



Press Release

PSR-PPC Opinion Poll on the Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process

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The Two-State Solution Coalition (TSC), jointly with the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR), commissioned a public opinion poll on the Palestinian public perception of and attitudes towards the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP), particularly on negotiations, the two-state solution, relations with the new US Administration and with Israel, the internal Palestinian elections and Jerusalem.

The poll was conducted in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip between October 14th -23th, 2021. **Background Elements** > New US Administration under President Biden and its relation to the Calls to return to Negotiations under the international Quartet, including Russia, EU, UN and US furthermore the escalated tension in Jerusalem and the postpone of the elections.

The total size of the sample is 1800 adults interviewed face to face in 120 randomly selected locations. Margin of error is +/-3%.

The survey looked at the public opinion supporting the two-state solution and a peace plan that covered a range of topics regarding the conflict. It also examined public perception of the impact of postponing the Palestinian election as well as the role of the Israeli consent on the Jerusalem inclusion of said election, in addition to the peace plan changes under the Biden administration. Finally, on the prospects for reunification of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Main Findings

Conflict Resolution:

We asked the public about the preference for a solution to the conflict with Israel. Three options in particular were presented to the public: a two-state solution; a democratic one-state solution in which a single state between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea would be created and in which Jews and Arabs would enjoy equal rights; and a one-state solution in which the status of the Palestinians in the occupied territories would be

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equivalent to that of Israeli Arabs today. The largest percentage of 46%, showed support for the two-state solution while 6% opted for a democratic one-state, and 9% for a one-state in which Palestinians would have the same status as Israeli Arabs, while 39% have no opinion on their preference. No major differences were found between West Bankers and Gazans.

Future Scenarios:

We asked the public to tell us what, in its view, if they lean to supporting or opposing making the city of Jerusalem, East and West, an open city while East Jerusalem serves as the capital of the state of Palestine and West Jerusalem as the capital of Israel based on the two-state solution between Palestinians and Israelis. Respondents had three choices. The one that received the largest percentage opposing with 73% selecting it. The scenario selected next was supporting said question as 23%. number three was one leading to 4% were not sure or did not provide an answer.

Respondents were then asked to speculate about the situation of the Palestinian leadership under the new Biden administration whether they support or oppose a return to dialogue with the US under the new administration of Joe Biden. The majority of 53% oppose, meanwhile 38% support with a small window of 8% in a state of indecisiveness. And Whether it would open the door for a return of Palestinian-Israeli negotiations within the context of the two-state solution. The largest percentage (52%) indicated that people do not foresee any glimpse of hope regarding the return of trustworthy negotiations. But 38% thought that there is hope since Trump is out of the picture. while the rest of (10%) were not sure or did not provide an answer.

PA return to negotiations:

We asked the public if the PA would return to negotiations with Israel under the sponsorship of the Quartet, made up of the US, Russia, the EU, and the UN as a solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict respondents were given two options to choose from: a majority of 54% said “no,” while 37% said “yes” the efforts are serious. Yet, only 7% selected the option of “No-answer”. However, when asked regarding the support of return of the Palestinian side to negotiations with Israel without prior conditions from either side; (70%) opposed while a minority opted yes with the percentage of (19%).

