



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1998

Government Policy Budget

(1998-2016) 38 % increase in negative rating of Federal Budget between 1998 (first year of PMLN government in 1998) and now (4th year of PMLN's 3rd stint at Federal budget). GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1998 (18 years ago) respondents were asked if they thought the budget announced in that year was good, bad, or average. 27% respondents said that the budget announced was good, 17% said that it was bad and 51% said that it was average. 5% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2016 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2016, 12% respondents said that the budget was good, 55% said that it was bad, and 27% said that it was average. 6% did not know or did not wish to respond.

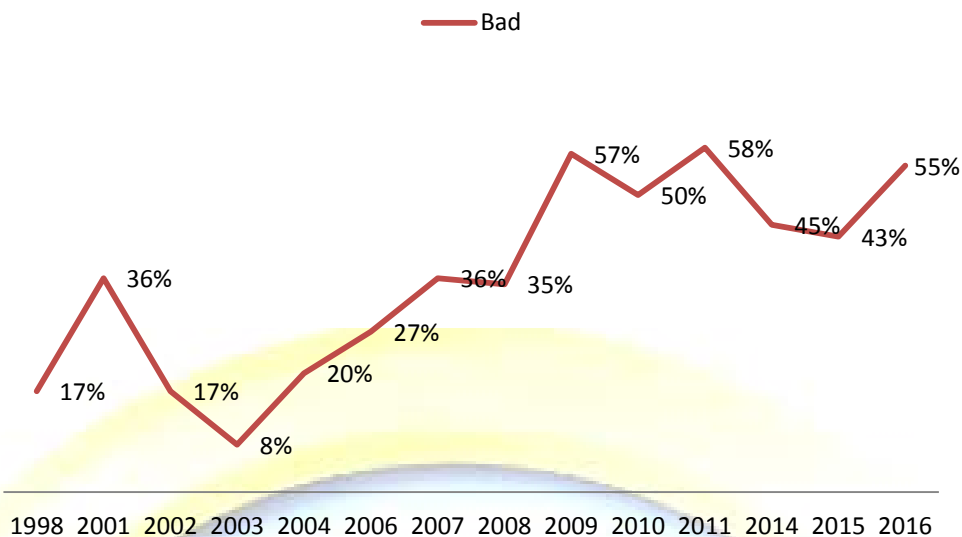
According to public response, an increasing number of people have begun to think that the budget was bad, as opposed to average. There has been a 38% increase in the number of people who perceived the budget as bad when comparing the figures for 1998 and 2016. Similarly, there has been a 15% drop in the number of people who think the budget was good and a 24% fall in the number of people who think that it was average since the last PMLN government.

This press release has been made as part of the Gallup Pakistan History Project which aims to release historical empirical polling data to wider audiences. The objective is to sustain and encourage empirical decision making in Pakistan.

Question: A few days ago, budget 2016-17 was presented. In your opinion, was this a good, bad or average budget overall?

	1998	2001	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2014	2015	2016
Good	27%	9%	4%	21%	14%	20%	16%	20%	6%	11%	4%	18%	15%	12%
Bad	17%	36%	17%	8%	20%	27%	36%	35%	57%	50%	58%	45%	43%	55%
Average	51%	28%	28%	41%	37%	45%	41%	37%	31%	35%	25%	20%	30%	27%
DK/NR	5%	27%	51%	30%	29%	8%	6%	8%	6%	4%	13%	17%	12%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Aim and Rationale for Gallup Pakistan History Project

Bilal I Gilani , who is Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan and is Director of Gallup Pakistan History Project explains the aim of the Project as follows : ‘Gallup Pakistan has been polling in Pakistan since 1979 (over 35 years). During this time millions of Pakistanis have been surveyed by over a thousand interviewers of Gallup. In 2014, Gallup Pakistan decided to release historical Public Opinion data and this Press Release is part of Gallup Pakistan’s History Project. This endeavor is dedicated to all those who hope for a more empirical understanding of Pakistani Issues. For more information about Gallup History Project, please contact caf@gallup.com.pk.’

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Gilani Research Foundation is headed by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani who pioneered the field of opinion polling in Pakistan and established Gallup Pakistan in 1980. Currently Dr. Gilani, who holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has taught at leading universities in Pakistan and abroad, is Chairman of Gallup Pakistan.

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

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