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Results of an Opinion Poll

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President Obama's Visit to the Middle East

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Field work: 12-14 June 2009

Sample Size: 1200 Palestinians in the West Bank & Gaza

Margin of error: $\pm 3\%$

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Mr. Barak Obama, the President of the United States of America, just completed his visit to the region) between the 3rd and -- of June. On that issue, we would like to ask the following questions.

	West Bank (%)	Gaza (%)	Total (WB&G) (%)
1. Did you follow the news on President Obama's recent visit to the region (Middle East)?			
Yes	26.3	43.7	32.8
Partially	37.9	27.1	33.8
No	33.1	28.6	31.4
Don't Know/No opinion	2.7	0.7	1.9
2. Did you hear or read the speech by the American President - Barak Obama that was delivered Thursday June 4 from Cairo?			
Yes, in full	18.1	22.6	19.8
Yes, in part	45.0	37.9	42.3
No	36.9	39.5	37.9
3. Do you think that President Obama's positions on the Palestinian issue represent:			
An improvement on American policy on the Palestinian question	31.4	30.2	30.9
A regress in American policy on the Palestinian question	10.3	4.0	7.9
No change, his positions are similar to previous American policy	40.9	61.4	48.6
Don't Know/No opinion	17.5	4.4	12.6
4. Do you believe that President Obama's visit will.....:			
Tighten the closure on Gaza			
Yes	30.9	26.6	29.1
To an extent	33.9	29.9	32.4
No	22.8	35.9	27.8
Don't Know	12.7	7.5	10.8
Reinforce the Israeli occupation in West Bank			
Yes	30.2	35.3	32.1
To an extent	32.2	25.7	29.8
No	25.1	31.0	27.3
Don't Know	12.6	8.0	10.8
Reinforce the internal conflict between the Palestinian factions, especially Fateh and Hamas			
Yes	29.7	26.8	29.3
To an extent	31.3	24.8	28.9
No	24.9	39.2	30.3
Don't Know	14.1	7.3	11.5

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Energize the negotiations process between Palestinians and Israelis			
Yes	25.8	27.7	26.5
To an extent	35.1	32.4	34.1
No	28.8	32.6	30.3
Don't Know	10.3	7.3	9.2
Give you more hope that a Palestinian state will be established			
Yes	20.0	18.2	19.3
To an extent	27.8	29.3	28.3
No	44.1	47.5	45.3
Don't Know	8.1	5.1	7.0
Help in putting a stop to the Israeli settlement activities			
Yes	14.2	12.4	13.5
To an extent	22.6	23.5	22.9
No	53.9	58.5	55.7
Don't Know	9.3	5.5	7.9
5. In general, do you believe that President Obama is serious about his desire to establish a Palestinian state?			
Yes	13.1	16.0	14.2
To an extent	36.0	33.5	35.1
No	41.4	45.0	42.8
Don't Know	9.5	5.5	8.0
6. Do you believe that President Obama is serious about his call for a new beginning between the US and Muslims?			
Yes	15.2	18.2	16.3
To an extent	36.2	37.0	36.5
No	38.9	39.5	39.1
Don't Know	9.7	5.3	8.1
7. In his speech in Cairo on the 4th, President Obama said that Jerusalem should be (a secure and lasting home for Jews and Christians and Muslims." Do you agree or disagree with his statement?			
Agree	14.7	20.2	16.8
Somewhat agree	24.6	12.6	20.1
Somewhat disagree	18.6	14.4	17.0
Disagree	37.8	50.8	42.7
Don't Know	4.4	2.0	3.5
8. In his speech in Cairo on the 4th, President Obama said that "Resistance through violence and killing is wrong and it does not succeed. ... Violence is a dead end.....That's not how moral authority is claimed, that's how it is surrendered." Do you agree or disagree with his statement?			
Agree	26.5	14.6	22.0
Somewhat agree	19.8	18.0	19.1
Somewhat disagree	34.7	53.0	41.6
Disagree	5.5	2.2	4.3
Don't Know	26.5	14.6	22.0

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Region	%	Type of locality	%	Refugee Status	%
West Bank	62.4	City	48.7	Refugee	45.6
Gaza Strip	37.6	Village- town	29.8	Non-refugee	54.4
Governorate	%	Camp	21.5	Sector	%
Jenin	7.3	Gender	%	Government	30.0
Tulkarm	4.3	Male	53.3	Private sector	42.4
Qalqilya	1.6	Female	46.7	NGOs	3.9
Nablus	8.8	Marital status	%	Other	23.7
Salfit	1.5	Single	25.8	Education	%
Tubas	1.4	Married	70.5	1 Up to 9 yrs	27.3
Ramallah	8.7	Others	3.8	2 Secondary (9-12 yrs)	41.8
Jerusalem	9.9	Age	%	3 More than 12 years	30.9
Jericho	1.5	18-30	41.7	Occupation	%
Bethlehem	4.4	31-40	23.1	Laborers	7.4
Hebron	13.1	> 40	35.2	Employees	19.2
Jabalya	6.5	Income	%	Farmers	1.2
Gaza City	13.0	Good or More	13.7	Merchants	5.3
Deir al-Balah	3.3	Not Good, not bad	56.5	Professional	0.3
Khan Younis	9.9			Craftsman	4.4
Rafah	4.8	Weak	29.5	Students	13.6
				Housewives	33.3
				Not working	13.3
				Retired	2.0