



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1996

DEFENSE Nuclear Performance

(1996-2016) 28% rise in the proportion of people between 1996 and 2016, who think the government is sincere with the nuclear program. GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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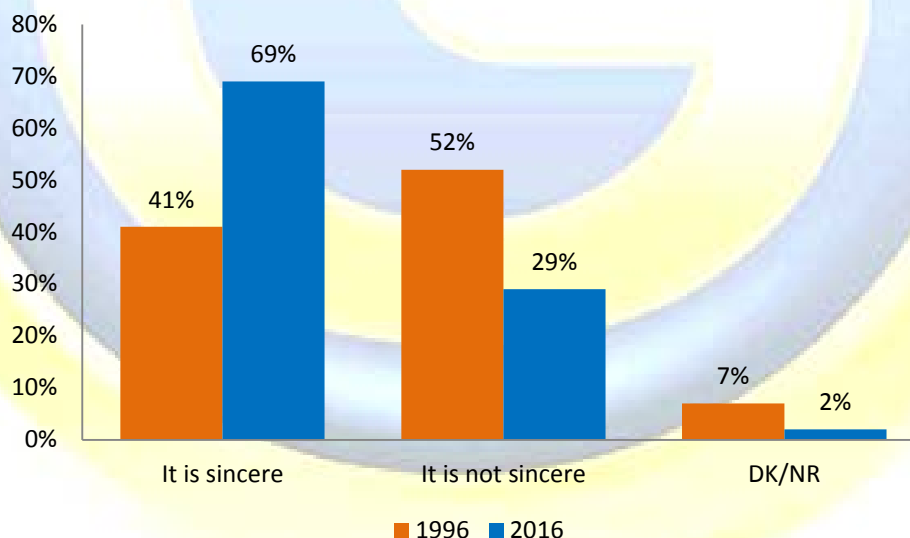
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1996 (20 years ago) respondents were asked if they thought the government was sincere with the nuclear program. To this, 41% said that yes, the government was sincere with the nuclear program, while 52% said that the government was not sincere with it. 7% 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, 69% said that the government was sincere with the nuclear program, and 29% said that the government was not sincere with the nuclear program. 2% did not know or did not wish to respond.

According to public opinion, there has been a 28% rise in the proportion of people who think that the government is sincere with the nuclear program, and a corresponding 23% fall in the proportion of people who think the government is not sincere with it. It is important to note here that in 1996 Pakistan was working on its nuclear capabilities but it became a nuclear power in 1998. There was a lot of uncertainty regarding the nuclear program and the government's commitment to it in 1996, which translates into the smaller proportion of people who believed the government, was sincere with the nuclear program. In 2016, 18 years after Pakistan declared itself to be a nuclear power, that confusion has been dissipated and more people trust the government's sincerity with the nuclear program.

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 government is sincere with the nuclear program, while others think the opposite is true. What do you think?"



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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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