



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2009

SOCIAL Poverty

**(2009-2017): Poverty continues to be the greatest possible threat to children’s lives according to Pakistanis.
GALLUP & GILANI PAKISTAN**

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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2009 (8 years ago) a nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were read out a list of factors which could affect the future of children, and asked “Which of the following do you think is the greatest threat to a child’s life?” 36% said poverty was the biggest threat to children’s lives, 19% said economic crisis, 16% said unemployment, 8% felt it was the gap between rich and poor, 7% thought it was crime, 6% cited the environment and climate change as a potential threat, and 4% of the respondents cited corruption to be the biggest threat to the lives of children. 4% did not know or wish to respond.

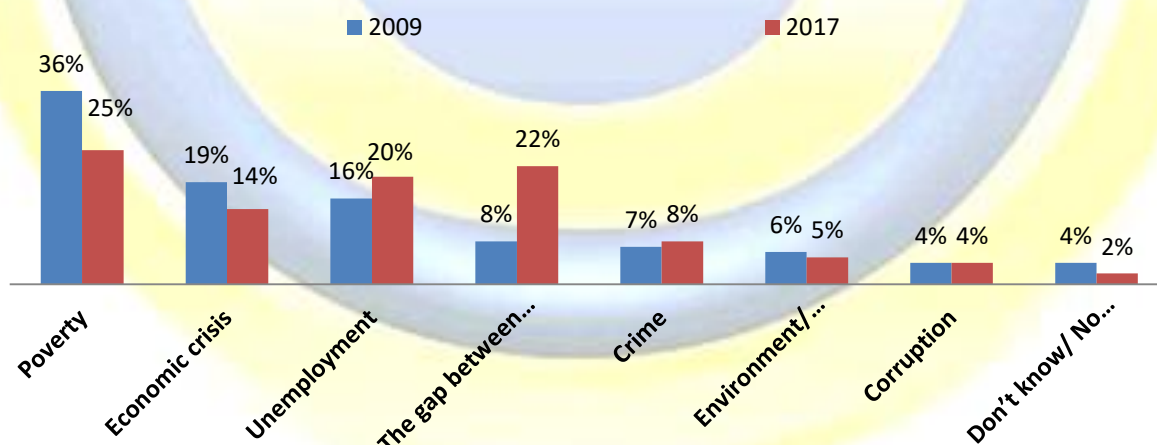
Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, 25% cited poverty to be the biggest threat to a child’s life, 14% cited economic crisis, 20% said unemployment, 22% felt it was the gap between rich and poor, 8% cited crime, 5% said environment and climate change, and 4% cited corruption. 2% were did not know or wish to respond.

Although there has been a 14% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who say the gap between rich and poor, and a 4% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who claim unemployment to be the biggest threat to their children’s life, however, poverty still remains the most cited threat at 25%.

The findings are available since 2009 periodically and the graph below shows how the public opinion has fluctuated over the years.

This press release has been made as part of the Gallup Pakistan History Project which aims to release historical empirical polling data to wider audiences. The objective is to sustain and encourage empirical decision making in Pakistan.

Question: “Which of the following do you think is the greatest threat to a child’s life?”



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Aim and Rationale for Gallup Pakistan History Project

Bilal I Gilani, who is Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan and is Director of Gallup Pakistan History Project explains the aim of the Project as follows: ‘Gallup Pakistan has been polling in Pakistan since 1979 (over 35 years). During this time millions of Pakistanis have been surveyed by over a thousand interviewers of Gallup. In 2014, Gallup Pakistan has decided to release historical Public Opinion data and this Press Release is part of Gallup Pakistan’s History Project. This endeavor is dedicated to all those who hope for a more empirical understanding of Pakistani Issues. For more information about Gallup History Project, please contact caf@gallup.com.pk.

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If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.

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