

Public Opinion Poll Results on Political Issues Related to The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Among Palestinian Women Living in The West Bank and Gaza

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Introduction

The Palestinian Peace Coalition (PPC) commissioned Insights for Polling, Research, and Training to conduct a political public opinion poll among Palestinian women residing in the West Bank and Gaza. The PCC team identified the indicators to be measured in this public opinion poll. The Insights research team digitized the data entry program using stringent quality control protocols. The researchers at Insights conducted a pilot study to validate the questionnaire, assess the receptivity of the general public, and evaluate the sensitivity of the respondents to some of the survey questions.


Data Collection

To collect data for this public opinion poll, Insights used their call center to randomly call mobile numbers from the West Bank and Gaza. Before data collection started, callers were trained on the questionnaire by the data collection coordinator, who has extensive experience in data collection protocols using both telephone and face-to-face interviewing.

Out of the 5000 randomly selected mobile numbers, the callers at Insights call center successfully managed to get 1136 Palestinian women living in the West Bank and Gaza who are 18 years or older to participate in the poll and fill out the questionnaire. This yielded a sample size that is large enough to provide statistically significant results.

The survey was conducted over a 20-day period, starting on April 11th, 2023 and ending on April 31st, 2023. The target population for the survey was all Palestinian women living in the West Bank and Gaza who are 18 years or older, and the data collection process was conducted in a manner that ensured maximum representativeness of this population.



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Data Analysis

Insights' data analysis team conducted bivariate analysis of all indicators based on two key background variables: age category and region. The age category was divided into two segments: young Palestinian women aged between 18 to 29 years, and older women aged 30 years and above. The region variable was categorized into two areas: the West Bank and Gaza.

The data was reweighted according to the district variable to make sure that the representation of each district in the sample is similar to that in the overall population. The distribution of women over the different districts was obtained from the Palestinian bureau of statistics latest forecasts for the population size per district.


Main Findings

The poll results indicate that a vast majority of Palestinian women (93.6%) believe that maintaining the status quo of Israeli-Palestinian relations is detrimental to Palestinian society. The survey revealed no significant difference in opinion between women residing in the West Bank and those living in Gaza, nor was there a noticeable difference between the responses of younger and older women. Please refer to Annex I for more details.

When asked about their preferred solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, 39.7% of Palestinian women supported a two-state solution. The survey results showed that older women were more likely to support a two-state solution (42.1%) than their younger counterparts (34.1%). Additionally, women residing in the West Bank were more likely to support a two-state solution (41.6%) than those living in Gaza (36.9%).

A significant proportion of Palestinian women (37.1%) expressed their support for restarting Israeli-Palestinian negotiations based on a two-state solution. Results showed that older women were significantly more supportive of this approach (41.1%) than younger women (28.3%). There was no significant difference in the opinion of women living in the West Bank and those in Gaza in terms of support for relaunching negotiations.




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Surprisingly, 35% of Palestinian women expressed their interest in participating in programs that bring Israeli and Palestinian women together to learn about each other and collaborate on activities that contribute to ending the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. The survey showed no significant difference in support for such activities across age categories or regions.


When asked to prioritize issues, Jerusalem was the most important issue for Palestinian women (46.5%), followed by the refugee problem (14.8%) and the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza (11.5%). Results showed that younger women cared more about Jerusalem (51.4%) than older women (44.2%), but there was no significant difference across West Bank and Gaza.

When asked about the chances of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict if women assumed top leadership positions on both sides, 27.5% of Palestinian women believed that the chances would increase. 18.7% believed that the chances would decline, and 40.6% believed that the chances would remain the same. Younger women expressed more confidence in women's leadership in resolving the conflict than older women.




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Annex I : Basic Results of The Women And Conflict Poll By Age Category



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		Age category		
		"18-29 years"	"30 years and older"	Total
		Column N %	Column N %	Column N %
In your opinion, do you consider the continuation of the current situation good or bad for Palestinians?	very good	.3%	.6%	.5%
	Good	2.5%	3.4%	3.1%
	Bad	32.1%	31.2%	31.5%
	very bad	61.2%	62.4%	62.1%
	don't know	3.8%	2.3%	2.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Among the following options, which comprises the best solution for the Palestinian Israeli conflict?	two-state solution	34.6%	42.1%	39.7%
	One-state solution with equal rights for all its citizens	17.1%	16.1%	16.4%
	one-state solution with less rights for Palestinians	4.6%	4.8%	4.7%
	Other	43.7%	37.0%	39.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Do you support or oppose re-launching Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the basis of the two-state solution?	strongly support	3.9%	4.6%	4.4%
	support	24.4%	36.5%	32.7%
	oppose	40.3%	29.2%	32.7%
	strongly oppose	21.9%	17.6%	19.0%
	don't know	9.5%	12.1%	11.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Would you be interested in participating in a program that brings Israeli and Palestinian women together to learn more about each other and work on ending the Israeli occupation	very interested	4.6%	8.1%	7.0%
	interested	28.5%	27.7%	28.0%
	not interested	38.0%	36.5%	37.0%
	not interested at all	23.3%	22.7%	22.9%
	don't know	5.6%	5.0%	5.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



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Which one of the following issues is the most important for you in relation to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?	Israeli occupation for the West Bank and Gaza	14.9%	9.9%	11.5%
	expansion of settlements	3.9%	4.1%	4.0%
	Jerusalem and holy places	51.4%	44.2%	46.5%
	solving the refugee's problem	12.0%	16.1%	14.8%
	security arrangements	.9%	2.0%	1.6%
	mutual recognition of Israelis and Palestinians to each other's	2.5%	3.0%	2.8%
	all of the options	9.6%	13.5%	12.3%
	don't know	4.8%	7.2%	6.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
What is the most important source of information for you in relation to the political process related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?	TV news channels	16.5%	27.6%	24.1%
	social media platforms	69.0%	48.5%	55.1%
	newspapers	1.3%	2.7%	2.2%
	friends and family members	3.8%	2.7%	3.0%
	books and magazines published by research centers and universities	1.1%	1.8%	1.6%
	I don't follow news in relation to the conflict	7.0%	12.5%	10.7%
	don't know	1.4%	4.3%	3.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How much do you agree on the statement saying "The Israeli occupation is part of my daily life."?	strongly agree	22.3%	25.5%	24.5%
	agree	40.7%	39.4%	39.8%
	disagree	20.9%	19.5%	19.9%
	strongly disagree	12.3%	11.8%	12.0%
	don't know	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%




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How much do you agree on the statement saying "Both Israelis and Palestinians need to recognize the history of each other so as to proceed on resolving the conflict"?	strongly agree	1.5%	4.5%	3.5%
	agree	32.9%	32.7%	32.7%
	disagree	37.0%	31.5%	33.2%
	strongly disagree	20.2%	16.9%	17.9%
	don't know	8.4%	14.5%	12.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How much do you agree with the statement saying "The continuation of the conflict destroys the morals of both sides"?	strongly agree	10.9%	17.7%	15.5%
	agree	45.3%	43.3%	43.9%
	disagree	29.8%	24.9%	26.5%
	strongly disagree	5.0%	3.5%	4.0%
	don't know	9.0%	10.7%	10.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
To what extent does the Israeli occupation influence your personal safety?	to a great extent	39.8%	45.0%	43.4%
	to a little extent	43.1%	38.1%	39.7%
	no effect	10.4%	10.6%	10.5%
	no effect at all	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%
	don't know	4.0%	3.7%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
In your opinion, would the chances of resolving the Israeli Palestinian conflict be affected if both sides have females on the top leadership?	chances will increase	31.8%	25.6%	27.5%
	chances will stay the same	35.7%	42.9%	40.6%
	chances will be less	18.3%	18.8%	18.7%
	don't know	14.2%	12.7%	13.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%




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Annex II: Basic Results of The Women and Conflict Poll by Region (West Bank/Gaza)



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		Region		
		West Bank	Gaza	Total
		Column N %	Column N %	Column N %
In your opinion, do you consider the continuation of the current situation good or bad for Palestinians?	very good	.7%	.2%	.5%
	good	2.8%	3.7%	3.1%
	bad	31.9%	30.8%	31.5%
	very bad	61.7%	62.6%	62.1%
	don't know	2.9%	2.7%	2.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Among the following options, which comprises the best solution for the Palestinian Israeli conflict?	two-state solution	41.6%	36.9%	39.7%
	One-state solution with equal rights for all its citizens	18.3%	13.7%	16.4%
	one-state solution with less rights for Palestinians	5.6%	3.4%	4.7%
	other	34.4%	45.0%	39.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Do you support or object re-launching Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the basis of the two-state solution?	strongly support	4.7%	3.9%	4.4%
	support	33.2%	32.0%	32.7%
	oppose	31.9%	34.0%	32.7%
	strongly oppose	18.7%	19.3%	19.0%
	don't know	11.6%	10.8%	11.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Would you be interested in participating in a program that brings Israeli and Palestinian women together to learn more about each other and work on ending the Israeli occupation	very interested	6.6%	7.6%	7.0%
	interested	26.2%	30.6%	28.0%
	not interested	41.0%	31.1%	37.0%
	not interested at all	22.2%	24.0%	22.9%
	don't know	4.1%	6.8%	5.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Which one of the following issues is the most important for you in relation to the	Israeli occupation for the West Bank and Gaza	10.5%	13.0%	11.5%



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for you in relation to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?	expansion of settlements	5.6%	1.7%	4.0%
	Jerusalem and holy places	45.5%	47.9%	46.5%
	solving the refugee's problem	13.2%	17.1%	14.8%
	security arrangements	1.9%	1.2%	1.6%
	mutual recognition of Israelis and Palestinians to each other's	2.6%	3.2%	2.8%
	all of the options	14.3%	9.3%	12.3%
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What is the most important source of information for you in relation to the political process related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?	TV news channels	23.6%	24.7%	24.1%
	social media platforms	54.8%	55.5%	55.1%
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	friends and family members	2.9%	3.2%	3.0%
	books and magazines published by research centers and universities	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
	I don't follow news in relation to the conflict	10.0%	11.7%	10.7%
	don't know	4.0%	2.4%	3.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How much do you agree on the statement saying "The Israeli occupation is part of my daily life."?	strongly agree	27.9%	19.6%	24.5%
	agree	42.5%	35.9%	39.8%
	disagree	16.5%	24.9%	19.9%
	strongly disagree	9.5%	15.6%	12.0%
	don't know	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How much do you agree on the statement saying "Both Israelis and Palestinians need to recognize the history of each other so as to proceed on resolving the conflict"?	strongly agree	4.1%	2.7%	3.5%
	agree	32.2%	33.5%	32.7%
	disagree	34.7%	31.1%	33.2%
	strongly disagree	17.0%	19.3%	17.9%



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	don't know	12.0%	13.4%	12.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How much do you agree with the statement saying "The continuation of the conflict destroys the morals of both sides"?	strongly agree	17.7%	12.2%	15.5%
	agree	41.2%	47.9%	43.9%
	disagree	26.2%	26.9%	26.5%
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	to a little extent	39.6%	39.9%	39.7%
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	chances will stay the same	47.5%	30.6%	40.6%
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	don't know	11.5%	15.6%	13.2%
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