



# Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2000

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### Independence Day

**(2000-2016) 29% increase in the proportion of people who celebrate Independence Day with greater fervor. GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN**

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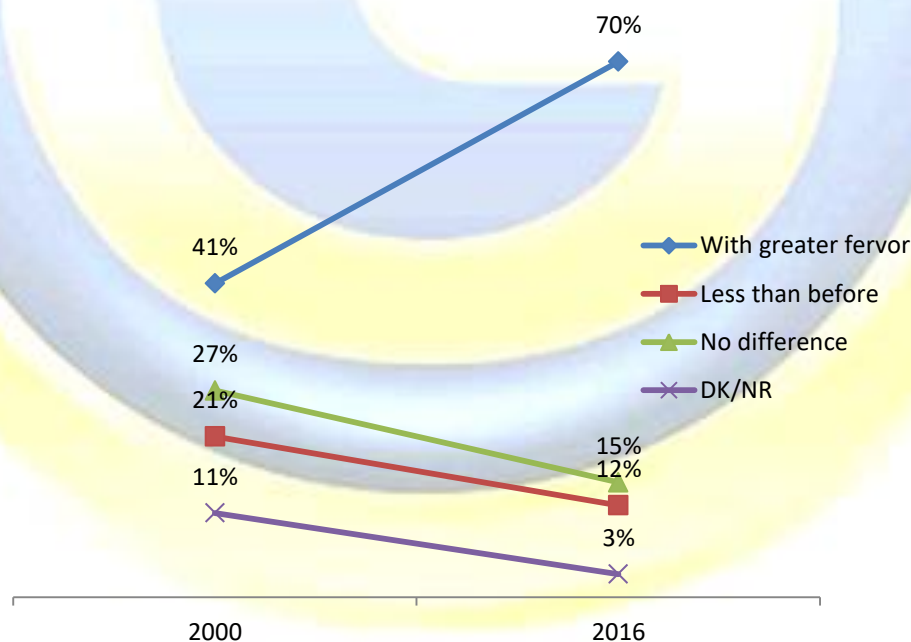
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2000 (16 years ago) respondents were asked, "Some people think that Independence Day has been celebrated with greater fervor this year compared to the past two to three years. Others think that there is not much difference. In your opinion was Independence Day celebrated with greater fervor or not?" To this, 41% said with greater fervor, 27% said less than before, while 21% said there was no difference. 11% 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, 70% said with greater fervor, 12% said less than before, while 15% said there was no difference. 3% did not know or did not wish to respond.

According to public opinion, there has been a 29% increase in the proportion of people who celebrate Independence Day with greater fervor; there has been a 9% decrease in the proportion of people who celebrate Independence Day with lesser fervor and a 12% decrease in the proportion of people who say there is no difference.

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**Question: Some people think that Independence Day has been celebrated with greater fervor this year compared to the past two to three years. Others think that there is not much difference. In your opinion was Independence Day celebrated with greater fervor or not?**



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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](mailto:caf@gallup.com.pk).'

## **Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan**

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