



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2009

SOCIAL Human Rights

(2009-2017): Decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe that right to freedom of expression is respected in Pakistan.

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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2009 (8 years ago) respondents were asked “In your opinion, how far is the human right to freedom of expression respected in Pakistan?” Responding to this, 41% opined that this right was respected in the country, another 37% said it was somewhat respected. 21% people said that this right was not respected or practiced in Pakistan. 1% did not know or wish to respond.

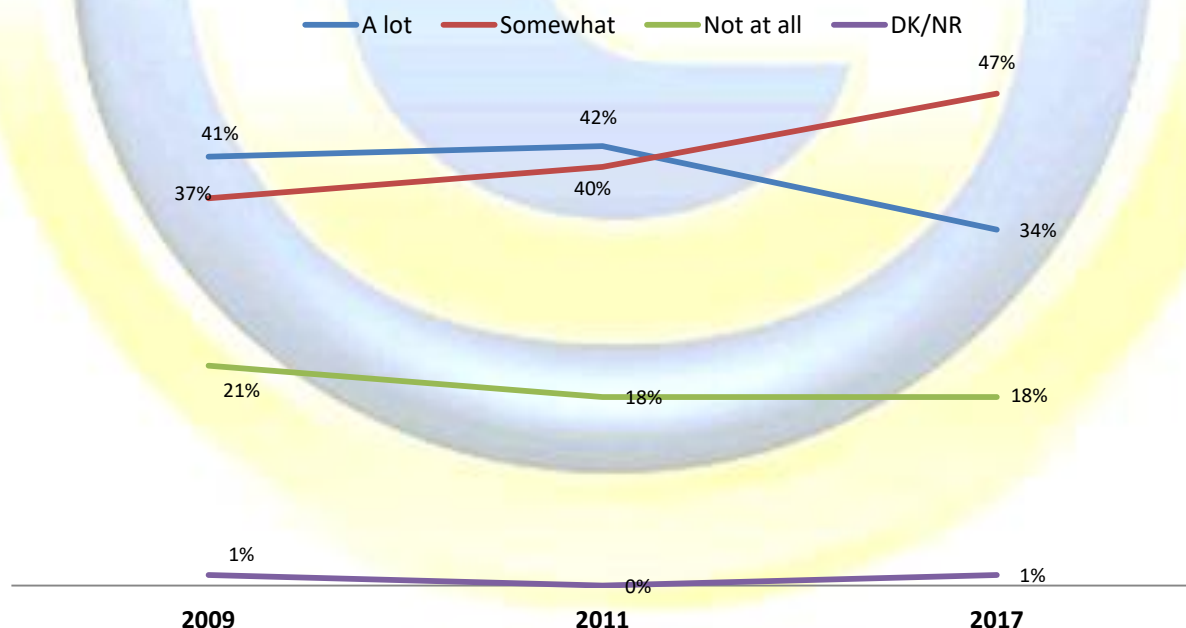
Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, 34% opined that this right was respected in the country, another 48% said it was somewhat respected. 18% people said that this right was not respected or practiced in Pakistan.

While there has been a 7% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who claim that freedom of expression is respected in Pakistan, yet the phenomenon is still increasingly gaining momentum due to the perception of free media in Pakistan.

The findings are available since 2009 periodically and the graph below shows how the public opinion has fluctuated over the years.

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 opinion, how far is the human right to freedom of speech respected in Pakistan?”



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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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