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According to a recent Gallup poll nearly half the urban population in Pakistan feels that the present government has slowed down its drive for Islamization.

In a survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan in 100 statistically selected city and town locations all over Pakistan, 48% of the respondents said Islamization has slowed while 27% perceived no difference in government policy while a small minority of 8% felt that the pace of Islamization had accelerated did not answer this question.

The Gallup survey shows that the perception of slowdown in the Islamization policy is shared in all regions of the country but it is the strongest among the pushto speaking population. 55% of the pushto speaking population perceives a slowdown while only 20% thinks the government policy has remained unchanged. It is also interesting to note that these perceptions cut across political differences. 53% of the Jamaat-i-Islami voters perceive a slowdown which is fairly close to the perceptions held by the PPP voters, 50% of whom share the same sentiment. Views among voters of other parties are: 51% among Muslim leagues, 63% among JUP voters, 50% among Tehrik Istiqlal voters and 71% among NDP voters. The slowed down perception among the NDP and Tehrik Istiqlal constituencies is especially note-worthy. Apparently the government is subjected to criticism on this account from both religious and secular constituencies possibly for different reasons.

Question: some people say that the government has recently slowed down its Islamization policy. What is your view on this subject?

	Slowed down	No change	accelerated	No opinion
ALL PAKISTAN	48	27	8	17
Political affiliation				
PPP	50	26	5	19
ML	51	29	13	7
JI	53	29	6	12
JUP	63	27	4	6
TI	50	50	-	-
NDP	71	18	-	11