

Results of Poll # (11)

14-17 March 2004

	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
01) Current Prime Minister, Abu Ala', promised that we would work during his tenure on achieving the following four objectives. Tell us, in your opinion, was he able or was not he able to achieve what he promised so far:			
01-1 Eliminate internal anarchy and absence of security			
1) Was able to a large extent	0.9	0.7	1.2
2) Was able somewhat	18.6	19.1	17.8
3) Was not able	44.55	48.3	38.2
4) Was not able at all	30.3	25.1	39.0
5) No opinion/do not know	5.7	6.8	3.8
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1-2 Prepare for elections in mid 2004			
1) Was able to a large extent	1.4	1.6	1.2
2) Was able somewhat	19.9	20.3	19.2
3) Was not able	43.1	45.8	38.8
4) Was not able at all	21.4	17.4	28.1
5) No opinion/do not know	14.2	15.0	12.7
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01-3 Carry out wide ranging political reforms			
1) Was able to a large extent	1.5	1.2	2.0
2) Was able somewhat	23.0	20.4	27.5
3) Was not able	43.9	49.2	35.2
4) Was not able at all	25.4	22.3	30.5
5) No opinion/do not know	6.1	6.9	4.8
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01-4 Return to the peace process with Israel			
1) Was able to a large extent	2.1	1.8	2.6
2) Was able somewhat	22.1	21.1	23.6
3) Was not able	44.7	49.3	37.0
4) Was not able at all	26.3	22.0	33.5
5) No opinion/do not know	4.9	5.8	3.2
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02) In your opinion, should Abu Ala' and his government or should not they resign?			
1) They should resign	39.2	37.0	42.8
2) They should not resign	47.0	49.1	43.4
3) No opinion/do not know	13.9	13.9	13.7
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03) Regarding the prevailing internal anarchy, some say the reason for it is a failure on the part of the security services and political leadership to carry out their responsibility to maintain law and order while others say the Israeli			

occupation is to blame for it. In your opinion, who is more responsible for the internal anarchy?			
1) The failure of the security services and leadership	24.5	22.1	28.7
2) Israeli occupation	62.7	65.8	57.6
3) Others, specify-----	11.7	11.0	12.7
4 no opinion/do not know	1.1	1.1	1.0
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04) The Palestinian Authority had been engaged in a dialogue with Hamas and other factions in an attempt to reach an agreement on a hudna whereby use of arms against Israelis would stop in return for an Israeli commitment to stop using arms against the Palestinians. Do you support or oppose such a hudna?			
1) Strongly support	16.2	14.1	19.7
2) Support	54.2	55.9	51.5
3) Oppose	20.5	21.0	19.7
4) Strongly oppose	7.3	6.9	7.9
5) No opinion/ Don't know	1.8	2.2	1.2
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05) Internal Palestinian dialogue between the PA and the opposition groups and factions, such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and others, to reach a ceasefire agreement or a hudna has ended in failure. In your opinion, who is responsible for this failure?			
1) The PA	17.3	16.2	19.0
2) Opposition groups and factions	11.3	11.9	10.3
3) Both	36.7	36.8	36.4
4) Neither	28.1	27.9	28.5
5) No opinion/ Don't know	6.7	7.2	5.9
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06) Some suggest conducting parliamentary and presidential elections under the present conditions while others see the need to postpone these elections until there is a ceasefire agreement and an Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian cities and towns. What view do you support?			
1) I support conducting elections now, under the current conditions	26.9	25.8	24.2
2) I support conducting elections after the Israeli withdrawal	69.7	67.4	73.5
3) No opinion/do not know	3.4	4.1	2.2
	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
07) Recently, Sharon has announced a disengagement plan from the Palestinians. According to this plan Israel will evacuate most settlements in the Gaza strip and a small number of settlements in the West Bank. In your opinion will this plan increase the chances for a settlement with Israel, decrease the chances for a settlement or will not have any effect on the chances for a settlement?			
1) Increase the chances for a	32.0	30.9	33.9

settlement			
2) Decrease the chances for a settlement	24.4	24.5	24.0
3) Will not have any effect	38.8	39.5	37.6
4) DK/NA	4.9	5.1	4.4
	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
08) Do you welcome or do not welcome Sharon's disengagement program which proposes to evacuate most settlements from Gaza strip and a small number of settlements in the West Bank?			
1 Definitely welcome	29.2	21.5	42.0
2 welcome	43.7	46.0	40.0
3 do not welcome	18.5	22.7	11.6
4 Definitely do not welcome	7.4	8.4	5.7
5 DK/NA	1.2	1.5	0.8
	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
09-1) Of the following goals which one in your opinion is Sharon's most important goal in his decision to declare the disengagement plan to evacuate most settlements in Gaza and a few in the West Bank?			
1) To push Palestinians toward internal fighting in Gaza	36.9	33.5	42.4
2) To maintain the Jewish majority in Israel	21.6	23.0	19.4
3) To strengthen Israel's control of the West Bank in return for the concessions in Gaza	29.2	28.7	30.1
4) To intimidate Palestinian leadership with loss of power to opposition parties	9.5	11.2	6.7
5) DK/NA	2.8	3.6	1.4
	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
09-2 And which one is Sharon's second most important goal in declaring his disengagement plan			
1) To push Palestinians toward internal fighting in Gaza	24.5	23.0	27.0
2) To maintain the Jewish majority in Israel	24.1	25.5	21.7
3) To strengthen Israel's control of the West Bank in return for the concessions in Gaza	33.4	31.2	37.0
4) To intimidate Palestinian leadership with loss of power to opposition parties	15.5	17.0	13.1
5) DK/NA	2.5	3.3	1.2
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09-3 And Sharon's third most important goal?			

1) To push Palestinians toward internal fighting in Gaza	20.8	21.7	19.2
2) To maintain the Jewish majority in Israel	24.6	20.2	32.1
3) To strengthen Israel's control of the West Bank in return for the concessions in Gaza	21.9	22.6	20.7
4) To intimidate Palestinian leadership with loss of power to opposition parties	28.3	30.4	24.7
5) DK/NA	4.4	5.1	3.2
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10) Do you see Sharon's plan to evacuate the Israeli settlements from Gaza as a victory for the Palestinian armed resistance against Israel or don't you see it as a victory?			
1) Definitely this is a victory	37.6	32.2	46.8
2) I think that this is a victory	28.2	30.0	25.3
3) I think this is not a victory	23.7	26.5	19.2
4) Definitely this is not a victory	8.3	8.5	8.1
5) DN/NA	2.0	2.9	0.6
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11) And how do you think most Palestinians see Sharon's plan? Do most Palestinians see it or don't see it as a victory for their armed struggle?			
1. Most Palestinians see it as a victory for their armed struggle	67.9	64.0	74.4
2. Most Palestinians don't see it as a victory for their armed struggle	26.4	28.9	22.2
3. DK/NA	5.7	7.0	3.5
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12) And how do you think most Israelis see Sharon's plan? Do most Israelis see it or don't see it as a victory for the Palestinians?			
1) Most Israelis see it as a victory for the Palestinians	44.2	42.8	46.6
2) Most Israelis don't see it as a victory for the Palestinians	47.9	48.0	47.8
3) DK/NA	7.8	9.1	5.7
	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
13) Do you think that Sharon is serious and will indeed withdraw from the Gaza strip as he says, or he is not serious in his statement and will not withdraw?			
1) Definitely will withdraw	10.0	8.5	12.5
2) Think he will withdraw	23.7	25.6	20.6
3) Think he will not withdraw	35.0	35.6	33.9
4) Definitely he will not withdraw	25.9	25.0	27.5
5) DK/NA	5.4	5.3	5.5

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14) Do you prefer to see the Palestinian Authority and Israel negotiating the Israeli withdrawal from the Strip, or do you prefer to see Israel withdrawing unilaterally without negotiations?			
1) I definitely prefer to see the PA and Israel negotiating the withdrawal	35.4	30.9	42.8
2) I think it is preferable to see the PA and Israel negotiating the withdrawal	22.4	23.3	21.0
3) I think it is preferable to see Israel unilaterally withdrawing without negotiations	21.1	22.7	18.4
4) I definitely prefer to see Israel unilaterally withdrawing without negotiations	17.1	18.0	15.8
5) DK/NA	3.9	5.1	2.0
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15) Do you think Israel should negotiate its withdrawal from the Gaza strip also with Hamas?			
1) Definitely yes	13.1	11.2	16.2
2) Yes	27.8	31.3	22.0
3) No	38.4	39.6	36.4
4) Definitely no	15.3	11.3	22.0
5) Don't Know /No answer	5.4	6.6	3.4
	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
16) And what about Hamas, do you think it should accept or reject to negotiate with Israel regarding Israeli withdrawal?			
1) Hamas should definitely accept	8.2	8.0	8.5
2) Hamas should accept	34.8	34.5	35.4
3) Hamas should reject	37.2	38.0	36.0
4) Hamas should definitely reject	12.5	11.0	14.9
5) Do not know/ no opinion	7.3	8.5	5.3
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17) And what about the majority of Palestinians? Do most Palestinians think that Hamas should also negotiate with Israel the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza strip or most Palestinians don't think so?			
1) Most Palestinians think so	35.8	35.2	36.8
2) Most Palestinians don't think so	52.5	51.8	53.7
3) DK/NA	11.7	13.1	9.5
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18) If Hamas accepted to negotiate with Israel, do you think this would mean a change in the principled positions of the movement toward Israel and the recognition of Israel?			
1. Definitely yes	23.8	20.6	29.1

2. Yes	31.6	33.1	29.1
3. No	30.6	31.2	28.5
4. Definitely no	9.2	9.2	9.1
5. Don't Know /No answer	4.9	5.8	3.2
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19) Do you think an Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip will decrease the armed attacks against Israel from the Gaza Strip, increase the armed attacks against Israel from the Gaza Strip, or will have no impact on armed attacks against Israel			
1) Increase the armed attacks	30.0	31.7	27.3
2) Decrease the armed attacks	41.2	36.3	49.3
3) Have no impact on armed attacks	24.0	26.3	20.0
4) DK/NA	4.9	5.7	3.4
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20) After Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, what do you propose to do with the evacuated settlements?			
1) Demolish them	12.5	14.1	9.9
2) Give homes in settlement to those whose homes have been demolished by Israel	54.3	56.1	51.3
3) Give homes in settlements to refugees	21.5	21.7	21.2
4) Other, specify -----	9.0	5.5	14.9
5) No opinion/ Don't know	2.7	2.7	2.6
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21) The Palestinian side has gone to the International Court of Justice to fight the separation wall. Do you think the ICJ will be neutral, biased in favor of the Palestinians or biased in favor of the Israelis?			
1) Neutral	25.5	26.8	23.2
2) Biased in favor of the Palestinian side	7.7	7.0	8.9
3) Biased in favor of the Israeli side	60.8	61.2	60.2
4) DK/NA	6.0	5.0	7.7
	Total%	West Bank%	Gaza Strip%
22) Do you think the separation wall being built by Israel in the West Bank will decrease the number of armed attacks inside Israel, increase the number of armed attacks or will have no impact?			
1) Increase the number of armed attacks	55.4	52.7	59.8
2) Decrease the number of armed attacks	18.4	20.0	15.8
3) Will have no impact	24.8	25.9	22.8
4) Don't Know /No answer	1.4	1.3	1.6
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23) And what about the majority of Israelis. Do most Israelis think or don't			

think that the separation wall will decrease, increase or will have no impact on the number of armed attacks inside Israel?			
1) Most Israelis think it will increase the armed attacks	19.6	19.4	20.0
2) Most Israelis think it will increase the armed attacks	68.0	69.2	66.1
3) Most Israelis think it will not have an impact on the armed attacks	8.7	8.0	9.9
4) Don't Know /No answer	3.6	3.4	4.0
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24) There are several ways and means to fight the separation wall. If you want to choose the ways and means that have a chance of succeeding in demolishing it, you would choose:			
1) Going to the ICJ	11.2	10.2	12.9
2) Popular unarmed demonstrations	9.6	11.4	6.5
3) Reaching a ceasefire and returning to the peace process	26.8	27.2	26.3
4) Continuation of armed confrontations and bombings inside Israel	40.0	36.4	45.9
5) Continuation of armed confrontations but without bombings inside Israel	7.6	9.1	5.1
6) Others, specify -----	4.9	5.7	3.4
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25) What about the prisoners exchange between Israel and Hizballah? Who came out a winner: Israel or Hizballah? (don't read response options)			
1) Israel	8.6	8.7	8.3
2) Hizballah	80.2	82.7	76.0
3) Both	6.8	4.6	10.3
4) Neither	2.0	2.3	1.4
5) DK/NA	2.5	1.6	4.0