

Public Opinion Polling on Political Crisis and 'Sit-in' in Islamabad

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Executive Summary

Topic 1: Opinion about Rigging in Previous Election

The general public was asked if they believed there had been rigging in the previous elections. **49%** respondents said there was rigging in the previous elections, while **51%** said there was no rigging and **1%** did not respond.

Respondents were asked if they believed whether there had been actual rigging in the previous elections or if these were just accusation by Tehreek-e-Insaf after its loss. In response, **45%** of the respondents said there had been actual rigging whereas **54%** believed these were mere accusations by Tehreek-e-Insaf. **1%** did not respond.

Respondents were asked if they believed that Tehreek-e-Insaf's mandate was stolen in the previous elections, or if they believed that rigging was possible but mandate had not been stolen. **67%** of the respondents said that mandate had not been stolen while **32%** believed that Tehreek-e-Insaf's mandate was stolen and **1%** did not respond.

Topic 2: Opinion about Imran Khan

People were then questioned if they believed that Imran Khan would have become Prime Minister in the absence of rigging during the previous elections. Responding to this, **25%** said Imran Khan would have become Prime Minister, **59%** said he would not have become Prime Minister and **16%** replied they did not know.

When asked about Imran Khan's demand for Prime Minister's and Parliament's resignation despite the formation of judicial commission to investigate the accusations of rigging, **72%** respondents said Imran Khan should wait for the results from the commission and **28%** said he should demand immediate resignations.

The public was asked what they considered to be Imran Khan's primary aims for holding the Long March. **63%** respondents believed that his primary aim is becoming Prime Minister, **22%** believed that he wants the elimination of bribery and corruption from the country, while **14%** believed that his main aim is electoral reform and **1%** did not respond.



The Pakistani public was asked the extent to which they believed there had been improvement in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after the coming of Imran Khan's government. Responding to this, **48%** said there has been no improvement at all, **33%** said there has been somewhat improvement, and **18%** said there has been a lot of improvement and **1%** did not respond.

Opinion of respondents in KP was more positive than the rest of the country where majority of the respondents thought that positive changes had come in KP after PTI's government.

Topic 3: Opinion about Nawaz Sharif

Respondents were then asked if they thought Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had done a good thing by requesting the Supreme Court to investigate the rigging. **82%** respondents believed he had done a good thing, while **17%** believed it was bad, **1%** did not respond.

Respondents were also asked what, in their opinion, are the reasons that Nawaz Sharif is facing this situation of political instability. Responding to this, **33%** said it is because of his royal style and disunity with other political parties, **26%** said it is due to rigging in elections, **19%** said it is because of holding Musharraf responsible for Martial Law, while **12%** said it is because of being a corrupt politician and **8%** said it is because of establishing better relations with India and **1%** did not respond.

Topic 4: Opinion about Dr. Tahir-Ul-Qadri

The public was then asked how trustworthy they think Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri is. Responding to this, **36%** said he is completely untrustworthy, **26%** said he is somewhat untrustworthy, **24%** said he is somewhat trustworthy, while **14%** said he is very trustworthy and **1%** did not respond.

People were then questioned about whether Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri should be jailed if it is proven that he asked his members to attack the police before any kind of action from the police's side. In response, **76%** said he should be jailed and **23%** said he should not be jailed.



Topic 5: Opinion about Civil Disobedience

The public was then asked if they agreed or disagreed with Imran Khan's civil disobedience campaign. **38%** respondents said they disagree a lot, **25%** said they somewhat disagree, **21%** said they somewhat agree and **9%** agree a lot, while **7%** did not respond.

When asked if they will continue to pay their electricity and gas bills, as well as their tax despite the announcement of the civil disobedience campaign, **81%** respondents said they will pay and **18%** said they will not pay.

Topic 6: Opinion about Long March

When asked whether the "Inquilab March" or "Azadi March" had more participants, **59%** respondents said that Pakistan Awami Tehreek's "**Inquilab March**" had more participants while **40%** said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's "**Azadi March**" had more participants and **1%** did not respond.

Topic 7: Role of Army

The public was asked whether they believed the army was behind Imran Khan and Tahir-ul-Qadri or not. **69%** respondents said the army is not behind them while **28%** said that the army is behind them and **3%** did not respond.

Topic 8: Public Opinion on Resignation / Dissolution

Respondents were asked whether Shahbaz Sharif should resign, if it is proven that he allowed the firing on the members of Minhaj-ul-Quran in the Model Town incident. **64%** respondents said he should resign while **36%** said he should not resign.

When questioned whether they think Nawaz Sharif should resign in the current situation of political instability, **66%** respondents said he should not resign, while **33%** said he should resign and **1%** did not respond.

When questioned if they believed that the Parliament should be dissolved under the current circumstances, **61%** respondents said it should not be dissolved, while **37%** said it should be dissolved and **2%** did not respond.



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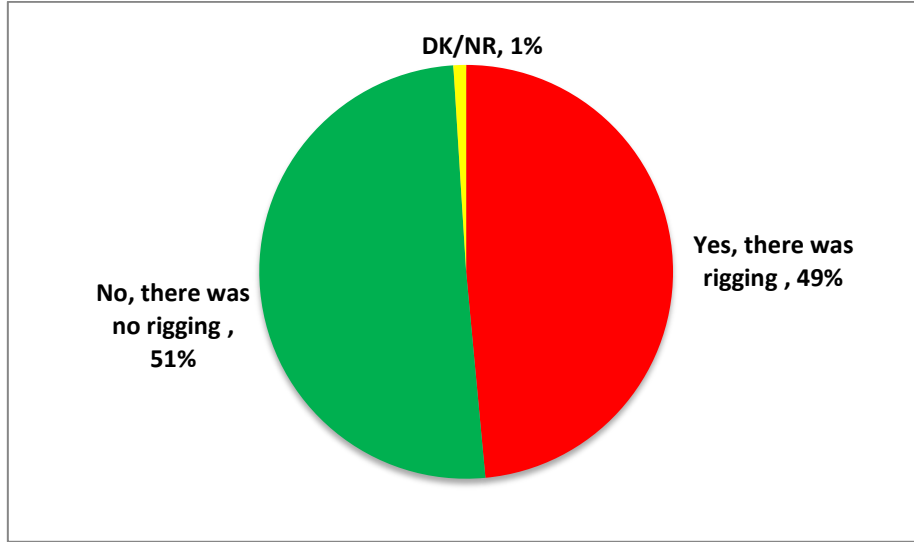
OPINION ABOUT RIGGING IN PREVIOUS ELECTION

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Item 1.1: Key Finding

Question: Some people think that there was rigging in the previous elections (2013), while others disagree with this. Please tell us, do you think there was rigging in the previous elections?



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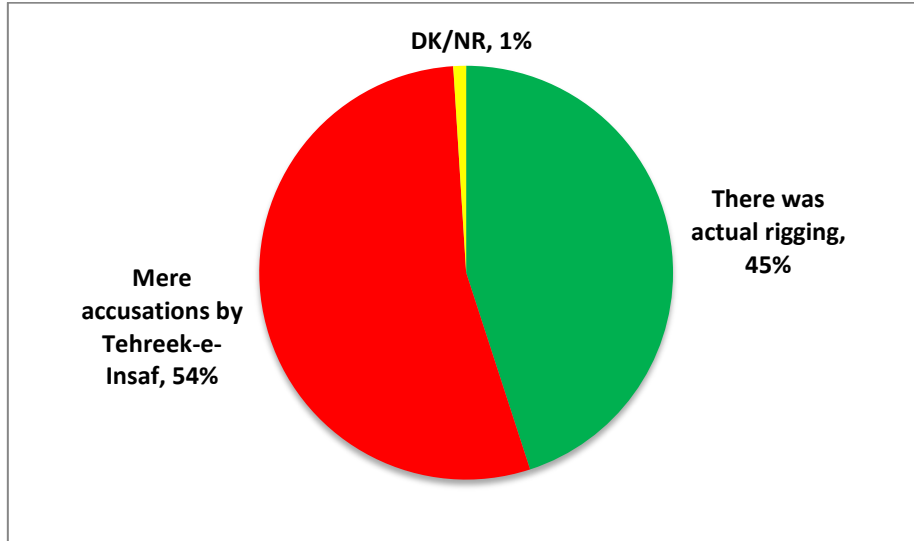
Q. بعض افراد کے خیال میں گزشتہ انتخابات (2013) میں دھاندلی ہوئی تھی ، جبکہ بعض لوگ اس موقف سے اختلاف کرتے ہیں۔
برائے مہربانی بتائیں کہ آپ کی رائے میں گزشتہ انتخابات کے دوران دھاندلی ہوئی تھی یا نہیں ؟

- 1 ہاں، دھاندلی ہوئی تھی
- 2 دھاندلی نہیں ہوئی تھی



Item 1.2: Key Finding

Question: Some people say that there was actual rigging in the previous elections, while others say that these are just accusations which are part of a conspiracy by Tehreek-e-Insaf after its loss in the 2013 elections. What is your opinion?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. بعض افراد کا کہنا ہے کہ گزشتہ انتخابات میں واقعی دھاندلی ہوئی ہے، جبکہ بعض افراد کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ محض الزامات ہیں جو کہ ایک سوچی سمجھی سازش کے تحت تحریک انصاف کی طرف سے انتخابات میں ناکامی کے بعد لگائے گئے ہیں۔ آپ کی کیا رائے ہے؟

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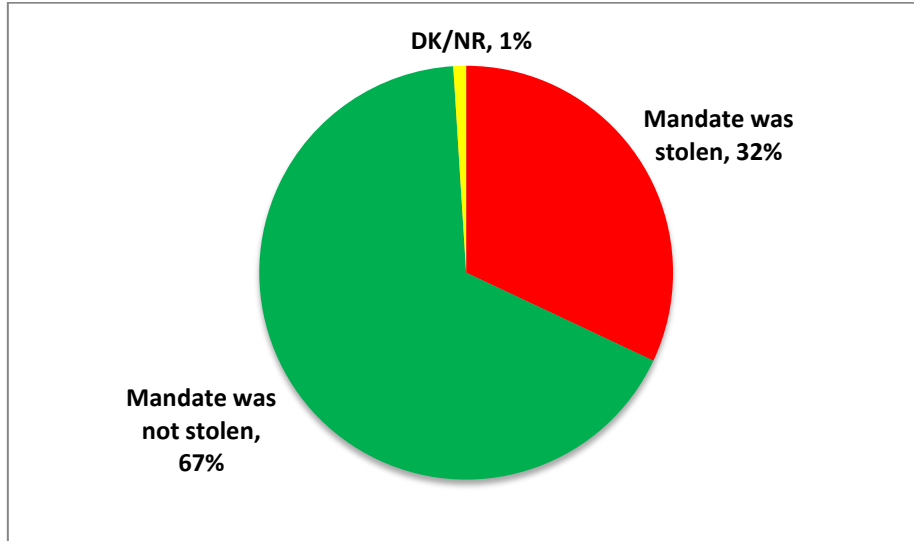
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تحریک انصاف کی طرف سے محض الزامات ہیں



Item 1.3: Key Finding

Question: Some people think that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's mandate has been stolen as a result of the rigging in the previous elections, while others think that rigging is possible but mandate was not stolen. What is your opinion in this regard?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. بعض افراد کے خیال میں گزشتہ انتخابات میں دھاندلی کے نتیجے میں پاکستان تحریک انصاف کامینڈیٹ چوری ہوا ہے ، جبکہ بعض افراد کے خیال میں دھاندلی تو ہو سکتی ہے مگر مینڈیٹ چوری نہیں ہوا۔ اس حوالے سے بتائیں کہ آپ کی کیا رائے ہے؟

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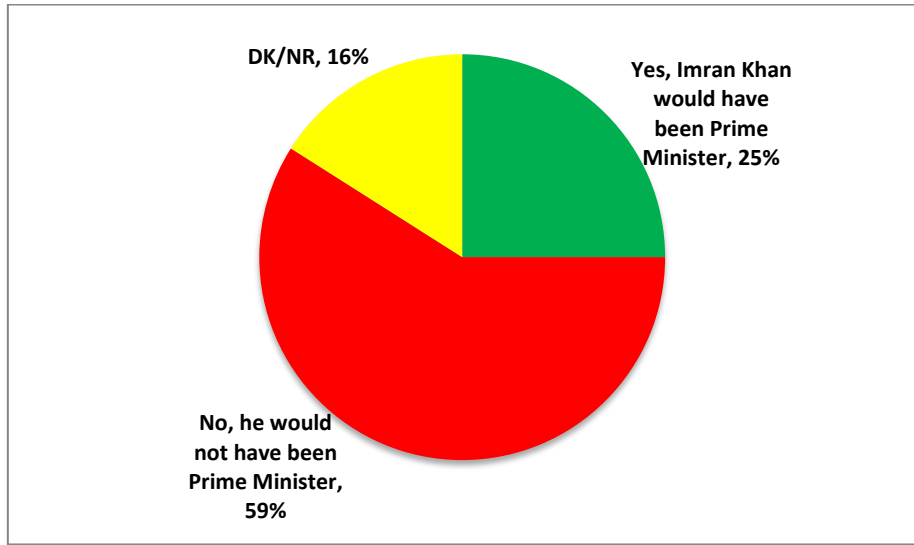
OPINION ABOUT IMRAN KHAN

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Item 2.1: Key Finding

Question: Some people think that if there had been no rigging in the previous elections Imran Khan would have been Prime Minister, while others disagree with this. What is your opinion about this? If elections had been transparent, would Imran Khan have been Prime Minister or not?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q بعض لوگوں کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر الیکشن 2013 میں دھاندلی نہ ہوتی تو عمران خان وزیراعظم ہوتے، جبکہ بعض لوگ اس رائے سے اختلاف رکھتے ہیں۔ آپ کی اس بارے میں کیا رائے ہے اگر الیکشن شفاف ہوتے تو عمران خان وزیر اعظم ہوتے یا عمران خان پھر بھی وزیر اعظم نہیں ہوتے؟

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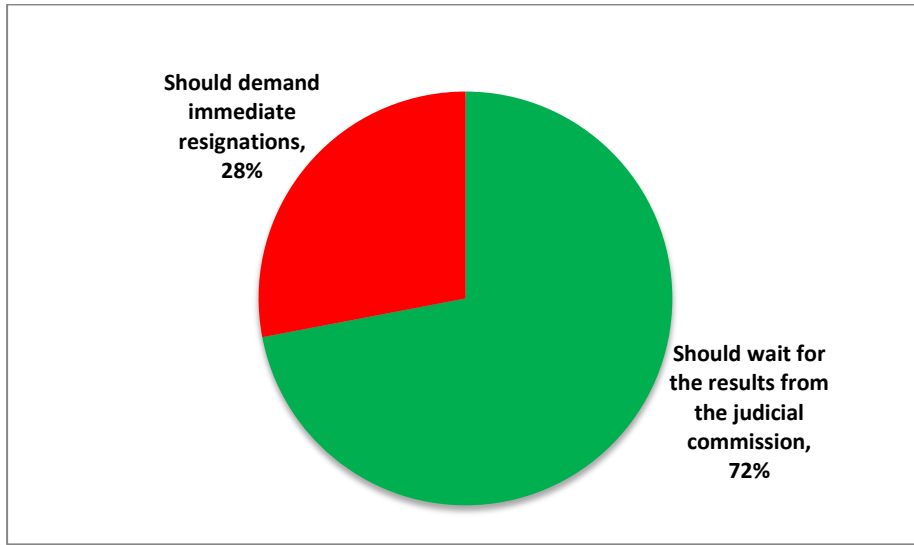
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معلوم نہیں



Item 2.2: Key Finding

Question: Despite the Prime Minister's announcement about the formation of a judicial commission to investigate the accusations of rigging, Imran Khan is demanding the resignation of the Prime Minister and the Parliament. Do you think that Imran Khan should wait for the results of the investigation into Election Commission's rigging, or should he demand immediate resignations of the Prime Minister and Parliament before the results come out?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی جانب سے انتخابی دھاندلی کے الزامات کی تحقیقات کے لیے عدالتی کمیشن کی تشکیل کے اعلان کے باوجود عمران خان وزیراعظم اور تمام پارلیمنٹ کے مستعفی ہونے کا مطالبہ کر رہے ہیں۔ آپ کے خیال میں عمران خان کو الیکشن کمیشن کے دھاندلی کی تحقیقاتی نتائج کا انتظار کرنا چاہیے یا نتائج آنے سے پہلے ہی عمران خان کو تمام پارلیمنٹ اور وزیراعظم کے فوری طور پر مستعفی ہونے کا مطالبہ کرنا چاہیے؟

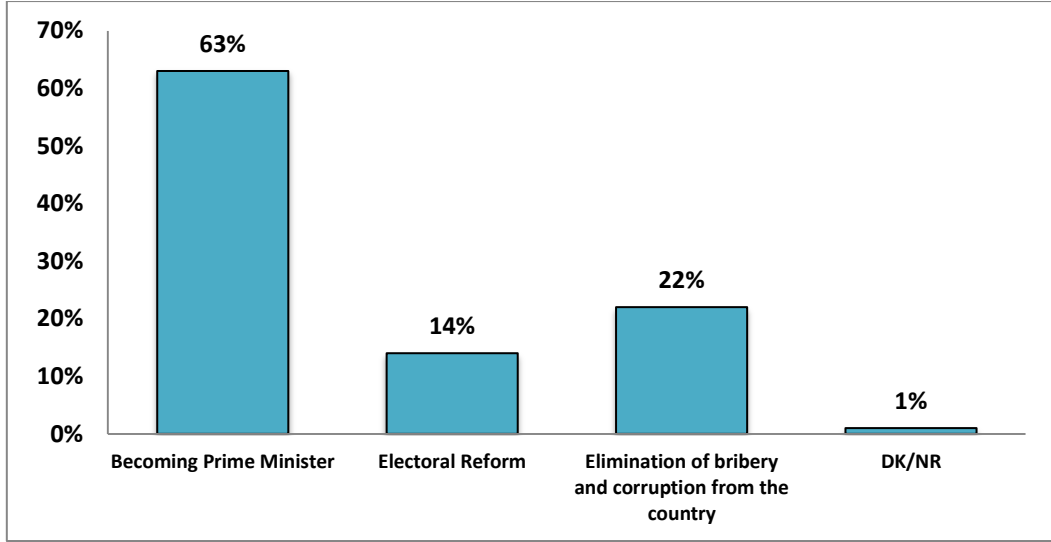
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پارلیمنٹ اور وزیراعظم کے فوری مستعفی کا مطالبہ کرنا چاہیے



Item 2.3: Key Finding

Question: With regards to Imran Khan, please tell us what do you think are the primary aims of Imran Khan's Long March?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q برائے مہربانی عمران خان کے حوالے سے سوچتے ہوئے بتائیں کہ آپ کے خیال میں عمران خان کی لونگ مارچ کا بنیادی مقصد کیا ہیں؟

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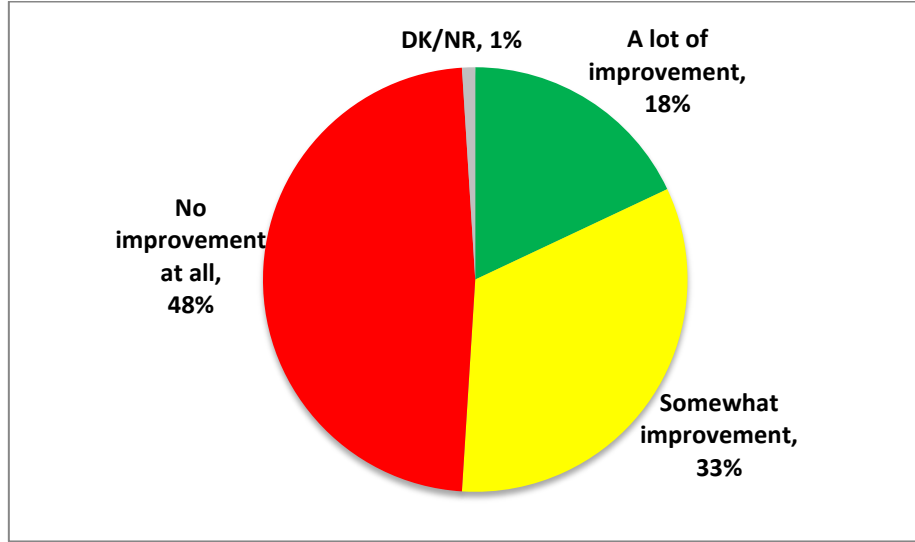
ملک سے بدعنوانی / کرپشن کا خاتمہ

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Item 2.4: Key Finding

Question: Please tell us, to what extent has there been improvement in the conditions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after the coming of Imran Khan's government?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q برائے مہربانی بتائیں کہ آپ کے خیال میں خیبر پختونخواہ میں عمران خان کی حکومت آنے کے بعد خیبر پختونخواہ میں کس حد تک بہتری آئی ہے؟

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کسی حد تک بہتری آئی ہے
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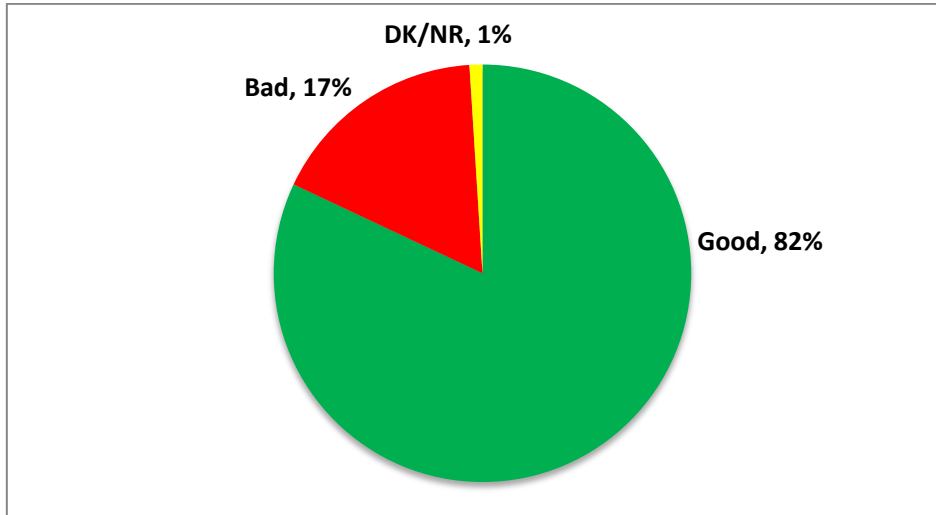
OPINION ABOUT NAWAZ SHARIF

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Item 3.1: Key Finding

Question: In response to the accusations of rigging from Imran Khan, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif requested the Supreme Court to investigate the rigging. In your opinion, did the Prime Minister do a good thing by requesting the Supreme Court or not?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. عمران خان کے الیکشن میں دھاندلی کے الزامات پر وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے سپریم کورٹ سے دھاندلی کی تحقیقات کی درخواست کی۔ آپ کے خیال میں وزیراعظم نے سپریم کورٹ سے درخواست کر کے اچھا کیا یا برا کیا ؟

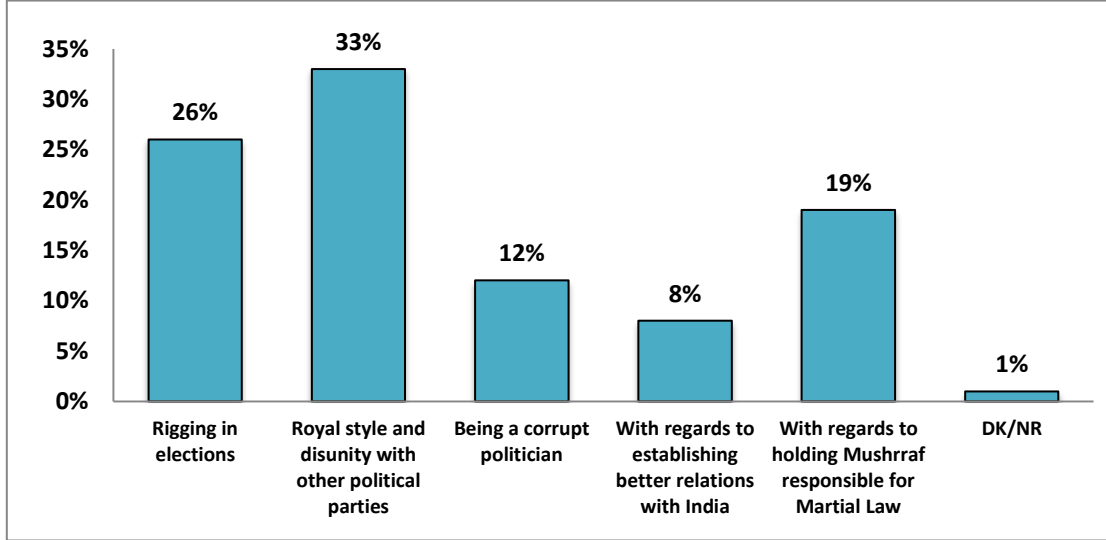
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Item 3.2: Key Finding

Question: In your opinion, what are the reasons that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is faced with this situation of political instability?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. آپ کے خیال میں وزیراعظم نواز شریف کن کن وجوہات کی بنائ پر ان تمام سیاسی بحران کی صورتحال/مسائل سے دوچار ہیں ؟

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انتخابات میں دھاندلی کی وجہ سے
بادشاہی انداز اور سیاسی پارٹیز کے ساتھ اتحاد نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے
کرپٹ سیاست دان ہونے کی وجہ سے
بھارت کے ساتھ بہتر تعلقات قائم کرنے کے حوالے سے
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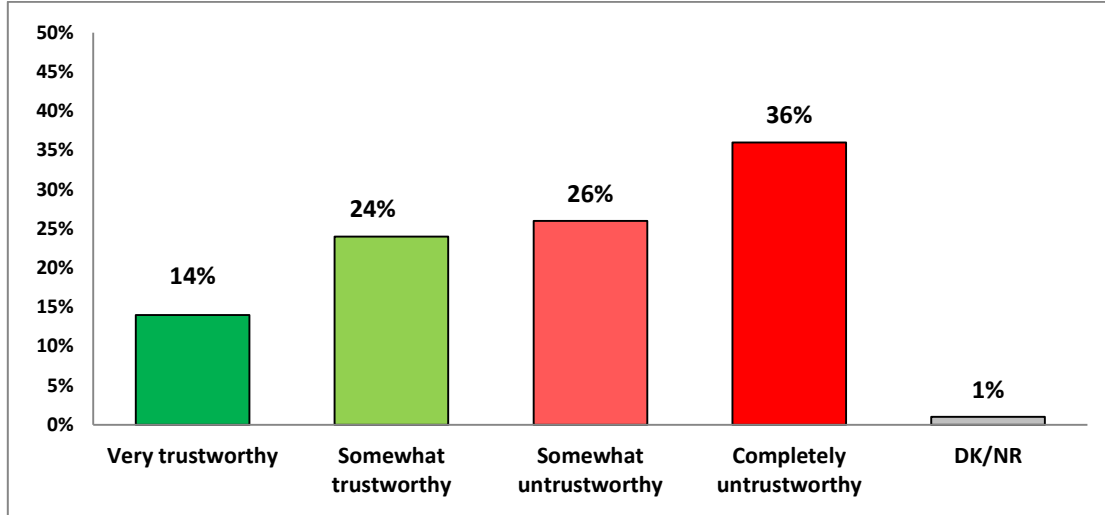
Opinion About DR. TAHIR-UL-QADRI

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Item 4.1: Key Finding

Question: **How trustworthy do you think is Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri?**



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. آپ کے خیال میں ڈاکٹر طاہر القادری کس حد تک قابل اعتماد شخص ہیں؟

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بہت زیادہ قابل اعتماد

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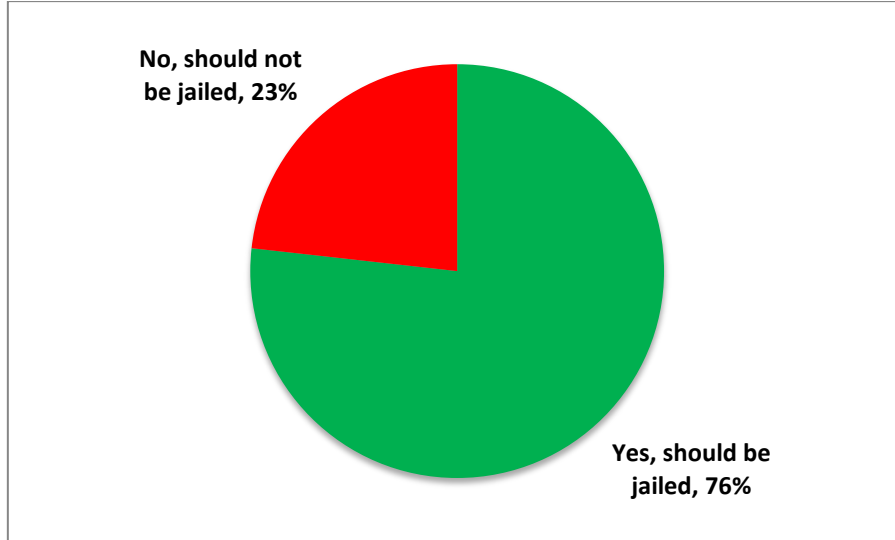
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مکمل طور پر قابل اعتماد نہیں



Item 4.2: Key Finding

Question: **If it is proven that Tahir-ul-Qadri asked the members to attack the Police before any kind of action from the police, do you think that Tahir-ul-Qadri should be jailed for allowing violence on the police?**



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. آپ کے خیال میں اگر یہ بات ثابت ہو کہ طاہر القادری نے اپنے کارکنان کو پولیس کی جانب سے کسی بھی قسم کی کارروائی، لاثہی چارج یا فائرنگ سے پہلے ہی پولیس پر حملہ کرنے کا حکم دیا تھا تو طاہر القادری کو پولیس پر حملہ کرنے کا حکم دینے پر جیل ہونی چاہیے یا نہیں؟

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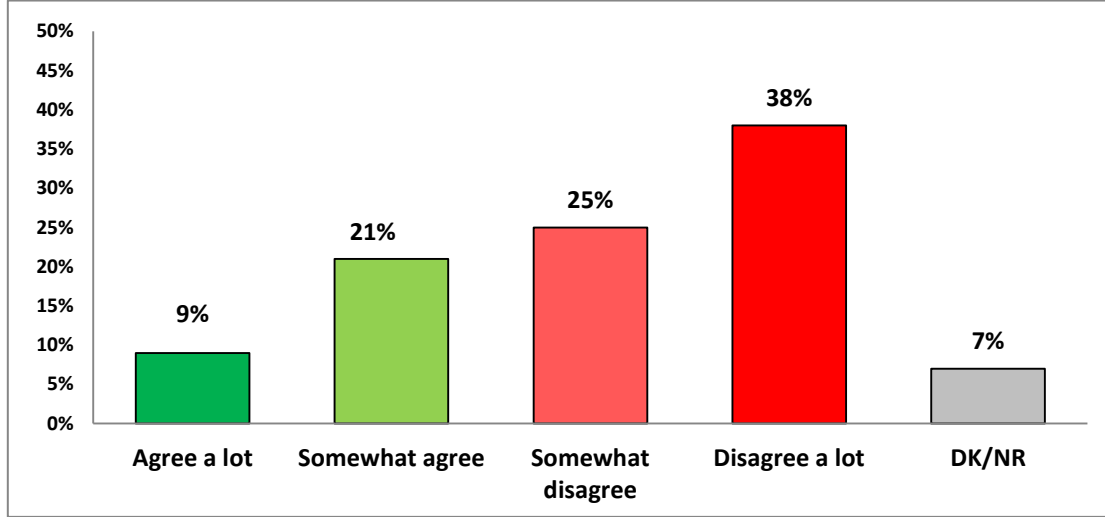
OPINION ABOUT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

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Item 5.1: Key Finding

Question: Recently, while speaking at the Long March sit-in Imran Khan announced a civil disobedience campaign. Do you agree or disagree with Imran Khan's civil disobedience campaign?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. حال ہی میں عمران خان نے لانگ مارچ کے دھرنے سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے سول نافرمانی کی تحریک کا اعلان کیا۔

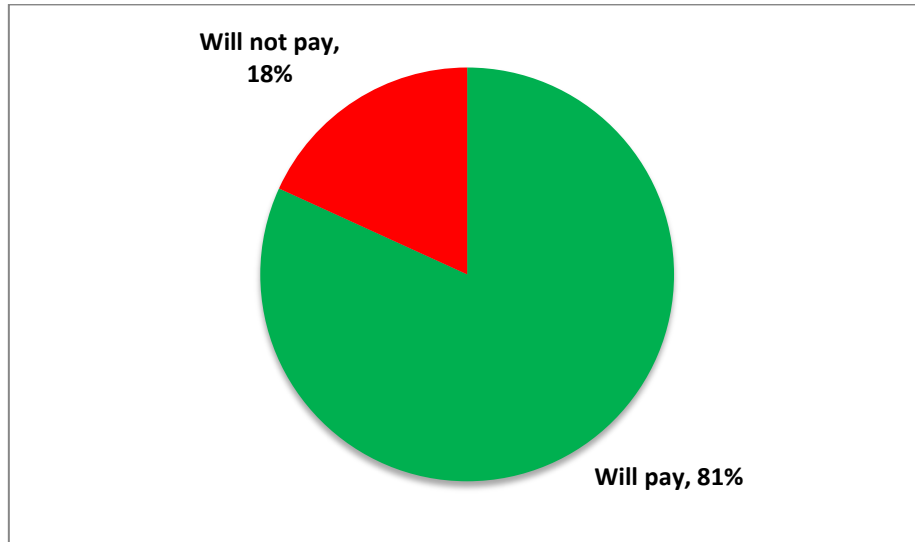
آپ عمران خان کی سول نافرمانی کی تحریک سے کس حد تک متفق یا غیر متفق ہیں؟

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| 3 | کسی حد تک غیر متفق |
| 4 | بہت زیادہ غیر متفق |
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Item 5.2: Key Finding

Question: **Please tell us, will you or will you not pay your electricity bills, gas bills and tax despite the announcement of civil disobedience from Imran Khan?**



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. برائے مہربانی بتائیں کہ عمران خان کی جانب سے سول نافرمانی کی تحریک کے آغاز کے باوجود آپ بجلی، گیس کے بل اور ٹیکس ادا کریں گے یا نہیں؟

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ہاں، ادا کریں گے
نہیں، ادا کریں گے



TOPIC 6

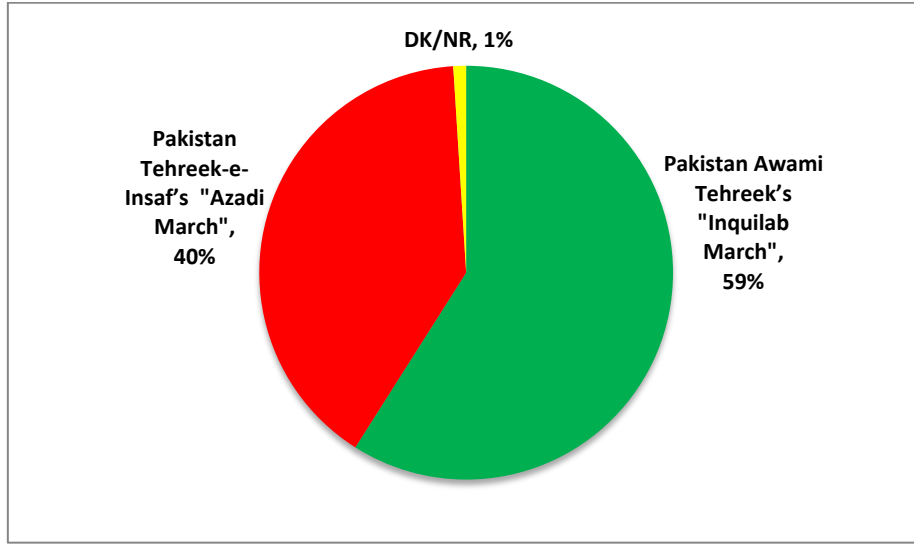
OPINION ABOUT LONG MARCH

This Topic has 1 item. Key Findings and Statistical Analysis for each of them are provided ahead in this section



Item 6.1: Key Finding

Question: Which march in Islamabad has the largest number of participants in your opinion? Is the number of participants higher for Pakistan Awami Tehreek's 'Inquilab March' or Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's 'Azadi March'?



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. آپ کے خیال میں اسلام آباد میں کس مارچ کے شرکاء کی تعداد سب سے زیادہ ہے۔ پاکستان عوامی تحریک کے "انقلاب مارچ" میں شرکاء کی تعداد زیادہ ہے یا پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے "آزادی مارچ" میں شرکاء کی تعداد زیادہ ہے؟

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پاکستان عوامی تحریک کے "انقلاب مارچ" میں

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پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے "آزادی مارچ" میں



TOPIC 7

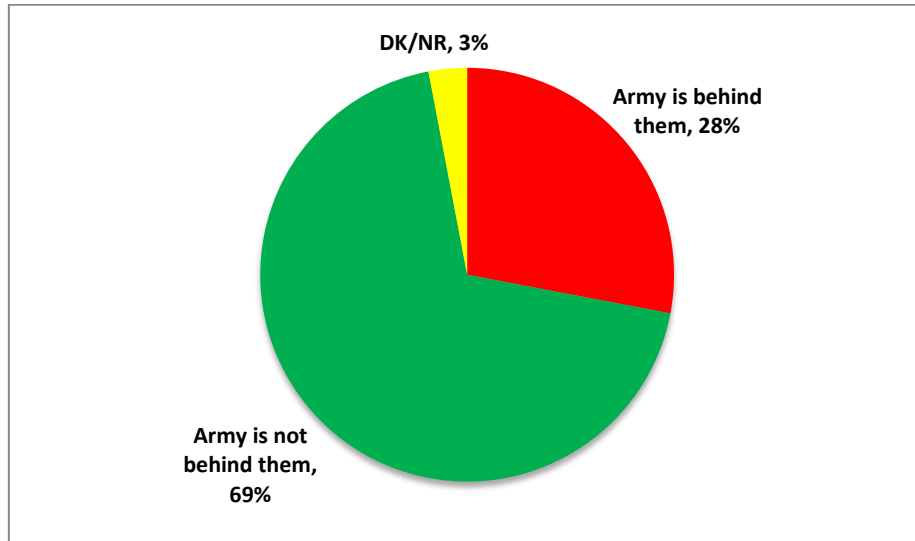
ROLE OF ARMY

This Topic has 1 item. Key Findings and Statistical Analysis for each of them are provided ahead in this section



Item 7.1: Key Finding

Question: **Some people think that the army is behind Tahir-ul-Qadri and Imran Khan, while others disagree with this. What is your opinion?**



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q. بعض افراد کے خیال میں طاہر القادری اور عمران خان کے پیچھے فوج کا ہاتھ ہے، جبکہ بعض افراد کی رائے اس سے بالکل

مختلف ہے۔ آپ کی کیا رائے ہے ؟

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ہاں، فوج کا ہاتھ ہے

نہیں، فوج کا ہاتھ نہیں ہے



TOPIC 8

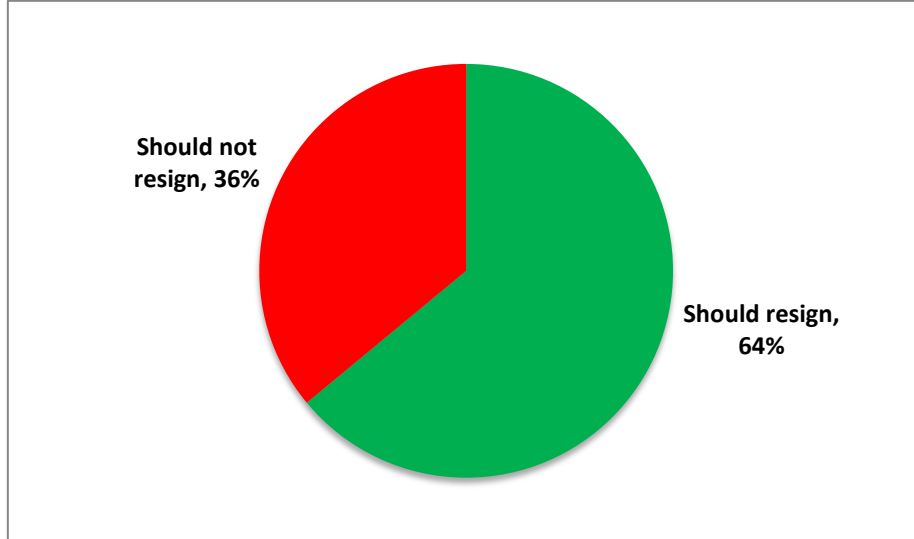
Public Opinion on Resignations / Dissolution

This Topic has 3 items. Key Findings and Statistical Analysis for each of them are provided ahead in this section



Item 8.1: Key Finding

Question: **If it is proven in the case of the Model Town incident that Shahbaz Sharif's government allowed the firing on the members of Minhaj-ul-Quran, should Shahbaz Sharif resign?**



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q اگر سانحہ ماڈل ٹاؤن کیس میں یہ بات ثابت ہو جاتی ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف کی حکومت نے منہاج القرآن کے اراکین پر فائرنگ کرنی کی اجازت دی تھی تو کیا شہباز شریف کو اپنے عہدے سے استعفیٰ دے دینا چاہیئے؟

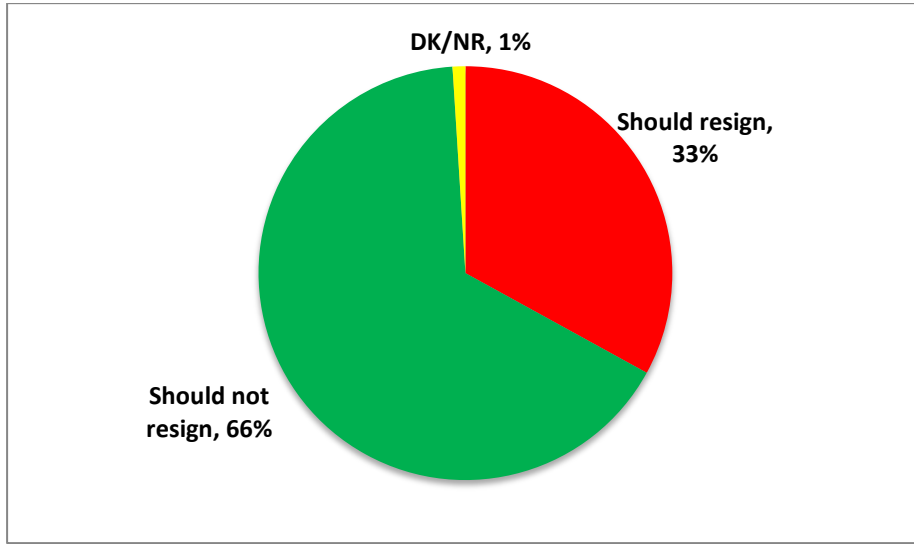
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نہیں استعفیٰ نہیں دینا چاہیئے



Item 8.2: Key Finding

Question: **Some people think that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif should resign in the current situation of political instability, while others think he should not resign. Do you think he should resign or not?**



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

Q بعض لوگوں کا کہنا ہے کہ موجودہ سیاسی بحران میں وزیراعظم نواز شریف کو استعفیٰ دے دینا چاہیئے، جبکہ بعض لوگوں کا کہنا ہے کہ وزیراعظم نواز شریف کو استعفیٰ نہیں دینا چاہیئے۔ آپ کے خیال میں وزیراعظم کو استعفیٰ دے دینا چاہیئے یا نہیں؟

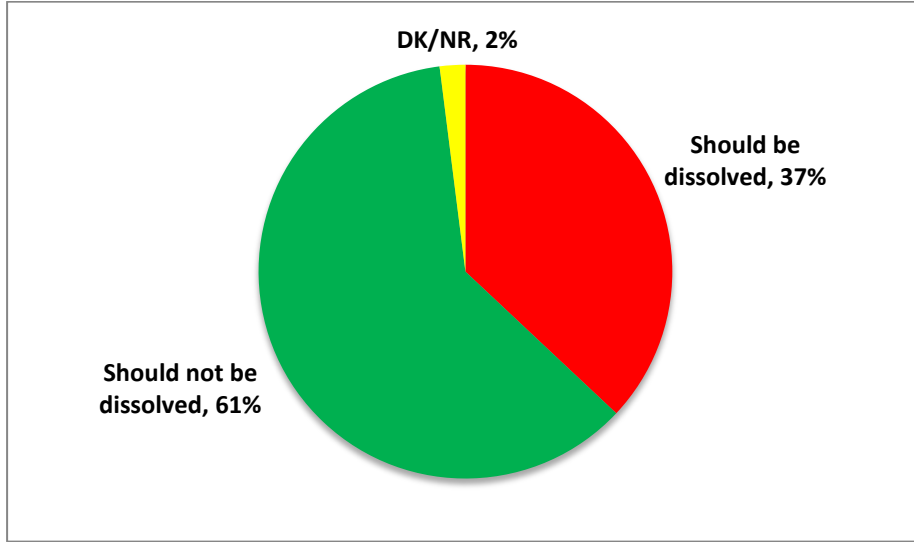
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ہاں استعفیٰ دینا چاہیئے
نہیں استعفیٰ نہیں دینا چاہیئے



Item 8.3: Key Finding

Question: **Do you think the Parliament should be dissolved in the current circumstances?**



Source: Gallup Pakistan, August 23 – August 25, 2014

آپ کے خیال میں موجود صورتحال میں پارلیمنٹ کو تحلیل کر دینا چاہیئے یا نہیں؟ Q

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ہاں، تحلیل کرنا چاہیئے
تحلیل نہیں کرنا چاہیئے



PART 2: METHODOLOGY



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Sample size : 2394 Households
(18+ Males and Females)

Coverage : National Cross Section
All Pakistan Urban and Rural

Breakdown

Provincial Breakdown:

	Weighted
Punjab	58%
Sindh	24%
KPK	14%
Balochistan	5%

Location Breakdown:

	Weighted
Large Cities (over 2 million)	33%
Medium Cities (over half million)	
Towns (Population 5000 plus)	
Villages	67%

Sampling Method : Multi Stage Stratified Sampling

Error Margin : $\pm 3-5\%$ at 95% confidence level

Interview Mode : Face to Face In home

Field Dates : August 23 – August 25, 2014

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