

in daily life cannot be controlled like an experiment in a laboratory. On the contrary, people are exposed to an unlimited number of effects and experiences some of which they are aware of and some of which they are not aware of.

However, the above discussion does not mean that we cannot find out the main factors behind any change, since change is due to an interaction of factors rather than to a single factor.

In discussing changes in attitudes towards a political problem, like the Palestine problem we focus on two major means that can lead to change, namely mass media and personal relationships with individuals concerned with the problem.

63 respondents stated that residing in Lebanon altered their view of the Palestine problem. This group would be the focus of the study as far as change of attitudes is concerned.

The respondents were asked the following question:

Basically, do you attribute the change in your view regarding the Palestine problem:

- a) Mainly to Lebanese or Arab mass media.
- b) Mainly to Lebanese or Arab acquaintances.