



# Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2007

## SOCIETY AND CRIME

### Crime

**(2007-2016) 1 in 2 Pakistanis believe people who spread evil in society should be corrected; a 9% increase over the last 9 years. 39% still believe that evildoers should be hanged. 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 people who spread evil in the society should be hanged, while others think they have all the right to live, and should be kept alive and guided to the right path (meaning they should be corrected). What is your opinion?" To this, 49% said should be hanged, 41% said should be corrected and 10% did not know or did not wish to response.

**Comparative Picture:** The question was asked again in 2016 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2016, 39% said should be hanged, 50% said should be corrected and 11% did not know or did not wish to respond.

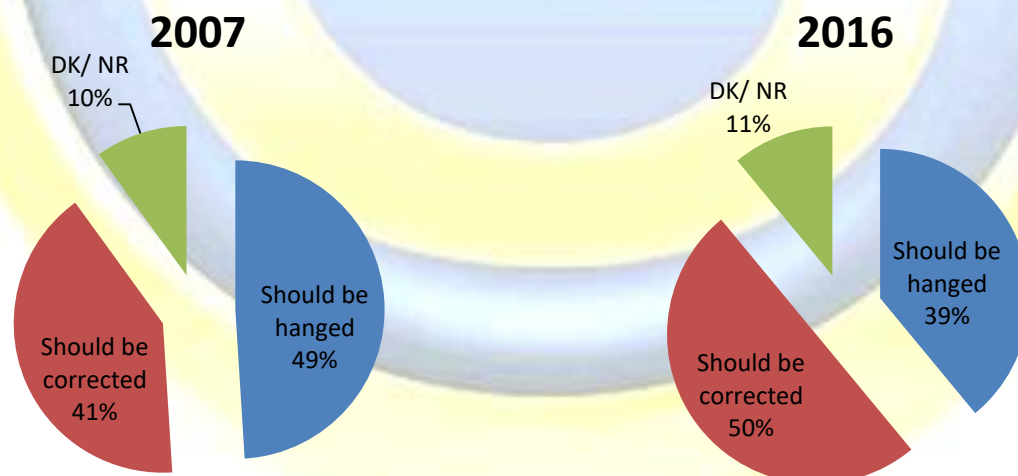
According to public opinion, there has been a 10% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe people who spread evil in the society should be hanged and a 9% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe people who spread evil in society should be corrected.

#### Who are in favour of hanging?

Of the 39% who support hanging, 37% are males and 42% are females; 39% reside in rural area, 38% in urban area. Provincially, 40% are residents of Punjab, 28% Sindh, 62% KPK and 20% Balochistan.

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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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