

Special Press Release
PANAMA LEAKS VERDICT

Public Pulse on Panama Verdict: Only 1 in 3 Pakistanis say they like the Supreme Court's judgment in the Panama Case; 40% say if they were a Supreme Court Judge they would have given a harsher punishment; 29% Pakistanis believe corruption would reduce in the country following the judgment. (GALLUP & GILANI PAKISTAN POLL)

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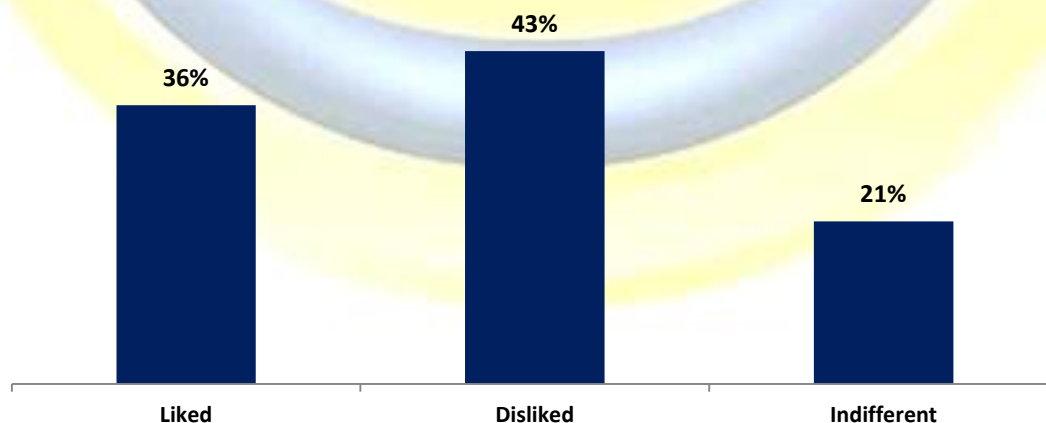
Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International conducted a nationwide survey on public pulse on Panama Leaks Verdict, within 24 hours of the announcement of the verdict. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1400 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, on 21st April 2017. The expected error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 3 -5 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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1. General Feelings/ Emotions on the Panama Verdict: Only 1 in 3 Pakistanis say they like the Supreme Court's judgment in the Panama Case; 40% say, if they were the Judge, they would have given a stricter verdict; public opinion split if history would remember the decision as good or bad; 55% Pakistanis believe the judgment was overall in favour of Nawaz Sharif

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was asked the following question, "Supreme Court of Pakistan has given its verdict on the Panama Leaks Case. Overall, did you like or dislike the decision?" In response, 36% said they liked the decision, 43% said they disliked the decision, while 21% were indifferent (neither liked nor disliked the decision).

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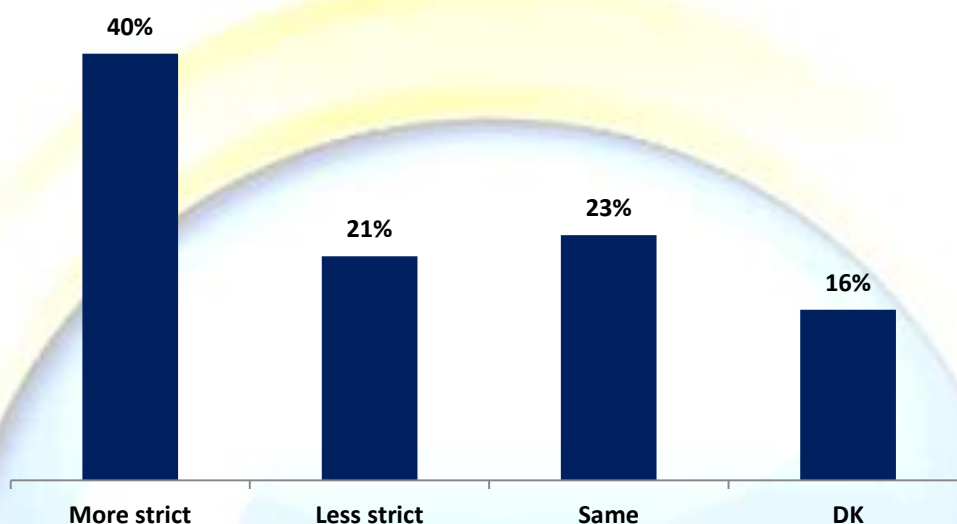


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The nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was further asked the following question, “Suppose if you were the Supreme Court’s judge, would you have given the same decision. Or would your decision have been more strict or less strict?” In response, 40% said they would have given a more strict decision, 21% said a less strict decision, 23% said the same decision and 16% did not know.

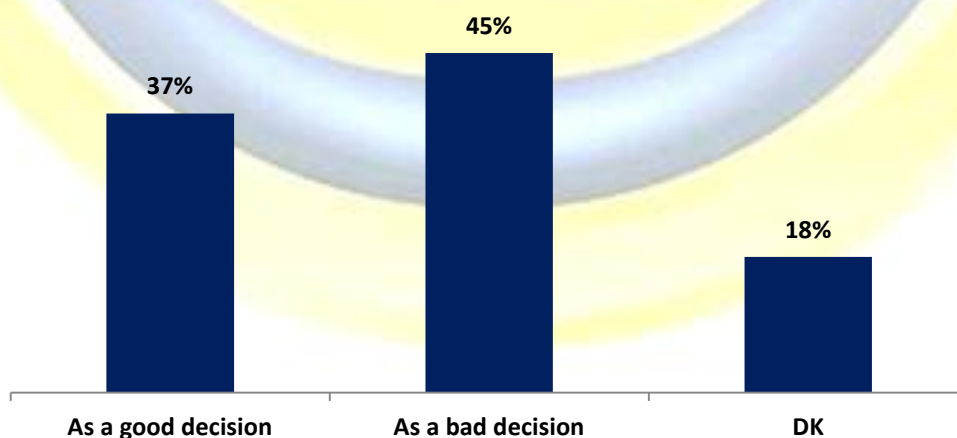
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The nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was further asked the following question, “In your opinion, would the Supreme Court’s decision be remembered as a good decision or as a bad decision in the future?” In response, 37% said as a good decision, 45% said as a bad decision and 18% did not know.

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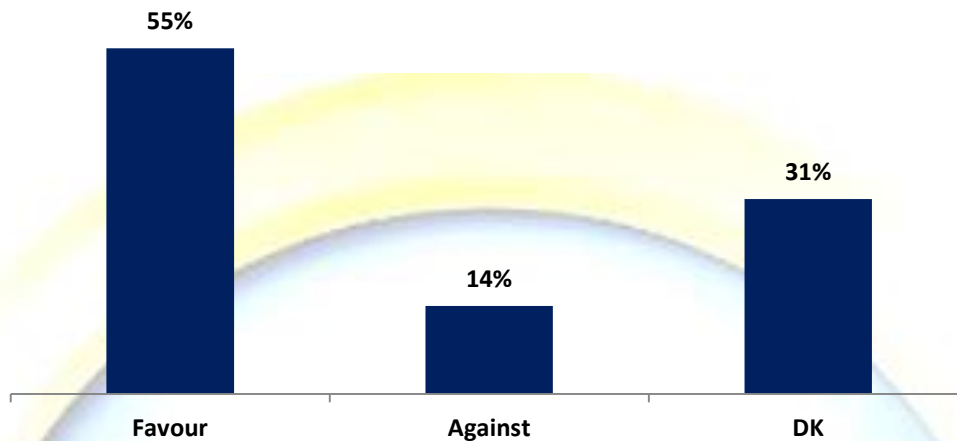


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The nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was further asked the following question, “Some people think that the Panama Leaks case decision came in favour of Nawaz Sharif, while some say that it came against him, while others say that the decision

was neither in his favour nor against him. What is your opinion?” In response, 55% said the verdict was in favour of Nawaz Sharif, 14% said against Nawaz Sharif and 31% said neither in his favour, nor against him.

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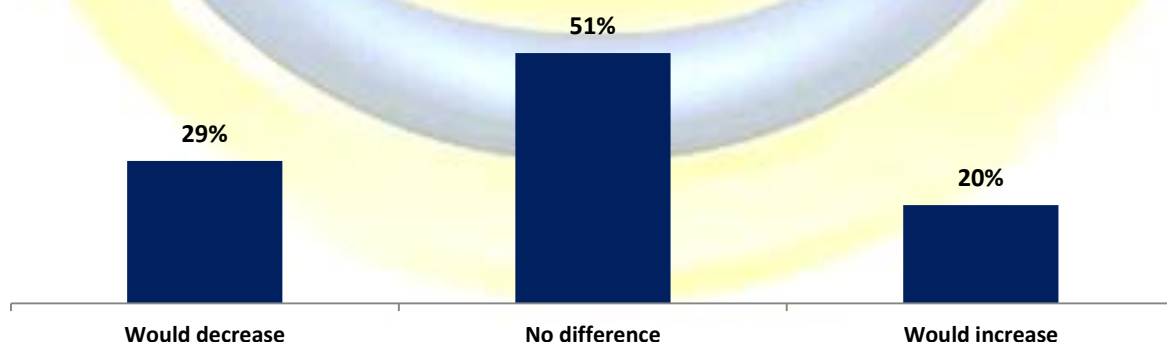


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2. Effect of Judgment: Only 29% Pakistanis believe the judgment would lead to reduction in corruption in the country; 28% say it would have an overall good impact on Pakistan; 30% say growth rate would increase as a result of the verdict.

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was asked the following question, “In your opinion, would the decision help in reducing corruption among politicians, or there would be no difference or corruption would increase?” In response, 29% said corruption would decrease, 51% said there would be no difference, while 20% said corruption would increase.

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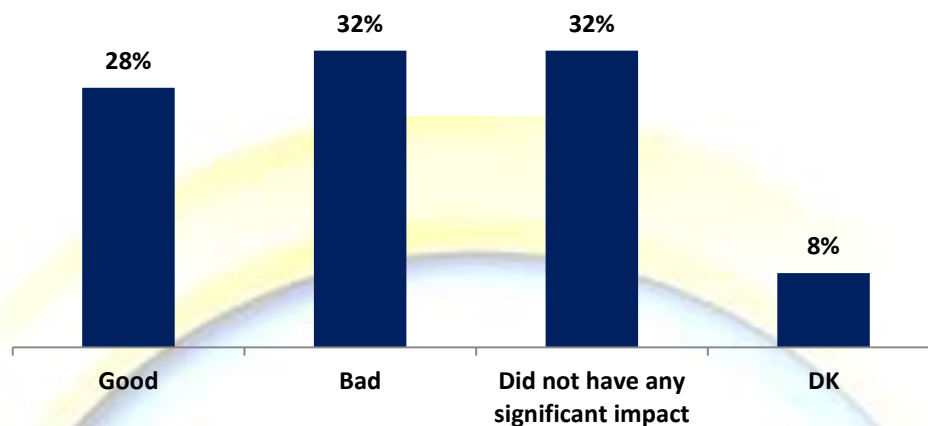


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The nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was further asked the following question, “In your opinion, would Panama case verdict have an overall good or bad impact on Pakistan?” In response to this question, 28% said the Panama verdict had an

overall good impact on Pakistan, 32% said bad impact, 32% said did not have a significant impact and 8% did not know.

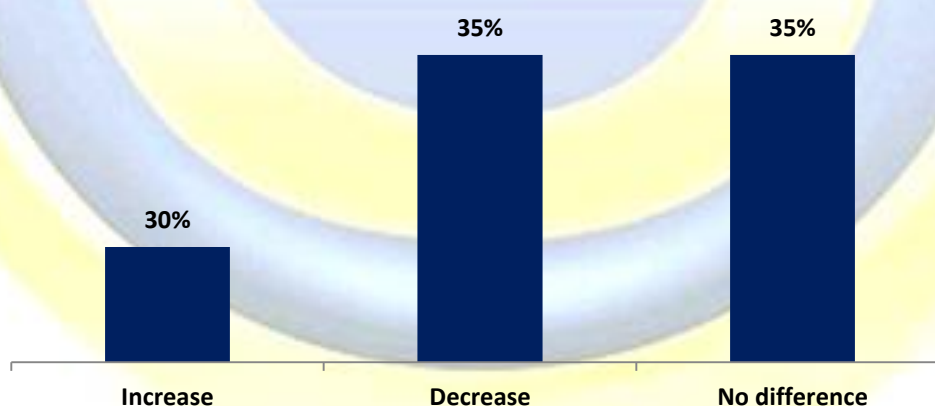
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The nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was further asked the following question, “In your opinion, would Pakistan’s growth rate increase after the Panama decision, decrease, or there would be no difference?” In response, 30% said Pakistan’s growth rate would increase, 35% said would decrease, while 35% said there would not be any significant difference.

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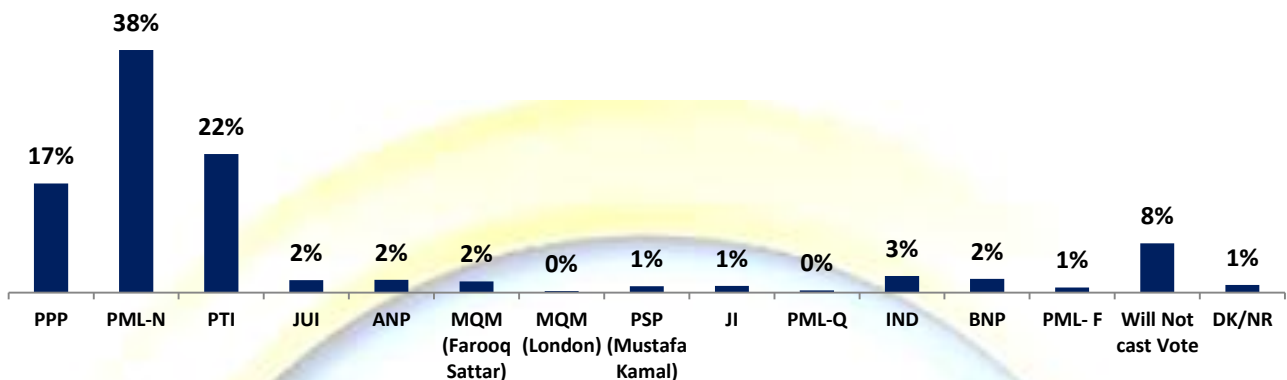
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3. Change in Voting Intention: Before verdict: PML-N tops by a margin, PTI in second place, followed by PPP; After verdict: 2% drop in PML-N voters, 3% rise in PTI popularity

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was asked the following question, “Before the Panama Verdict, which party / party candidate did you intend to cast your vote for in the upcoming elections?” In response to the question, 17% said they would have voted for PPP, 38% said PML-N, 22% said PTI, 3% said independent nominee, 2% each

said JUI, ANP, MQM (Farooq Sattar) and BNP. 1% each said PSP, JI and PML-F, while <1% each said MQM(London) and PML-Q. 8% said they would not cast their vote and 1% did not know or did not wish to respond.

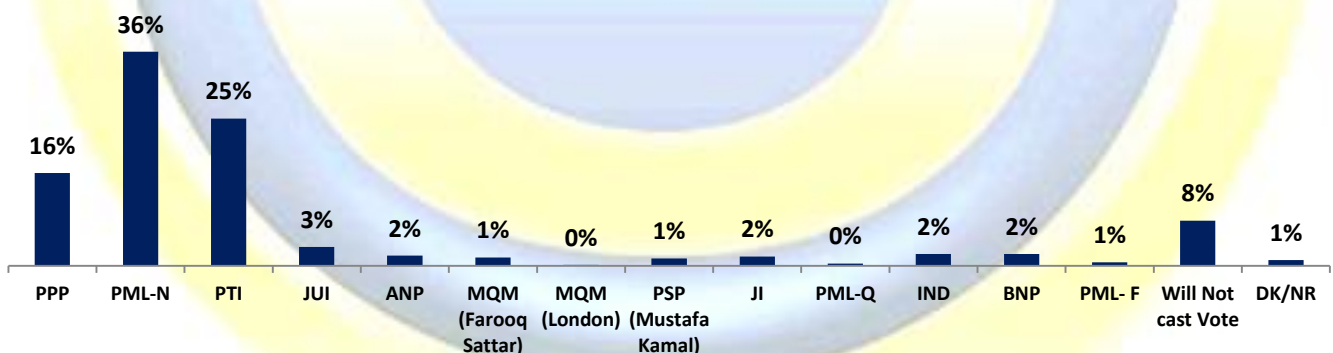
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The nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was further asked the following question, “Now after the verdict, which party / party candidate do you intend to cast your vote for?” In response to the question, 16% said they would have voted for PPP, 36% said PML-N and 25% said PTI. 3% said JUI and 2% each said ANP, JI, BNP and independent nominee. 1% each said PSP, MQM (Farooq Sattar) and PML-F, while <1% each said MQM(London) and PML-Q. 8% said they would not cast their vote and 1% did not know or did not wish to respond.

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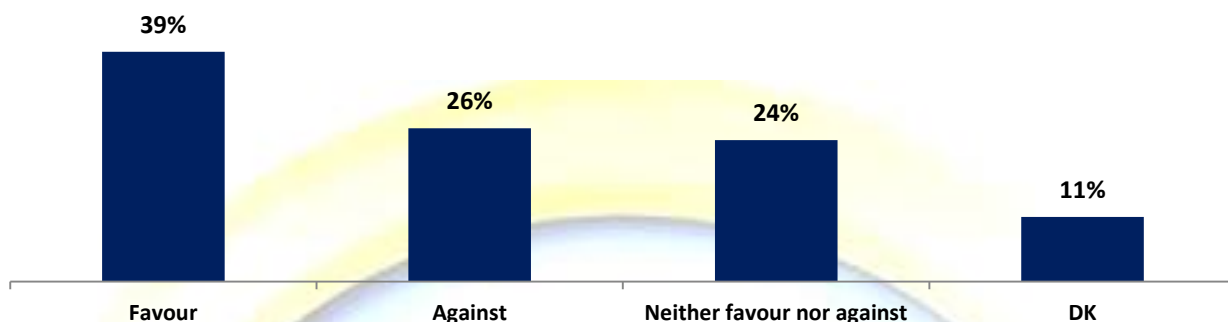
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4. Miscellaneous: Overall support for Supreme Court to take political cases like Panama Leaks; nearly half Pakistanis think the judgment has declared Nawaz Sharif neither corrupt nor has disqualified him; 32% Pakistani’s say that public in general has not accepted the Panama verdict

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was asked the following question, In your opinion, should Supreme Court interfere in political cases like Panama case or not. Are you in favour or against the interference?” In response, 39% said they favour

Supreme Courts interference, 26% said they are against, while 24% said they are neither in favour nor against Supreme Courts interference. 11% did not know.

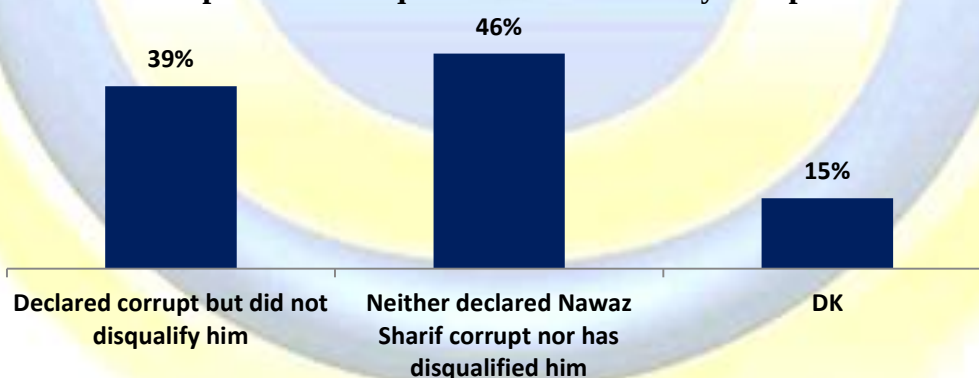
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The nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was further asked the following question, “Some people think that Supreme Court has declared Nawaz Sharif corrupt but has not disqualified him, while others say that Supreme Court has neither declared Nawaz Sharif corrupt nor has disqualified him. What is your opinion?” In response, 39% said Supreme Court has declared Nawaz Sharif corrupt but has not disqualified him, while 46% said he has neither been declared corrupt nor has been disqualified. 15% did not know.

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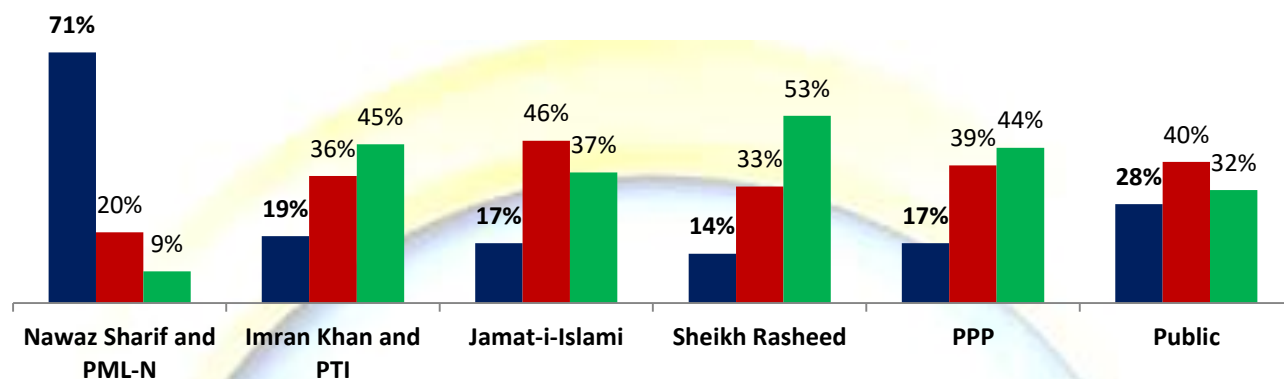


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The nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was further asked the following question, “In your opinion, which of the following figures/ parties have accepted the Panama decision. Would you say that ----- have accepted the decision completely, to some extent, or not at all?” For Nawaz Sharif and PML-N, 71% said they have completely accepted the decision, 20% said accepted to some extent, while 9% said did not accept the decision at all. For Imran Khan and PTI, 19% said they have completely accepted the decision, 36% said accepted to some extent, while 45% said did not accept the decision at all. For Jamat-i-Islami, 17% said they have completely accepted the decision, 46% said accepted to some extent, while 37% said did not accept the decision at all. For Sheikh Rasheed, 14% said they have completely accepted the decision, 33%

said accepted to some extent, while 53% said did not accept the decision at all. For PPP, 17% said they have completely accepted the decision, 39% said accepted to some extent, while 44% said did not accept the decision at all. For the general public, 28% said they have completely accepted the decision, 40% said accepted to some extent, while 32% said did not accept the decision at all.

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