



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2010

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Sharia

(2010-2017) 16% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe Sharia should be the only law practiced in the country; 24% opine that Sharia should be the law but other legislation is also possible. GALLUP & GILANI PAKISTAN

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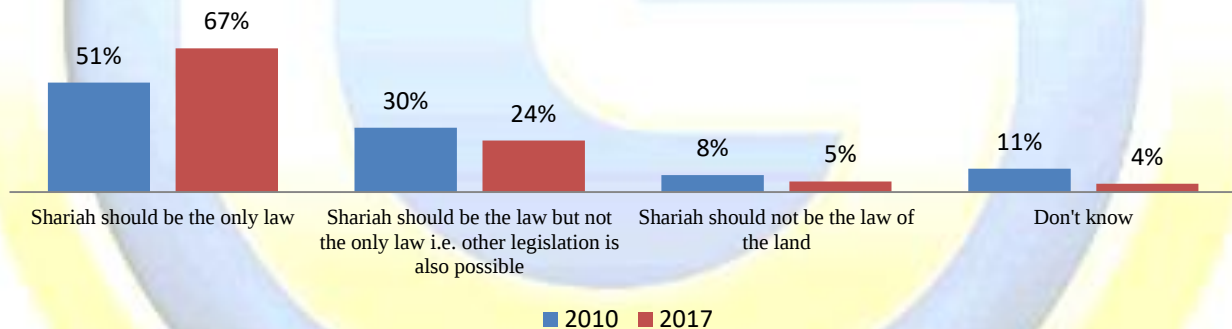
According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2010 (7 years ago) respondents were asked, "In your view, which sentence describes your understanding of Sharia?" In response to this question, 51% said that according to their understanding Sharia should be the only law, 30% said that Sharia should be the law but not the only law i.e. other legislation is also possible, 8% said Sharia should not be the law of the land while 11% did not know.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, 67% said that according to their understanding Sharia should be the only law, 24% said that Sharia should be the law but not the only law i.e. other legislation is also possible, 5% said Sharia should not be the law of the land while 4% did not know.

According to public opinion, there is a 16% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe Sharia should be the only law, a 6% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe Sharia should be the law but not the only law and a 3% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe Sharia should not be the law of the land.

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: "In your view, which sentence describes your understanding of Sharia?"



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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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