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**Palestine**  
**before the elections**

## Barghouthi ahead of Abu Mazen in presidential race while Fatah ahead of Hamas in PLC race

Ramallah – Results of the most recent public opinion poll conducted by the Jerusalem Media and Communication Center (JMCC) in cooperation with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung showed imprisoned Marwan Barghouthi holds an advantage over President Abu Mazen if presidential elections are held as long as runners in the elections are limited to these two candidates, alongside Ismail Haniyeh.

The results of the poll, which was held between April 3 and 13, showed that 33.5% of respondents would vote for Marwan Barghouthi while 24.5% would vote for Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), 10.5% would vote for Ismail Haniyeh and 31.5% said they still had no answer. Meanwhile, 60.2% said they supported the idea of Marwan Barghouthi running for president, while 19.3% said they did not support the idea.

### Importance of holding elections

The majority of respondents, 79.2%, said it was important to hold legislative elections in Palestine as opposed to 14.3% who said it was not important. Nonetheless, the biggest majority, 44.4% said they believed the declared elections would be postponed, as opposed to 38.6% who said they expected them to be held on time. Regarding the integrity of the upcoming elections, 28.4% responded they believed they would be fair while 35.2% said they would be somewhat fair and 27.1% said they did not think they would be fair at all.

Voter turnout is expected to be high in PLC elections, with 74.2% of those polled saying they would vote while 25.8% said their participation would be unlikely. 66% of those who said they would not vote justified their position by saying they were not convinced of how beneficial the elections or the candidates would be, while 20.7% said their decision was based on personal or technical reasons.

Presidential elections prompted similar results, with the majority of respondents, 80.9%, saying it was important to hold them, while 14.8% said it was not important. Furthermore, 78.3% said they wanted to participate in presidential elections while 21.7% said they did not want to.

### Fatah ahead of Hamas

In response to the question about which electoral list they would vote for in the elections slated to take place next month, 25.3% answered they would vote for the Fatah list headed by Mahmoud Aloul (23.1% in the West Bank and 28.7% in the Gaza Strip). This was followed by 13% who said they would vote for the Freedom List, headed by Nasser Qudwa and Marwan

Barghouthi (15% in the West Bank and 10.1% in the Gaza Strip). Next came the Future List, headed by Samir Mashharawi, 8.8%, (20.2% in the Gaza Strip and 1.1% in the West Bank), followed by the “Al Quds is our Destiny” List, headed by Khalil Hayya, 8.2% (5.9% in the West Bank and 11.5% in the Gaza Strip), then the “The People’s Pulse” List, headed by Ahmad Saadat, at 2.2% and the “Together We Can”, headed by Dr. Salam Fayyad, at 2.1%. It should be noted that 23.5% said they would not vote, mostly in the West Bank (27.4% in the West Bank and 17.7% in the Gaza Strip).

### The ages and platforms of the candidates

Regarding the controversial topic of the candidacy age for legislative elections, the poll showed that the majority of respondents, 77.7%, believe the most appropriate candidacy age is 28 and above, while 13.3% said it should be 25 and above, 3.4% said 20 and above and 3.1% said 18 years and above. Regarding the criteria for choosing candidates, 27.3% said their criteria was professional qualifications while 23.4% said it was personal qualifications, 15.7% said political affiliation, 12.4% said the party program and 5.5% said religiosity.

### Trust in the factions and their leaders

The poll showed a rise in the level of trust in Fatah, which stood at 36.2% of respondents, as opposed to 28.2% in March, 2019. Meanwhile, trust in Hamas dropped to 7.3% from 10.3% in March, 2019, while the percentage of people who do not trust anyone dropped to 39.1% from 41.1% in the March, 2019 poll.

It is noteworthy that Fatah scored a higher level of trust in the Gaza Strip than in the West Bank (43.9% in the Gaza Strip and 30.9% in the West Bank) as did Hamas (11.8% in the Gaza Strip and 4.2% in the West Bank). Moreover, the percentage of those who do not trust anyone in the West Bank was more than in the Gaza Strip (46.7% in the West Bank and 27.8% in the Gaza Strip).

As for trusting leaders, trust in President Mahmoud Abbas rose to 14.5% from 11.5% in March, 2019. Likewise, trust in Marwan Barghouthi went up to 15.9% from 8.4% in March, 2019. Conversely, the level of trust in Ismail Haniyeh dropped to 5.3% from 6.3% in March, 2019. As for Mohammed Dahlan, the level of trust among respondents in this poll was 4.8%.

There was a considerable discrepancy between the levels of trust in leaders the West Bank and Gaza Strip. 19.2% of respondents said they trusted President Mahmoud Abbas in the Gaza Strip as opposed to 11.3% in the West Bank. Likewise, 7.8% said they trusted Ismail Haniyeh in the Gaza Strip as opposed to 3.6% in the West Bank. Meanwhile, Marwan Barghouthi enjoyed a higher level of trust in the West Bank than in Gaza (17.3% in the West Bank and 13.8% in the Gaza Strip) while Mohammed Dahlan had a higher level of trust among respondents in the Gaza Strip, at 11.3% as opposed to 0.3% in the West Bank.

## US and Israeli elections and the two-state solution

Poll results showed relative optimism regarding the new US administration, with 19.5% of respondents saying the policy of new US President Joe Biden would increase the chance of reaching a just peace between Palestinians and Israelis, as opposed to just 5.1% who answered the same way after former President Trump was elected in 2017. Conversely, 27.3% said Biden's policy would decrease the chances for peace, compared to 48.5% who said the same thing after Trump was elected in 2017. In this same direction, 22.5% expressed their optimism about reaching a solution to the Arab–Israeli conflict on the back of President Biden being sworn into office, while only 4.7% expressed the same optimism after former President Trump was sworn in, in 2017. Meanwhile, 23.4% said they were more pessimistic after Biden was sworn into office and 44.5% said it would not make a difference.

Meanwhile, the minority of those polled, 10.5%, said they were optimistic that Israeli elections would have a positive impact on the Palestinian cause, while 42.9% said they would have a negative impact and 34.2% said they would have no impact.

It is clear from the poll that there is no mentionable change in the public's position regarding a political solution to the Palestinian cause. 39.3% (the same percentage as past years) said they believed the two-state solution was the best solution to the Palestinian–Israeli conflict, as opposed to 21.4% who said the binational state was the best solution. As for the idea of Hamas joining PLO institutions, respondents were split between supporting the idea, 41.2%, and opposing it, 36.2%, while 15% said they had no opinion on this.

## The government and the coronavirus pandemic

The poll results showed a setback in the public's assessment of the government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, with a decrease in trust from 95.8% in April last year to 44.6% this April. What's more, it seems the duration of the pandemic has exacerbated its social repercussions whereby 51.8% of the respondents said domestic violence had increased while just 20.1% said the same thing last April.

In terms of taking the COVID-19 vaccine, the larger majority of those polled, 45.7%, said they would take the vaccine if it becomes available, while 39.3% said they would not take it, even if it is available and 15% said they were still undecided. It is noteworthy that a minority of respondents, 30.5%, said they would take the vaccine if made available in the Gaza Strip, as opposed to 55.9% in the West Bank.

Seemingly, the pandemic and its economic repercussions have increased citizens' interest in social security, with the majority of respondents, 97.4%, saying it was important for the government to offer a social security program. In response to the question about their support for a social security law in light of the coronavirus pandemic, the majority, 90.8%, said they supported this while 7.5% said they opposed it.

## Performance of the government and PNA

52.4% of respondents expressed their satisfaction over the performance of the government as opposed to 38.6% who said they were dissatisfied. This represents a setback in comparison to last June when 71.6% said they were satisfied with the performance of the government as opposed to 28.4% that said they were dissatisfied. As for Prime Minister Mohamad Ishtayeh, 25.6% said he was doing a good job, while 41.3% said he was doing an average job and 22.3% said he was doing a bad job. On President Mahmoud Abbas, half the respondents, 50.3%, said they were satisfied with his performance while 42% said they were not satisfied.

### 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 3rd and 13th April 2021. The interviews were conducted in randomly selected homes, and the respondents inside each home were also selected randomly according to Kish tables. The interviews were conducted in 134 sampling points chosen randomly according to population.

**In the West Bank 715 people were surveyed from the following areas:**

**Hebron:** Hebron, Dura, Beit Ummar, Halhul, Tarqumia, Ad-Dhahiriya, Taffuh, Idhna, Hadab al-Fawwar, Khursa, Al-Fawwar refugee camp. **Jenin:** Jenin, Silat ad-daher, Qabatiya, Arraba, Misliya, Siris, Faqu'a, Jenin refugee camp. **Tubas:** Tubas, Wadi al-Far'a. **Ramallah & al-Bireh:** Ramallah, Al-Bireh, Beituniya, Beit Liqia, Abu Qash, Al-Mazra'a al-Qibliya, Mazar'i an-Nubani, Rammun, Deir 'Ammar refugee camp. **Jericho:** Jericho, An-Nuwei'ma, Ein a-Sultan refugee camp. **Jerusalem:** Anata, Bir Nabala, Qalandia refugee camp, Beit Duqqu, Al-Ezariyeh, Shu'fat, Beit Hanina, Ras al-Amoud, Al-Tour, Old City, Al-Sawahreh al-Gharbiyeh & Jabal al-Mukaber, Silwan. **Bethlehem:** Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Nahalin, Beit Sahur, Al-Walajah, Ad-Duheisha refugee camp. **Nablus:** Nablus, Beita, Salim, Beit Furik, Zeita Ja'amma'in, Aqraba, Duma, Burqa, Ein Beit Al-Ma' refugee camp. **Salfit:** Bidya, Deir Istiya. **Tulkarem:** Tulkarem, Bal'a, Far'un, Tulkarem refugee camp. **Qalqilya:** Qalqilya, Azzun 'Atma.

**In the Gaza Strip 485 people were surveyed from the following areas:**

**Gaza:** Al-Jdaideh, Al-Tufah, Al-Shekh Radwan, Al-Zaytoun, Al-Rimal South, Tal Al-Hawa, Sabra, Al-Rimal North, Al-Shekh Ajleen, Old City, Al-Durj, Al-Naser, Al-Turkuman, Al-Shati refugee camp, Al-Mughraqa (Aub Middein). **Khan Younis:** Khan Younis, Bani Suheila, Al-Qarara, Abasan al-Kabira, Abasan al-Saghira, Khan Younis refugee camp. **Rafah:** Rafah, Rafah refugee camp. **Gaza North:** Jabalya, Beit Lahiya, Beit Hanoun, Jabalya refugee camp. **Deir al-Balah:** Deir al Balah, Al-Zawaydeh, Al-Maghazi refugee camp, Al-Nusseirat refugee camp.

The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percent, with a confidence level of 95%.

### Sample Distribution

50.4% of the respondents were from the West Bank, 9.2% from Jerusalem, 40.4% from the Gaza Strip.

15.4% said they live in villages, 8.8% in refugee camps, and 75.8% in towns/cities.

47.1% were male, 52.9%, female.

70.4% were married, 20.8%, single, 6.5% widowed, 2.2% divorced, 0.1% no answer.

The average age of the respondents was 40 years.

### Occupation of Respondents

- Students 6.0 %
- Laborers 12.8%
- Housewives 41.8%
- Farmers/fishermen 0.9%
- Craftsmen 0.3%
- Businessmen/private business 7.7%
- Public Sector Employees 8.3%
- Private Sector Employees 5.3%
- Professionals (e.g. doctors/lawyers/pharmacists/engineers) 0.8 %
- Unemployed 13.1%
- Retired 2.9%,
- No answer 0.1%.

## 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 n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Very Optimistic	8.2	9.7	6.0
Optimistic	62.8	58.5	69.1
Pessimistic	19.8	19.3	20.4
Very pessimistic	9.1	12.4	4.5
No answer	0.1	0.1	0.0

**Q2- What is your first source of news in general?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n=715	Gaza n= 485
Social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	49.3	49.0	49.7
Television	19.8	22.7	15.5
Internet news sites	18.8	18.0	20.0
Radio	4.4	3.4	6.0
Newspapers	0.9	1.3	0.4
I don't follow the news	6.8	5.6	8.4

**Q3- How often do you use social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to communicate with your family and your friends?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Very often	26.7	30.1	21.6
Often	26.6	24.6	29.5
Every now and then	28.6	28.7	28.5
I don't use social media	18.1	16.6	20.4'

**Q4- Which one do you use the most? \***

	Total n= 982	West Bank n= 596	Gaza n= 386
Facebook	79.2	77.3	82.1
WhatsApp	10.8	11.7	9.3
Instagram	5.2	4.7	6.0
Twitter	1.4	1.5	1.3
Snapchat	0.6	1.0	0.0
Others	2.8	3.8	1.3

\*This question was asked to those who answered very often, often, every now and then in the previous question

**Q5- What is a fair minimum wage in Shekels per month? \***

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
1- 1999	28.8	9.5	57.1
2000 – 3000	49.3	55.5	40.2
3000 – 5000	16.4	25.7	2.7
5000+	5.5	9.3	0.0

\*This is an-open ended questions- no options were given to the interviewee

**Q6- Would a higher minimum wage improve the living conditions?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Yes	92.3	89.5	96.5
No	7.6	10.3	3.5
Don't know	0.1	0.2	0.0



**Q7- would a higher minimum wage decrease job opportunities?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Yes	33.8	31.3	37.3
No	61.1	62.8	58.6
Don't know	5.1	5.9	4.1

**Q8- If the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, would you take it, not take it , or are you still undecided?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Yes, I would take it	45.7	55.9	30.5
No, I would not take it	39.3	29.1	54.2
I am still undecided	15.0	15.0	15.3

**Q9- In general, do you trust or do not trust the way the government is dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
I trust	44.6	46.6	41.6
I don't trust	50.6	47.7	54.8
I don't know	4.8	5.7	3.6

**Q10- Compared to the situation before COVID-19, would you say DOMESTIC violence in your neighborhood has increased or decreased?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
More than before	51.8	50.2	54.0
No change, same as before	22.5	19.7	26.6
Less than before	7.8	9.9	4.5
No violence	15.9	16.9	14.4
Don't know\ no answer	2.0	3.3	0.5



**Q11- After a year of Corona, how important do you think it is for the government to provide social security ( e.g. health insurance, pension, and unemployment insurance)?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Very important	82.1	82.1	79.4
Somewhat important	15.3	15.3	20.4
Somewhat unimportant	1.7	1.7	0.2
Not important at all	0.9	0.9	0.0

**Q12- In light of the current crisis due to the coronavirus pandemic, to what extent do you support or oppose having social security?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Strongly agree	68.3	68.3	68.5
Somewhat agree	22.5	18.5	28.5
Somewhat disagree	5.3	7.0	2.9
Strongly disagree	2.2	3.5	0.1
No answer	1.7	2.7	0.0

**Q13- After around two years on the formation of the new government, are you satisfied of its performance?**

Do you say that you are:

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Very satisfied	10.6	11.5	9.3
Somewhat satisfied	41.8	41.5	42.1
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.8	15.4	23.7
Very dissatisfied	19.8	25.7	10.9
No answer	9.0	5.9	14.0

**Q14- Do you support the idea of Hamas joining PLO institutions including the PNC, the Central Committee and the Executive Committee?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Yes	41.2	43.2	38.1
No	36.2	27.1	49.5
No opinion	15.0	20.3	7.2
I don't know	7.6	9.4	5.2

**Q15- Do you think that Prime Minister Dr. Mohamad Ishtayeh is doing a good, average, or bad job as a Prime Minister?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Good	25.6	28.7	21.0
Average	41.3	39.2	44.5
Bad	22.3	24.5	19.2
No answer	10.8	7.6	15.3

**Q16- Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way that Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) is doing his job as president of the PNA?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Very satisfied	14.5	14.0	15.3
Somewhat satisfied	35.8	37.3	33.6
Somewhat dissatisfied	14.8	11.2	20.2
Very dissatisfied	27.2	31.5	20.8
No answer	7.7	6.0	10.1

**Q17- Some believe that the two state formula is the most preferred solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict; Others believe that Historical Palestine cannot be divided into two states, so the best solution would be to have a bi-national state in all of Palestine where Palestinians and Israelis enjoy equal rights. Which solution do you prefer? I prefer the two state solution: a Palestinian and an Israeli state?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
I prefer the two state solution : a Palestinian and an Israeli	39.3	31.5	50.9
I prefer the bi-national state in all of Palestine	21.4	25.3	15.7
I prefer another solution	0.1	0.1	0.0
No solution	16.8	19.0	13.4
One Palestinian state*	16.7	18.7	13.6
Islamic state *	0.2	0.3	0.0
Don't know\ no answer	5.5	5.1	6.4

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

**Q18- Do you think that the Israeli election that took place recently will have a positive or a negative impact on the Palestinian cause?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Positive impact	10.5	11.5	9.1
Negative impact	42.9	41.0	45.8
No impact at all	34.2	35.2	32.6
I don't know \no answer	12.4	12.3	12.5

**Q19- Do you think that the policy of the US President Joe Biden, will increase or decrease the chances of reaching a just peace between the Palestinians and Israelis? Or that his policies won't make any difference?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
It will increase the chances	19.5	23.5	13.6
It will decrease the chances	27.3	23.2	33.2
It won't make any difference	40.4	39.6	41.6
No answer	12.8	13.7	11.6

**Q20- Joe Biden was recently sworn in as president of the United States, does this make you feel more optimistic about solving the Arab- Israeli conflict, more pessimistic or do you think it won't make any difference?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
More optimistic on solving the Arab- Israeli conflict	22.5	26.2	17.1
More pessimistic on solving the Arab- Israeli conflict	23.4	18.6	30.5
This will not make any difference	44.5	46.0	42.3
No answer	9.6	9.2	10.1

**Q21- Do you think it is important to have a legislative council elections in Palestine?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n=715	n= 485
Yes, important	79.2	73.7	87.2
No, not important	14.3	16.8	10.7
Don't know \ no answer	6.5	9.5	2.1

**Q22- How likely is it that you are going to vote in the coming PLC elections?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Very likely	48.9	45.3	54.2
Somewhat likely	25.3	24.2	27.0
Somewhat unlikely	6.9	8.4	4.7
Not likely at all	18.9	22.1	14.1

**Q23- In case you are not going to vote for the PLC, what is the main reason?\***

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 309	n= 218	n= 91
Not convinced about holding elections under occupation	2.9	3.2	2.2
For personal or technical reasons	20.7	14.7	35.2
Not convinced of how beneficial the elections or the candidates	66.0	71.1	53.8
Others	9.7	10.1	8.8
No answer	0.7	0.9	0.0

\*This is an open-ended question- only asked to those who answered "not likely" in the previous question

**Q24- Do you think it is important to have presidential elections in Palestine?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Yes, important	80.9	75.7	88.7
No, not important	14.8	18.2	9.7
Don't know	2.6	4.1	0.4
No answer	1.7	2.0	1.2

**Q25- How likely is it that you are going to vote in the coming Presidential elections?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Very likely	51.3	49.0	54.6
Somewhat likely	27.0	26.6	27.6
Somewhat unlikely	5.8	6.6	4.5
Not likely at all	15.9	17.8	13.3

**Q26- In case you are not going to vote for the Presidential elections, what is the main reason?\***

	Total n= 261	West Bank n=175	Gaza n= 86
Not convinced about holding elections under occupation	1.1	1.1	1.2
For personal or technical reasons	27.6	22.3	38.4
Not convinced of how beneficial the elections or the candidates	60.9	65.7	51.2
Others	9.6	9.7	9.2
No answer	0.8	1.2	0.0

\*This is an-open ended questions- only asked to those who answered “not likely” in the previous question

**Q27- Do you think the elections will be held on their set date or will they be postponed?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
They will be held on their set date	38.6	32.9	47.0
They will be postponed	44.4	46.3	41.6
I don't know	17.0	20.8	11.4

**Q28- To what extent would you say the elections process will be free and fair?**

	Total n= 120	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Fair	28.4	25.0	33.4
Somewhat fair	35.2	27.7	46.2
Won't be fair	27.1	37.2	12.2
No answer	9.3	10.1	8.2

**Q29- What do you think is the appropriate candidacy age for the PLC elections?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
18 and above	3.1	1.8	4.9
20 and above	3.4	3.5	3.3
25 and above	13.3	13.6	13.0
28 and above	77.7	78.2	76.9
No answer	2.5	2.9	1.9

**Q30- What is your criteria for selecting your candidates in these elections?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Professional qualifications	27.3	28.4	25.8
Personal qualifications	23.4	23.9	22.7
Political affiliation	15.7	13.6	18.8
Party program	12.4	10.2	15.7
Religiosity	5.5	5.3	5.8
Family ties	1.5	2.2	0.4
Geographical grounds ( The place where the candidate comes from)	1.2	1.4	0.8
No answer	13.0	15.0	10.0

### Q31- Which are the issues you consider most important in evaluating a party program?

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
First priority	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Social issues	17.2	15.8	19.2
Economic issues	35.3	26.0	48.9
Position towards Oslo	5.4	7.8	1.9
Corruption	11.3	14.7	6.2
Security	23.8	25.9	20.8
Others	1.0	1.1	0.8
No idea	6.0	8.7	2.2

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Second priority	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Social issues	8.3	9.5	6.6
Economic issues	24.4	21.8	28.2
Position towards Oslo	14.8	14.1	15.9
Corruption	21.1	24.1	16.7
Security	13.3	13.4	13.2
Others	0.3	0.3	0.4
No idea	0.1	0.1	0.0
No answer	17.7	16.7	19.0

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
Third priority	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Social issues	10.8	10.6	11.1
Economic issues	16.7	19.6	12.4
Position towards Oslo	9.8	10.6	8.5
Corruption	18.4	19.7	16.5
Security	24.5	20.4	30.5
Others	0.7	0.4	1.0
No answer	19.1	18.7	20.0



**Q32- Which electoral list do you plan to vote for in the upcoming elections slated for next month?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Fatah List, headed by Mahmoud Aloul (official list)	25.3	23.1	28.7
The "Freedom" List, headed by Nasser Qudwa (Marwan Barghouthi and Nasser Qudwa)	13.0	15.0	10.1
The "Future" List, headed by Sameer Mashharawi (reform current -- Mohammad Dahlan)	8.8	1.1	20.2
The "Al Quds is our Destiny" List, headed by Khalil Hayya (Hamas)	8.2	5.9	11.5
The "People's Pulse" List, headed by Ahmad Sa'adat (PFLP)	2.2	2.5	1.6
The "Together we Can" List, headed by Dr. Salam Fayyad (independent)	2.1	2.8	1.0
The "Towards Change and Ending Division" List, headed by Mustapha Barghouthi (Palestinian National Initiative)	1.0	1.0	1.0
The "Democratic Change" List, headed by Ibrahim Abu Hijleh (DFLP)	0.9	1.3	0.4
The United Left List, headed by Fadwa Khader (PPP and FIDA)	0.6	1.0	0.0
Other lists	1.3	1.7	0.8
Won't vote	23.5	27.4	17.7
Don't know\ no answer	13.1	17.2	7.0

**Q33- If presidential elections were held today, with Mahmud Abbas ( Abu Mazen), Marwan Barghouthi and Isma'el Haniyeh as the only candidates running the elections, for which one of them would you vote?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)	24.5	21.1	29.5
Marwan Barghouthi	33.5	33.4	33.6
Isma'el Haniyeh	10.5	9.8	11.5
No answer	31.5	35.7	25.4

**Q34- Do you support the idea of Marwan Barhouthi running for PA Presidency?**

	Total	West Bank	Gaza
	n= 1200	n= 715	n= 485
Yes	60.2	58.3	62.9
No	19.3	17.9	21.2
No opinion	13.0	16.6	7.6
I don't know	7.5	7.2	8.3

**Q35- According to the basic law, the legislative council and presidential elections should have been held 11 years ago. Do you prefer holding elections this year under any circumstances, or do you prefer holding elections only after reconciliation is completed?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Prefer holding elections soon under any circumstances	61.8	53.0	74.8
Prefer holding elections only after reconciliation is completed	27.9	33.7	19.4
Don't know \ no answer	10.3	13.3	5.8

**Q36- Do you think the elections, slated to be held in the next few months, will result in national reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas?**

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
The elections will lead to reconciliation	45.8	35.4	61.0
The elections will decrease the chances for reconciliation	14.5	14.8	14.0
The elections will have no impact on the chances for reconciliation	28.4	36.2	16.9
I don't know \ no answer	11.3	13.6	8.1

**Q37 - Which Palestinian personality do you trust the most?\***

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Mahmoud Abbass ( Abu Mazen)	14.5	11.3	19.2
Marwan Barghouthi	15.9	17.3	13.8
Ismail Haniyeh	5.3	3.6	7.8
Mohamad Dahlan	4.8	0.3	11.3
Others	8.3	8.3	8.5
Don't trust anyone	38.1	46.6	25.6
No answer	13.1	12.6	13.8

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**Q38 - Which political or religious faction do you trust the most?\***

	Total n= 1200	West Bank n= 715	Gaza n= 485
Fatah	36.2	30.9	43.9
Hamas	7.3	4.2	11.8
Other Islamic factions	1.2	1.8	0.2
Others	3.3	3.2	3.3
Don't trust anyone	39.1	46.7	27.8
No answer	12.9	13.2	13.0

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