The Palestinians of East Jerusalem: What Do They Really Want?

January 12, 2011
East Jerusalem November 2010 Poll Overview

- East Jerusalem Palestinians only
- No local government supervision or interference
- Respondents interviewed in Arabic in their own homes by local field representatives from the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO)
- Multistage random probability sample: N=1039; Margin of error = ±3%
- <3 weeks in November (with break for Eid) to conduct interviews and get back full data set.
- Dr. David Pollock designed, supervised, analyzed poll. Was in East Jerusalem during field work.
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## Survey Demographics

### Actual Poll Percentages Unweighted

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### SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS
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Citizenship Preferences Following a Two State Solution
“If a permanent, two state solution is able to be worked out, would you prefer to become a citizen of Palestine, with all of the rights and privileges of other citizens of Palestine, or would you prefer to become a citizen of Israel, with all of the rights and privileges of other citizens of Israel?”

N=1039
“If a permanent, two state solution is able to be worked out, do you think that most people in your neighborhood would prefer to become citizens of Palestine, with all of the rights and privileges of other citizens of Palestine, or would they prefer to become citizens of Israel, with all of the rights and privileges of other citizens of Israel?”

![Bar chart showing responses to the poll question.](chart.png)

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<td>Israel</td>
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<td>Palestine</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Don't Know</td>
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N=1039

*Pechter Middle East Polls*
“If your current neighborhood became an internationally recognized part of Israel, and you were allowed to move to a different home inside the new state of Palestine, how likely are you to move to a different home inside of Palestine and to become a citizen of Palestine?”

N=1039
“If your current neighborhood became an internationally recognized part of *Israel*, and you were allowed to move to a different home inside the new state of *Palestine*, how likely are you to move to a different home inside of *Palestine* and to become a citizen of *Palestine*?”

“If your current neighborhood became an internationally recognized part of *Palestine*, and you were allowed to move to a different home inside *Israel*, how likely are you to move to a different home in an Israeli neighborhood of Jerusalem, or elsewhere inside *Israel*, and to become a citizen of *Israel*?”

![Bar chart showing responses](chart1.png)

![Bar chart showing responses](chart2.png)

N=1039
Life in East Jerusalem Today
“Please tell me how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with each of these aspects of your life in East Jerusalem.”

[33 aspects were rated]
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your overall standard of living?

- Very satisfied: 11%
- Satisfied: 33%
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 26%
- Not satisfied: 15%
- Not satisfied at all: 16%
- DK/NA: 0%

N=1039
Most satisfied aspects of life

- The quality of the teachers in your kids’ schools?
  - Very satisfied: 28%
  - Satisfied: 44%
  - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 17%

- Access to a nearby place of worship?
  - Very satisfied: 41%
  - Satisfied: 29%
  - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 16%

- The electrical supply in your neighborhood?
  - Very satisfied: 28%
  - Satisfied: 39%
  - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 19%

- The water supply in your neighborhood?
  - Very satisfied: 28%
  - Satisfied: 37%
  - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 20%

- Your personal interactions with health care professionals?
  - Very satisfied: 24%
  - Satisfied: 34%
  - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 26%

- The quality of the health care you receive?
  - Very satisfied: 29%
  - Satisfied: 34%
  - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 22%

- Access to health care?
  - Very satisfied: 33%
  - Satisfied: 32%
  - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 20%
Most dissatisfied aspects of life

- The ease or difficulty of obtaining building permits?
  - Not satisfied at all: 46%
  - Not satisfied: 20.4%

- The amount of the Arnona (home ownership) tax that you are required to pay?
  - Not satisfied at all: 44%
  - Not satisfied: 18.2%

- The amount of the income tax that you are required to pay?
  - Not satisfied at all: 36%
  - Not satisfied: 21.9%

- Your personal interactions with Jews in Jerusalem, overall?
  - Not satisfied at all: 18%
  - Not satisfied: 21.1%

- Ability to obtain a passport or travel document to travel through Ben Gurion airport?
  - Not satisfied at all: 15%
  - Not satisfied: 21.6%

- Your personal interactions with officials from the Jerusalem municipality?
  - Not satisfied at all: 13%
  - Not satisfied: 22.1%

- The disability benefits available to you?
  - Not satisfied at all: 15%
  - Not satisfied: 19.1%
“In your view is there or is there not discrimination in the services provided to Arabs by the Jerusalem municipality?”

N=1039
“How big a problem are the following things in East Jerusalem?”

- Delays/ restrictions at checkpoints
- Delays/ restrictions due to the wall
- Crime
- Threat/ intimidation from Jewish settlers
- Threat/ intimidation from Israeli police & border guards
- Corruption/ malfeasance from Jerusalem municipal officials
- Corruption/ malfeasance from Palestinian Authority officials
- Threat/ intimidation from Palestinian groups

Big problem
Moderate problem
Travel patterns over the last 6 months

How often have you traveled to other neighborhoods in East Jerusalem?
- 22% Daily or almost daily
- 29% Few times every week
- 27% Approximately once weekly

How often have you traveled across the wall to the West Bank?
- 24% Daily or almost daily
- 27% Few times every week
- 24% Approximately once weekly

How often have you traveled to West Jerusalem?
- 14% Daily or almost daily
- 25% Few times every week
- 28% Approximately once weekly

How often have you traveled to areas of Israel, other than Jerusalem?
- 8% Daily or almost daily
- 18% Few times every week
- 30% Approximately once weekly

How often do you interact in person with Palestinians living in W. Jerusalem or other areas of Israel?
- 14% Daily or almost daily
- 17% Few times every week
- 19% Approximately once weekly

How often do you interact in person with Jewish citizens of Israel?
- 13% Daily or almost daily
- 16% Few times every week
- 17% Approximately once weekly
I’m going to ask you about a number of identities. For each one, please tell me how important that identity is to you.

- Being a Muslim? [For Muslims only]
- Being a Palestinian?
- Being a blue card holder?
- Being a Jerusalemite?
- Being an Arab?
- Being from a Jerusalemite family? [For Jerusalemite families only]
- Being a resident of ____ neighborhood?

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80%

[Graph showing responses for each identity with bars indicating 'Extremely important' and 'Very important']
For each one, please tell me how important that identity is to you.

- Being sympathetic to Fatah?
- Being sympathetic to the Islamic Movement inside the Green Line?
- Being sympathetic to Hamas?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Moderately important
- A little important
- Not important at all OR Not applicable

N=1039
Why did respondents prefer Israeli or Palestinian citizenship?
Preference for Israeli Citizenship: First/Second Reasons (Top 10 Responses)

- **Freedom of movement and transport**
  - First Reason: 13%
  - Second Reason: 12%

- **Higher income**
  - First Reason: 15%
  - Second Reason: 9%

- **Health insurance**
  - First Reason: 15%
  - Second Reason: 9%

- **Job opportunities**
  - First Reason: 8%
  - Second Reason: 7%

- **No second answer**
  - First Reason: 13%

- **Prosperity**
  - First Reason: 7%
  - Second Reason: 4%

- **More shops**
  - First Reason: 9%
  - Second Reason: 1%

- **Political situation**
  - First Reason: 8%

- **Discipline and culture**
  - First Reason: 8%
  - Second Reason: 0%

- **Refused to give reasons**
  - First Reason: 7%

First Reason vs. Second Reason.
Preference for Palestinian Citizenship: First/Second Reasons (Top 10 Responses)

- Nationalism and patriotism: 33% (First Reason) 8% (Second Reason)
- No second answer: 31%
- Religious affiliation/access to shrines: 7% (First Reason) 5% (Second Reason)
- Get rid of discrimination: 7% (First Reason) 5% (Second Reason)
- Arab identity: 4% (First Reason) 7% (Second Reason)
- Communication between family members and friends: 6% (First Reason) 4% (Second Reason)
- Keeping away from Jews and settlers: 3% (First Reason) 3% (Second Reason)
- Security and safety: 4% (First Reason) 3% (Second Reason)
- Freedom of movement and transport: 4% (First Reason) 3% (Second Reason)
- Discipline and culture: 6%
“If your neighborhood were to become a part of the new state of Palestine and you were to become a citizen of Palestine with all of the rights and privileges of other citizens of Palestine, how concerned would you be about each of these possible changes in your life.” [Top rated concerns]
“If, following a comprehensive peace agreement, your neighborhood were to become part of the new state of Palestine, and you were to become a citizen of Palestine with all of the rights and privileges of other citizens of Palestine, how important are these benefits of this new citizenship?” [Top rated benefits]
“On the other hand, if your neighborhood were to become a part of the state of Israel and you were to become a citizen of Israel with all of the rights and privileges of other citizens of Israel, how concerned would you be about...” [Top rated concerns]

- Losing access to Old City & Al Aqsa Mosque
- Discrimination
- Losing home or land in Palestine
- Losing access to relatives/ friends in Palestine
- Moral misconduct of your children
- Losing freedom of movement in Palestine

[Bar chart showing percentage of concern for each issue, with categories shaded in red (very concerned) and orange (moderately concerned).]
“If, following a comprehensive peace agreement, your neighborhood were to become part of the state of Israel, and you were to become a citizen of Israel with all of the rights and privileges of other citizens of Israel, how important are these benefits of this new citizenship? [Top rated benefits]
Views on Peace Negotiations
“If the Israeli and Palestinian leadership signs a peace agreement to end the conflict, and agrees to divide Jerusalem between Israel and Palestine, do you think that some resistance groups will continue the armed struggle?”
“If some resistance groups continue the armed struggle after a peace agreement, do you think that people in your neighborhood will agree with the continuation of the armed struggle?”

- Most: 14%
- About Half: 17%
- Less Than Half: 22%
- Very Few: 19%
- Don't Know: 28%
“If the current negotiations collapse, how likely is a new intifada in East Jerusalem?”

- Very Likely: 27%
- Somewhat Likely: 37%
- Not Very Likely: 20%
- Very Unlikely: 14%
- Don’t Know: 2%
“If the current negotiations collapse, and the Palestinian Authority asks the United Nations to declare a Palestinian state without Israel’s agreement, what kind of a practical effect will this have on your life?”