involved political and security cases. Do you support or oppose these sentences of the death penalty?**

1) I support the death penalty in all cases	9.7	7.7	12.9
2) I oppose the death penalty in all cases	26.8	32.1	18.2
3) I support it in some cases and oppose it in others	60.6	56.8	66.9
4) No Opinion /Don't Know	2.9	3.4	2.0
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**4-1 Support of death penalty**

1) I support the death penalty in cases of normal crimes	65.0	59.0	74.0
2) Others and do not know	35.0	41.0	36.0
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**4-2 Opposition to death penalty**

1) I oppose the death penalty in political and security cases	66.0	71.0	59.0
2) Others and do not know	34.0	29.0	41.0
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**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) Ahmad Qurai' (Abu Ala')	6.3	6.4	6.1
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	4.3	4.2	4.5

3) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	6.5	6.6	6.3
4) Nabil Sha'ath	2.8	2.1	3.9
5) Sa'eb Erikat	7.8	8.1	7.3
6) Hanan Ashrawi	6.2	7.1	4.7
7) Faisal Hussein	7.0	7.9	5.5
8) Haidar Abdul Shafi	14.2	9.3	22.3
9) Other (Specify_____)	0.3	0.4	0.2
10) No one	25.7	27.6	22.5
11) I will not participate in the elections	16.4	17.3	14.8
12) No Opinion /Don't Know	2.7	3.1	2.0
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**6. 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	23.1	25.5	19.7
2) Faisal Hussein	22.0	26.2	16.0
3) Haidar Abdul Shafi	38.0	30.8	48.3
4) Other (Specify_____)	2.2	1.3	3.4
5) No one	9.0	10.1	7.5
6) I will not participate in the elections	4.5	4.8	4.1
7) No Opinion /Don't Know	1.2	1.3	0.9
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**7. 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	33.8	35.2	32.0
2) Faisal Hussein	38.8	40.4	36.7
3) Other (Specify_____)	7.2	1.9	14.7

4) No one	12.6	15.7	8.3
5) I will not participate in the elections	6.0	5.2	7.0
6) No Opinion /Don't Know	1.5	1.7	1.3
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**8. 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	35.7	40.7	28.6
2) Haidar Abdul Shafi	48.2	40.9	58.5
3) Other (Specify_____)	3.2	2.4	4.4
4) No one	8.4	11.5	4.1
5) I will not participate in the elections	2.8	2.2	3.7
6) No Opinion /Don't Know	1.7	2.4	0.7
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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) Faisal Hussein	33.4	40.1	24.0
2) Haidar Abdul Shafi	50.7	43.0	61.5
3) Other (Specify_____)	2.8	1.7	4.4
4) No one	8.6	11.5	4.4
5) I will not participate in the elections	3.4	2.6	4.4
6) No Opinion /Don't Know	1.1	1.0	1.4
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**10. In May 1999, the mandate of the PLC expires with the end of the transitional period of the peace process. Some see a need to hold new legislative elections immediately after the end of the transitional period, while others support the extension of the mandate of the current PLC. What do you think?**

1) I support extending the mandate of the current PLC	23.5	25.7	19.8
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2) I support holding new elections	53.5	50.2	58.9
3) I support neither extension nor the holding of new elections	13.8	13.7	14.0
4) Others (Specify_____)	1.9	2.0	1.8
5) No Opinion /Don't know	7.3	8.4	5.5

**11. In the past few months, Jordan witnessed important political developments. In your view, how will these developments affect Palestinian-Jordanian relations?**

1) Positively	45.6	41.5	52.5
2) Negatively	35.3	37.9	30.8
3) Will have no impact	6.6	7.6	4.9
4) No Opinion/Don't Know	12.5	13.0	11.8
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**12. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions?**

1) Yes	70.6	67.6	75.5
2) No	13.1	14.4	10.9
3) Not Sure	16.3	18.0	13.6
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

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

1) Increase	54.1	52.4	56.6
2) Remain as it is	6.7	5.2	9.0
3) Decrease	26.8	28.7	24.1
4) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	12.3	13.6	10.3
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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	75.6	74.8	76.8
2) No	11.4	10.9	12.1
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	13.0	14.3	11.1
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#### **14-2 Security forces and police**

1) Yes	77.3	78.9	74.9
2) No	12.9	11.1	15.6
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	9.8	10.0	9.5
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

#### **14-3 Presidency Office**

1) Yes	39.7	37.9	42.2
2) No	26.1	23.6	29.8
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	34.2	38.5	28.0
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#### **14-4 PLC**

1) Yes	49.2	51.4	46.0
2) No	27.9	23.8	33.9
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	22.9	24.9	20.1
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

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

1) Yes	38.8	37.4	41.2
2) No	55.6	56.1	54.8
3) Do not know	5.6	6.5	4.1

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

1) Very Good	5.3	5.3	5.5
2) Good	20.6	23.0	16.6
3) Fair	34.0	34.0	33.9
4) Bad	18.2	16.2	21.5
5) Very Bad	15.2	13.3	18.3
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	6.7	8.2	4.3

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**17. And what about the status of democracy and human centers in other countries:**

**17-1 America**

1) Very Good	30.0	28.6	32.1
2) Good	23.5	23.0	24.2
3) Fair	9.1	8.3	10.5
4) Bad	8.5	8.3	8.7
5) Very Bad	3.0	2.9	3.2
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	25.9	28.8	21.2

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**17-2 Israel**

1) Very Good	36.0	33.7	39.8
2) Good	30.3	30.7	29.5
3) Fair	8.2	8.3	7.9
4) Bad	6.6	5.9	7.9
5) Very Bad	2.6	2.6	2.6

6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	16.4	18.8	12.3
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### 17-3 Jordan

1) Very Good	6.6	5.5	8.5
2) Good	23.2	21.3	26.3
3) Fair	27.9	26.4	30.3
4) Bad	17.1	19.7	12.9
5) Very Bad	5.8	6.6	4.4
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	19.4	20.4	17.6
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

### 17-4 Egypt

1) Very Good	5.6	3.1	9.7
2) Good	18.8	16.4	22.6
3) Fair	23.1	20.0	28.3
4) Bad	19.4	20.2	18.0
5) Very Bad	6.7	6.2	7.5
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	26.5	34.1	13.9
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

### 17-5 France

1) Very Good	20.1	16.8	25.5
2) Good	24.9	24.3	26.1
3) Fair	4.6	4.2	5.3
4) Bad	3.6	3.4	3.8
5) Very Bad	0.6	0.6	0.6



6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	46.2	50.7	38.8
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

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

**18-1 the Palestinian Legislative Council?**

1) Very Good	9.1	9.3	8.7
2) Good	34.3	35.8	31.7
3) Fair	27.9	27.4	28.7
4) Bad	11.1	8.9	14.7
5) Very Bad	5.4	3.8	8.1
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	12.3	14.8	8.1
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**18-2 Palestinian Government (The Cabinet)**

1) Very Good	8.4	9.3	6.9
2) Good	38.9	39.4	38.0
3) Fair	25.6	24.1	28.1
4) Bad	11.0	9.2	13.9
5) Very Bad	3.7	2.9	4.8
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	12.5	15.1	8.3
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**18-3 Judicial Authority and Palestinian Courts**

1) Very Good	8.9	8.4	9.7
2) Good	32.7	33.0	32.3
3) Fair	21.8	19.7	25.3
4) Bad	15.4	15.6	14.9
5) Very Bad	6.7	5.0	9.5

6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	14.5	18.2	8.3
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

#### **18-4 Police and Security forces**

1) Very Good	10.3	9.2	12.1
2) Good	41.2	40.3	42.6
3) Fair	21.4	19.6	24.4
4) Bad	13.6	14.6	12.1
5) Very Bad	4.7	4.9	4.4
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	8.8	11.5	4.2
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

#### **18-5 Institution of Presidency**

1) Very Good	13.9	12.7	15.8
2) Good	39.2	37.7	41.6
3) Fair	14.6	13.0	17.4
4) Bad	7.3	6.5	8.7
5) Very Bad	2.4	2.3	2.6
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	22.6	27.8	13.9
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

#### **18-6 Opposition groups and factions**

1) Very Good	6.2	5.5	7.3
2) Good	26.7	26.2	27.5
3) Fair	25.3	23.0	29.1
4) Bad	16.6	17.0	16.0
5) Very Bad	4.4	3.4	6.1
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	20.7	24.8	14.1

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<b>18-7 Your district representatives at the PLC</b>			
1) Very Good	9.0	9.0	8.9
2) Good	34.1	37.2	29.1
3) Fair	20.0	17.4	24.2
4) Bad	13.1	11.2	16.2
5) Very Bad	5.9	3.5	9.9
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	17.9	21.6	11.7
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**19. If separate elections for the president of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?**

1) Haydar Abdul Shafi	10.4	10.0	10.9
2) Yasser Arafat	45.9	42.5	51.4
3) Ahmad Yasin	11.4	10.9	12.1
4) No one	18.6	20.3	15.8
5) Others	1.4	1.7	1.0
6) I will not participate	10.7	12.2	8.1
7) No Opinion / Don't Know	1.7	2.3	0.6
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**20. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli targets, I...**

1) Support	44.6	44.0	45.5
2) Oppose	48.4	48.4	48.4
3) No Opinion /Don' t Know	7.0	7.6	6.1
	<b>Total %</b>	<b>West Bank %</b>	<b>Gaza Strip %</b>

**21. Which of the following political parties do you support?**

1) PPP	0.8	0.9	0.6
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2) PFLP	2.7	2.2	3.4
3) Fateh	39.3	38.4	40.8
4) Hamas	12.2	11.7	12.9
5) DFLP	0.6	1.0	0.0
6) Islamic Jihad	3.7	3.9	3.4
7) Fida	0.2	0.1	0.2
8) Independent Islamists	3.1	3.3	2.8
9) Independent Nationalists	2.7	2.4	3.0
10) None of the above	33.1	34.8	30.3
11) Others	1.7	1.2	2.4