

Results of Public Opinion Poll # 41
03-05 June 1999

	Total %	West Bank %	Gaza Strip %
Unemployment	20.0	18.0	23.0
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1. Do you support or oppose the current peace process between Palestinians and Israelis?

1) Support	70.3	71.2	68.7
2) Oppose	26.8	25.5	28.9
3) No Opinion	3.0	3.3	2.4
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2. Do you trust the intentions of a new Israeli government headed by Barak towards the peace process with Palestinians?

1) Yes	22.6	21.8	23.8
2) No	66.1	64.8	68.1
3) No Opinion	11.4	13.3	8.1
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3. Do you think that a new Israeli Government led by Barak will implement the Wye River agreement ?

1) Yes	27.8	28.2	27.1
2) No	54.2	52.5	57.0
3) No Opinion/ Don't Know	18.0	19.3	16.0
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4. Do you expect that there will be a difference between the policies of Barak and the new government, and Netanyahu and the previous government regarding settlements in West Bank and Gaza ?

1) Yes, better	23.0	23.5	22.1
2) No, worse	14.6	15.7	12.8
3) There is no difference	56.7	54.0	61.1

4) No opinion /Don't know	5.8	6.8	4.1
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5. The United States and the EU requested that the Palestinian Authority extend the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations for another year until May 2000, and therefore postpone the declaration of statehood till then at least. What is your opinion?

1) I Support extension of negotiations and postponement of state declaration until May 2000	37.3	35.0	41.0
2) I Oppose extension of negotiations and postponement of state declaration until May 2000	53.8	55.0	51.9
3) No Opinion /Don't Know	8.9	10.0	7.1
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6. The National Conference to confront Settlements, which was held in Ramallah, called for stopping all contacts with settlers, including the necessity for about 20,00 workers to stop work in the settlements. Do you support or oppose this call?

1) Support	43.1	42.6	44.0
2) Oppose	51.8	51.6	52.1
3) No opinion /Don't know	5.1	5.8	3.9
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7. 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.	35.9	34.9	37.6
2) There is no possibility to reach a solution acceptable to the two parties.	55.2	55.5	54.7
3) No Opinion	8.9	9.6	7.7
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8. 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	44.5	46.3	41.6
2) No	26.6	28.4	23.6
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	28.8	25.3	34.7

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9. Following the peace process and the implementation of autonomy, your economic situation and standard of living has become :

1) Better	11.2	10.0	13.4
2) Worse	54.1	49.6	61.5
3) Stayed the same	33.1	38.8	23.7
4) Don' t Know	1.6	1.7	1.4

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10. After the last Israeli elections, do you trust the intentions of the Israeli people towards the peace process with the Palestinians?

1) Yes	28.8	30.0	26.9
2) No	62.7	60.8	65.8
3) No Opinion	8.5	9.3	7.3

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11. Are you optimistic or pessimistic with regard to the future of the Palestinian people?

1) Optimistic	61.1	57.7	66.7
2) Pessimistic	34.3	38.2	27.8
3) No Opinion/Don't Know	4.6	4.0	5.5

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12. 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')	5.0	4.7	5.5
2) Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazin)	6.2	6.1	6.5
3) Farouq Kaddomi (Abu Lutuf)	5.5	6.6	3.8
4) Nabil Sha'ath	2.1	1.1	3.8
5) Sa'eb Erikat	7.0	8.3	4.8
6) Hanan Ashrawi	4.7	5.7	3.0
7) Faisal Husseini	8.3	9.4	6.5

8) Haidar Abdul Shafi	12.4	8.3	19.2
9) Other (Specify_____)	0.6	0.5	0.8
10) No one	27.2	27.8	26.1
11) I will not participate in the elections	16.1	17.3	14.1
12) No Opinion /Don't Know	4.9	4.4	5.9

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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) Sa'eb Erikat	23.7	26.8	19.0
2) Faisal Hussein	27.5	32.5	19.8
3) Haidar Abdul Shafi	39.1	29.7	53.5
4) Other (Specify_____)	5.5	6.2	4.4
7) No Opinion /Don't Know	4.2	4.8	3.3

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14. 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	37.2	39.6	33.6
2) Faisal Hussein	43.9	42.0	46.6
3) Other (Specify_____)	13.0	12.4	13.8
6) No Opinion /Don't Know	6.0	6.0	6.0



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15. 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	39.8	46.0	30.4
2) Haidar Abdul Shafi	48.6	40.8	60.5
3) Other (Specify_____)	7.4	8.5	5.7

6) No Opinion /Don't Know	4.2	4.8	3.4
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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) Faisal Hussein	43.2	49.5	33.5
2) Haidar Abdul Shafi	47.2	40.3	57.8
3) Other (Specify_____)	5.9	6.0	5.7
6) No Opinion /Don't Know	3.8	4.2	3.0
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17. Do you think that there is corruption in PA institutions?

1) Yes	71.1	69.0	74.5
2) No	14.8	15.8	13.2
3) Not Sure	14.1	15.2	12.3
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18. Will this corruption in PA institutions increase, decrease or remain as it is in the future?

1) Increase	55.2	52.6	59.1
2) Remain as it is	10.3	10.5	9.9
3) Decrease	25.8	28.4	21.8
4) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	8.8	8.5	9.1
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19. If you want to evaluate the status of democracy and human rights under the Palestinian Authority, you would say it is:

1) Very Good	4.7	4.9	4.5
2) Good	22.7	24.6	19.5
3) Fair	34.5	34.1	35.2
4) Bad	19.2	19.5	18.7

5) Very Bad	13.5	10.1	19.1
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	5.5	6.9	3.0
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20. And what about the status of democracy and human rights in other countries:

20-1 America

1) Very Good	32.4	32.0	33.1
2) Good	25.2	26.2	23.4
3) Fair	9.7	9.5	10.1
4) Bad	7.8	7.8	7.7
5) Very Bad	2.1	1.6	3.0
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	22.8	22.9	22.6
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20-2 Israel

1) Very Good	40.1	39.5	41.0
2) Good	30.2	30.5	29.7
3) Fair	7.7	7.3	8.3
4) Bad	6.6	6.9	6.1
5) Very Bad	1.8	1.8	1.6
6) Don' t Know/ No Opinion	13.7	14.0	13.3
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20-3 Jordan

1) Very Good	6.8	5.5	8.9
2) Good	28.6	27.2	30.9
3) Fair	27.4	26.0	29.7
4) Bad	15.7	18.3	11.3
5) Very Bad	5.0	6.6	2.4

6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	16.6	16.5	16.8
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20-4 Egypt

1) Very Good	6.1	4.3	9.1
2) Good	22.7	20.2	26.9
3) Fair	21.8	18.2	27.9
4) Bad	18.4	18.5	18.2
5) Very Bad	7.5	8.3	6.1
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	23.5	30.5	11.9
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20-5 France

1) Very Good	24.4	21.1	29.9
2) Good	25.2	25.3	25.1
3) Fair	4.9	3.8	6.7
4) Bad	2.6	2.2	3.2
5) Very Bad	1.1	1.3	0.8
6) Don't Know/ No Opinion	41.8	46.3	34.3
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21. In your opinion, can people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip criticize the Palestinian Authority without fear?

1) Yes	38.6	37.3	40.9
2) No	56.5	57.9	54.3
3) Do not know	4.9	4.9	4.9
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22. In your view, do we have a free press?

1) Yes	20.3	22.	16.0
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2) To some extent	36.1	3.9	39.6
3) No	36.2	34.9	38.4
4) No opinion	7.4	8.3	6.1
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23. Some people sthat these days it is not possito 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	66.6	59.2	78.7
2) Jobs are obtained by <i>wasta</i> sometimes	23.6	28.6	15.4
3) Jobs are not obtained by <i>wasta</i>	4.0	5.2	2.0
4) I have no experience	5.8	6.9	3.8
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24. If separate elections for the president of the Palestinian Authority were held today, whom would you choose?

1) Haydar Abdul Shafi	9.5	9.2	9.9
2) Yasser Arafat	45.4	42.5	50.3
3) Ahmad Yasin	11.0	10.7	11.5
4) No one	0.8	1.1	0.2
5) Others	20.1	22.4	16.4
6) I will not participate	11.5	12.0	10.5
7) No Opinion / Don't Know	1.7	2.1	1.2
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25. Concerning armed attacks against Israeli targets, I...

1) Support	44.7	43.9	46.1
2) Oppose	49.2	49.3	49.2
3) No Opinion /Don' t Know	6.0	6.8	4.7
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26. Which of the following political parties do you support?

1) PPP	1.3	1.5	1.0
2) PFLP	2.7	2.6	3.0
3) Fateh	38.0	36.3	40.7
4) Hamas	10.4	9.7	11.5
5) DFLP	0.9	0.7	1.2
6) Islamic Jihad	3.6	3.9	3.0
7) Fida	0.2	0.2	
8) Independent Islamists	2.6	3.2	1.6
9) Independent Nationalists	4.6	5.2	3.4
10) None of the above	33.7	33.9	33.4
11) Others	2.1	2.8	1.0