After a Year of Palestinian Turbulence, What Do the Polls Say?

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Brief Analysis

Join us for a presentation of new polling of Palestinian public opinion in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, examining local views on Palestinian politics, Israel, and regional developments. Watch live starting at 10:00 a.m. EST (1500 GMT) on Thursday, December 3, 2026.

Since last year's ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, the Palestinian public has been buffeted by wave after wave of bad developments. The Trump plan for Gaza remains stalled; Hamas remains the dominant force in the Strip; Fatah's recent internal elections merely recycled old leaders and failed to convey any sense of renewal; national elections were once again cancelled; and promised reforms have yet to materialize. In the West Bank, daily life for many Palestinians is defined by personal insecurity and economic hardship against a backdrop of increasing attacks by extremist Israeli settlers.

To understand how this turbulence has shaped public attitudes, The Washington Institute recently conducted its

10th Palestinian opinion poll in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, examining local views on Palestinian politics, Israel, and regional developments. To present the findings and discuss their implications for U.S. policy, The Washington Institute is pleased to announce a virtual Policy Forum with Catherine Cleveland, Ghaith al-Omari, and Neomi Neumann, to be moderated by Executive Director Robert Satloff.

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In convening this event, The Washington Institute recalls the memory of our colleague Dr. David Pollock, whose work set the standard of excellence for polling in the Middle East.

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