



Special Press Release  
**End of Year Survey 2018**  
**Hope and Global Peace Optimism in Pakistan**

**Close of year 2018: More than 1 in 2 (54%) Pakistanis are optimistic about the upcoming year, Pakistanis significantly more hopeful than an average global citizen.**

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According to a Gallup International Survey conducted by its Pakistani affiliate, Gallup Pakistan, at the start of the year 2019, only 1 in 5 Pakistanis (17%) are pessimistic about the future. Furthermore in terms of global comparison, Pakistan ranks 14th in terms of general hope for next year and 5th in terms of optimism on global peace.

Key Findings about Pakistan	
Index	Ranking
Hope	14 <sup>th</sup> out of 50 countries
Global Peace	5 <sup>th</sup> out of 50 countries

These interesting findings have emerged out of a 50 country research conducted by Gallup International (founded by the world renowned scholar and pollster Dr. George Gallup in 1947). The study comprised internationally of 48,745 respondents covering different ethnicities, regions, religions, age and gender. The international press release with report can be accessed [here](#). This study has been conducted every year in Pakistan and globally for the past 42 years and is unique in terms of sample size, coverage and longitudinal analysis.

**Hope Index of Pakistan: Pakistan although ahead of the global average ranks 14<sup>th</sup> globally, India ahead of Pakistan.**

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was asked the following question, “As far as you are concerned, do you think that 2019 will be better, worse or the same as 2018?” In response to this question, 54% Pakistanis said they are optimistic about 2019, 17% think that 2019 will be worse than 2018, 23% think that it will be the same and 5% did not know or did not wish to respond.

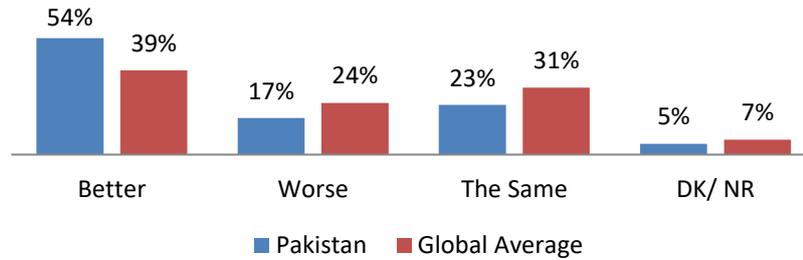
**Global result:** Globally, 39% said that 2019 will be better than 2018, 24% said that it will be worse, while 31% think it will be the same. 7% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparing Pakistan’s figure with the global average figure, Pakistan ranks higher on the hope index with net hope of 37% compared to global net hope of 15%, a significant 22% above the global average.

**Regional Results:** In India, 69% said they are hopeful, 5% said they not hopeful about the upcoming year and 21% said they think 2019 will be the same. The study computed net hope for India as 64%. In Afghanistan, 41% said they are optimistic about 2019, 30% think that it will be worse and 27% think that it will be same as 2018. The study computed net hope for Afghanistan as 11%.



**Question: “As far as you are concerned, do you think that 2019 will be better, worse or the same as 2018?”**



Source: End of Year Survey 2018  
 Field work conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association  
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**Hope about upcoming year in Pakistan over the past thirty years:**

Gallup Pakistan has been asking about hope for the upcoming year for nearly three decades and the chart below shows net hope (optimism – pessimism) since 1990’s. The results show that hope about future has been fluctuating heavily with hope peaking in Pakistan in year 2014 and lowest in 2008. Hope about 2019 is almost similar to opinion expressed for 2003. Hope about year 2019 is 13% higher than hope expressed for year 2018.

**NET HOPE BETWEEN 1994 AND 2018**



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**Optimism Regarding Global Peace in Pakistan: Pakistan ranks 5<sup>th</sup> globally, India ahead of Pakistan**

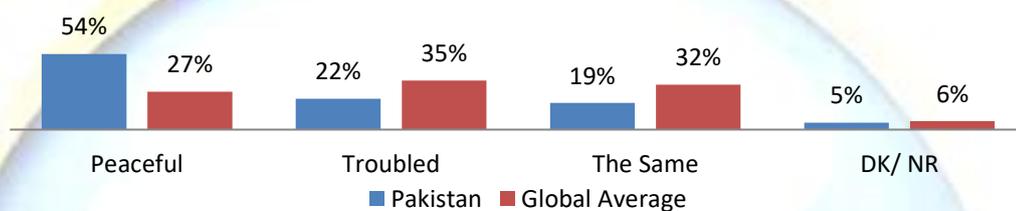
Respondents were further asked the following question, “Do you expect the coming next 2019 to be for the world a more peaceful one, a more troubled one or the same?” In response to this question, 54% said 2019 will be more peaceful globally, 22% said that the upcoming year will be more troubled globally while 19% said it will be the same. 5% did not know or did not wish to respond.

**Global result:** Globally, 27% said 2019 will bring more peace, 35% said the upcoming year will bring more trouble and 32% said it will remain the same. 6% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparing Pakistan’s figure with the global average figure, Pakistan ranks higher on the global peace index with net optimism on global peace of 32% compared to global net of -8%, a significant 40% above the global average.

**Regional Results:** In India, 63% are optimistic about global peace for the year 2019, 8% are pessimistic about global peace, while 25% said that it will be the same. The study computed net global peace optimism for India as 55%. In Afghanistan, 36% said 2019 will be a good year for global peace, 38% said that it will be worse and 23% said it will be the same. The study computed net global peace optimism for Afghanistan as -2%.

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The global study of which Pakistan was a part comprised a sample of 48,745 men and women in 50 countries across the globe.



**Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan**  
*The Pakistani Affiliate of Gallup International*



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