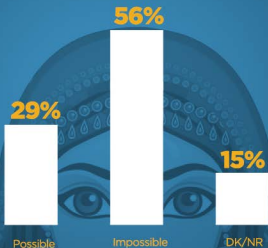


# TRADITION OF DOWRY IN PAKISTAN

## 56% PAKISTANIS BELIEVE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GIRLS TO GET MARRIED WITHOUT DOWRY.



Do you think it is possible for a girl to get married without dowry or not in today's era?

SOURCE: GALLUP AND GILANI SURVEYS | SAMPLE SIZE: 1866  
 Nationally Representative Sample covering both urban rural respondents across Pakistan's four provinces.



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**Tradition of dowry in Pakistan: 56% Pakistanis believe it is impossible for girls to get married without dowry. (GRF POLL)**

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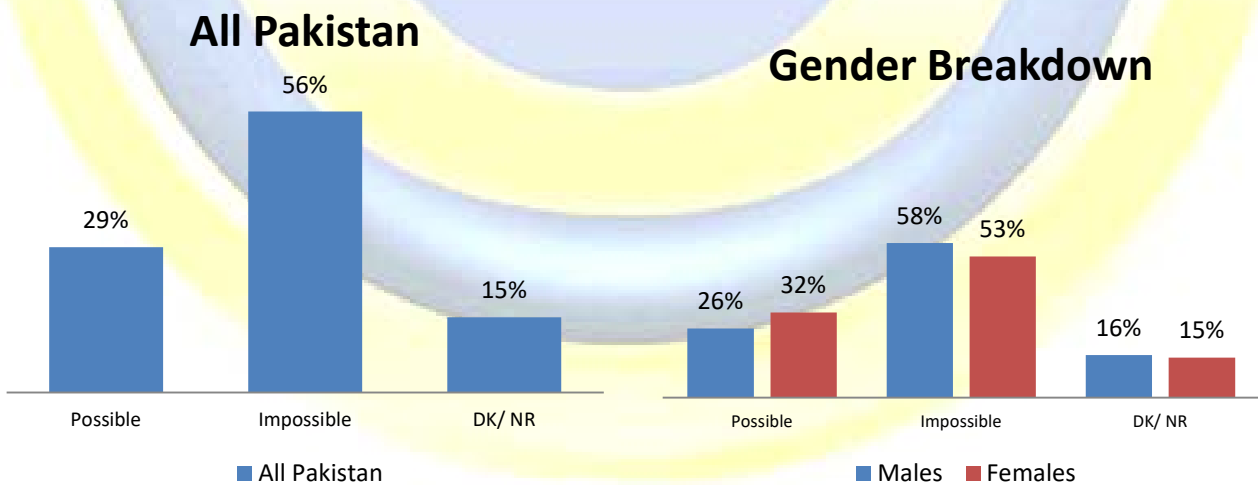
A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the four provinces was asked, “Do you think it is possible for a girl to get married without dowry or not in today’s era?” In response to this question, 29% said it is possible, while 56% said it is impossible. 15% did not know or did not wish to respond.

**Gender Breakdown:**

26% males said it is possible for a girl to get married without dowry, while 58% said it is impossible and 16% did not know or did not wish to respond. In contrast, 32% females said it is possible for a girl to get married without dowry, while 53% said it is impossible and 15% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparing the two genders, the results show that 6% more females believe it is possible for girls to get married without dowry, while 5% more males think it is impossible.

**Question: “Do you think it is possible for a girl to get married without dowry or not in today’s era?”**



Source: Gilani Research Foundation Poll (GRF Poll)  
Field work conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association  
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The study was released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1866 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during October 10– October 17, 2016. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2-3 per cent at 95% confidence level.



**Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan**  
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