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

- 61.2% Would to varying degrees support Iraq if the United States struck it.
- 48.9% See no difference between a labor-led or Likud-led Israeli government
- 38.1% Believe that the 1996 general elections law must be Amended.
- 41.7% Believe to varying degrees that the Al-Aqsa Intifada was in favor of the Palestinian interests.
- 60.8% Evaluate the general economical conditions in the Palestinian territories as bad.
- 50.5% Worried to varying degrees for their means of Subsistence.
- 56.8% Pessimistic about the future
- 62.4% 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 1041 adults, 18 years and older, from the West Bank including East Jerusalem. The Poll reveals that 60.8% of Palestinians evaluate the general economical condition in the Palestinian Territories as bad, while 24.7% evaluate it fair, 9.2% good, and 5.3% express no opinion.

President of the PCPO, Dr. Nabil Kukali, stated that the poll took place November 11-16, 2002, and the average age of the respondents was 32.05 years, and the margin of error was ± 3.04 percent points.

Director of Public Relations at the PCPO, **Dr. Walid Shomaly**, said that the percentage of female respondents was 51.0%, while that of the male ones was 49.0%. Dr. Shomaly

also stated that the respondent's location of residence was as follows: 54.4% city, 34.3% village, and 11.3% refugee camp. He pointed out to the average size of respondents' families that was 7.01 persons, and the average number of schooling years was 11.9 years.

Dr. Shomaly said that results of the poll were as follows:

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

1. Good	9.2%
2. Fair	24.7%
3. Bad	60.8%
4. Do not Know	5.3%

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

1. Highly concerned	20.7%
2. Concerned	29.8%
3. Not that concerned	19.8%
4. Absolutely unconcerned	19.1%
5. Do not know	10.6%

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

1. Optimistic	29.2%
2. Pessimistic	56.8%
3. No opinion	14.0%

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

1. Yes	38.6%
2. No	36.2%
3. No Opinion	25.2%

5. Do you or not believe that it is necessary to amend the general elections law that was issued in 1996?

1. Yes	38.1%
2. No	32.8%
3. No Opinion	29.1%

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

1. Appropriate	8.3%
2. Somewhat Appropriate	38.8%
3. Somewhat Inappropriate	30.5%
4. Absolutely Inappropriate	16.6%
5. No Opinion	5.8%

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

1. Considerably served	13.3%
2. Somewhat served	28.4%
3. Somewhat harmed	15.8%
4. Considerably harmed	25.1%
5. No opinion	17.4%

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

1. Capable	22.8%
2. Incapable	62.4%
3. Do not know	14.8%

9. 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?

1. Yes	28.7%
2. To some extent	35.8%
3. No	25.8%
4. Do not know	9.7%

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

1. In favor	34.6%
2. Against	51.2%
3. Not sure	14.2%

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

1. Would still support	37.6%
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2. Would demand that it stop	25.3%
3. Do not know	37.1%

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

1. One month	8.5%
2. Two months	8.5%
3. Three months	11.6%
4. Four months	6.8%
5. More than four months	64.2%
6. Do not know	0.4%

13. If the Palestinian Authority orders “Fatah Tanzim” and other organizations indirectly linked to the PA’s security services to hand over their weapons for confiscation or destruction. What do you believe that “Fatah Tanzim” and other organization should do?

1. Hand over their weapons for confiscation and Destruction	18.7%
2. Hide their weapons	48.6%
3. Do nothing	32.7%

14. Will a labor led Israeli government be better or worse than a Likud-led government as to the peace process between Palestinians and Israelis?

1. Better	16.8%
2. Worse	24.6%
3. No Difference	48.9%
4. Do not know	9.7%

15. If municipality or village council elections being held today, which political party would you vote for?

1. People’s Party	2.1%
2. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)	9.9%
3. Fatah	30.3%
4. Hamas	18.0%
5. Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP)	3.1%
6. Islamic Jihad	6.4%
7. Fida	2.4%
8. Independents	8.8%
9. None of the above	12.0%
10. Other	7.0%

16. To what degree do you agree with the notion that some people say “Palestinians ought to support Iraq as they did in 1991, if the United States of American strikes it again”?

1. Strongly agree	36.8%
2. Somewhat agree	24.4%
3. Somewhat disagree	9.2%
4. Strongly disagree	14.3%
5. No opinion	15.3%

17. When asked: “to what degree do you support President Arafat”?

1. Strongly support	20.2%
2. Somewhat Support	18.1%
3. Somewhat oppose	21.7%
4. Strongly oppose	16.1%
5. No Opinion	23.9%

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

1. Very likely	8.4%
2. Likely	20.5%
3. Unlikely	19.5%
4. Absolutely unlikely	33.5%
5. Refuse to answer / do not know	18.1%

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