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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Gilani Research Team now brings to you a collection of daily polls releases in the form of a weekly digest, which gives you the opportunity to read opinions of the Pakistani public on various socio-political issues. We hope it will be of interest to you and your readers.

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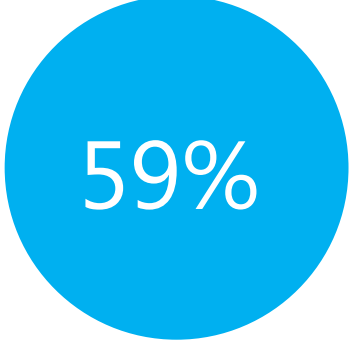
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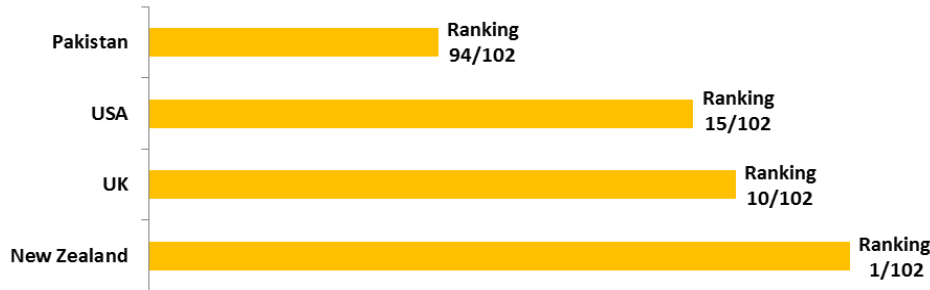
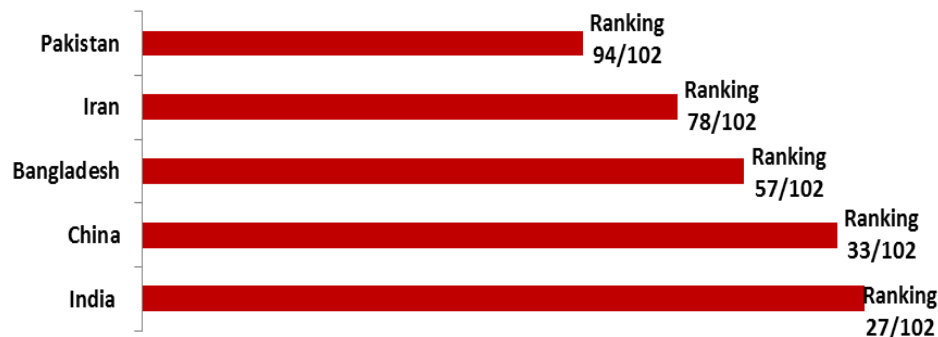


59%

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Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)**Islamabad— October 26, 2015**

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According to a World Justice Project (WJP) Survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistan ranks 94 among 102 countries surveyed in the world in terms of publicly providing information on basic laws and legal rights to the population.

The global survey results are based on an Open Government Index developed by WJP, which measures government openness in practice based on the experiences and perceptions of the general public worldwide. An open government – conventionally understood as a government that shares information, empowers people with tools to hold the government accountable, and fosters citizen participation in public policy deliberations – is a necessary component of a system of government founded on the rule of law. Thus the Open Government Index intends to evaluate the extent to which countries provide official information to their citizens, encourage community involvement, and improve government responsiveness.

In this regard, the WJP report provides scores and rankings on four dimensions of government openness in different countries of the world. The first dimension, on which Pakistan ranked 94, measures whether basic laws and information on legal rights are publicly available, presented in plain language, and made accessible in all languages used by significant segments of the population. This dimension also measures the quality and accessibility of information published by the government in print or online (i.e. active transparency), and whether administrative regulations, drafts of legislation, administrative decisions, and high court decisions are made accessible to the public in a timely manner.

According to the results, Pakistan received an aggregate score of 0.33 on the first dimension of the Open Government Index (0 being least open and 1 being most open) that measured accessibility of basic laws and information on legal rights. Pakistan's ranking in the world is also considerably low, receiving the 94th position out of 102 countries.

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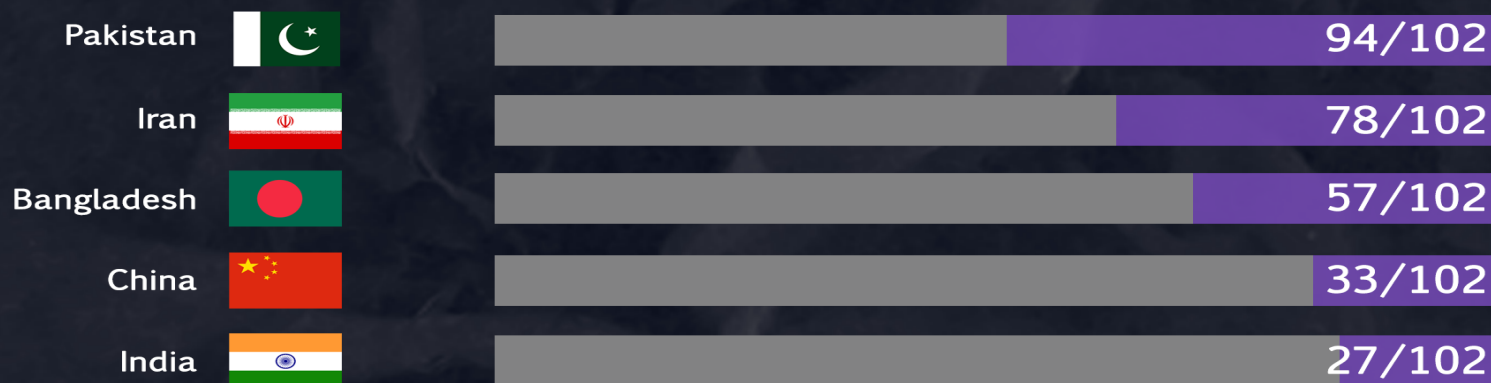
Open Government Index

First Dimension: Accessibility of Government Data and Publicized Laws
(Selected few countries presented below from 102 countries)

Pakistan vs. Developed Nations



Pakistan vs. Neighbouring Countries



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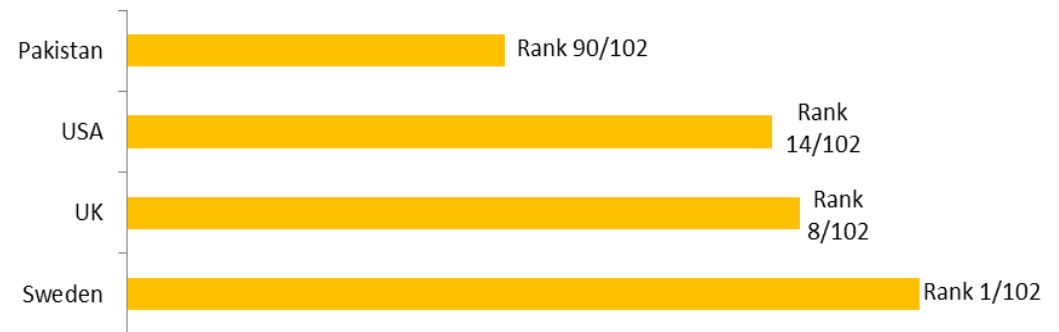
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The WJP report provides scores and rankings on four dimensions of government openness in different countries of the world. The second dimension, on which Pakistan ranked 90, measures whether requests for information held by a government agency are granted (assuming the information is a public record). It also measures if these requests are granted within a reasonable time period, if the information provided is pertinent and complete, and if requests for information are granted at a reasonable cost and without having to pay a bribe. This dimension also measures whether people are aware of their right to information, and whether relevant records – such as budget figures of government officials, ombudsman reports, and information relative to community projects – are accessible to the public upon request.

According to the results, Pakistan received an aggregate score of 0.41 on the second dimension of Open Government Index (0 being least open and 1 being most open) that measured accessibility of basic laws and information on legal rights. Pakistan's ranking was also considerably low in the world receiving 90th position out of 102 countries.

Some of the survey questions used to build this index included: Have you made a request in any way, including oral requests and written requests, for information held by a government agency (such as government ministries, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, public firms, etc.) since July 2013? What kind of information did you request? Did you receive the information from the official or government agency from which you requested it? Approximately how long did it take to obtain the information that you requested? Did you have to pay a bribe (or money above that required by law) in order to obtain the information? How satisfied were you with the process of requesting information?

Pakistan vs. Developed Countries



Pakistan vs. Neighboring Countries



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Open Government Index
Second Dimension: Right to Information
 (Selected few countries presented below from 102 countries)

Pakistan vs. Developed Nations



Pakistan vs. Neighbouring Countries



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Pakistan ranks 66 amongst 102 countries in the world in terms of ensuring effective civic participation mechanisms (Part 3 of a 4 part series).



According to a World Justice Project (WJP) Survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistan ranks 66 among 102 countries surveyed in the world in terms of effective civic participation mechanisms.

The WJP report provides scores and rankings on four dimensions of government openness in different countries of the world. The third dimension of WJP Open Government Index, on which Pakistan ranked 66, measures the effectiveness of civic participation mechanisms, including the protection of the freedoms of opinion and expression, and assembly and association, and the right to petition the government. It also measures whether people can voice concerns to various government officers and members of the legislature, and whether government officials provide sufficient information and notice about decisions affecting the community, including opportunities for citizen feedback.

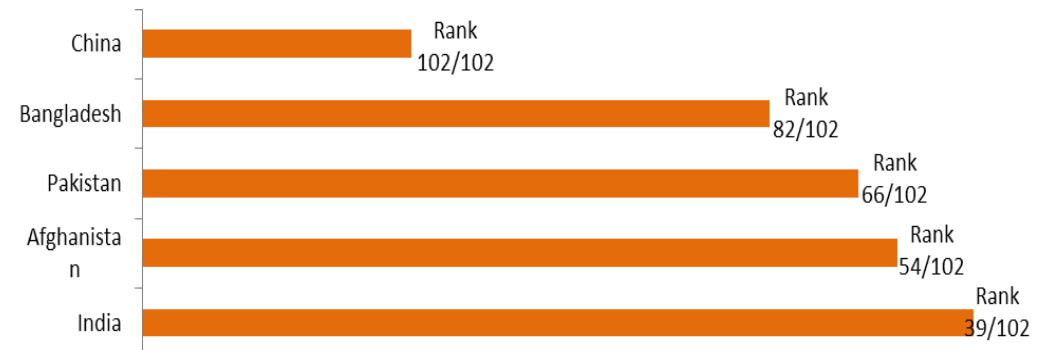
According to the results, Pakistan received an aggregate score of 0.56 on the second dimension of Open Government Index (0 being least open and 1 being most open) that measured effectiveness of civic participation mechanisms. Pakistan ranked on the 66th position out of 102 countries of the world.

Some of the survey questions used to build this index included: Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements, 'In Pakistan, people can freely join together with others to draw attention to an issue or sign a petition', 'In practice workers in Pakistan can freely form labour unions and bargain for their rights with their employers', 'In Pakistan, people can freely express opinions against the government' and 'In Pakistan, people can freely attend community meetings.'

Pakistan vs. Developed Countries



Pakistan vs. Neighboring Countries



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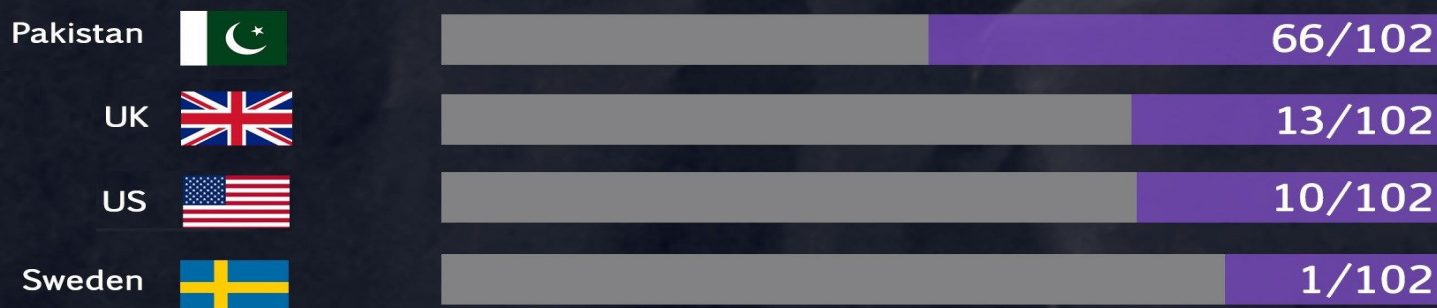
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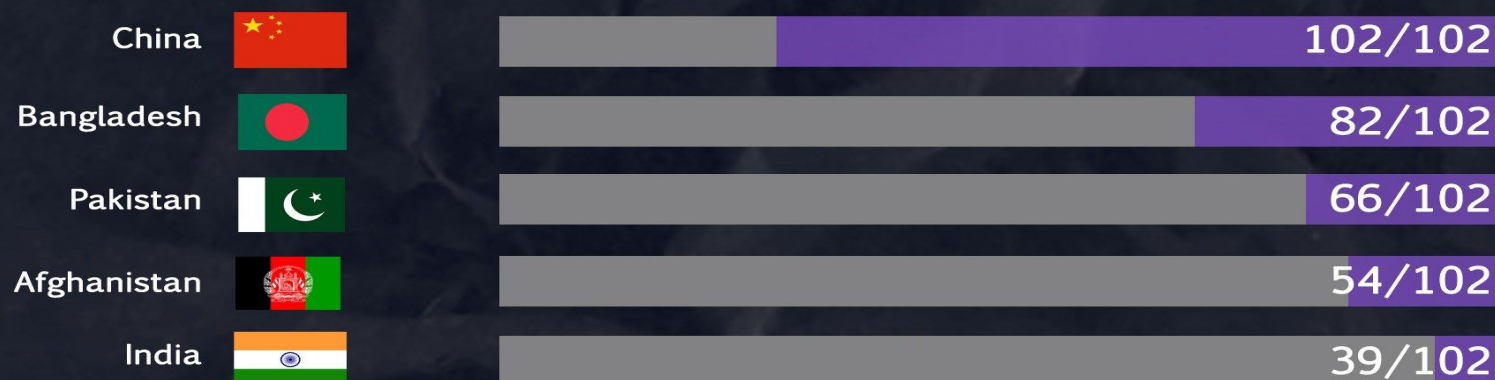
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Open Government Index
Third Dimension: Civic Participation
(Selected few countries presented below from 102 countries)

Pakistan vs. Developed Nations



Pakistan vs. Neighbouring Countries





According to a World Justice Project (WJP) Survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistan ranks 73 among 102 countries surveyed in the world in terms of providing effective complaint mechanisms for the public.

The WJP report provides scores and rankings on four dimensions of government openness in different countries of the world. The fourth dimension of WJP Open Government Index on which Pakistan ranked 73, measures whether people are able to bring specific complaints to the government about the provision of public services or the performance of government officers, and how government officials respond to such complaints. It also measures whether people can challenge government decisions before another government agency or a judge.

According to the results, Pakistan received an aggregate score of 0.48 on the fourth dimension of Open Government Index (0 being least open and 1 being most open) that measured effectiveness of complaint mechanisms. Pakistan ranked on the 73rd position out of 102 countries of the world.

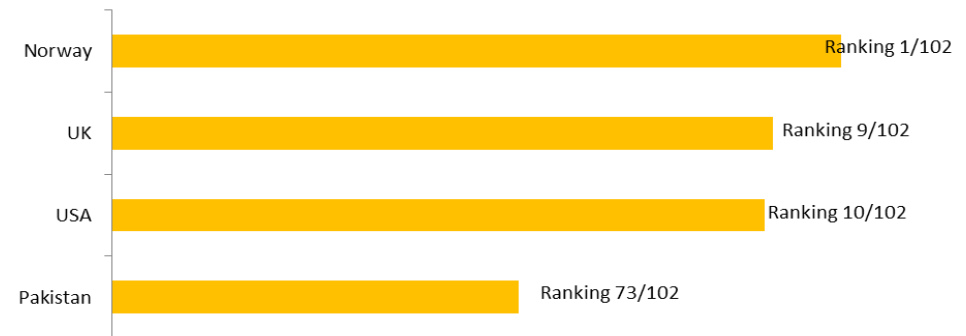
Some of the survey questions used to build this index included: Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements, 'Since July 2013, did you have any reason to complain about the quality of services rendered to you at public service facilities (public health, public schools and civil registries)?' 'Did you file a formal complaint about this incident?' and 'How effective was the complaint in terms of getting your problem resolved?'

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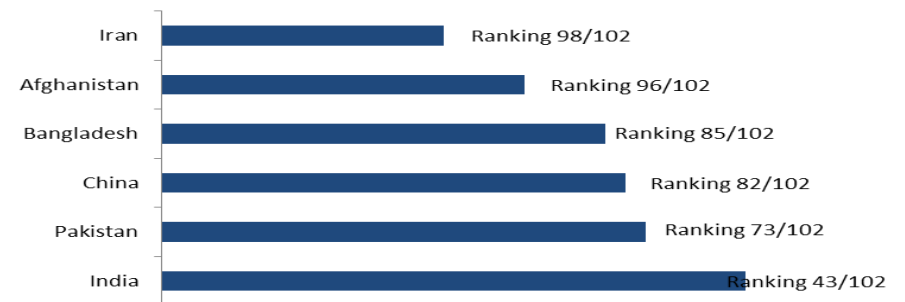
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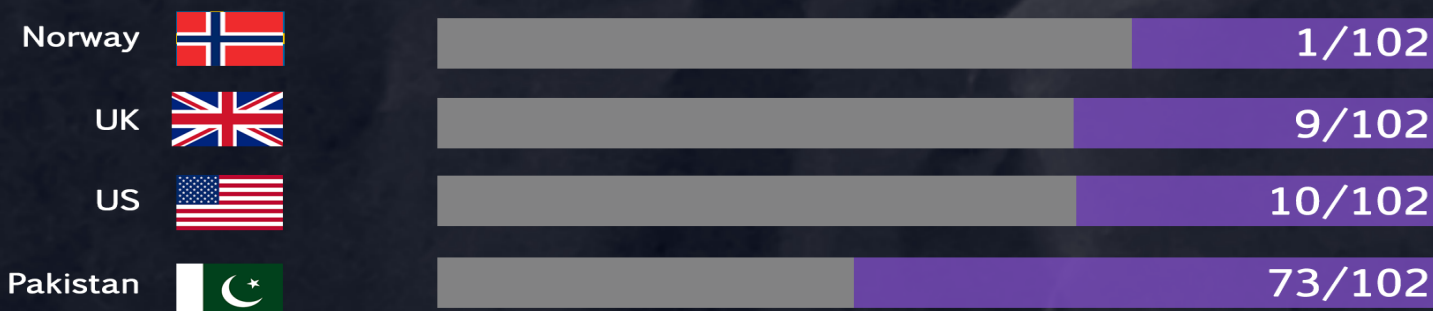
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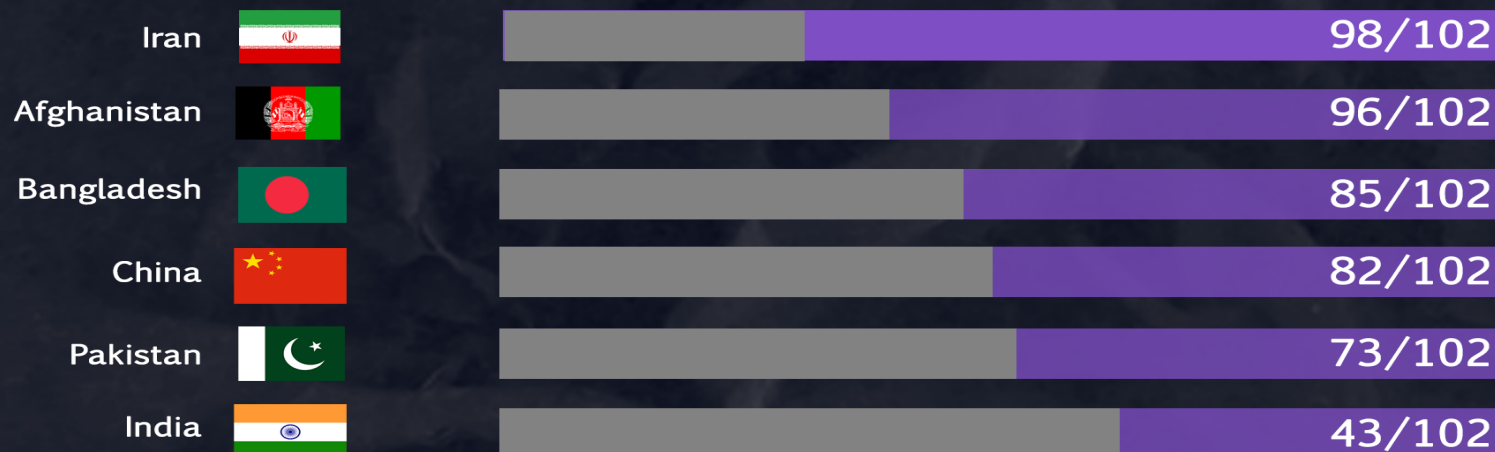
4th Dimension: Complaint Mechanisms

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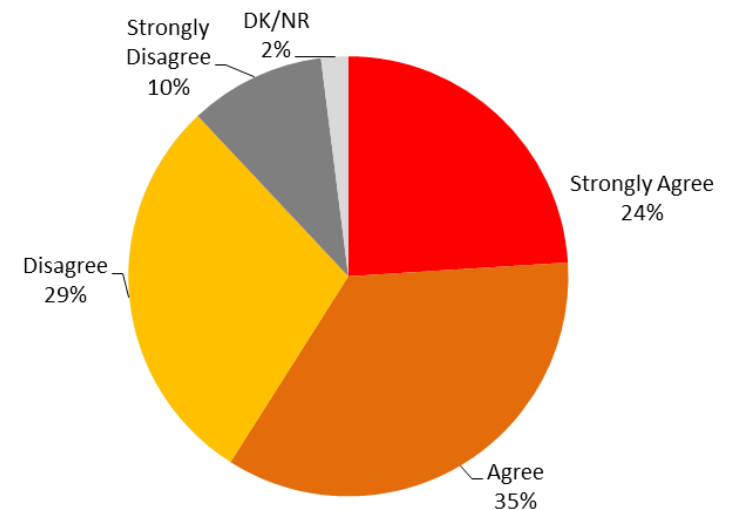
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, "To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statement: In Pakistan people can freely express opinions against the government." In response, 24% said they strongly disagreed with the statement, 35% agreed with it. 29% on the other hand disagreed with the statement and 10% strongly disagreed. 2% did not respond.

When the same question was asked in other countries (regarding their own country), New Zealand had the highest number of respondents (97%) who agreed/strongly agreed that their people can freely express opinions against the government without fear of retaliation. This was closely followed up by Georgia with an overwhelming majority of 92% saying that its people can freely express opinions against the government.

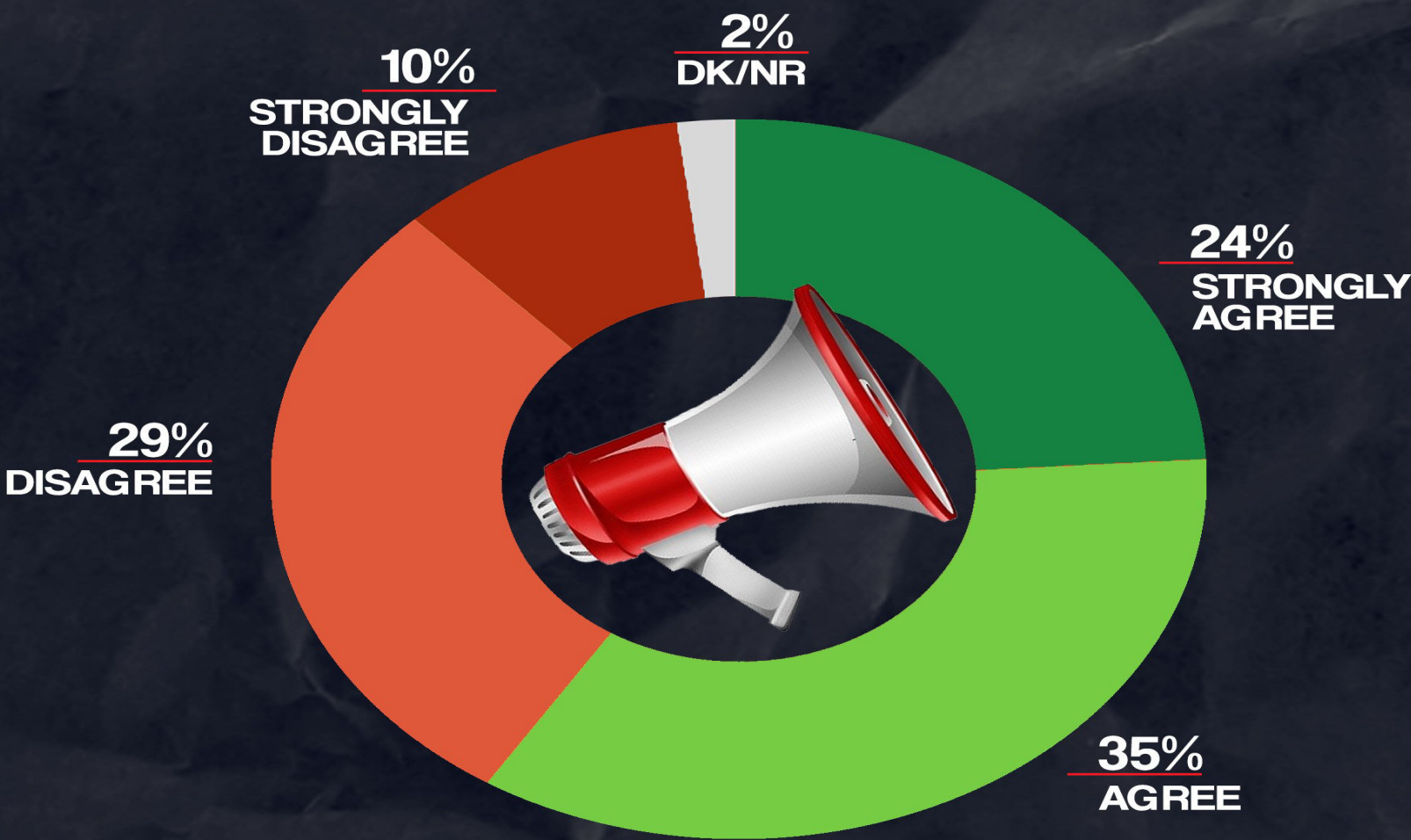
The study was released by World Justice Project and the fieldwork for the survey in Pakistan was conducted by Gallup Pakistan. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2007 men and women in Lahore, Faisalabad, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta during 1st November 2014 – 22nd November 2014. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2.8 -4.9 per cent at 95% confidence level.



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