



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1991

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Others

Opinion regarding the most feared person in one's locality – divided results. GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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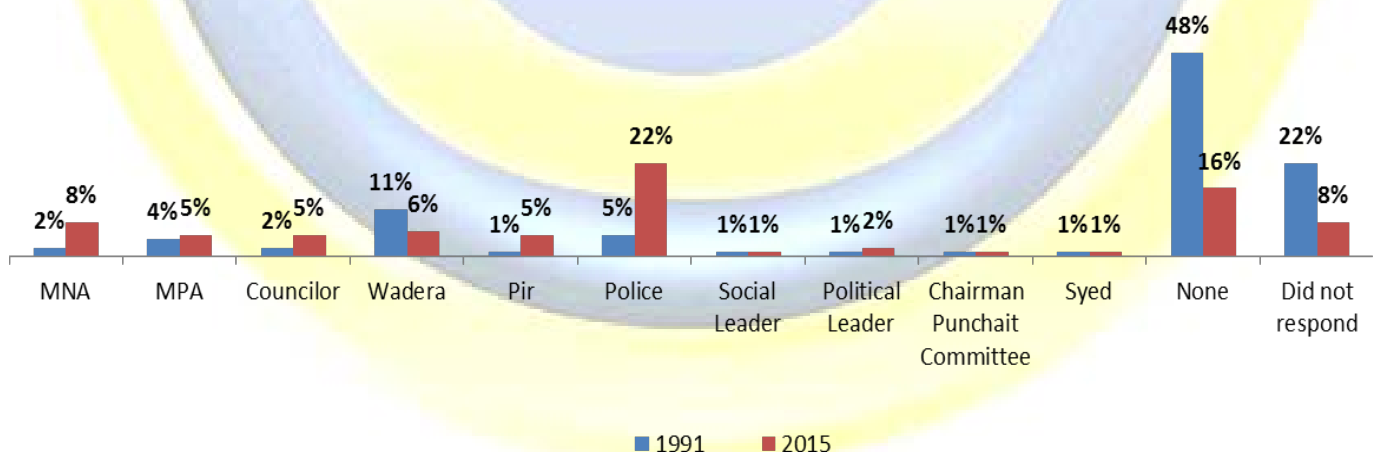
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1991 (24 years ago), 11% respondents said that a *wadera* was most feared in their locality, 5% said that the police was most feared, 4% said it was an MPA and 2% said that an MNA was the most feared personality. Another 2% said that a councilor was feared the most, while a further 2% said that criminal people were feared the most in their locality. 1% each said that a social leader, a political leader and a Syed (person belonging to an important caste) was feared. 48% said none and 22% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2015 to enable a solid comparison and to observe the trend in public opinion. In 2015, 18% respondents said that the police was most feared in their locality, 20% said that a religious scholar was feared, 8% said it is an MNA and 6% said that a *wadera* is the most feared personality. 5% said that an MPA is feared the most, another 5% said that it is the councilor and 5% said that it is a *pir*. 2% said that a political leader is highly feared, 1% answered with 'social leader' and 1% answered 'Syed' [person belonging to an important caste]. 16% said none and 8% did not respond.

Public opinion regarding the most feared person in one's locality changed with mixed results over the timespan of twenty four years. The greatest change is in the rating for the police with a 13% increase in respondents who said that the police is feared the most in their locality. There has however been a 5% increase in respondents who said that the most feared person is a '*wadera*', 1% decrease in respondents who said that it is an MPA, 6% increase in respondents who said that it is an MNA and 3% increase in those who said that a councilor is feared the most in their locality.

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: "Who in your local area is the most feared?"



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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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