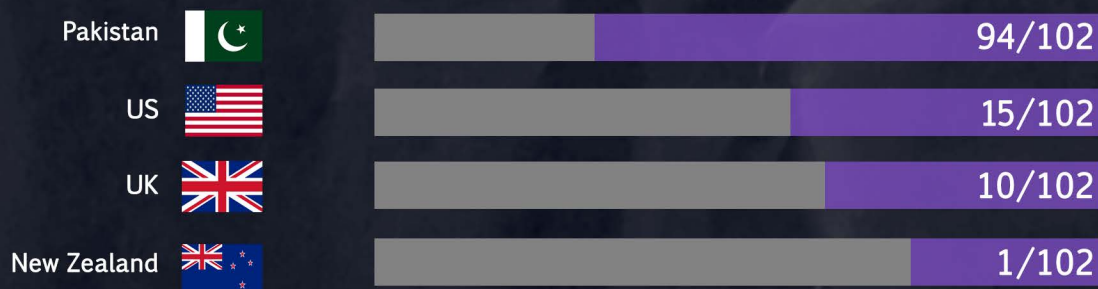


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Islamabad, October 26, 2015

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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.

Comparison with Neighbouring Countries:

A comparison of Pakistan with its neighboring countries reveals it to have received the lowest ranking with respect to them. Iran, for instance, received an aggregate score of 0.4 with an overall rank of 78 that was higher than Pakistan by 16 points. Bangladesh received an aggregate score that was slightly higher than Iran i.e. 0.45, thus placing it at the 57th rank. China too received a higher aggregate of 0.52 placing it at the 33rd rank and India received the 27th rank at an aggregate score of 0.54.

Comparison with Developed Countries:

When compared to developed countries of the world, Pakistan ranks much lower, with most developed nations having a higher aggregate score than Pakistan. Amongst the developed nations, New Zealand received the highest aggregate score of 0.80 thus placing it at the highest rank (1). This was followed by UK at the 10th position with an aggregate score of 0.67. The USA followed up with an aggregate score of 0.62 and an overall rank of 15 out of 102.

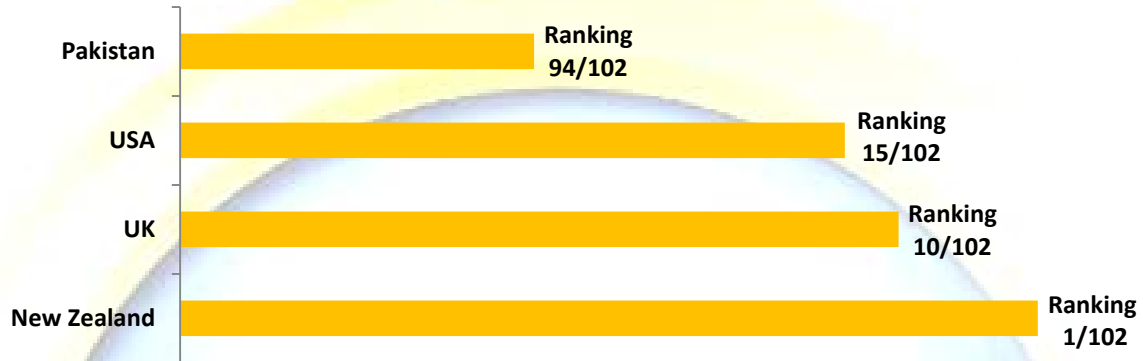
Some of the survey questions used to build this dimension of the index included: To what extent do you agree with the following statements, 'In practice, the basic laws of Pakistan are explained in plain language, so that people can understand them' and 'In practice, the basic laws of Pakistan are available in all official languages'.



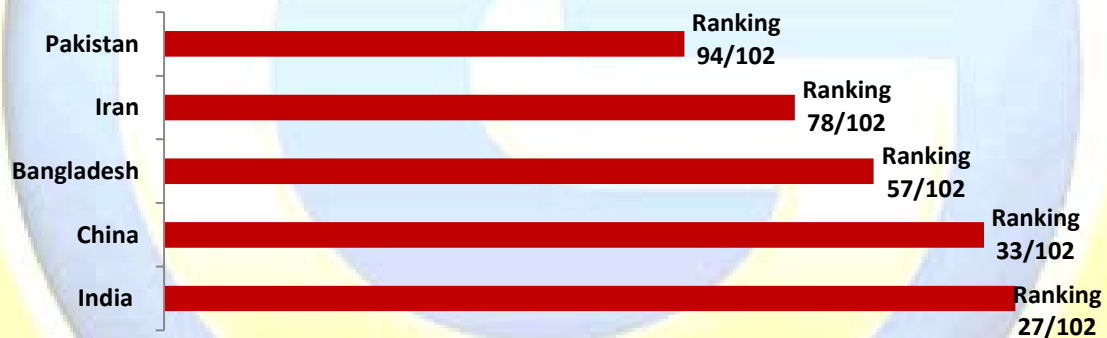
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National Survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan

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

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