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A public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communications Center

- *A majority of Palestinians supports the negotiations and believes that the negotiations serve the national interests, although they think that the Palestinians accepted entering negotiations because of external pressure.*
- *Slight improvement in the view towards the US after the resumption of the peace efforts*
 - *Rise in rate of confidence in President Abbas and Fatah Movement*
 - *A majority says security and safety have improved in the West Bank.*
- *MBC TV Station is the most watched during the month of Ramadan; Al-Jazeera TV is the main source of news and local Ajyal Radio Station got highest rating among listeners.*
 - *A majority of 63% does not shake hands with the other sex.*

Peace & Negotiations

The results of the public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communications Center, which were published today, showed that a majority of the Palestinians (54.3%) believes that the Palestinian acceptance to resume the peace negotiations serves the Palestinian interests, although at the same time a majority of Palestinians (58.8%) said the Palestinian acceptance of the Quartet Committee's request to resume the negotiations came because of external pressure. A ratio of 34.2% said the Palestinian acceptance to resume negotiations was due to the belief that there is a possibility to make these negotiations succeed.

The poll, which was conducted during the period September 11-15, 2010 in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, included a random sample of 1,200 respondents. A majority of the respondents (55.7%) said no major changes will occur on the current status quo as a result of the negotiations compared with a ratio of 38.3%, who believe that the negotiations will result in major changes.

Confidence in the US Administration

It seems that the resumption of the US diplomatic efforts has not led to a major improvement in the view towards the US among the Palestinian people as the ratio of Palestinians, who note improvement in the US diplomatic performance towards the Middle East issues, rose from 10.1% in April 2010 to 13.9% in this poll.

Negotiations & Resistance

In general, a majority of Palestinians (52.9%) believes that the negotiations are the most effective strategy for the Palestinians in order to achieve their national goals compared with a ratio of 25.7% who said that violent resistance is the best method while a ratio of 15.7% said non-violent resistance is the most effective strategy.

Within the same context, a majority of the Palestinians (52%) said the recent military operation that led to the killing of four settlers near Hebron harms the Palestinian national interests while a ratio of 25.6% said the operation serves the Palestinian national interests.

Political Parties and Leaders

The poll shows that the ratio of confidence in President Abbas went up from 14.8% last April to 19% this September while Ismail Haniyeh maintained his second rank with Marwan Barghouti coming in third. They are followed by Salam Fayyad, Muhammad Dahlan and Mustafa Barghouti.

With regard to the political factions, the rate of confidence in Fatah Movement rose from 36.2% last April to 40.7% this September. Hamas came in second place with a confidence ratio of 13.2%. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) obtained the third place with a ratio of 2.9%, followed by the Palestinian National Initiative (Al-Mubadarah) with 2.0%. A ratio of 30.8% of the Palestinians said they do not trust any faction.

Mass Media and Source of News

The poll, which was conducted immediately after the Holy Month of Ramadan, showed that the majority of Palestinians (33.9%) watched MBC TV Station followed by Palestine TV Station with a ratio of 9.8% and Al-Jazeera TV Station came in third place with a ratio of 9%. Abu Dhabi TV Station came in fourth place and Al-Aqsa TV Station came in fifth place. When asked about the TV Station that people watch to get news, a majority of Palestinians (54.2%) said they watch Al-Jazeera TV Station for news while a ratio of 15.7% watch Al-Arabeyah TV Station while a ratio of 7.8% watch Palestine TV Station.

With regard to the radio stations, a slight majority (10.8%) said they listen to Ajyal Radio Station more than any other station while a ratio of 5.8% listens to Al-Quds Radio Station and a ratio of 5.2% listens to Al-Aqsa Radio Station. A ratio of 4.4% listens to Marah Radio Station and 4.3% listen to Voice of Palestine. With regard to the source of news, Ajyal Radio Station came in first place as the main source of news with a ratio of 10.2% followed by Al-Aqsa Radio Station. Voice of Israel came in third place followed by Voice of Palestine.

Performance of the Government and the President

With regard to the performance of Mahmoud Abbas as PA President, the poll results showed that the ratio of Palestinians who are satisfied with the way he is running the PA affairs rose from 48.6% last April to reach 53.9% in this poll.

The poll shows increase in views of Palestinians who feel that security and safety have improved under the Palestinian government headed by PM Salam Fayyad to reach 50.7% this September compared with 43.7% last April. At the same time, the poll noted that less Palestinians believe that security and safety have improved in the Gaza Strip from 32.4% last April to reach 30.2% this September.

A ratio of 38.9% believes that the status of freedom of expression and the right to association and other rights have improved compared with a ratio of 23.2% who said these rights have deteriorated. A ratio of 17.5% of the respondents in Gaza said the status of freedom of expression and right to association and other rights have improved compared with 40.8% who said these rights have witnessed deterioration.

With regard to the party responsible for the escalating water crisis in the Palestinian territories, a majority of Palestinians (68.5%) blamed Israel for the crisis while a ratio of 14.9% held the PNA responsible for the crisis and 14.1% said the local councils are to blame.

On the issue of canceling the Local Council elections which were scheduled for July 17, 2010, a majority of Palestinians (31%) blamed the PA for canceling the elections at the last moment while a ratio of 23.1% blamed Fatah Movement and 30.7% held the foreign governments responsible for the decision.

Regarding the decision to the early shift to winter timing on the first day of Ramadan, which spurred some debate, a majority of the Palestinians (67.5%) said the decision was a positive one while a ratio of 28.7% said it was a negative decision.

Pedantism in the society

With regard to the debate on increasing signs of pedantism in the society, a majority of 62.5% of the respondents said they don't shake hands with the other sex compared with 36.7% who do. When asked about the reason behind not shaking hands with the other sex, a majority (85.9%) said they do it for religious reasons compared with 13.9% who said they follow social habits and traditions.

Methodology:

A random sample of 1200 people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between 11-15 September 2010. The interviews were conducted in randomly selected homes, and the subjects inside each home were also selected randomly according to Kish tables. The interviews were conducted in 130 sampling points chosen randomly according to population.

In the **West Bank** 750 people were surveyed from the following areas: **Hebron:** Yatta, Hebron, Surif, Kharas, Halhul, Al-Thahiriya, Dura, Karmil, Khursa, Arrub Refugee Camp. **Jenin:** Jenin, Qabatiya, Ya'bad, Silat Al-Harithiya, Fandaqumiya, Deir Abu Daif, Jalqamus, Jenin Refugee Camp. **Tubas:** Tubas, Tayaseer. **Ramallah & Al-Bireh:** Bani Zeid, Al-Bireh, Beit Liqya, Kufr Ni'meh, Kaubar, Shuqba, Khirbet Abu Falah, Jalazon Refugee Camp. **Jericho:** Jericho, Jiftlik. **Jerusalem:** Al-Ram, Al- Dahyeh, Biddo, Beit Ikssa, Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Old City, Silwan, Ras Al-Amoud, Shu'fat Refugee Camp. **Bethlehem:** Nahalin, Beit Fajjar, Beit Jala, Shawawra, Dheisheh Refugee Camp. **Nablus:** Qabalan, Azmut, Nablus, Beit Furik, Salem, as-sawyeh, Taluza, Madama, Ijnisinya, Ein Beit Al-Ma' Refugee Camp. **Salfit:** Bidiya, Der Istiya. **Tulkarem:** Tulkarem, Bal'a, Iktaba, An-nazala Al-gharbiya. **Qalqiliya:** Qalqiliya, Jinsafout.

In the **Gaza Strip** 450 people were surveyed from: **Gaza:** Al-Rimal a-Shamali, a-Rimal a-Janoubi, a-Zeitoun, a-Shuja'ia, a-Tufah, a-Daraj, a-Naser, a-Sheikh Radwan, a-Sheikh Ejleen, Tal Al-Hawa, Al-Mughraga, Shati RC. **Khan Younis:** Khan Younis, Absan Al-Kabira, Bani Suheila, Al-Qarara, Khuza', Khan Younis Refugee Camp. **Rafah:** Rafah, Shouket a-Soufi, Rafah Refugee Camp. **Gaza North:** Jabalia, Beit Lahia, Beit Hanoun, Jabalia Refugee Camp. **Deir Al-Balah:** Deir Al-Balah, Al-Brej, Al-Zawaydeh, Al-Nusseirat, Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Al-Brej Refugee Camp, Der al -Balah Refugee Camp.

The margin of error is ± 3 percent, with a confidence level of 95%.

Sample Distribution

52.5% of the respondents were from the West Bank, 10.0 % from Jerusalem, 37.5% from the Gaza Strip.

16.7% said they live in villages, 8.8% in refugee camps and 74.5% in towns/cities.

52.3% were male, 47.7% were female.

65.5% were married, 25.8%, single, 4.3% widowed, 0.9 % divorced, 3.5% no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 36 years.

Occupation of Respondents

- Students 14.4 %
- Laborers 11.2%
- Housewives 32.7 %
- Farmers/fishermen 3.1%
- Craftsmen 1.3%
- Businessmen/private business 7.1 %
- Public Sector Employees 11.3%
- Private Sector Employees 5.9 %
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 1.1%
- Unemployed 8.8 %
- Retired 2.2%,
- No answer 0.9 %.

Results:

Q1. To what extent do you feel optimistic or pessimistic regarding the future in general? Would you say that you are very optimistic, optimistic, pessimistic, or very pessimistic?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Very optimistic	9.3	10.8	6.9
Optimistic	61.1	61.3	60.7
Pessimistic	24.3	23.9	24.9
Very pessimistic	5.1	4.0	6.9
No answer	0.2	0.0	0.6

Q2. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) is performing his job as president of the PNA?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Very satisfied	23.1	21.5	25.8
Somewhat satisfied	30.8	33.6	26.2
Somewhat unsatisfied	14.1	13.7	14.7
Very unsatisfied	28.8	27.3	31.3
No answer	3.2	3.9	2.0

Q3. In general, under the current government headed by Salam Fayyad, do you believe that security and internal security conditions in the West Bank have improved or regressed or have not changed?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Security and internal security have improved	50.7	58.3	38.0
Security and internal security have regressed	17.2	12.0	25.8
There has been no change in security and internal security	27.8	26.7	29.8
No answer	4.3	3.0	6.4

Q4. In general, under the Caretaker government headed by Ismail Haniyeh, do you believe that security and internal security conditions in the Gaza Strip have improved or regressed or have not changed?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Security and internal security have improved	30.2	21.1	45.3
Security and internal security have regressed	35.7	37.1	33.3
There has been no change in security and internal security	26.3	30.4	19.3
No answer	7.8	11.4	2.1

Q5. In general, under the current government headed by Salam Fayyad, do you believe that the level of freedom (freedom of expression, freedom of association etc.) in the West Bank has improved or deteriorated or that there has been no change?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Improved	38.9	42.4	33.1
Deteriorated	23.2	22.1	24.9
Has been no change	32.9	32.0	34.4
No answer	5.0	3.5	7.6

Q6. In general, under the caretaker government headed by Ismail Haniyeh, do you believe that the level of freedom (freedom of expression, freedom of association etc.) in the Gaza Strip has improved or deteriorated or that there has been no change?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Improved	17.5	13.6	24.0
Deteriorated	40.8	39.5	43.1
Has been no change	33.7	36.0	29.8
No answer	8.0	10.9	3.1

Q7. Who do you think bears responsibility for the escalating water crisis in the Palestinian territories? Is it Israel, the PNA, the municipalities, or the local councils?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Israel	68.5	71.5	63.6
The PNA	14.9	14.4	15.8
The municipalities and the local councils	14.1	11.1	19.1
No answer	2.5	3.0	1.5

Q8. Have you ever visited Jerusalem?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
No	39.4	25.1	63.3
Yes : once	24.3	26.5	20.7
Yes: many times	36.0	48.0	16.0
No answer	0.3	0.4	0.0

Q9. Some believe that a two-state formula is the favored solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict, while others believe that historic Palestine cannot be divided and thus the favored solution is a bi-national state on all of Palestine, where Palestinians and Israelis enjoy equal representation and rights. Which of these solutions do you prefer?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
Two-state solution : an Israeli and a Palestinian State	53.4	54.7	51.3
Bi-national state on all of historic Palestine	30.7	30.8	30.4
Palestinian State *	6.2	4.2	9.6
Islamic State *	1.8	0.9	3.3
Others	0.3	0.4	0.2
No solution	4.9	5.7	3.6
I don't know / No answer	2.7	3.3	1.6

* These answers were not included as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q10. Local Council elections were supposed to be held on July 17th but were cancelled on short notice. Who do you think is responsible for that?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
The Palestinian Authority	31.0	30.4	32.0
Fatah	23.1	27.5	15.8
Foreign governments (USA, Europe)	30.7	28.0	35.1
Hamas*	1.7	1.3	2.2
Internal Split*	1.4	0.8	2.9
Others	1.8	2.1	1.1
No answer	10.3	9.9	10.9

* These answers were not included as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q 11. Which of the following parties / factions would you have voted for in the Local Council elections?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
Fatah	43.8	44.3	43.1
Hamas	13.5	8.7	21.6
PFLP	3.7	4.7	2.0
Palestinian National Initiative (Al -Mubadarah)	2.4	3.5	0.7
Islamic Jihad	1.8	1.1	3.1
PPP (Palestinians People's Party)	0.9	1.5	0.0
DFLP	0.6	0.4	0.9
FIDA	0.2	0.3	0.0
Others	1.2	1.1	1.3
Won't vote	26.4	27.3	24.9
No answer	5.5	7.1	2.4

Q12. Recently, a Palestinian military operation was executed and it led to the killing of four settlers in the Hebron area. Do you think that such an operation would serve or harm the Palestinian national interests or that it would have no impact at all?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
It serves the Palestinian national interests	25.6	18.9	36.7
It harms the Palestinian national interests	52.0	55.3	46.4
It has no impact at all	18.7	21.3	14.2
I don't know / No answer	3.7	4.5	2.7

Q13. Do you support the resumption of the military operations against Israeli targets as a suitable response within the current political conditions, or do you reject it and find it harmful to Palestinian national interests?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
A suitable response within the current political conditions	30.3	23.1	42.2
I reject it and find it harmful to Palestinian national interests	59.4	64.0	51.8
Others	0.9	0.9	0.9
I don't know	7.6	9.6	4.2
No answer	1.8	2.4	0.9

Q14. In general, what do you think is the most effective strategy for the Palestinians in order to obtain their national goals?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
Negotiations	52.9	55.2	49.1
Violent resistance	25.7	19.6	35.8
Non-violent resistance	15.7	19.3	9.6
Others	1.4	0.4	3.1
No answer	4.3	5.5	2.4

Q15. The PLO Executive Committee accepted the call from the Quartet Committee to resume direct negotiations at the start of September. Do you think that this decision serves or harms the interests of the Palestinian people?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
It serves the interests of the Palestinian people	54.3	57.5	49.1
It harms the interests of the Palestinian people	34.0	29.1	42.2
It does not have any impact *	2.0	1.4	2.9
Others	0.5	0.4	0.7
No answer	9.2	11.6	5.1

* This answer was not included as part of the options read to the interviewee

Q16. Why do you think the PLO Executive Committee agreed on entering direct negotiations with Israel?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Due to external pressure	58.8	57.5	61.1
Because of belief in the success of the negotiations	34.2	35.6	31.8
Others	1.4	1.2	1.8
Don't know	3.8	3.9	3.8
No answer	1.8	1.8	1.5

Q17. Do you believe that there will be a significant change in the status quo as a result of the negotiations?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Yes	38.3	36.3	41.6
No	55.7	56.8	53.8
No answer	6.0	6.9	4.6

Q18. What is your opinion about the performance of the new US Administration headed by President Barack Obama one year after his inauguration regarding the Middle East? Do you think the United States has improved its dealings with the Middle East problems, or have you noticed regression or no change?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
There has been improvement in the dealings of the United States with Middle East problems	13.9	14.5	12.9
There has been a regression in the dealings of the United States with Middle East problems	22.1	22.1	22.0
There has been no change in the United States dealing with Middle East problems	60.4	59.7	61.6
I don't know / No answer	3.6	3.7	3.5

Q19. Do you think that changing to wintertime at the start of the month of Ramadan was a good or bad decision?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Good decision	67.5	59.5	80.9
Bad decision	28.7	35.9	16.7
Others	2.3	3.2	0.9
No answer	1.5	1.4	1.5

Q20. Is religion an important part of your life?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
Yes	93.8	91.6	97.3
No	4.8	6.1	2.4
I don't know / No answer	1.4	2.3	0.3

Q21. Have you performed Al-Umra (a pilgrimage to Mecca performed by Muslims that can be undertaken at any time of the year)?*

	Total n= 1178	West Bank n= 735	Gaza n= 443
Yes	24.4	27.8	19.0
No	75.0	71.4	80.8
No answer	0.6	0.8	0.2

* This question was asked only to Muslims

Q22. Do you agree or disagree with coeducation in schools?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
I agree till elementary	38.3	35.9	42.4
I agree till secondary	10.8	15.2	3.3
I disagree with coeducation in schools	50.2	48.0	53.8
I don't know / No answer	0.7	0.9	0.5

Q23. From your point of view, is it useful for women to work outside the house (be employed) or is it better for women not to work outside the house in our country?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
It is useful for women to work (be employed) outside the house	72.8	68.3	80.4
It is preferable for women not to work (be employed) outside the house	25.6	29.5	19.1
I don't know / No answer	1.6	2.2	0.5

Q24. Do you think that the Palestinian Personal Law must be based on the principals of Islamic Sharia or on the Civil Law?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
The Islamic Sharia	53.3	51.6	56.2
The Civil Law	13.0	14.7	10.2
Both	33.1	33.1	33.1
I don't know / No answer	0.6	0.6	0.5

Q25. Some shake hands with the other sex while others don't, how about you? Do you shake hands with the other sex?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1178	n= 735	n= 443
I shake hands with the other sex	36.7	43.0	26.2
I don't shake hands with the other sex	62.5	56.5	72.5
No answer	0.8	0.5	1.3

* This question was asked only to Muslims

Q26. Why don't you shake hands with the other sex? Is it for religious or social reasons (traditions and habits)?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 736	n= 415	n=327
Religious reasons	85.9	83.1	89.4
Social reasons (traditions and habits)	13.9	16.6	10.3
No answer	0.2	0.3	0.3

* This question was asked to Muslims who answered that they don't shake hands

Q27. Some women wear the Niqab face cover (full face cover with or without eyes showing). How do you view this phenomenon, would you say it is a positive or negative phenomenon?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n=450
Positive phenomenon	45.3	42.1	50.7
Negative phenomenon	45.3	47.2	42.0
I don't know	7.2	8.5	4.9
No answer	2.2	2.2	2.4

Q28. Did you fast during the month of Ramadan? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1178	n= 735	n=443
Most of the days or all of the days	95.2	93.9	97.5
A few days	3.2	4.4	1.4
I did not fast	1.0	1.0	1.1
No answer	0.6	0.7	0.0

* this question was asked only to Muslims

Q29. During the month of Ramadan, did you perform all religious prayers?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1178	n= 735	n= 443
I prayed all days	86.9	84.2	91.4
I prayed only on Fridays	7.6	8.4	6.1
I didn't pray	4.8	6.4	2.0
No answer	0.7	1.0	0.5

* This question was asked only to Muslims

Q30. With regard to the monthly home expenditure during the month of Ramadan, did it increase or decrease?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1178	n= 735	n= 443
It increased	80.1	79.7	80.6
It decreased	5.3	4.4	6.8
No change	14.4	15.6	12.4
No answer	0.2	0.3	0.2

* This question was asked only to Muslims

Q31. Were you forced to borrow money during the month of Ramadan?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1178	n= 735	n= 443
Yes	34.8	30.7	41.5
No	58.9	62.7	52.6
No answer	6.3	6.6	5.9

* This question was asked only to Muslims

32. In general, which radio station do you listen to the most?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Ajyal	10.8	17.2	0.0
Al-Quds	5.8	0.7	14.4
Al-Aqsa	5.2	0.1	13.6
Marah	4.4	4.8	3.8
Voice of Palestine	4.3	4.4	4.2
Al-Hureyah	4.2	5.1	2.7
Al-Qur'an Al-Kareem	3.8	3.3	4.4
Voice of Israel	3.5	5.2	0.7
Angham	2.1	3.3	0.0
Al-Sha'b	1.8	0.0	4.9
Voice of Al-Najah	1.7	2.7	0.0
Alwan	1.7	0.0	4.4
Amwaj	1.5	1.7	1.1
Gaza FM	1.2	0.0	3.1
Al-Ahlam	1.1	1.7	0.0
Don't listen to any station	19.3	22.7	13.6
Others	15.4	20.7	6.7
Don't know	2.4	1.5	4.0
No answer	9.8	4.9	18.4

* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee

Q33. In general, the news programs of which radio station do you listen to the most? *

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
Ajyal	10.2	16.3	0.0
Al-Quds	7.8	1.2	18.9
Al-Aqsa	6.5	0.0	17.3
Voice of Israel	6.4	9.2	1.8
Voice of Palestine	4.9	6.0	3.1
Al-Hureyah	3.8	4.4	2.7
Marah	3.4	4.3	2.0
Al-Sha'b	2.2	0.0	5.8
Voice of Al-Najah	2.1	3.3	0.0
BBC	1.8	1.5	2.2
Al-Ahlam	1.4	2.3	0.0
Al-Balad	1.2	1.9	0.0
Al-Jazeera FM	1.0	0.0	2.7
Angham	1.0	1.3	0.4
Don't hear any station	18.8	24.3	9.8
Others	13.0	15.5	8.9
Don't know	2.3	1.6	3.6
No answer	12.2	6.9	20.8

* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee

Q34. In general, which TV station do you watch the most?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
MBC 1	33.9	42.8	19.1
Voice of Palestine	9.8	10.5	8.4
Al-Jazeera	9.0	6.8	12.7
Abu Dhabi	4.4	4.7	4.0
Al-Aqsa	3.8	1.1	8.2
Panorama Drama	2.8	1.3	5.3
MBC action	1.5	1.3	1.8
Iqra'	1.0	0.7	1.6
Al-Manar	1.0	1.3	0.4
Don't watch TV	1.4	1.2	1.8
Others	28.2	26.7	30.7
No answer	3.2	1.6	6.0

* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee

Q35. In general, the news programs of which TV station do you watch to the most?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
Al-Jazeera	54.2	54.9	52.9
Al-Arabeyah	15.7	13.7	18.9
Voice of Palestine	7.8	9.1	5.8
Al-Manar	3.8	5.5	0.9
MBC 1	3.3	3.6	2.9
Al-Aqsa	2.6	0.9	5.3
Abu Dhabi	1.3	1.6	0.7
Don't watch any channel	3.7	4.1	2.9
Others	3.6	3.2	4.2
Don't know	0.8	0.7	1.1
No answer	3.2	2.7	4.4

* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee

36. Which soap opera series did you watch the most during the month of Ramadan?*

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
Bab Al-Harah	57.8	56.1	60.7
Zuhra w azwajha Al-khamsah	6.3	6.8	5.3
Al-A'ar	3.3	2.9	3.8
Oush al Dabour	2.1	2.9	0.7
Ahel al Rayeh	1.9	2.7	0.7
A'yza atjawaz	1.6	1.5	1.8
Abu Jantee	1.5	2.4	0.0
Wara' Al-Shams	1.2	1.7	0.2
Didn't watch any series	7.0	6.9	7.1
Others	9.9	12.3	6.0
Don't know	1.9	0.7	4.0
No answer	5.5	3.1	9.7

* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee

Q37. Did you watch the program "Watan Ala Watar" which was shown on Palestine TV during the month of Ramadan?

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 750	Gaza n= 450
Yes	41.0	47.1	30.9
No	57.8	52.5	66.7
No answer	1.2	0.4	2.4

Q38. What do you think of the program?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 492	n= 353	n= 139
Good	59.6	59.8	59.0
Neither good nor bad	30.9	31.4	29.5
Bad	9.1	8.8	10.1
No answer	0.4	0.0	1.4

* This question was only asked to those who answered yes in question 37

Q39. Which political or religious faction do you trust the most?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Fatah	40.7	41.5	39.3
Hamis	13.2	8.3	21.3
PFLP	2.9	3.5	2.0
Palestinian National Initiative (Al-Mubadarah)	2.0	3.1	0.2
Islamic Jihad	1.7	0.5	3.6
PPP	1.1	1.6	0.2
DFLP	0.4	0.3	0.7
FIDA	0.1	0.1	0.0
Others Islamic factions	1.7	0.3	4.0
I don't trust any faction	30.8	34.5	24.7
No answer	5.4	6.3	4.0

* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee

Q40. Which Palestinian personality do you trust the most?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 750	n= 450
Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	19.0	20.1	17.1
Ismail Haniyeh	10.8	5.5	19.8
Marwan Barghouthi	7.5	9.3	4.4
Salam Fayyad	4.8	5.5	3.8
Mohamad Dahlan	3.2	0.3	8.0
Mustafa Barghouthi	2.7	3.5	1.3
Abu Ammar	2.5	1.1	4.9
Ahmad Sa'adat	1.8	2.1	1.1
Khaled Mish'al	1.0	0.7	1.6
Others	6.9	6.1	8.2
Don't trust any one	33.1	37.6	25.6
No answer	6.7	8.2	4.2

* This is an open-ended question, no options were read to the interviewee