



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1996

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(1996-2016) 17% rise in the proportion of Pakistanis who think Courts do deliver justice. GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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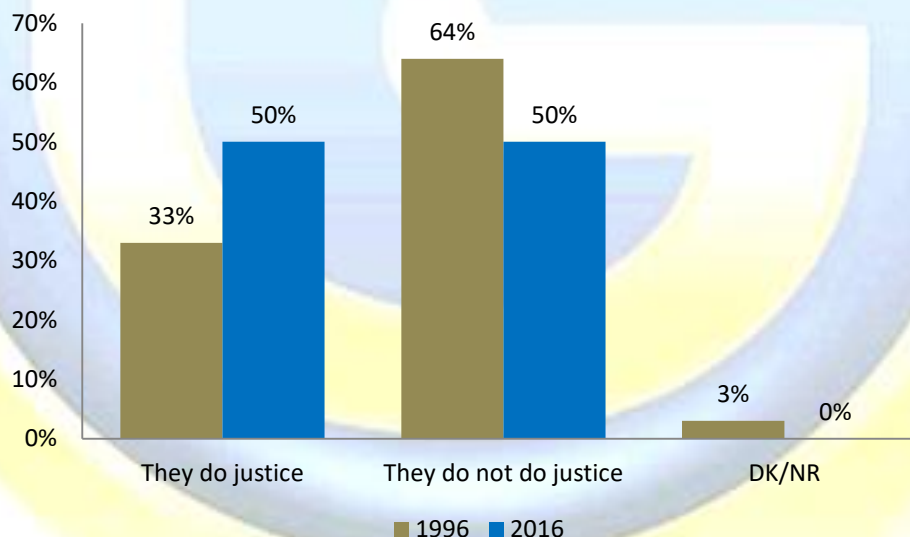
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1996 (20 years ago) respondents were asked if they thought courts in Pakistan delivered justice. 33% responded that yes, they deliver justice, while 64% said that no, they do not deliver justice. 3% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2016 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2016, opinion was evenly divided. 50% said that yes, they deliver justice and another 50% said that no, they do not deliver justice.

According to public opinion, there has been a 17% rise in the proportion of people who say that yes, courts do deliver justice and a corresponding 14% fall in the proportion of people who say that courts do not deliver justice. This is testament to increasing faith in the court system, perhaps after the struggle of judiciary to free itself from the influence of politicians and the government, under Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhary. Now the judiciary is seen freer than before, however, the conditions of lower courts are still dismal, which may be the reason for the even divide in the statistics from 2016.

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 believe courts in Pakistan give people the justice people seek, while others do not think so. Do you think the courts do justice?"



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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