



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2004

POLITICS/ RELIGION

(2004-2016) 8% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who strongly believe that religion and politics should be treated separately. GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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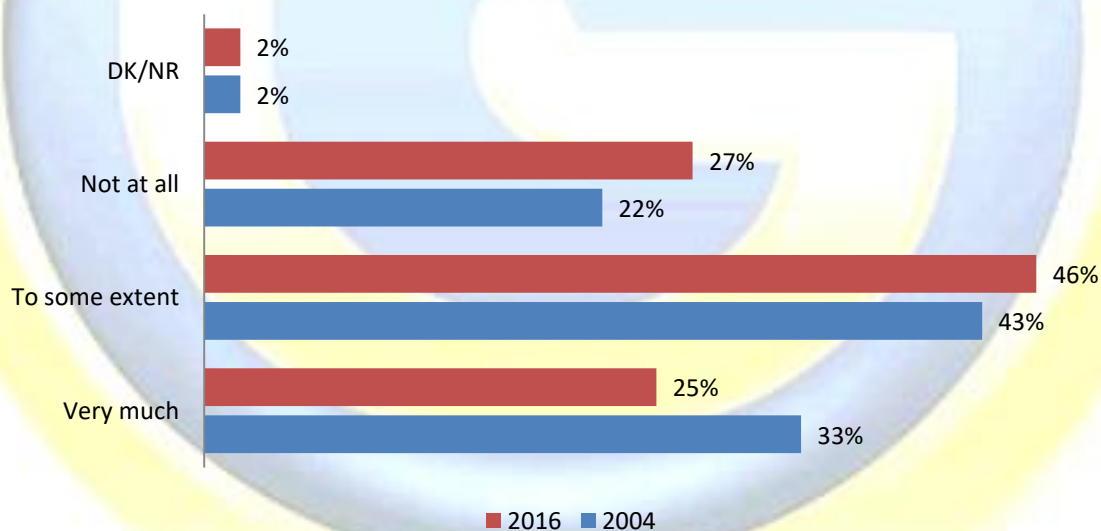
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2004 (12 years ago) respondents were asked, “Some people think that religion and politics should be treated separately. In your opinion to what extent should religion and politics be treated separately?” To this, 33% said religion and politics should be treated separately very much, 43% said to some extent, 22% said not at all. 2% 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, 25% said religion and politics should be treated separately very much, 46% said to some extent, 27% said not at all. 2% did not know or did not wish to respond.

According to public opinion, there has been an 8% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who very much believe that religion and politics should be treated separately, a 3% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe to some extent that religion and politics should be treated separately and a 5% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe religion and politics should not be treated separately at all.

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 religion and politics should be treated separately. In your opinion to what extent should religion and politics be treated separately?”



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.’

Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan

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If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.

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