

Poll no. 108

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A poll carried out by the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO)
and
prepared by President Dr. Nabil Kukali.

- 71.5% Evaluate the general economical conditions in the Palestinian territories as bad.
- 60.0% Worried to varying degrees for their means of Subsistence.
- 63.1% Pessimistic about the future.
- 67.1% Believe that the PA is incapable of creating job opportunities for the Palestinians workers in Israel.
- 40.6% Believe that the Intifada is still going on and heading towards achieving its goals.

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A poll recently conducted by the **PCPO** and prepared by **Dr.Nabil Kukali** included a random sample of 1101 adults, 18 years and older, from the West Bank including East Jerusalem.

The Poll reveals that 71.5% of Palestinians evaluate the general economical condition in the Palestinian Territories as bad, while 21.4% evaluate it fair, 4.0% good, and 3.1% express no opinion.

President of the PCPO, **Dr. Nabil Kukali**, stated that the poll took place January 22-30,2003 and the average age of the respondents was 32.2 years, and the margin of error was ± 2.95 percent points.

Kukali also stated that the percentage of female respondents was 46.6%, while that of the male ones was 53.4%. He also explained that the respondent's location of residence was as follows: 48.3% city, 43.4% village, and 8.3% refugee camp. He pointed out to the average size of respondents' families that was 7.3 persons, and the average number of schooling years was 11.7 years.

Dr. Kukali said the results of the poll were as follows:

1. Do you evaluate the general economical situation in the Palestinian territories as?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
Good	9.2%	4.0%
Fair	24.7%	21.4%
Bad	60.8%	71.5%
Do not know	5.3%	3.1%

2. To what degree are you concerned for your means of subsistence?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
Highly concerned	20.7%	23.9%
Concerned	29.8%	36.1%
Not that concerned	19.8%	21.0%
Absolutely unconcerned	19.1%	10.8%
Do not know	10.6%	8.1%

3. Given the current political and economical conditions, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
Optimistic	29.2%	22.4%
Pessimistic	56.8%	63.1%
No opinion	14.0%	14.5%

4. Do you believe that the Intifada is still going on and heading towards achieving its goals?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
1. Yes	38.6%	40.6%
2. No	36.2%	33.4%
3. No Opinion	25.2%	26.0%

5. Would you increase or decrease your support of the Intifada if Israel continued imposing economical siege and the security belt on the Palestinian territories?

	5 Sep 2001	9 Jan 2003	3 Feb 2003
1. Would increase support	71.0%	34.7%	35.9%
2. Would decrease support	8.6%	22.7%	21.7%
3.No difference	13.0%	25.2%	24.5%
4. No opinion	7.4%	17.4%	17.9%

6. If you compare the prices of commodities with your personal financial conditions, do you or not believe that it is an appropriate time to purchase them?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
1. Appropriate	8.3%	6.1%
2. Somewhat Appropriate	38.8%	34.7%
3. Somewhat Inappropriate	30.5%	36.7%
4. Absolutely Inappropriate	16.6%	17.2%
5. No Opinion	5.8%	5.2%

7. Do you believe that the PA is capable or incapable of creating job opportunities to the Palestinian workers in Israel?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
1. Capable	22.8%	15.7%
2. Incapable	62.4%	67.1%
3. Do not know	14.8%	17.2%

8. Are you in favor or against an open market with the Israel one as it was the case before the arrival of the PA?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
1. In favor	34.6%	25.2%
2. Against	51.2%	54.2%
3. Not sure	14.2%	20.6%

9. If Al-Aqsa Intifada continued in a way that further aggravated your financial conditions, would you still support it or demand that it stop?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
1. Would still support	37.6%	44.2%
2. Would demand that it stop	25.3%	30.9%
3. Do not know	37.1%	24.8%

10. How likely is it that peace will prevail with Israel in the near future?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
Very likely	8.4%	8.2%
Likely	20.5%	30.5%
Unlikely	19.5%	23.0%
Absolutely unlikely	33.5%	27.1%
Refuse to answer / do not know	18.1%	11.2%

11. How much longer time can you tolerate the economical consequences of the Intifada?

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003
1. One month	8.5%	15.8%
2. Two months	8.5%	10.8%
3. Three months	11.6%	12.2%
4. Four months	6.8%	2.6%
5. More than four months	64.2%	18.4%
6. Do not know	0.4%	40.1%

General information about the sample:

1. Sex composition of the sample:

	2 September 2002	9 January 2003	3 February 2003
1. Male	51.2%	51.3%	53.4%
2. Female	48.8%	48.7%	46.6%

2. Sample composition according to type of residence:

	2 September 2002	9 January 2003	3 February 2003
1. City	46.6%	48.6%	48.3%
2. Village/Town	44.3%	42.3%	43.4%
3. Refugee Camp	9.1%	9.0%	8.3%

3. Practice of Religion:

	2 September 2002	9 January 2003	3 February 2003
1. Secular	8.7%	10.3%	10.1%
2. Religious	51.1%	46.5%	47.3%
3. Traditional	35.8%	35.7%	35.5%
4. Religious activist	4.4%	7.4%	7.1%

4. Sample composition according to Martial Status:

	2 September 2002	9 January 2003	3 February 2003
1. Single	38.7%	36.9%	37.6%
2. Married	57.2%	57.5%	57.2%
3. Other	4.1%	5.6%	5.2

5. Comosition of sample according to District:

	2 September 2002	9 January 2003	3 February 2003
1. Jenin	12.1%	12.9%	12.4%
2. Nablus	15.7%	15.4%	15.1%
3. Ramallah	12.9%	13.4%	13.1%
4. Bethlehem	8.3%	7.4%	7.9%
5. Jerusalem	7.0%	7.0%	7.1%
6. Hebron	24.4%	24.3%	24.5%
7. Jericho	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%
8. Tulkarem	8.1%	8.1%	8.2%
9. Tubas	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%
10. Qalqilya	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
11. Salfit	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%

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