



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1996

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(1996-2016) 8% increase in the proportion of people who think a change in government will not improve conditions. GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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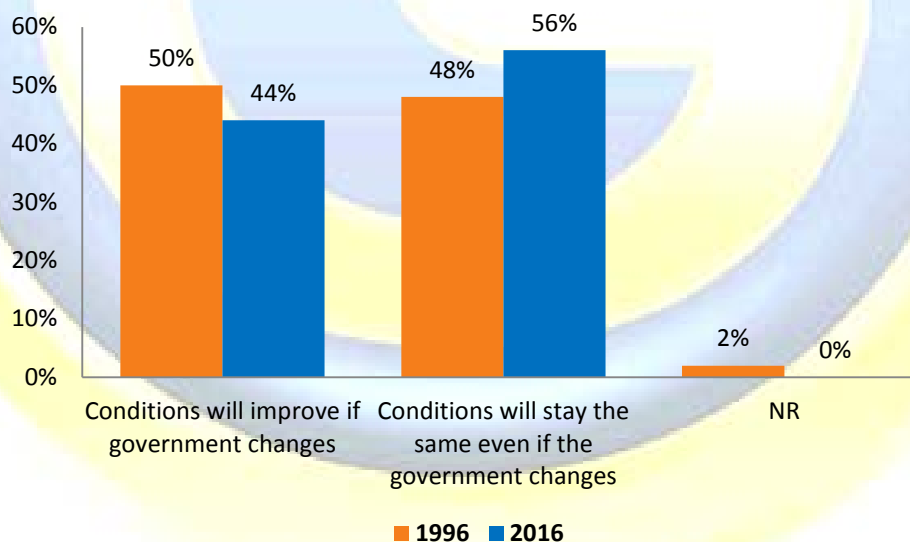
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1996 (20 years ago) respondents were asked if they thought conditions will improve if the government changed. To this, 50% said that conditions will improve if the current government changes, and 48% said that conditions will not improve even if current government changes. 2% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2016 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2016, 44% said that conditions will improve if the current government changes, and 56%, a majority, said that conditions will not improve even if the government changes.

According to public opinion, there has been a 6% fall in the proportion of people who think conditions will improve if the government changes. There has been an 8% increase in the proportion of people who believe that conditions will remain the same even if government changes. This is in line with a sense of pessimism prevalent across the country that stems from the realization that this country's problems are more pervasive than understood in the age before media was freed. People seem to understand now that curing this country's problems might not be in the hands of one government and it will take more time than that.

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 think that the current government will be successful in improving conditions, while others think that conditions will only improve if the government changed. What is your opinion?"



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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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