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EDITORIAL

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,
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der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung,

nicht nur die arabische Welt von Tunesien über Ägypten bis Syrien und Bahrein ist in Aufruhr, auch in den Palästinensischen Gebieten stehen in den nächsten Wochen und Monaten wichtige Entscheidungen an. Der Zwei-Jahres-Plan von Premierminister Salam Fayyad „Ending the Occupation, Establishing the State“ läuft im September 2011 aus und die palästinensische Führung erwägt, ihren Staat vor der Generalversammlung der Vereinten Nationen anerkennen zu lassen.

Gleichzeitig haben sich die Bemühungen um eine nationale Aussöhnung zwischen Fatah und Hamas - vor allem angesichts anhaltender Proteste in der Westbank und in Gaza - in den vergangenen Wochen vermehrt. Abbas' Ankündigung in den Gazastreifen zu reisen, um dort mit Ismail Haniyeh die Parameter einer Einheitsregierung bestehend aus Technokraten zu sondieren blieb aber bislang folgenlos.

Mit der Durchführung von Anfang des Jahres angekündigten Parlaments- und Präsidentschaftswahlen rechnet vor diesem Hintergrund kaum jemand mehr. Immerhin sind aber für den 9. Juli 2011 Kommunalwahlen im Westjordanland angesetzt. Gemeinsam mit unserem Partner Jerusalem Media and Communication Center (JMCC) haben wir zu diesen Fragen eine erste Meinungsumfrage im Jahr 2011 veröffentlicht. Ich wünsche Ihnen viel Spaß bei der Lektüre!

Mit den besten Grüßen aus Jerusalem

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A public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communications Center

- * Increase in ratio of Palestinians who oppose military and bombing operations and firing of rockets*
- * A majority of Palestinians support holding local council elections and believe that early elections are a solution to end the internal split*
 - * Popularity of political parties and figures remains stable*
- * Around 41% of the Palestinians believe that the local council elections will not be held on the set date (July 9, 2011)*

The public opinion poll conducted by Jerusalem Media & Communication Center (JMCC) showed an increase in the ratio of Palestinians who oppose military operations as an appropriate response under the current political conditions from 38.1% in January 2009 to 51.8% this April. Accordingly, the ratio of Palestinians who support military operations decreased from 53.3% in January 2009 to 37.1% in April 2011.

With regards to the rockets fired from Gaza Strip towards Israel, the ratio of Palestinians who believe they are useful in achieving the national goals went down from 50.8% in January 2009 to 25.4% this month while the ratio of Palestinians who believe that these rockets harm the national interests went up from 20.8% in January 2009 to 38.6% this month.

In a similar trend, the ratio of Palestinians who support bombing operations against Israeli civilian targets decreased from 55.4% in January 2009 to 37.3% this April. Some discrepancy was seen in the public opinion between the West Bank and Gaza Strip with regards to these issues as a ratio of 45.5% in Gaza supported military operations against Israeli targets compared with 32.0% in the West Bank. A ratio of 57.3% of the respondents in Gaza Strip supported bombing operations against Israeli civilian targets compared with 25.3% in the West Bank.

With regards to the internal political split in the Palestinian arena, a majority of Palestinians (33.6%) said that the best solution is to hold early elections while a ratio of 31.2% said that the solution lies in continuing dialogue between the factions; a ratio of 18.1% believes that the

solution to this problem is to cancel the government of Fayyad and return to a national unity government.

On the government structure that is preferred by the majority of Palestinians, a ratio of 45.8% of Palestinians said that it should be a government of independent figures while a ratio of 28.6% preferred a government with a Fatah majority and a ratio of 12.8% preferred a government with a Hamas majority. When asked about the initiative of Abu Mazen to visit Gaza in order to form a national unity government, a majority of the respondents (65.0%) said it is a step in the right direction compared with a ratio of 28.4% who said that the step won't make any difference on the issue of the reconciliation file.

Political forces and parties

The current poll did not show any major changes on the popularity of political forces, parties and figures. A ratio of 34.0% said they trusted Fatah Movement, compared with a ratio of 15.0% for Hamas, 3.0% for PFLP and 1.7% who trust Islamic Jihad. At the level of Palestinian figures, President Mahmoud Abbas maintained the highest confidence ratio at 17.9% compared with 11.4% for Ismail Hanieh, 6.8% for Marwan al-Barghouthi and 4.3% for Salam Fayyad.

Elections

With regards to local council elections in the West Bank, a majority (63.4%) of the respondents said they will participate in them, while a ratio of 55.6% said the local councils elections serve the public interest compared with 8.2% who said that these elections harm the public interest. A ratio of 31.4% said these elections won't make any difference.

On the criteria to select the candidates in the local council elections, a majority (30.8%) of the respondents said they will choose their candidates on the basis of competence and professionalism compared with a ratio of 26.3% who said they will choose their candidates based on political affiliation. A ratio of 47.3% said they expect the elections to take place on the set date of July 9th compared with a ratio of 41.3% who expect postponing the elections to another date.

The poll; however, showed a clear split in expectations with regards to the general elections. A ratio of 46.7% said they expect them sometime this year compared with a ratio of 45.5% who said that they expect the opposite. With regards to the Palestinian National Council (PNC – legislative body of the PLO) elections, a ratio of 49.5% said they do not expect them to be held this year compared with 38.5% who expect the opposite.

Use of Internet and Facebook

With regards to the use of the Internet, the poll shows a notable increase in ratio of those who use the Internet as a source of news from a ratio of 25.1% in October 2008 to 66.3% in April 2011, with no differences in usage between the West Bank and Gaza Strip. On the use of Facebook, a ratio of 49.7% of the respondents who use the Internet said they have a facebook account with clear differences between the West Bank and Gaza Strip; the ratio in the West Bank reached 55.0% compared with 40.7% in Gaza Strip.

The government performance

Attitudes of the general public vis-à-vis the performance of the Palestinian government headed by Dr. Salam Fayyad varied. For example, a ratio of 52.2% of the respondents said its performance in the field of education is either very good or good compared with 17.3% who said the opposite. In the field of health, a ratio of 47.6% said the performance of the government is either very good or good compared with 18.2% who said it was either very bad or bad. On security and public order, a ratio of 40.4% said the performance is either very good or good compared with 26.4% who said the opposite. With regards to financial performance, a ratio of 40% said the performance is either very good or good compared with 29.2% who said the opposite.

On the impact of the current revolutions in the Arab world on the Palestinian cause, a ratio of 41.1% said these revolutions will have a positive impact compared with a ratio of 22.2% who said they will have a negative impact while a ratio of 35.2% of the respondents said they will not make any difference.

Methodology:

A random sample of 1198 people over the age of 18 was interviewed face-to-face throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip between 6th-10th of April 2011. 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:** Tarqoumiya, Hebron, Beit Ummar, Taffuh, Beit Ula, Yatta, Ad-Dhahiriya, Dura, Halhul, Sa'ir, Qalqas, Al-Karmil, al-Fawwar Refugee Camp. **Jenin:** Kafr Ra'l, Al-Yamoun, Arraba, Jenin, Jaba', Kufeirit, al-Jalamah, Siris, Jenin Refugee Camp. **Tubas:** Tubas, Wadi al-Far'a. **Ramallah & Al-Bireh:** al-Bireh, Bani zeid asharqiya, Ramallah, Beit Liqiya, Deir Abu Mash'al, Kafr Malik, An-Nabi Saleh, al-Zaytouneh, al-Jalazun Refugee Camp. **Jericho:** Jericho, Ein ad-duyuk al fauqa. **Jerusalem:** Al-Ram, Al-Dahyeh, Biddo, Beit Ikssa, Beit Hanina, Shu'fat, Old City, Silwan, Ras al-Amoud, Shu'fat Refugee Camp. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Nahalin, Tuqu', Al-Khader, Irtas, Al-Azza Refugee Camp. **Nablus:** Nablus, Salim, Huwwara, Burin, Beit Iba, Qusin, Tell, Sarra, Ein Beit El Ma' Refugee Camp. **Salfit:** Salfit, Bruqin. **Tulkarem:** Baqa ash-sharqiya, Tulkarem, Deir al-Ghusun, Illar, An-nazalah al-Sharqiya, Ramin. **Qalqiliya:** Qalqiliya, Jitt.

In the **Gaza Strip** 448 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, 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.

45.9% were male, 54.1% were female.

70.1% were married, 22.7%, single, 3.5 % widowed, 1.9 % divorced, 1.8 % no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 36 years.

Occupation of Respondents

- Students 13.6%
- Laborers 10.3%
- Housewives 37.3%
- Farmers/fishermen 2.3 %
- Craftsmen 0.9%
- Businessmen/private business 6.8%
- Public Sector Employees 13.2%
- Private Sector Employees 5.4%
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/ pharmacists/engineers) 0.9%
- Unemployed 6.9%
- Retired 1.8%,
- No answer 0.6%.

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= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Very optimistic	5.5	5.6	5.4
Optimistic	58.7	59.7	56.9
Pessimistic	26.6	24.5	30.1
Very pessimistic	8.7	9.5	7.4
No answer	0.5	0.7	0.2

Q2. To what extent do you feel optimistic regarding the Palestinian future? Would you say that you are optimistic, cautiously optimistic, or pessimistic?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n=448
Optimistic	21.9	25.3	16.1
Cautiously optimistic	44.3	38.8	53.6
Pessimistic	32.6	34.3	29.9
No answer	1.2	1.6	0.4

Q3. 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	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Two-state solution : an Israeli and a Palestinian State	53.2	55.1	50.0
Bi-national state on all of historic Palestine	22.1	22.5	21.4
Palestinian State *	10.4	6.4	17.0
Islamic State *	1.2	1.1	1.3
Others	0.4	0.3	0.7
No solution	9.5	10.3	8.3
I don't know	2.7	3.9	0.7
No answer	0.5	0.4	0.6

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

Q4-How optimistic or Pessimistic are you towards reaching a peaceful settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n=448
Very optimistic	1.9	2.4	1.1
Optimistic	29.8	29.5	30.4
Pessimistic	41.8	39.6	45.5
Very pessimistic	22.8	23.1	22.3
I don't know	3.3	4.9	0.7
No answer	0.4	0.5	0.0

Q5. Do you support the continuation of military operations against Israeli targets as an appropriate response under current political conditions or do you oppose them and believe they harm Palestinian national interests?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
An appropriate response	37.1	32.0	45.5
Oppose them and believe they harm Palestinian national interests	51.8	54.4	47.5
Others	2.5	2.4	2.7
I don't know	7.3	9.5	3.8
No answer	1.3	1.7	0.5

Q6. Do you support the continuation of military operations inside Israel only, or inside the Occupied Palestinian Territories only or inside Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Inside Israel only	22.6	21.2	25.0
Inside the occupied Palestinian territories only	4.3	3.9	5.1
Inside Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories	18.9	11.6	31.0
I do not support the continuation of military operations	48.5	54.7	38.2
No answer	5.7	8.6	0.7

Q7- How do you feel about the suicide bombings operations against Israeli civilians? Do you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose it, or strongly oppose it?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Strongly support	15.8	10.1	25.2
Somewhat support	21.5	15.2	32.1
Somewhat oppose	26.0	26.1	25.9
Strongly oppose	31.1	39.6	16.7
I don't know	4.1	6.5	0.0
No answer	1.5	2.5	0.1

Q8- Under the current conditions, some believe that the peace process is dead and there is no chance of resuming the negotiations, while others see that the peace process is passing through difficult times with an uncertain future, and a third group believes that the peace process is still alive and there is a possibility of resuming negotiations. What do you think?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
The peace process is dead and there is no chance of resuming the negotiations	37.2	35.7	39.7
The peace process is passing through difficult times with an uncertain future	44.2	42.3	47.3
The peace process is still alive and there is a possibility of resuming negotiations	15.5	17.5	12.3
I don't know	2.8	4.1	0.7
No answer	0.3	0.4	0.0

Q9. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied about the way that Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) is dealing with his job as a president to the Palestinian National Authority?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Very satisfied	21.0	21.2	20.5
Somewhat satisfied	28.6	30.3	25.9
Somewhat dissatisfied	14.9	13.7	16.7
Very dissatisfied	31.8	29.9	35.0
No answer	3.7	4.9	1.9

Q10- The internal fighting in Gaza led to split between the West Bank and Gaza with the presence of two governments; what is your opinion on the best solution to end this problem?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
To cancel the government of Fayyad and return to the national unity government	18.1	18.0	18.3
To cancel the government of Hanieh and enforce the rule of Fayyad's government over the West Bank and Gaza Strip	10.3	7.7	14.5
To hold early elections	33.6	33.7	33.5
To call on international troops to assume responsibilities in Gaza strip	1.9	1.9	2.0
Dialogue between the factions	31.2	31.6	30.6
Others	0.4	0.5	0.2
I don't know	3.9	5.7	0.9
No answer	0.6	0.9	0.0

Q11- The Palestinians have tried a Fatah-majority government and a Hamas-majority government, now there is a government with the majority of its ministers as independent figures. In your opinion and from the past experiences, which is the government that best serves the interests of the Palestinian people?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
A Fatah-majority government	28.6	27.2	31.0
A Hamas-majority government	12.8	11.2	15.4
A government with the majority of its ministers as independent figures	45.8	46.5	44.6
No answer	12.8	15.1	9.0

Q12- Do you think that the locally-made rockets fired from Gaza Strip towards Israeli regions help, harm or don't make any difference with regards to the Palestinian goals?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Help	25.4	25.3	25.4
Harm	38.6	36.8	41.5
Don't make any difference	31.6	31.9	31.3
Others	0.8	1.2	0.2
I don't know	3.0	3.9	1.6
No answer	0.6	0.9	0.0

Q13- In light of the current conditions, do you think that it is better to form a national unity government regardless of reaching reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas or is it better to achieve reconciliation as a precondition before the formation of a national unity government?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=1198	n=750	n=448
It is better to form a national unity government regardless of reaching reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas	27.4	28.9	24.8
It is better to achieve reconciliation as precondition before the formation of a national unity government	66.7	62.7	73.4
I don't know	4.8	6.8	1.3
No answer	1.1	1.6	0.5

14- How many times do you use the Internet per month?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=1198	n= 750	n= 448
Daily	21.3	20.0	23.4
5-6 times per week	6.4	6.7	6.0
3-4 times per week	7.2	7.9	6.0
1-2 times per week	5.4	6.3	4.0
Many times in the month	6.4	7.3	4.9
One time per month	3.8	3.6	4.0
In occasions	4.9	4.0	6.5
I don't use the internet	44.6	44.2	45.2

Q15- Do you consider the Internet as a main source of news? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 664	n= 418	n= 246
Yes	66.3	66.5	65.9
No	33.6	33.3	34.1
No answer	0.1	0.2	0.0

*asked to those who said that they use the internet

Q16- Do you use the social networks or Facebook? Do you have your own Facebook page?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 664	n= 418	n= 246
Yes	49.7	55.0	40.7
No	49.8	44.3	59.3
No answer	0.5	0.7	0.0

*asked to those who said that they use the internet

Q17- Do you expect the organization of the following elections this year:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
1- PLC (Palestinian Legislative Council, currently dismissed parliament of the Palestinian National Authority) elections and Presidential elections	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Yes	46.7	53.7	34.8
No	45.5	35.5	62.3
No answer	7.8	10.8	2.9

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
2- PNC (Palestinian National Council, legislative body of the PLO) elections	n=1198	n= 750	n= 448
Yes	38.5	41.9	32.8
No	49.5	41.5	62.9
No answer	12.0	16.6	4.3

Q18- Some believe that elections must be organized in order to renew the legitimacy of the Palestinian leadership while others believe that holding elections before the end of the internal split is rejected because this consolidates the split; which option is closest to your viewpoint?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Holding elections without any delay	38.8	39.6	37.5
Elections must be held only after ending the internal split	52.8	49.5	58.3
I don't know	7.3	9.9	3.1
No answer	1.1	1.0	1.1

Q19-Do you expect the local council elections to be held on July 9, 2011 as announced?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
I expect them to be held on the set date	47.3	56.9	31.3
I expect them to be postponed to another date	41.3	32.9	55.4
No answer	11.4	10.2	13.3

Q20-Do you think that the idea of holding local council elections at the current phase would serve the public interest? Or do you think that it will harm the public interest or that holding local councils elections would have no impact at all?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
It would serve the public interest	55.6	60.9	46.7
It would harm the public interest	8.2	6.5	10.9
It would have no impact at all	31.4	30.5	32.8
No answer	4.8	2.1	9.6

Q21- Are you going to vote in the local council elections if they are held on the set date?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=1198	n= 750	n=448
Yes	63.4	66.9	57.6
No	28.5	27.5	30.4
No answer	8.1	5.6	12.0

Q22- What is your criteria for selecting your candidates in these elections? *

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 760	n= 502	n= 258
Professional qualifications	30.8	31.7	29.1
Personal qualifications	27.5	29.3	24.0
Political affiliation	26.3	23.5	31.8
Religiosity	8.8	6.8	12.8
Family ties	5.1	7.2	1.2
I don't know	1.1	1.2	0.8
No answer	0.4	0.3	0.3

- This question was asked to those who answered they will vote in the local council elections

Q23- Do you believe that the recent developments in the Arab world (what happened in Egypt and Tunis....) will have positive or negative impact on the Palestinian cause?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Positive impact	41.1	37.1	47.8
Negative impact	22.2	22.0	22.5
No impact at all	35.2	39.7	27.7
No answer	1.5	1.2	2.0

Q24- The Palestinian government headed by Fayyad has recently submitted its resignation. What is your impression on its performance in the following areas: would you say the performance was very good, good, average, bad or very bad?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
1- Economic and financial performance	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Very good	10.5	8.4	14.1
Good	29.5	31.1	26.8
Average	27.0	28.0	25.4
Bad	19.9	20.4	19.0
Very bad	9.3	8.5	10.5
No answer	3.8	3.6	4.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
2- Security and enforcing public order and rule of the law	n=1198	n= 750	n= 448
Very good	10.8	10.9	10.5
Good	29.6	33.3	23.4
Average	29.8	31.3	27.2
Bad	19.3	17.6	22.1
Very bad	7.1	3.9	12.5
No answer	3.4	3.0	4.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
3- Reform and fighting corruption	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Very good	6.4	4.7	9.4
Good	24.0	26.1	20.3
Average	27.4	29.5	23.9
Bad	28.8	28.5	29.2
Very bad	9.0	6.7	12.9
No answer	4.4	4.5	4.3

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
4- Health	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Very good	11.0	8.7	15.0
Good	36.6	38.0	34.4
Average	31.4	33.7	27.5
Bad	13.4	14.1	12.3
Very bad	4.8	3.3	7.4
No answer	2.8	2.2	3.4

5- Education	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n=1198	n= 750	n= 448
Very good	13.5	11.9	16.3
Good	38.7	40.4	35.9
Average	27.7	28.8	25.9
Bad	12.9	14.0	10.9
Very bad	4.4	2.5	7.6
No answer	2.8	2.4	3.4

Q25- What is your opinion about the initiative of President Abu Mazen to head to Gaza to form a national unity government of independent and competent figures to prepare for legislative and presidential and PNC elections, do you believe the step is:

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Positive and serves to achieve Palestinian national reconciliation	65.0	65.7	63.8
Negative and harms the efforts to achieve national reconciliation	3.8	2.8	5.4
It has no influence	28.4	27.3	30.1
No answer	2.8	4.2	0.7

Q26- Is religion an important part of your life?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Yes	95.3	94.0	97.5
No	4.1	5.2	2.2
No answer	0.6	0.8	0.3

Q27- Do you agree or disagree with coeducation in schools?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
I agree till elementary	34.3	28.7	43.8
I agree till secondary	7.6	9.9	3.8
I disagree with co-education in schools	57.3	60.7	51.8
I don't know	0.4	0.5	0.2
No answer	0.4	0.2	0.4

Q28- During the last month, did you perform all religious prayers?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
I prayed all days	82.1	77.5	90.0
I prayed only on Fridays	10.1	12.7	5.8
I didn't pray	7.3	9.5	3.6
No answer	0.5	0.3	0.6

Q29- 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= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
I shake hands with the other sex	35.0	41.6	23.9
I don't shake hands with the other sex	64.5	58.0	75.4
No answer	0.5	0.4	0.7

- This questions was only asked to Muslims

Q30- 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= 773	n= 435	n= 338
Religious reasons	82.4	78.9	87.0
Social reasons (traditions and habits)	16.2	19.1	12.4
No answer	1.4	2.0	0.6

- This questions was asked to the Muslims that said that they don't shake hands with the other sex

Q31. Which political or religious faction do you trust the most?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n= 448
Fatah	34.0	34.5	33.0
Hamas	15.0	12.4	19.4
PFLP	3.0	3.2	2.7
Islamic Jihad	1.7	0.9	2.9
Palestinian National Initiative	1.5	2.3	0.2
Other Islamic factions	1.3	0.8	2.0
Others	2.0	2.3	1.6
I don't trust any faction	37.0	36.9	37.1
No answer	4.5	6.7	1.1

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

Q32. Which Palestinian personality do you trust the most?*

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1198	n= 750	n=448
Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	17.9	16.9	19.6
Ismail Hanieh	11.4	7.6	17.6
Marwan Barghouthi	6.8	8.1	4.5
Salam Fayyad	4.3	5.1	2.9
Mustafa al-Barghouthi	2.5	3.2	1.3
Ahmad Sa'adat	1.6	1.2	2.2
Khaled Mash'al	1.2	1.2	1.1
Mohammed Dahlan	1.0	0.0	2.7
Others	8.3	8.7	7.9
Don't trust any one	39.1	39.7	37.9
No answer	5.9	8.3	2.3

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