



How do Palestinians Perceive the West¹

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Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies (RCHRS) conducted a survey on Palestinian perceptions of the West, during the period from 18 - 19 June 2009. The number of people surveyed was 1,600 and the sample margin of error was $\pm 2.4\%$. Out of the 1,600, 1,012 were chosen from the West Bank, and 588 from the Gaza Strip. The percentage of males in the sample was 54.9% and females comprised 45.1%, while the average age of the sample members was 34.2 years. The age of the sample group ranged from 18 years to 80 years. The sample group's places of residence were as follows: 44.5% came from urban areas, 36.5% from the villages and towns, and 19% from the refugee camps. The average monthly income of the sample group was NIS 2,114, with some participants earning no income and others earning an income of NIS 10,000 per month.

The Survey's Results

- I. The results reveal varying conceptions of the West among Palestinians. Approximately 33% of respondents characterize the West as non-Islamic states (40% in Gaza and 29% in the West Bank). Twenty-eight percent of those surveyed (35% in the West Bank and 16% in Gaza) said that the West is both Europe and the Americas, and 23% said that the West is Europe and the USA.
- II. Those surveyed believe the position of Western countries in relation to the Palestinian cause is a negative one. Seventy-eight percent of participants (77% in the West Bank and 81% in Gaza) said that the position of the West in relation to the Palestinian cause is bad. A high percentage of the sample group (36%) said that the reason for the West's negative outlook towards Palestinians lies in the pressure exerted by Zionist lobbying groups (43% in the West Bank and 25% in Gaza). Twenty-four percent of those surveyed (18% in the West Bank and 34% in Gaza) said that religion is the main factor and 24% of the surveyed sample (22% in the West Bank and 27% in Gaza) said that the ancient conflict between Arabs and the West is the primary cause.
- III. Significant differences were found between Gaza and West Bank responses regarding the reason for the West's negative outlook on the Palestinian cause. In Gaza, the highest percentage of respondents said that the religious factor, followed by the ancient conflict, and lastly, the role of the

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Zionist lobbying groups are the primary reasons for a negative outlook. In contrast, the highest percentage of West Bank respondents said that the Zionist lobbying groups are the primary cause, followed by the ancient conflict and lastly, the religious factor.

- IV. When the sample group was asked whether or not Western governments and their people hold different opinions regarding the Palestinian cause, 43% of the sample said that such differences exist, while the percentage of those who said that these differences do not exist was low and did not exceed 13% of the surveyed sample. When comparing the stances of Western governments and their people regarding the Palestinian cause, 68% said that the people hold more positive stances while 9% said that governments hold the more positive stance regarding this cause.
- V. When comparing the stances of the West with regard to the Palestinian cause, 83% of respondents said that the stance of the U.S. is the worst, followed by 78% for Britain and 71% for Denmark. The countries with the most positive ratings are Sweden (37%), Russia (37%), and Norway (35%).
- VI. This rating was not much different in the West Bank in comparison with Gaza. In the West Bank, the U.S. ranked first among the countries with a negative stance against Palestinians (84%), followed by Britain (79%) and then Denmark (66%). In Gaza, 81% of the respondents said that the U.S. has the most negative stance, followed by Britain with (81%) and Denmark with (78%).
- VII. With regard to countries with positive stances, Russia ranked first (44%), followed by Sweden (39%) and then Spain (37%) in the West Bank. In Gaza, Sweden ranked first (35%), followed by Switzerland (34%) and then Norway with (3%). The results reveal that the positive assessment is lower in Gaza compared to the West Bank. It is also noted that positive assessments are low overall in both the West Bank and in Gaza.
- VIII. When asked if relations with the West will improve if a solution is found for the Palestinian problem, 44% of those surveyed said that it will and 34% said there would be no change in the relations. This result reflects that, according to surveyed persons, there are other issues in addition to the Palestinian cause that shape Palestinian-Western relations. Eighteen percent of respondents said that relations would deteriorate.
- IX. The West as perceived politically: 52% of the surveyed persons (57% in the West Bank and 44% in Gaza) said that the West might become a political ally or opponent depending on interests. Thirty-two percent of the surveyed persons (29% in the West Bank and 37% in Gaza) consider the West as a political opponent and 12% consider it as a political ally (11% in the West Bank and 15% in Gaza).
- X. The West as perceived culturally: Answers were more decisive. Sixty-one percent of the surveyed persons (68% in the West Bank and 48% in Gaza) said that the West is well developed on the cultural level and the West's experience should be taken into consideration. Thirty-one percent of the sample (32% in the West Bank and 44% in Gaza) said that the West is *Dar Kofr* (land of non-believers) and should be boycotted.

- XI. On the economic level, perception of the West was more positive. Seventy-seven percent of the surveyed sample (79% in the West Bank and 74% in Gaza) said that the West is economically advanced and that the Arab world should learn from the West's experience. Those who said that it is *Dar Kofr* and should be boycotted dropped to 18% (16% in the West Bank and 22% in Gaza Strip).
- XII. It was clear from the survey that Palestinians accept the West's economic models more than its political and cultural models. It is also obvious that there is a difference between people's views in the West Bank in comparison with those in Gaza as to how they see the West on a cultural level. However, results were much more similar in the West Bank and Gaza with regard to economic perceptions of the West.
- XIII. With regard to the impact of Western Imperialism on the Arab world, 66% of the surveyed persons (in both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip) said that Imperialism has contributed to the underdevelopment of Arab societies. Only 16% of the surveyed sample (14% in the West Bank and 19% in Gaza) said that Imperialism contributed to the progress of Arab societies. The percentage of those who said that Imperialism did not have any positive or negative impact was 14%.
- XIV. With regard to how the West perceives the Arabs, 65% of the surveyed sample (60% in the West Bank and 74% in Gaza) said that the perception is generally negative. A relatively high percentage of the surveyed sample 25%, (29% in the West Bank and 18% in Gaza), said that the viewpoint is generally neutral. A very small percentage (8%) said that the viewpoint is positive. It should be noted that survey results also indicate that Gazans perceive the viewpoint of the West to be significantly more negative than West Bank respondents.
- XV. With regard to future relations between the Arabs and the West, 45% of the surveyed sample (41% in the West Bank and 52% in Gaza) said that relations are heading towards greater tensions. Twenty-one percent of the surveyed persons (23% in the West Bank and 18% in Gaza) said that relations are heading towards reconciliation and 23% said that they are heading towards partnership. This means that those who say that relations will improve or deteriorate are almost equal in number. Forty-nine percent in the West Bank and 36% in Gaza said that relations will improve and 41% in the West Bank and 52% in Gaza believe that relations will grow worse.
- XVI. With regard to democracy and the extent to which Palestine could benefit from the West's experience in this area, 42% of respondents (45% in the West Bank and 37% in Gaza) said that the West's experience is useful for Palestine, while 50% said that the experience of the West is of no value (47% in the West Bank and 54% in Gaza). These figures indicate that West Bank respondents feel that the West's model of democracy is more beneficial in comparison with Gazan respondents. However, more respondents overall feel that it is not possible to benefit from the West's experience. It is also clear that the respondents from the Gaza Strip reject Western democracy more than the respondents from the West Bank.

- XVII. On the subject of citizenship and public freedoms as practiced in the West, 48% of respondents said that Palestinians could not benefit from the West's experience and 45% of those surveyed said potential benefits were possible. Significant differences are apparent between West Bank responses and those in Gaza. In the West Bank 53% of the sample said that the West's experience is helpful and 41% said that it is not. In Gaza, only 32% of the sample said it is useful while 62% said that it is not.
- XVIII. On the role of the Western culture in constructing a global civilization, 38% of the surveyed sample (45% in the West Bank and 27% in Gaza) said that Western culture plays a positive role, while 53% of respondents (45% in the West Bank, and 66% in Gaza) said that its role is negative.
- XIX. When asked about the attitudes towards the West, 37% of those surveyed in both the West Bank and Gaza said that the West is powerful and that Palestinians should strengthen ties with the West. Yet, it was felt that these relations should be based on equal respect. Twenty-five percent of respondents (18% in the West Bank and 36% in Gaza) believe that the West is an enemy to be fought. The results indicate great disparity between the answers of the West Bank respondents compared to those of Gaza.
- XX. Regarding the treatment of Muslims in the West, 58% of respondents (50% in the West Bank and 70% in the Strip) said that Muslims are treated badly. On the other hand, 30% of the respondents (37% in the West Bank and 17% in Gaza) said that they are treated equally in relation to other religious groups. These results reflect that people in Gaza trust the West significantly less than people in the West Bank.
- XXI. Regarding the question of whether or not Muslims who are living in the West should integrate, 48% of the respondents (38% in the West Bank and 66% in Gaza) said they should not integrate for fear of losing their religious faith. The percentage of those who said that integration is necessary was 46% (57% in the West Bank and 26% in Gaza). It should again be noted that there is a significant difference between the West Bank and Gaza Strip responses to this question.
- XXII. With regard to efforts to spread Islam in the West, 91% of the respondents (88% in the West Bank and 94% in Gaza) support such efforts. On the other hand, 82% of the respondents (79% in the West Bank and 87% in Gaza) oppose efforts to spread Christianity throughout Muslim countries. It seems that the concept of impartiality is not a widely held value when considering religious practices. These high percentages reflect that tolerance of those with different beliefs is still a far-reaching aim.
- XXIII. With regard to how each country in the West is perceived, Denmark ranked last with regard to how it treats Muslims and Islam. The U.S., and then Britain followed Denmark, with the second and third lowest ratings respectively. Eighty-three percent of the surveyed sample said that Denmark adopts negative stances regarding Muslims and Islam. The percentages for the U.S. and Britain closely followed with 81% and 79% respectively. Countries that were more positively rated were Sweden (33%), Switzerland (29%), and Spain (29%). When comparing the West Bank

results with those of Gaza, it is apparent that Gazans hold a more negative view of Western countries' treatment of Muslims and Islam.

- XXIV. On the question of a new partnership with Europe, 75% of the surveyed sample supported good economic relations with the West and 47% supported cultural reciprocity and exchange. The results reflect that there is reluctance to value Western political and cultural models, but when it comes to economic relations, the results are conclusively positive.
- XXV. On the extent to which the West respects human rights, the overall responses were positive. Respect for the law received 8.2 out of 10 points, freedom of opinion and expression (8.3), freedom of the press (8.2), the rights of women (7.8), the respect for individuals' privacy (7.6), and respect for citizens' rights (7.7). The human right with the lowest ranking was respect for religious freedoms, which received a score of 5.6.
- XXVI. On the question of Arab countries' respect for human rights, the overall answers were very negative. Respect for the law received 4.4 out of 10 points, freedom of opinion and expression (3.6), freedom of the press (3.0), the rights of women (4.8), the respect for individuals' privacy (3.9), and respect for citizens' rights (4.0). The only human right with a higher than average ranking was respect for religious freedoms, which received a score of 6.6.
- XXVII. Regarding secularism, adopted by Western societies, 14% of the surveyed persons said that it is the correct approach, 35% said it could possibly be the right approach, and 41% (39% in the West Bank and 46% in Gaza) said that it is not the right approach.
- XXVIII. Regarding the use of religious dialogue as a means by which to achieve understanding with the West, 57% of the respondents (64% in the West Bank and 45% in Gaza) supported dialogue and 36% opposed it (27% in the West Bank and 47% in Gaza).
- XXIX. On president Obama's speech to the Islamic world, survey responses indicate that the speech did not have a positive impact on Palestinians. Sixty-eight percent of the surveyed sample, with equal percentages in the West Bank and Gaza, said that the speech was a public relations speech and that the U.S. will not change its policy toward the region. Nineteen percent of respondents said that the speech marked the beginning of good relations with the Arab and Muslim countries.
- XXX. With regard to countries that could serve as impartial mediators for peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis, most of the Western countries received a negative assessment with some variation. Seventeen percent of the surveyed sample believe that the EU could serve as an impartial mediator, while 12% of the respondents believe France to be best suited for that role and 10% see the U.S. as the best potential mediator. No respondents believe that Denmark is capable of playing the role of an impartial mediator.
- XXXI. In terms of Palestinian perceptions of Western economic aid, 25% of the respondents viewed it as humanitarian assistance, 38% viewed it as a

deterrent to resistance, 18% believed it was given by the West to maintain the peace process, and 17% said it is the West's compensation for its share of responsibility in causing the current Palestinian crisis.

- XXXII. Most respondents believe that the Zionist lobby plays an influential role in shaping Western policy towards the Palestinian cause. Seventy-three percent of the respondents (82% in the West Bank and 58% in Gaza) said that Zionist lobby groups consistently play a role in this area and 19% of the respondents (13% in the West Bank and 28% in Gaza) said that sometimes this lobby affects Western policies towards the Palestinian cause.
- XXXIII. Forty-four percent of the surveyed sample (49% in the West Bank and 35% in Gaza) support the Palestinian Authority accession to the European Union if there is such an opportunity, and (45%) oppose the idea (41% in the West Bank and 51% in Gaza). Religion may be one reason that Gazan survey respondents expressed more opposition to the accession concept compared to the West Bank respondents.
- XXXIV. Regarding the much publicized cartoons produced in Denmark depicting images of the Prophet and Islam, 49% of respondents (52% in the West Bank and in Gaza 45%) said that the cartoons expressed personal animosity against Islam by the artist, 41% (38% in the West Bank, and 45% in Gaza) said that the cartoons expressed the official policy of Denmark as one that stands against Islam, while 6% consider them to be expressions of freedom and opinion.
- XXXV. On the role of Palestinian Christians in forming relations with the West, 43% (46% in the West Bank and 39% in Gaza) said that they are no different than the Muslim majority in their ability to form relations, 27% of respondents (30% in the West Bank and 22% in Gaza) said that Palestinian Christians could potentially create a bridge between the two societies, and 20% said that Palestinian Christians are at variance with Arab society and serve the West.

Detailed Results

Have you ever visited a foreign country?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Yes	27.7	13.3	22.4
No	72.3	86.7	77.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Who do you consider to be western countries?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Non-Islamic countries	29.2	39.8	33.1
European countries only	12.3	12.2	12.3
Europe and the USA	21.1	26.5	23.1
Europe and America	34.8	16.3	28.0
Other	0.6	0.7	0.6
No comment/I don't know	2.0	4.4	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In general, how do you assess the position of Western countries regarding the Palestinian cause?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Good	21.3	18.0	20.1
Bad	76.7	81.0	78.3
No comment/I don't know	2.0	1.0	1.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion, what is the main reason for this negative stance regarding the Palestinian cause? (for those who answered "bad")

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Religious considerations	17.6	34.0	23.8
The historic struggle between Arabs and the West	21.9	27.0	23.8
Acts committed by some Arabs in the West	5.0	6.6	5.6
The negative image of the Arabs in the West	9.5	4.6	7.7
The pressure exerted by the Zionist lobbying groups	43.0	24.9	36.2
Other	1.3	2.1	1.6
No comment/I don't know	1.8	0.8	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In your opinion, is there a difference between the stances of Western governments and those of their people regarding the Palestinian cause?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
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Yes there is	46.0	37.1	42.8
Sometimes	38.1	51.4	43.0
No there isn't	13.8	11.6	13.0
No comment/I don't know	2.0	0.0	1.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

According to you, who is more positive towards the Palestinian cause?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Governments	8.5	10.5	9.3
Peoples	68.8	67.7	68.4
There is no difference	22.1	20.7	21.6
No comment/I don't know	0.6	1.0	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you assess the stances of foreign countries related to the Palestinian cause?

Total				
	Good	Bad	No comment/I don't know	
USA	15.3	82.8	2.0	100.0
Britain	16.1	78.3	5.6	100.0
Sweden	37.1	47.5	15.4	100.0
Norway	34.6	51.0	14.4	100.0
Germany	24.0	64.1	11.9	100.0
Russia	36.9	51.6	11.5	100.0
Holland	21.1	59.5	19.4	100.0
Denmark	16.9	70.6	12.5	100.0
France	33.8	57.6	8.6	100.0
Spain	33.8	50.1	16.1	100.0
Switzerland	34.1	44.4	21.5	100.0

West Bank				
	Good	Bad	No comment/I don't know	
USA	13.2	83.8	3.0	100.0
Britain	15.0	78.5	6.5	100.0
Sweden	38.5	44.3	17.2	100.0
Norway	35.8	48.6	15.6	100.0
Germany	28.7	60.7	10.7	100.0
Russia	43.7	45.5	10.9	100.0
Holland	22.9	57.5	19.6	100.0
Denmark	18.6	66.4	15.0	100.0
France	36.4	54.3	9.3	100.0
Spain	36.8	47.0	16.2	100.0
Switzerland	34.0	43.5	22.5	100.0
Gaza Strip				
	Good	Bad	No comment/I don't know	
USA	18.7	81.0	0.3	100.0

Britain	18.0	77.9	4.1	100.0
Sweden	34.7	53.1	12.2	100.0
Norway	32.7	55.1	12.2	100.0
Germany	16.0	70.1	13.9	100.0
Russia	25.2	62.2	12.6	100.0
Holland	18.0	62.9	19.0	100.0
Denmark	13.9	77.9	8.2	100.0
France	29.3	63.3	7.5	100.0
Spain	28.6	55.4	16.0	100.0
Switzerland	34.4	45.9	19.7	100.0

If a solution were reached for the Palestinian problem, how would relations with the West develop?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Relations will improve	45.7	40.5	43.8
Relations will worsen	14.4	23.1	17.6
There won't be any change	35.4	32.0	34.1
No comment/ I don't know	4.5	4.4	4.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In general, how do you perceive the West?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Political opponent	29.2	37.4	32.3
Political ally	10.9	14.6	12.3
Both are possible according to interests	56.7	44.2	52.1
No comment/I don't know	3.2	3.7	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In general, how do you perceive the West on a cultural level?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Culturally developed and we should benefit from it	68.0	48.0	60.6
Has no faith and should be boycotted	23.1	43.5	30.6
Other	1.2	2.4	1.6
No comment/ I don't know	7.7	6.1	7.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In general, how do you perceive the West on an economic level?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Economically developed and we should benefit from it	78.7	74.1	77.0
Has no faith and should be boycotted	15.8	21.8	18.0
Other	1.2	1.0	1.1
No comment/ I don't know	4.3	3.1	3.9

Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
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How do you see the impact of Western Imperialism on the Arab world?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Contributed to the underdevelopment of Arabs	65.8	66.7	66.1
In general, contributed to the development of Arabs	13.8	19.4	15.9
Did not affect the Arabs	16.0	10.9	14.1
Other	0.8	0.7	0.8
No comment/ I don't know	3.6	2.4	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

In general, do you think that the West views of Arabs are...?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Positive	8.7	6.5	7.9
Single-sided	29.1	18.0	25.0
Negative	59.7	73.5	64.8
No comment/ I don't know	2.6	2.0	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The relations with the West are going towards...

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Reconciliation	23.1	17.7	21.1
Struggle	40.9	52.4	45.1
Partnership	25.7	18.7	23.1
No comment/ I don't know	10.3	11.2	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think democracy is a model that could be used in Palestine?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Yes	45.3	36.7	42.1
No	47.4	54.4	50.0
No comment/ I don't know	7.3	8.8	7.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Could the model of citizenship and public freedoms of the West be of value to the Palestinian political system?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Yes	52.8	31.6	4.0
No	40.5	61.6	48.3
No comment/ I don't know	6.7	6.8	6.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you consider the role of the Western culture positive or negative in building a global civilization?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Positive	45.3	26.5	38.4
Negative	45.1	65.6	52.6
No comment/ I don't know	9.7	7.8	9.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Which of the following positions regarding the West do you perceive as wise?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
The West is strong and we should become strong to deal with it on equal ground	36.8	36.4	36.6
The West is an ancient enemy that we should strike	18.4	36.1	24.9
Not all countries in the West are similar in their stances, and we should enter into dialogue with the west in search of common grounds	29.8	17.0	25.1
The West is strong and we should build friendly relations with it	12.8	7.8	11.0
No comment/ I don't know	2.2	2.7	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that Muslims in the West are treated differently?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Special positive treatment	5.7	7.5	6.4
Special negative treatment	50.2	70.4	57.6
The same way other religious groups are treated	36.8	17.3	29.6
No comment/ I don't know	7.3	4.8	6.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you believe that Muslims in the West should...?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Integrate in the society regardless of religious	57.1	25.5	45.5
Not integrate in the society for fear of losing faith	37.9	66.0	48.3
No comment/ I don't know	4.9	8.5	6.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you perceive efforts to spread Islam in the West?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
I agree	88.3	94.2	90.5
I don't agree	7.7	4.4	6.5
No comment/ I don't know	4.0	1.4	3.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you perceive efforts to spread Christianity in the Muslim countries?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
I agree	12.3	6.5	10.1
I don't agree	78.7	87.4	81.9
No comment/ I don't know	9.1	6.1	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you perceive the stances of the following countries on Islam and the Muslim people?

Total				
	Good	Bad	No comment/I don't know	
USA	14.8	81.3	4.0	100.0
Britain	17.1	77.5	5.4	100.0
Sweden	33.0	54.4	12.6	100.0
Norway	27.0	60.3	12.8	100.0
Germany	20.3	67.4	12.4	100.0
Russia	21.3	66.5	12.3	100.0
Holland	15.4	67.3	17.4	100.0
Denmark	7.6	83.0	9.4	100.0
France	22.9	67.0	10.1	100.0
Spain	28.8	57.0	14.3	100.0
Switzerland	29.3	45.5	16.3	100.0
West Bank				
	Good	Bad	No comment/I don't know	
USA	14.8	79.6	5.5	100.0
Britain	19.2	73.9	6.9	100.0
Sweden	38.7	47.8	13.4	100.0
Norway	30.2	57.3	12.5	100.0
Germany	24.1	63.2	12.6	100.0
Russia	25.7	62.5	1.9	100.0
Holland	17.6	65.2	17.2	100.0
Denmark	9.1	81.8	9.1	100.0
France	26.3	62.8	10.9	100.0
Spain	34.6	50.8	14.6	100.0
Switzerland	32.6	49.6	17.8	100.0
Gaza Strip				
	Good	Bad	No comment/I don't know	
USA	14.6	84.0	1.4	100.0
Britain	13.6	83.7	2.7	100.0
Sweden	23.1	65.6	11.2	100.0

Norway	21.4	65.3	13.3	100.0
Germany	13.6	74.5	11.9	100.0
Russia	13.6	73.5	12.9	100.0
Holland	11.6	70.7	17.7	100.0
Denmark	5.1	85.0	9.9	100.0
France	17.0	74.1	8.8	100.0
Spain	18.7	67.7	13.6	100.0
Switzerland	23.5	62.9	13.6	100.0

Do you support or oppose having...with the West?

Total				
	I agree	I disagree	No comment/I don't know	
Economics	74.9	21.6	3.5	100.0
Politics	42.5	52.6	4.9	100.0
Culture	46.9	48.3	4.9	100.0
Security	44.4	48.1	7.5	100.0
West Bank				
	I agree	I disagree	No comment/I don't know	
Economics	74.9	20.8	4.3	100.0
Politics	40.9	53.0	6.1	100.0
Culture	49.6	44.7	5.1	100.0
Security	43.5	48.2	8.3	100.0
West Bank				
	I agree	I disagree	No comment/I don't know	
Economics	74.8	23.1	2.0	100.0
Politics	45.2	52.0	2.7	100.0
Culture	42.2	54.4	3.4	100.0
Security	45.9	48.0	6.1	100.0

How do you evaluate the West's respect for the following values? (out of 10, least and highest grades)

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Respect to the law	8.1779	8.2925	8.2200
Freedom of Opinion and Expression	8.3735	8.1803	8.3025
Media Freedom	8.4130	8.0374	8.2750
Women's Rights	8.0158	7.6463	7.8800
Privacy of Individuals	7.9802	7.0952	7.6550
Personal Security	7.3696	6.3776	7.0050
Respect to Citizens Rights	8.00632	7.1497	7.7275
Freedom of Belief	6.3043	4.5374	5.6550

How do you evaluate the Arab world's respect for the following values? (out of 10, least and highest grades)

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
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Respect to the law	4.5593	4.2007	4.4275
Freedom of Opinion and Expression	3.5909	3.6803	3.6238
Media Freedom	3.9012	3.9252	3.9100
Women's Rights	5.0909	4.4864	4.8688
Privacy of Individuals	4.1462	3.6122	3.9500
Personal Security	4.2332	3.8435	4.0900
Respect to Citizens Rights	3.7292	4.4796	4.0050
Freedom of Belief	6.6739	6.6190	6.6537

Do you believe that secularism, adopted by the West, is a correct approach?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Yes	16.4	10.9	14.4
Maybe	34.4	36.1	35.0
No	38.5	45.6	41.1
No comment/ I don't know	10.7	7.5	9.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you support or oppose dialogue about religions as a means for reaching understandings with the West?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
I agree	64.4	44.9	57.3
I don't agree	29.6	46.6	35.9
No comment/ I don't know	5.9	8.5	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

What do you think of Obama's speech to the Arab and Muslim world?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
A starting point for good relations with the Arab and Islamic world	18.8	20.4	19.4
Public relations, the US will not change its political stances.	67.8	67.0	67.5
No comment/ I don't know	13.4	12.6	13.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If there were a need for an impartial mediator in the peace process between Palestinians and Israelis, which country would you choose to play the mediation role?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
USA	8.7	12.9	10.3
Britain	2.8	3.4	3.0
Norway	6.7	4.8	6.0
Germany	5.1	3.1	4.4
Russia	9.3	5.8	8.0
Holland	1.0	0.3	0.8
France	11.3	13.3	12.0
Sweden	9.3	6.1	8.1

European Union	16.0	18.4	16.9
Denmark	0.4	0.0	0.3
Others	13.2	6.8	10.9
No comment/ I don't know	16.2	25.2	19.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

How do you perceive the economic aid provided to the Palestinians by the West?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Humanitarian aid	23.5	26.5	24.6
Maintain the peace process	15.6	22.8	18.3
Palestinians do not resort to resistance	40.1	35.4	38.4
Bear part of their historic responsibility for the loss of Palestine	19.0	12.6	16.6
Other	0.6	0.7	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you think that the Zionist lobby groups play an influential role in forming the policies of the West with regard to the Palestinian cause?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Yes	81.6	58.2	73.0
Sometimes	13.0	28.2	18.6
No	4.0	10.9	6.5
No comment / I don't know	1.4	2.7	1.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

If the Palestinian Authority were given the opportunity to join the EU, would you support or oppose such a step?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
I agree	49.0	35.0	43.9
I don't agree	41.1	51.4	44.9
No comment/ I don't know	9.9	13.6	11.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

From your point of view, how do you perceive the caricatures defaming the prophet and Islam, which appeared in Denmark?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
Freedom of opinion and expression	5.3	7.1	6.0
Personal animosity between the caricaturist and Islam	51.6	45.2	49.3
The official policy of Denmark against Islam	38.1	44.9	40.6
No comment/ I don't know	4.9	2.7	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

What role do Christian Palestinians play in the relations with the West?

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
They could positively help in creating a bridge with the West	30.0	22.4	27.3
They are no different than the Muslim majority of the society	45.5	39.1	43.1
They are at variance with Arab societies and serve the west.	18.6	22.8	20.1
No comment/ I don't know	5.9	15.6	9.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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