



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1996

GOVERNMENT POLICY

Budget

(1996-2016) 24% drop in the number of people who think prices of household items have increased due to the new budget. GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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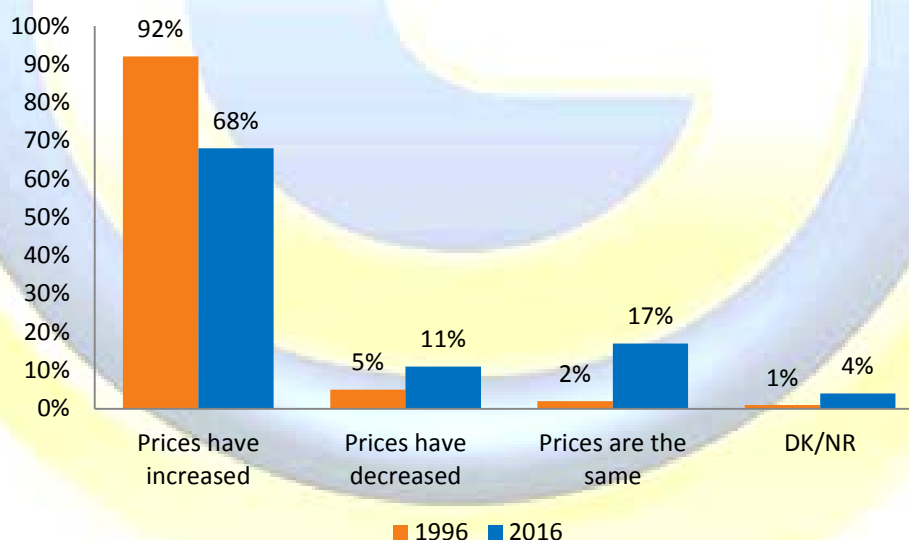
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1996 (20 years ago) respondents were asked if the new budget had burdened them, in the sense that whether prices of household products have increased, decreased or remained the same. To this, 92% responded that prices have increased, 5% said that prices have decreased, and 2% said that prices have remained the same. 1% 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, 68% said that prices of household items have increased due to the new budget, 11% said that prices have decreased and 17% said that prices have remained the same. 4% did not know or did not wish to respond.

According to public opinion, there has been a 24% drop in the number of people who think prices of household items have increased due to the budget. There has also been a 15% increase in the number of people who believe the budget did not affect prices of household items, and a 6% increase in the number of people who think prices of household items have dropped due to the recent budget.

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: “Some people say that the new budget has burdened them, i.e. the household products they require have become expensive, whereas some people say that the household products have become cheaper, and yet some other people say that the new budget has not made a difference in the prices. What is your opinion?”



Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys
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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 has 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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If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.

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