



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1991

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General Political Opinion

Public opinion regarding an all-parties inclusive national government – opposition outweighs support, not a significant change since 1991. GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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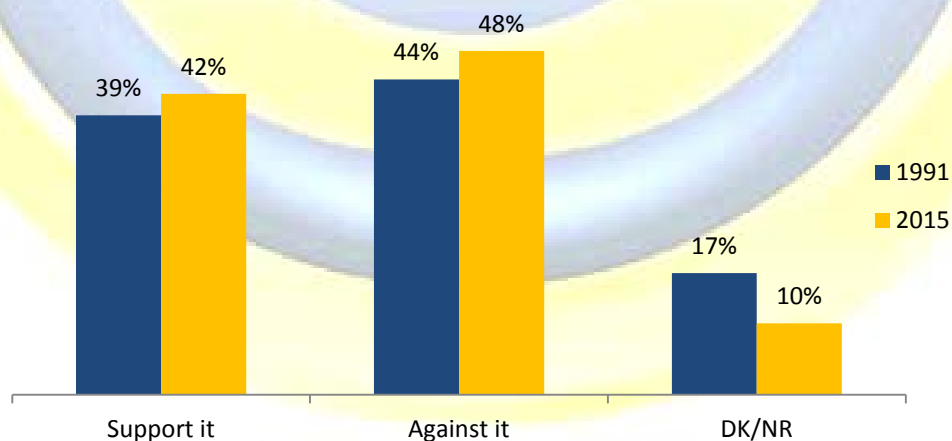
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1991 (24 years ago), 39% Pakistanis were in favor of a national government comprising of different political parties while 44% opposed it. 17% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2015 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2015, 42% Pakistanis support this proposition while 48% are against it. 10% did not respond.

Public opinion regarding an all-parties inclusive national government has generated mixed results. Those who support the idea that there should be a national government comprising of all major political parties increased from 39% to 42% during these 24 years. However those who are against it have also increased from 44% to 48%. There has been a 7% decrease in people who did not respond thus the increase in respondents who support or oppose the proposition can partly be attributed to this.

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: “Some people are of the opinion that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is not able to properly run the government hence there should be a new national government that has seats for all the major political parties including Pakistan People’s Party. Others consider such a national government to be unnecessary. Would you be in favour of a national government comprising of different political parties or would you be against it?”



Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys
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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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