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According to a recent survey by Gallup Pakistan 37% of Pakistanis are hopeful and optimistic about the chances of upward social mobility in their country. They believe that a child born to a poor family can one day become prosperous and wealthy through hard work; whereas 27% are pessimistic and believe that there is little or no chances of upward mobility. Another 27% see moderate chances for a child born to poor parents to move up and become prosperous. The remaining 9% were unable to give a specific answer.

The Gallup survey shows that the proportion of optimists has declined over the last twenty years whereas the proportion of pessimists has increased. In a similar survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan in 1981, the optimists about upward social mobility were 49% of the population, 22% were pessimists, 25% had moderate hopes of upward mobility and 4% did not give a view.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International approximately 2000 statistically selected households in the rural and urban areas of all the four provinces of Pakistan. The sample comprised a cross section of various income, education and geographic segments. The text of this report can also be seen on the internet at: www.gallup.com.pk

Question: In your view what are the chances of a child born to poor parents to one day become rich and prosperous through hard work?

	<i>Percent of respondents</i>	
	In Year	
	2000	1981
Very High / High chance	37%	49%
Moderate chance	27%	25%
Very little / No chance	27%	22%
No Response	9%	4%

Source: Gallup Pakistan