



PRESS RELEASE

**The Wall
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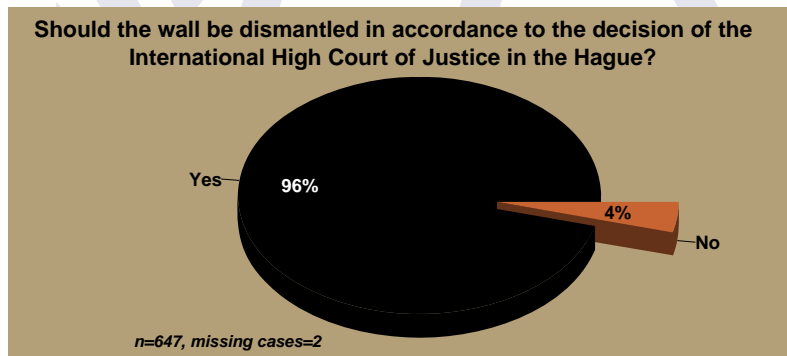
The Wall 3rd and 4th of July

During the period 3rd-4th of July, 2006, Near East Consulting (NEC) conducted a phone survey of over 800 randomly selected Palestinians in the West Bank of which 649 were successfully completed. The survey results come just one day before the 2nd anniversary of the International Court ruling which rendered the Wall illegal and in contravention with International Law. The results of the survey seek to give a brief overview of how the existence of the Wall has impacted the lives of Palestinians, whether the wall should or will be dismantled, their views as to why the wall was built, and who they blame for not dismantling the wall. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 3.6% with a 95% confidence level.

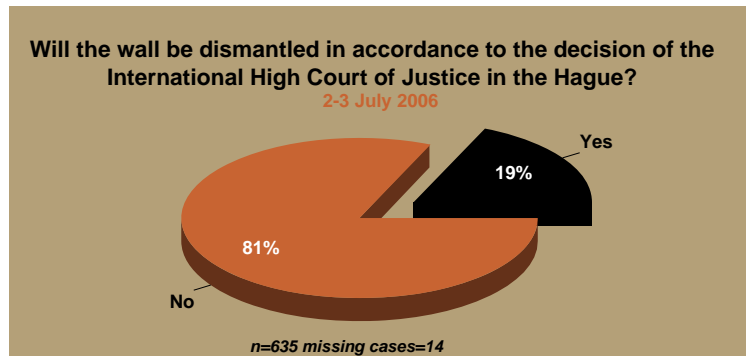
Main findings

Dismantling the Wall

Overwhelmingly, 96% of Palestinians when asked whether the Wall, which Israel has built should be dismantled, in accordance to the decision of the International High Court of Justice in the Hague stated that it should be dismantled compared to a mere 4% of Palestinians that believed otherwise.

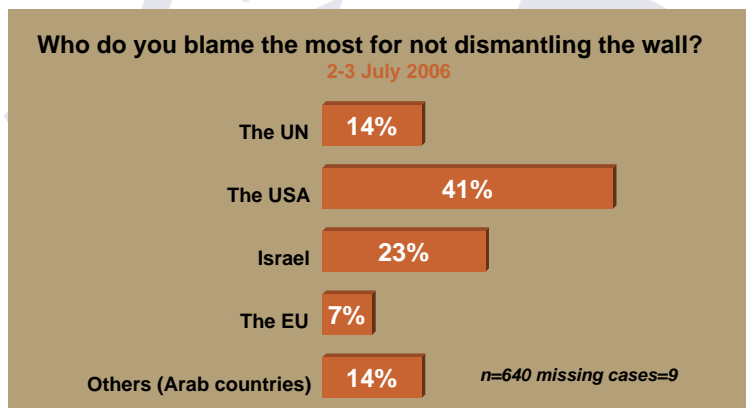


Meanwhile, a large majority of Palestinians are less optimistic that the wall will be dismantled even though such a high percentage believes that it should be dismantled according to 81% of Palestinians that believe that the Wall will not be dismantled in accordance to the decision of the International High Court of Justice in the Hague compared to 19% that believe that the Wall will be dismantled as illustrated below.

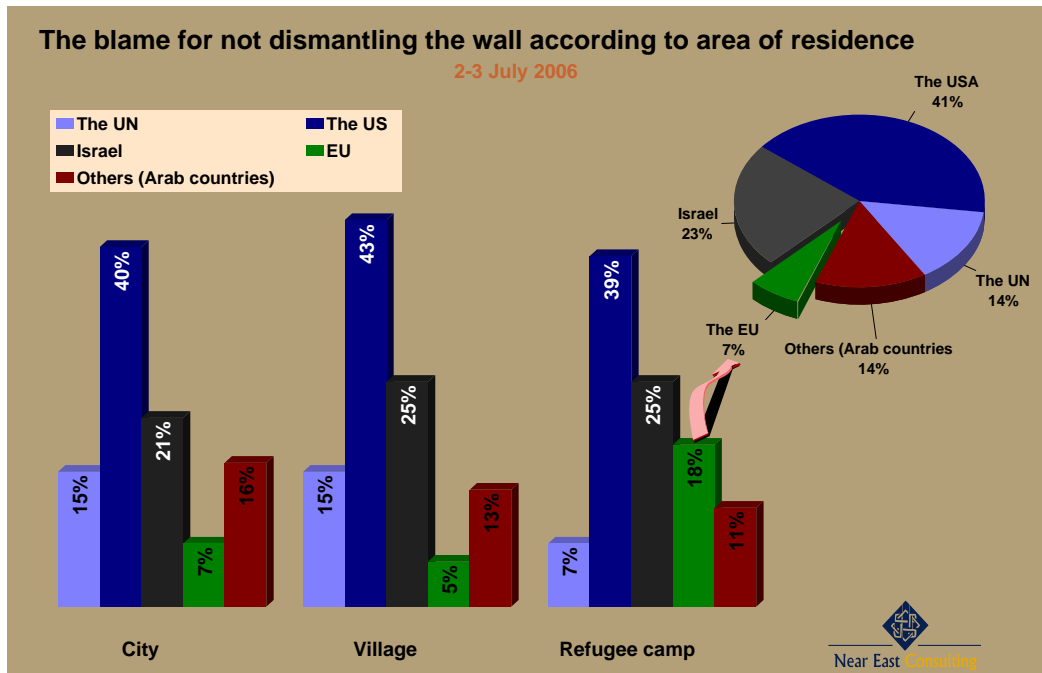


Blame for not dismantling the Wall

Palestinians blame the USA most for not dismantling the wall than any other country or International body according to 41% of Palestinians that blame the USA for not dismantling the wall, 23% blame Israel, 14% blame the UN or others (including Arab countries) and a mere 7% blame the EU as illustrated in the figure below.

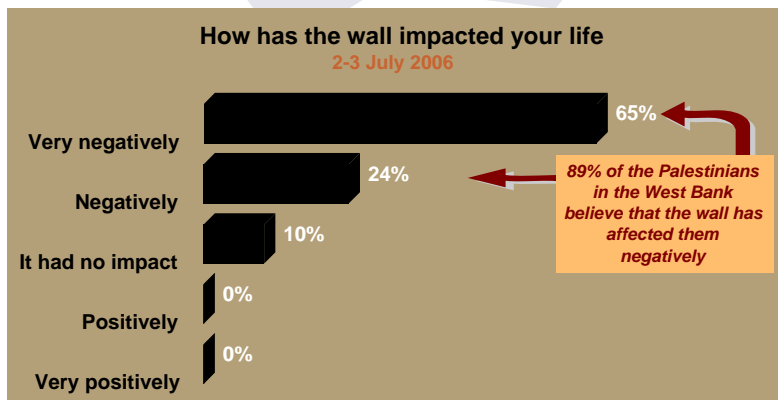


A respondent's place of residence does not affect who they blame for not dismantling the wall according to 40% of city residents that blame the USA for not dismantling the Wall, 43% of village residents and 39% of refugee camp residents who also blame the USA as illustrated in the figure below. Meanwhile, Israel is blamed next by respondents living in cities, villages, and refugee camps for not dismantling the wall according to 21% of city residents, 25% of village and refugee camp residents. Respondents also blame the UN for not dismantling the wall according to 15% of city and village residents and 7% of refugee camp residents.



Impact of Wall on Palestinian lives

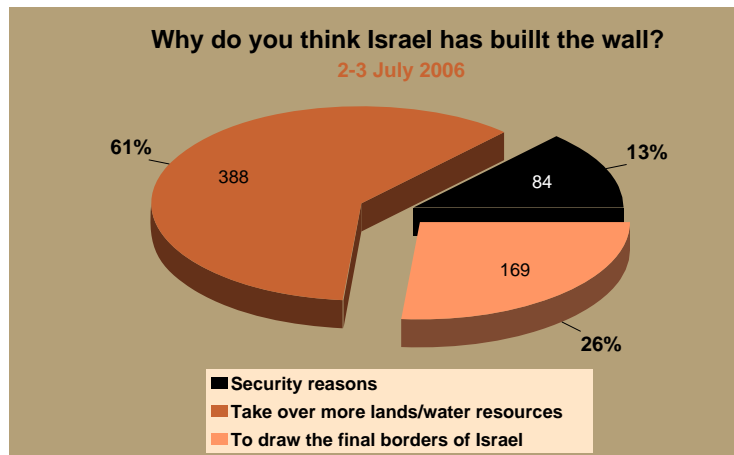
When respondents were asked how the wall has impacted their lives, 89% of Palestinians in the West Bank believe that the wall has affected them negatively and only 10% believe that the Wall has had no impact on their lives. However, when analyzing the percentage of Palestinians that believe that the wall has impacted their lives negatively, 65% believe it has affected their lives very negatively compared to 24% that believe it has impacted them negatively. None of the respondents in the survey indicated that the wall has impacted their life positively.



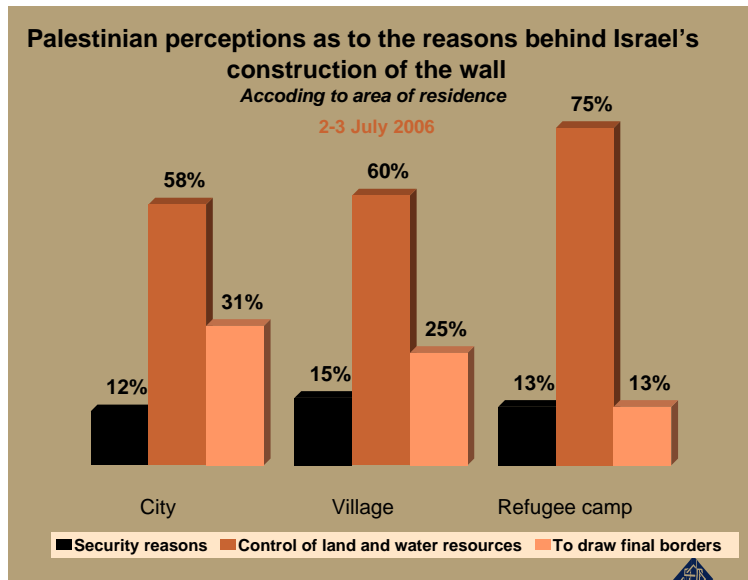


Reason for Wall

A large majority of Palestinians believe that Israel has built the wall to take over more land and water resources from the Palestinians according to 61% of respondents, while 26% of respondents believe that Israel has built the wall to draw the final borders of Israel and only 13% of respondents believe that the wall has been built for security reasons.



Respondents that live in refugee camps believe at a higher percentage (75%) than those respondents living in cities (58%) and villages (60%) that the reason behinds Israel's construction of the wall is to take control of land and water resources. Meanwhile, city residents more than village and refugee camp residents believe that Israel has built the wall as a measure to draw the final borders for Israel according to 31% of city residents, 25% of village residents, and 13% of refugee camp residents. A smaller percentage of respondents living in cities (12%), villages (15%) and refugee camps (13%) believe the wall was built for security reasons.



Of those surveyed, 43% of respondents reside in cities, 48% reside in villages and 9% of respondents live in refugee camps.

