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Results of Palestinian Public Opinion Poll
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Background

Several rounds of talk between the representatives of Fateh and Hamas were conducted in Cairo under the Egyptian sponsorship. Representatives of different Palestinian factions participated in these talks but no agreement to end the Palestinian division and achieve a reconciliation has been reached yet.

The Palestinian Authority has stopped communication with the US administration and called for expanding the auspices of the negotiation between the Palestinian Authority and Israel. This Palestinian move came as a result to the declaration made by the US President, Donald Trump recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moving the US embassy there. Meanwhile the US Administration every now and then declares that they will launch the “Deal of the Century” which will offer a final solution to the Palestinian question.

The Results

Following are the results of the Palestinian Public Opinion Poll no. 57 conducted by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah National University during the period from 25-27 October 2018. **The University sponsors all polls conducted by its Center.**

This poll undertakes the Palestinian national reconciliation, ending the Palestinian division, the US President’s (Donald Trump) recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moving the US Embassy there, the possibilities of conducting presidential and legislative elections and the political affiliations of Palestinian people.

The sample included 1362 persons whose age group is 18 and above and who have the right to vote. The enclosed questionnaire was distributed on 862 persons from the West Bank and 500 persons from the Gaza Strip. The sample was drawn randomly and the margin of error is about $\pm 3\%$; still 2.5% of the members of the sample refused to answer the questionnaire.

The opinions represented in the results reflect those of the study; they do not, by any means, represent the opinion of An-Najah National University.



The General Results:

- 38.5% of respondents said that they are optimistic about signing a reconciliation agreement in the near future.
- 27.5% of respondents believed that the sides of the Palestinian dialogue, particularly Fateh and Hamas, are not concerned with ending the Palestinian split.
- 39.9% of respondents believed that the reason behind not reaching a Palestinian reconciliation agreement is that some people seek to achieve personal interests; 38.9% believed that the reason has to do with seeking factional interests.
- 12.6% of respondents believed that the delay in the signing of the Palestinian reconciliation agreement is because of pressures exerted by some Arab sides; 16.3% believed that it is because of some regional pressures, and 31.9% believed that it is because of the factional interests of Fateh and Hamas.
- 49.8% of respondents said that the most capable procedure to end the Palestinian division is for Palestinian people to go down to the streets and to hold sit ins in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, 24.4% said that the most capable procedure is pressure exerted by the Palestinian movements and organizations, 5% said it is pressure exerted by trade unions, and 8.4% said it is pressure exerted by civil society institutions.
- 29.4% of respondents believed that the Palestinian reconciliation can only be achieved by Palestinian internal dialogue; 15.8% said that it can only be achieved by some intervention from Arab countries to bring together the two points of view of Fateh and Hamas.
- 26.7% of respondents believed that Hamas is the part which benefits most from deferring the implementation of the reconciliation agreement; 17.6% believed Fateh is the party which benefits most.
- 35.8% of respondents said that they are satisfied with the Egyptian role in sponsoring the reconciliation talks and their attempts to end the Palestinian division.
- 60.3% of respondents supported Egypt if it exerts pressure on Fateh and Hamas to end the Palestinian division.
- 45.2% of respondents supported conducting negotiations between Hamas and Israel to reach a long truce in the Gaza Strip.
- 42.1% of respondents believed that conducting negotiations between Hamas and Israel to reach a long truce will lead to not achieving a national reconciliation and not ending the Palestinian division.
- After the US declaration to move its embassy to Jerusalem, 23.8% of respondents believed that the two-state solution is still viable; 70% believed it is not anymore viable.
- After the US declaration to move its embassy to Jerusalem, 89.7% of respondents believed that the USA is not any more an impartial peace broker between Israel and the Palestinians.
- 53.7% of respondents supported the Palestinian Authority's call for enlarging the negotiation sponsorship between the Palestinians and Israel or finding a new international mechanism to sponsor negotiation with Israel.



- 77.2% of respondents believed that the "deal of the century" that the US president intends to launch aims at ransacking the Palestinian issue.
- 73.2% of respondents supported the position of the Palestinian leadership to freeze communications with the US administration following the US president's declaration that Jerusalem is the Capital of Israel and the imminent moving of the US embassy there.
- 74.8% of respondents believed that stopping the American aid to the Palestinian Authority will lead to a deterioration in the economic and living conditions in the Palestinian territories.
- Of respondents believed that stopping the US financial support of the***** UNRWA aims at:
 - 85.7% Putting pressure on the Palestinian leadership so that they accept "the deal of the century"
 - 86.9% Closing the file of refugees and cancelling "the right of return"
 - 84.9% Weakening the Palestinian position in their demands for the right of refugees.
 - 81.3% Weakening the Palestinian Authority's general stand.
- 68.4% of respondents believed that the Nation-State Law (Bill) which says that Israel is a state for Jewish people only is a threat to the Arab citizens in Israel.
- 26% of respondents believed that there is a possibility for the creation of a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders while 68% said that there is no such possibility.
- 25.4% of respondents supported the establishment of one state that includes both Palestinians and Israelis in historical Palestine; 70.1% rejected
- 39.1% of respondents supported the creation of a Palestinian state on the entire area of the 1967 borders as a final solution for the Palestinian cause while 55.3% said that there is no such possibility.
- 22.5% of respondents supported the creation of a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders with some land exchange as a final solution for the Palestinian cause while 71.4% rejected.
- 21% of respondents supported the creation of a binational state for Arabs and Jews on historic Palestine as a final solution for the Palestinian cause while 74.5% rejected.
- 62.3% of respondents supported providing international protection for the Palestinian people who have been under occupation since 1967.
- 50.6% of respondents supported the rise of a peaceful, unarmed intifada in the Palestinian Territories; 46% rejected that
- 36.2% of respondents supported the rise of an armed intifada in the Palestinian Territories; 59.7% rejected that.
- 24.7% of respondents saw that if a Palestinian intifada takes place, a peaceful and unarmed intifada will be the best form of resistance that would serve the Palestinian cause, 16.9% said that an armed intifada would serve the Palestinian cause better, 22.9% said that both forms are useful for the Palestinian cause; 31.5% said that both forms are useless.



- 61.3% of respondents assessed the performance of the National Unity Government as “good” and better than “good”.
- 63.3% of respondents assessed the performance of the Palestinian Presidency as “good” and better than “good”.
- 55.4% of respondents supported dissolving the Palestinian Legislative Council and 31% rejected.
- 29.4% of respondents expected that if elections are conducted in the present time in the Palestinian Territories, they will be fair.
- 76.2% of respondents said that they will participate in the coming presidential elections. From among those who said they will participate, 34.1% said that they will give their votes to Fateh's candidate; 13.2% said they will give their votes to Hamas' candidate.
- 75.6% of respondents said that they will participate in the coming legislative elections. From among those who said they will participate, 34.1% said that they will give their votes to Fateh's candidates; 14.4% said they will give their votes to Hamas' candidates.
- If PLC elections are to be conducted, 36% of respondents expected the winning of Fateh movement; 14.3% expected the winning of Hamas.
- 79.7% of respondents said that they will participate in the coming municipality and local council elections. From among those who said they will participate, 25.8% said that they will give their votes to Fateh’s candidates, 11.0% said they will give their votes to Hamas' candidates and 14.1% said they will give their votes to the representative of their family or clan.
- 38.6% of respondents said that the current political, security and economic circumstances compel them to desire to emigrate.
- 46.8% of respondents expressed fear for their lives under the present circumstances.
- 65.8% of respondents said that they are pessimistic about the general Palestinian situation at this stage.
- 60.6% of respondents said that they neither feel safe for themselves nor for their families and properties under the current circumstances.
- As for political affiliation, respondents gave the following results:

People’s Party	1.6%
Democratic Front	0.4%
Islamic Jihad	1.1%
Fateh	31.7%
Hamas	11.2%
Fida	0.4%
Popular Front	2.9%
Palestinian National Initiative	1.0%
An independent nationalist	7.7%
An independent Islamist	2.6%
None of the above	36.2%
Others	3.2%



The General Results of the Poll

Are you optimistic or pessimistic towards signing the reconciliation agreement in the near future?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I am optimistic	38.5	41.8	33.0
I am pessimistic	56.8	54.4	60.8
No opinion/I do not know	4.7	3.8	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the sides of the Palestinian dialogue, particularly Fateh and Hamas, are genuinely concerned with ending the state of Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	27.8	26.3	30.2
No	55.7	56.8	53.6
I am not concerned	12.6	13.3	11.4
No opinion/I do not know	4.0	3.5	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that failure to reach a national reconciliation is because some people seek to achieve-----?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Personal interests	39.9	45.5	30.2
Party and factional interests	38.9	33.3	48.6
Regional interests	13.0	14.0	11.2
No opinion/I do not know	8.2	7.2	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

What, in your opinion, delays the signing of the national reconciliation agreement?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Arab pressures on some sides	12.6	14.5	9.2
Regional pressures on some sides	16.3	14.8	18.8
Factional interests of Fateh and Hamas	31.9	28.9	37.2
Economic personal interest	13.3	14.7	10.8
Political personal interest	19.8	21.7	16.4
No opinion/I do not know	6.2	5.3	7.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



In your opinion which side or activity is most capable internally to end the Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Going down to the streets for sit ins in the West Bank and Gaza	49.8	46.9	54.8
Pressure from Palestinian organizations and movements	24.4	25.6	22.2
Pressure from trade unions	5.0	5.2	4.6
Pressure from civil society organizations	8.4	10.7	4.6
No opinion/I do not know	12.4	11.6	13.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you think the Palestinian reconciliation can be achieved?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
By intervention from Arab countries to narrow down differences in the points of view of Fateh and Hamas	15.8	15.5	16.2
Only by internal Palestinian dialogue	29.4	36.8	16.8
Both of the above	50.1	44.2	60.4
No opinion/I do not know	4.6	3.5	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Which party would benefit most from preventing the implementation of the reconciliation agreement?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Fateh	17.6	17.4	18.0
Hamas	26.7	18.6	40.6
Others	40.4	49.0	25.6
No opinion/I do not know	15.3	15.1	15.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How content are you with the Egyptian role in sponsoring the talks on the Palestinian national reconciliation and the talks to end the Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Content	35.8	25.1	54.2
Not content	54.6	65.3	36.2
No opinion/I do not know	9.6	9.6	9.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Do you support or reject Egypt if it exerts pressure on Fateh and Hamas to speed ending the Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	60.3	50.9	76.4
I reject	32.5	41.6	16.6
No opinion/I do not know	7.3	7.4	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject conducting negotiations between Hamas and Israel to reach a long truce in the Gaza Strip?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	45.2	47.4	41.4
I reject	43.1	42.8	43.6
No opinion/I do not know	11.7	9.7	15.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that conducting negotiations between Hamas and Israel to reach a long truce in the Gaza Strip will lead to not achieving a national reconciliation and not ending the Palestinian division?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	42.1	45.9	35.4
No	47.9	44.1	54.6
No opinion/I do not know	10.0	10.0	10.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

After the US declaration to move its embassy to Jerusalem, do you believe that the two-state solution is still viable?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	23.8	25.6	20.6
No	70.0	69.7	70.6
No opinion/I do not know	6.2	4.6	8.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

After the US declaration to move its embassy to Jerusalem, do you think that the US is an impartial peace broker between Israel and the Palestinians?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	5.9	4.8	8.0
No	89.7	93.4	83.4
No opinion/I do not know	4.3	1.9	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



The Palestinian Authority called for enlarging the negotiation sponsorship between the Palestinians and Israel or finding a new international mechanism to sponsor negotiations with Israel. Do you support or reject that?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	53.7	57.7	47.0
I reject	37.3	35.5	40.4
No opinion/I do not know	9.0	6.8	12.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that the "deal of the century" that the US president intends to launch aims at ransacking the Palestinian cause?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	77.2	76.3	78.8
No	16.2	16.6	15.4
No opinion/I do not know	6.6	7.1	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject the position of the Palestinian leadership to freeze communications with the US administration following the US president's declaration that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and moving the US embassy there?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	73.2	72.7	74.0
I reject	20.4	21.3	18.8
No opinion/I do not know	6.4	5.9	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that stopping the American aid to the Palestinian Authority will lead to a deterioration in the economic and living conditions in the Palestinian territories?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	74.8	70.3	82.6
No	21.2	26.2	12.6
No opinion/I do not know	4.0	3.5	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



What do you think the aim of stopping the US financial support to the UNRWA is?

(Give your opinion on a 0-10 scale)

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Putting pressure on the Palestinian leadership so that they accept “the deal of the century”	8.5675	8.5963	8.5180
Closing the file of refugees and cancelling “the right of return”	8.6909	8.7738	8.5480
Weakening the Palestinian position in their demands for the right of refugees.	8.4905	8.6090	8.2860
Weakening the Palestinian Authority’s general stand	8.1344	8.3063	7.8380

After Israeli’s endorsement of the Nation-State Law (Bill) which says that Israel is a state for Jewish people only, what do you think this law is?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A threat to the rights and interests of the Arab citizens	68.4	70.5	64.8
It will not change anything in the situation of Arab citizens	27.5	27.3	28.0
No opinion/I do not know	4.0	2.2	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Under the current circumstances, do you think that there is an opportunity for the creation of a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	26.0	30.6	18.0
No	68.0	64.8	73.4
No opinion/I do not know	6.0	4.5	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject the establishment of one state that includes both Palestinians and Israelis in historical Palestine?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	25.4	58.1	20.8
I reject	70.1	68.4	73.0
No opinion/I do not know	4.5	3.5	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Do you support or reject the creation of a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders as a final solution for the Palestinian cause?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	39.1	41.8	34.6
No	55.3	54.8	56.2
No opinion/I do not know	5.6	3.5	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject the creation of a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders with some land exchange as a final solution for the Palestinian cause?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	22.5	26.0	16.4
No	71.4	69.8	74.0
No opinion/I do not know	6.2	4.2	9.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject the creation of a binational state for both Arabs and Jews as a final solution for the Palestinian cause?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	21.0	25.4	13.4
No	74.5	71.7	79.4
No opinion/I do not know	4.5	2.9	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject providing international protection for the Palestinian people who have been under occupation since 1967

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	62.3	63.3	60.4
I reject	34.1	34.6	33.4
No opinion/I do not know	3.6	2.1	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Do you support or reject the rise of an unarmed peaceful intifada in the Palestinian Territories?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	50.6	55.3	42.4
I reject	46.0	42.5	52.0
No opinion/I do not know	3.5	2.2	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject the rise of an armed intifada in the Palestinian territories?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	36.2	31.9	43.6
I reject	59.7	65.7	49.4
No opinion/I do not know	4.1	2.4	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

From your point of view at the present time, which of the following forms of resistance will serve the Palestinian cause best?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
An unarmed peaceful intifada	24.7	27.8	19.4
An armed intifada	16.9	12.9	23.8
Both forms are useful	22.9	21.6	25.2
Both forms are useless	31.5	35.3	25.0
No opinion/I do not know	4.0	2.4	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you assess the performance of the National Unity Government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	6.5	6.7	6.0
Good	54.8	56.6	54.6
Poor	32.2	28.3	39.0
No opinion/I do not know	6.5	8.4	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



How do you assess the performance of the Palestinian Presidency?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Excellent	10.1	11.9	7.0
Good	53.2	52.3	54.6
Poor	33.3	31.6	36.4
No opinion/I do not know	3.4	4.2	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or reject dissolving the Palestinian Legislative Council?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
I support	55.4	55.2	55.8
I reject	31.0	32.9	27.6
No opinion/I do not know	13.6	11.8	16.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If elections are to be conducted in the Palestinian Territories at the present time, do you think they will be fair?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	29.4	29.8	28.8
No	57.6	59.4	54.6
No opinion/I do not know	12.9	10.8	16.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If presidential elections are held at the present time, to whom from among the following do you give your vote?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
An independent candidate	9.8	8.4	12.4
A candidate from the left	3.4	2.7	4.6
A candidate from Hamas	10.1	9.6	10.8
A candidate from Fateh	26.0	27.6	23.2
A national independent candidate	5.7	5.5	6.2
An Islamic independent candidate	3.4	2.2	5.4
I will not participate in the elections	23.8	26.0	20.0
I have not decided yet	17.8	18.1	17.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



If new PLC elections are conducted, who do you vote for?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
An independent ticket	8.7	8.1	9.6
A ticket from the left	3.5	2.6	5.0
A ticket from Hamas	10.9	10.3	11.8
A ticket from Fateh	25.8	27.4	23.0
A national independent ticket	5.9	5.0	7.6
An Islamic independent ticket	3.7	2.1	6.4
I will not participate in the elections	24.4	26.0	21.6
I have not decided yet	17.3	18.6	15.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If new legislative elections are to be held today, which of the following will win?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
An independent Islamists bloc	4.6	3.1	7.2
An independent Nationalist bloc	9.9	7.8	13.6
A Fateh bloc	36.0	43.3	23.4
A Hamas bloc	14.3	13.7	15.4
A bloc from leftist organizations	2.2	1.2	4.0
No opinion/I do not know	33.0	31.0	36.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If municipality and local council elections are to be held, who do you vote for?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
A block that represents the family or clan	11.7	16.4	4.2
An independent ticket	8.0	7.3	9.2
A ticket from the left	3.1	1.9	5.0
A ticket from Hamas	9.1	7.9	11.0
A ticket from Fateh	20.6	20.2	21.2
A national independent ticket	5.8	4.1	8.6
An Islamic independent ticket	3.4	2.4	5.2
I will not participate in the elections	21.2	19.7	23.6
I have not decided yet	17.0	20.1	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Do the current political, security and economic circumstances compel you to desire to emigrate abroad?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	38.6	28.4	56.2
No	59.5	70.9	39.8
No opinion/I do not know	1.9	0.7	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Are you worried about your life under the present circumstances?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	46.8	41.2	56.6
No	51.5	58.0	40.2
No opinion/I do not know	1.7	0.8	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Are you pessimistic or optimistic towards the general Palestinian situation at this stage?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Optimistic	31.4	37.7	20.4
Pessimistic	65.8	60.8	74.4
No opinion/I do not know	2.9	1.5	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Under the present circumstances, do you feel that you, your family and your properties are safe?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
Yes	19.4	21.9	15.0
Maybe	41.2	44.7	35.2
No	38.3	33.1	47.4
No opinion/I do not know	1.1	0.3	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0



Which of the following political affiliations do you support?

PARTY	Total	West Bank	Gaza Strip
People's Party	1.6	0.6	3.4
Democratic Front	0.4	0.1	0.8
Islamic Jihad	1.1	0.6	2.0
Fateh	31.7	33.8	28.2
Hamas	11.2	10.9	11.8
Fida	0.4	0.0	1.0
Popular Front	2.9	2.7	3.2
Palestinian National Initiative	1.0	1.0	0.8
An independent nationalist	7.7	7.5	8.0
An independent Islamist	2.6	1.7	4.2
None of the above	36.2	40.6	28.6
Others	3.2	0.5	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0