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A recent Gallup poll shows that nearly a third to half of male adults in the Pakistani cities intend to go and listen to public meeting address by prominent politicians. Public meeting arranged by the People's Party, Muslim League and Jamaat-i-Islami are expected to receive the largest crowds. A good proportion of the population is also keen to participate in politics by way of helping to organize a political meeting and participating in a procession (Jaloos). Good news for political parties is that nearly one in five male adults in Pakistani cities is willing to make a small financial contribution for political causes. But, the bad news is that almost one in twelve adults is keen to make a speech from political platforms.

Political parties may discover that while they enjoy large crowds they would also be faced with the problem of queuing up too many keen speakers.

The poll on political participation was conducted by Gallup Pakistan in nearly 100 statistically selected urban locations all over country and its findings were later computer processed to see the differences and similarities in the responses of various segments of the population.

According to the survey findings, 44% of male adults in Pakistani towns and cities expressed their intention to attend political meetings. Even if only half of the intending participants turn up, a city like Karachi can expect crowds ranging between a quarter to half a million people in its heavily attended meetings. 14% of the respondents expressed their intention to participate in political processions or Jaloos. An equal number (14%) said they would help organize public meetings. A surprisingly high number of 18% said they would be willing to make a small contribution to political parties. As for the keenness to address public meetings, 8% of the respondents said they would like to make a speech in political meeting.

In response to a survey question about which party meetings they were most keen to go to. Three parties received particularly high ratings, Muslim League, Peoples Party and Jamaat-i-Islami.

Question:

Now that political activities have been recently restored in the country, which of the following activities you intend to, are likely to participate in:

	Yes	No	No opinion
Attending a political meeting (Jalsa)	91	6	3
Participating in a procession (Jaloos)	89	8	3
Helping to organize a political meeting	85	13	2
Making financial contribution to political Parties	81	11	8
Making speech in a political meeting	88	6	5