

Poll no. 110.

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

- * 69.8% Evaluate the general economical conditions in the Palestinian territories as bad.
- * 49.8% Worried to varying degrees for their means of Subsistence.
- * 56.0% Pessimistic about the future.
- * 64.7% Believe that the PA is incapable of creating job opportunities for the Palestinians workers in Israel.

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A poll recently conducted by the PCPO and prepared by Dr. Nabil Kukali included a random sample of 728 adults, 18 years and older, from the West Bank including East Jerusalem. The Poll reveals that 69.8% of Palestinians evaluate the general economical condition in the Palestinian Territories as bad, while 23.1% evaluate it fair, 2.6% good, and 4.5% express no opinion.

President of the PCPO, Dr. Nabil Kukali, stated that the poll took place April 2-7,2003 and the average age of the respondents was 30.68 years, and the margin of error was ± 3.6 percent points. Kukali also stated that the percentage of female respondents was 47.8%, while that of the male ones was 52.2%. He also explained that the respondent's location of residence was as follows: 48.3% city, 41.0% village, and 10.7% refugee camp. He pointed out to the average size of respondents' families that was 6.3 persons, and the average number of schooling years was 11.9 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	14 Apr 2003
1. Good	9.2%	4.0%	2.6%
2. Fair	24.7%	21.4%	23.1%
3. Bad	60.8%	71.5%	69.8%
4. Do not Know	5.3%	3.1%	4.5%

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

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. Highly concerned	20.7%	23.9%	22.4%
2. Concerned	29.8%	36.1%	27.4%
3. Not that concerned	19.8%	21.0%	17.5%
4. Absolutely unconcerned	19.1%	10.8%	18.7%
5. Do not know	10.6%	8.1%	14.0%

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

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. Optimistic	29.2%	22.4%	30.0%
2. Pessimistic	56.8%	63.1%	56.0%
3. No opinion	14.0%	14.5%	14.0%

4. 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	14 Apr 2003
1. Would increase support	71.0%	34.7%	35.9%	28.4%
2. Would decrease support	8.6%	22.7%	21.7%	21.6%
3. No difference	13.0%	25.2%	24.5%	21.3%
4. No opinion	7.4%	17.4%	17.9%	28.7%

5. 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	14 Apr 2003
1. Appropriate	8.3%	6.1%	7.6%
2. Somewhat Appropriate	38.8%	34.7%	32.3%
3. Somewhat Inappropriate	30.5%	36.7%	28.2%
4. Absolutely Inappropriate	16.6%	17.2%	19.6%
5. No Opinion	5.8%	5.2%	12.3%

6. 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	14 Apr 2003
1. Capable	22.8%	15.7%	18.2%
2. Incapable	62.4%	67.1%	64.7%
3. Do not know	14.8%	17.2%	17.1%

7. 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	14 Apr 2003
1. In favor	34.6%	25.2%	38.8%
2. Against	51.2%	54.2%	40.3%
3. Not sure	14.2%	20.6%	20.9%

8. 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	14 Apr 2003
1. Would still support	37.6%	44.2%	32.3%
2. Would demand that it stop	25.3%	30.9%	30.9%
3. Do not know	37.1%	24.8%	36.8%

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

	20 Nov 2002	3 Feb 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. One month	8.5%	15.8%	9.1%
2. Two months	8.5%	10.8%	6.3%
3. Three months	11.6%	12.2%	9.7%
4. Four months	6.8%	2.6%	3.9%
5. More than four months	64.2%	18.4%	23.0%
6. Do not know	0.4%	40.1%	48.0%

10. Thirty months back, to the time when the current Al-Aqsa Intifada broke out, do you believe that it served or harmed the Palestinian interests?

	20 Nov 2002	9 Jan 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. Considerably served	13.3%	11.8%	12.6%
1. Somewhat served	28.4%	34.9%	33.8%
2. Somewhat harmed	15.8%	19.6%	17.1%
3. Considerably harmed	25.1%	21.1%	21.8%
4. No opinion	17.4%	12.6%	14.7%

11. Do you or not believe that if the Israeli government's taking serious and sincere measures to lift the siege and security belt on the Palestinian territories will alleviate violence?

	20 Nov 2002	9 Jan 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. Yes	28.7%	26.8%	26.8%
2. To some extent	35.8%	34.0%	46.0%
3. No	25.8%	32.4%	18.0%
4. Do not know	9.7%	6.8%	9.2%

12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the notion that says that starting honest and serious negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis will bring peace to the region?

	10 Jun 2002	14 Apr 2003
1. Strongly agree	16.5%	13.9%
2. Somewhat agree	33.6%	38.6%
3. Somewhat disagree	16.0%	15.8%
4. Strongly disagree	24.5%	18.2%
5. Do not know / no opinion.	9.4%	13.5%

13. Do you or not see a possibility for both Israelis and Palestinians to coexist peacefully together after a Palestinian state alongside with Israel had been established:

	10 Jun 2002	14 Apr 2003
1. Yes	34.3%	33.8%
2. No	45.2%	36.9%
3. Do not Know	20.5%	29.3%

14. Do you or not believe that both Israelis and Palestinians have the right to live in peace and security:

	10 Jun 2002	14 Apr 2003
1. Yes	50.8%	54.2%
2. No	35.5%	26.5%
3. Do not know	13.7%	19.3%

General information about the sample:

1. Sex composition of the sample:

	2 Sep 2002	9 Jan 2003	3 Feb 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. Male	51.2%	51.3%	53.4%	52.2%
2. Female	48.8%	48.7%	46.6%	47.8%

2. Sample composition according to type of residence:

	2 Sep 2002	9 Jan 2003	3 Feb 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. City	46.6%	48.6%	48.3%	48.3%
2. Village/Town	44.3%	42.3%	43.4%	41.0%
3. Refugee Camp	9.1%	9.1%	8.3%	10.7%

3. Practice of Religion:

	2 Sep 2002	9 Jan 2003	3 Feb 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. Secular	8.7%	10.3%	10.1%	3.3%
2. Religious	51.1%	46.5%	47.3%	52.0%
3. Traditional	35.8%	35.7%	35.5%	42.1%
4. Religious activist	4.4%	7.4%	7.1%	2.5%

4. Sample composition according to Martial Status:

	2 Sep 2002	9 Jan 2003	3 Feb 2003	14 Apr 2003
1. Single	38.7%	36.9%	37.6%	39.6%
2. Married	57.2%	57.5%	57.2%	55.8%
3. Other	4.1%	5.6%	5.2%	4.6%

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