



Opinion Poll

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The Palestinian Peace Coalition (PPC) has conducted a public opinion poll through the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR) in Ramallah within the framework of the Two-State Solution Coalition program “TSC”. The poll was conducted in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip during the time 27-30 June 2019. The total sample of the poll is 1200 adults, who were interviewed face to face in 120 randomly selected locations. Margin of error is +/-3%.

Area of Focus:

The poll has been tailored in such a way to measure the Palestinians public support for the two-state solution. To this effect, the poll measured first the support a direct way, then the support has been measured, but with combining the two-state solution to a package of incentives, with a reconciliation framework. It is worth mentioning that a significant increase has been noted when combining the two-state solution with the package of reconciliation incentives.

Main Findings:

- When given three choices for a settlement with Israel, the largest percentage (49%) selected the “two state solution, Palestine and Israel, on the basis of the 1967 borders.” The second choice was the “one state, with equal rights and duties to Palestinians and Jews,” with 13% selecting it; 11% selected a third choice: “one state, as the case with Israeli Arabs today.” It is worth noting that 53% of Gazans, compared to 47% of West Bankers, selected the first choice.
- We provided the public with three means for ending the Israeli occupation and asked them to select the most effective: 38% chose armed struggle, 31% negotiations, and 23% popular resistance. In the Gaza Strip, 46%, compared to 33% in the West Bank, chose armed struggle.
- We examined the willingness of the Palestinian public to support the “two state solution, a Palestinian state along the lines of 1967 and the state of Israel” under seven conditions and scenarios **“Reconciliation package”**. **Findings show the following:**
 1. Support for this solution is highest (58%) under two conditions: “respect of the principles of international law by Israel and Palestine” and “an Israeli acknowledgement of and an apology for the suffering of the Palestinian refugees.”
 2. Support is also high (55%) under two other conditions: “acknowledgement of both states to the equal rights of their respective citizens” and “each side to reform its security, educational, and legislatives sectors so that they serve peace.”
 3. Support is similarly high (54%) under a fifth condition: “Each side is to end all its claims against, and demands from, the other side.”
 4. Support remains high but goes down slightly to 51% under one condition: the two sides to recognize the enduring religious and cultural ties of the three monotheistic faiths to the same land, i.e., historic Palestine.”
 5. Support for this solution is lowest (48%) under one scenario: “the apology of each side for the pain and suffering and material loss that the civilians endured.”
- Support for the Arab peace initiative stands at 48% (52% in the Gaza Strip and 47% in the West Bank) and opposition at 45%.