



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2007

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Kashmir Day

(2007-2016) 8% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe celebrating Kashmir Day will help in Kashmir's independence, 1/4th Pakistanis continue to believe it's not an optimal use of national resources. GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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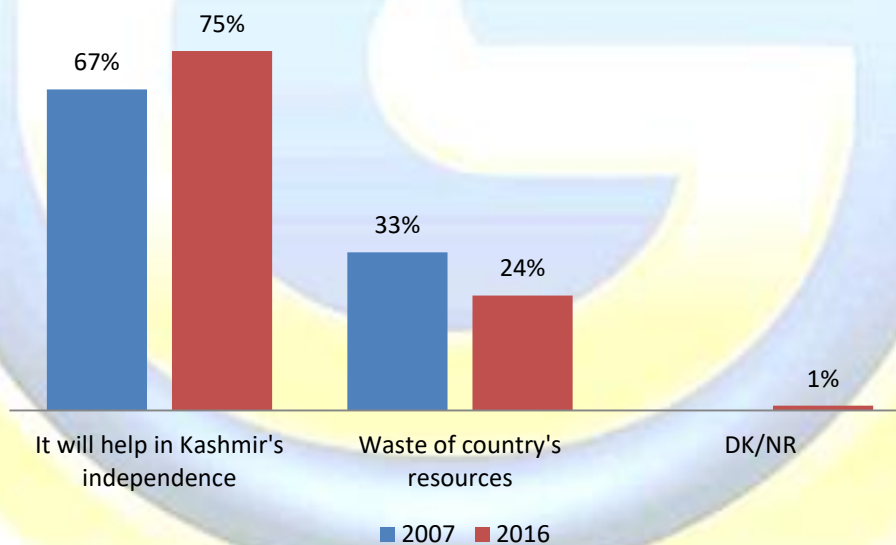
According to a Gallup Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2007 (9 years ago) respondents were asked, "Some people think that celebrating Kashmir Day will help in Kashmir's independence; while others think country's resources are wasted celebrating it. What is your opinion?" To this, 67% said it will help in Kashmir's independence, 33% said waste of country's resources.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2016 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2016, 75% said it will help in Kashmir's independence, 24% said waste of country's resources. 1% did not know or did not wish to respond.

According to public opinion, there has been an 8% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe celebrating Kashmir Day will help in Kashmir's independence and a 9% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe celebrating Kashmir Day is a waste of country's resources.

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 celebrating Kashmir Day will help in Kashmir's independence; while others think country's resources are wasted celebrating it. What is your opinion?"



Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys
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Who are Non Supportive of Kashmir Cause?

Of the 24% Pakistanis who believe celebration of Kashmir Day as waste of resources, 22% are men and 25% are women; 24% are residents of Punjab, 19% are residents of Sindh, 32% are residents of KPK and 11% are residents of Balochistan.

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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