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Perception of Fundamental Freedoms in Pakistan
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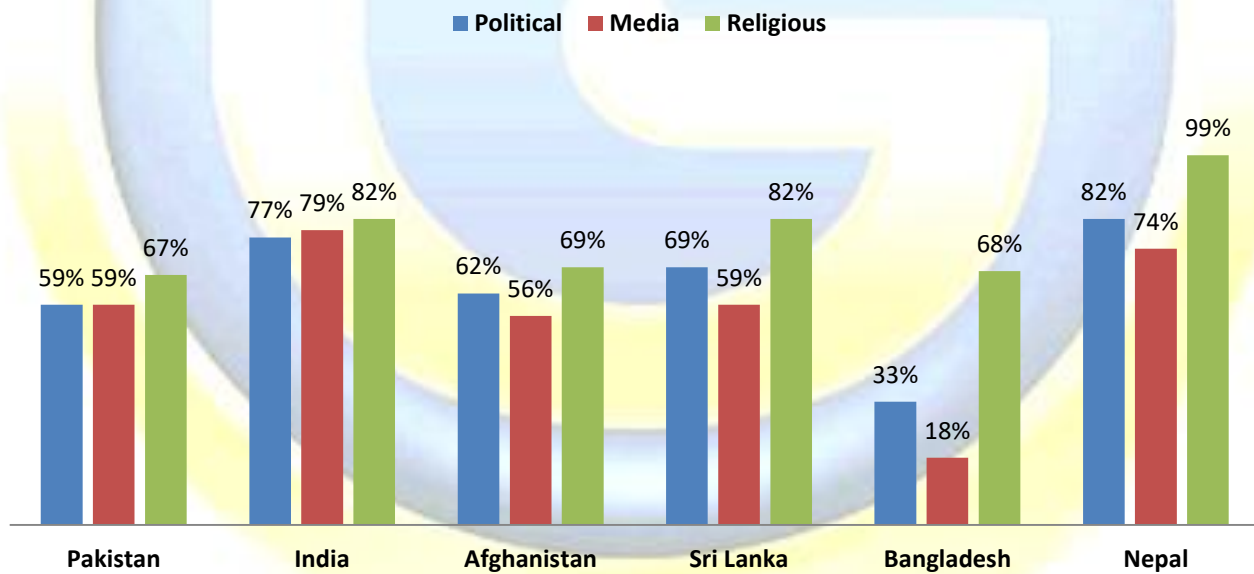
2013-2016: More than half urban Pakistanis have positive perception on fundamental freedoms in the country.
(World Justice Project and Gallup Pakistan)

Islamabad, August 25, 2017

According to the findings of the World Justice Project Report on *The Rule of Law in Pakistan* based on a Gallup Pakistan Survey in urban Pakistan, compared to neighboring South Asian countries, respondents to the survey in Pakistan had moderately favorable perceptions on fundamental freedoms (political, media or religious) in the country.

More than half Pakistanis opine that they have political (59%), media (59%) and religious (67%) freedoms in Pakistan. It is worth noting that Pakistan has the poorest statistics for religious freedom relative to its peer countries, while Bangladesh has the worst statistics for political (33%) and media (18%) freedom.

On the other hand, India ranks the highest in perceptions of fundamental freedoms (77% and more), where an overwhelming majority replied in the affirmative about positive perceptions.



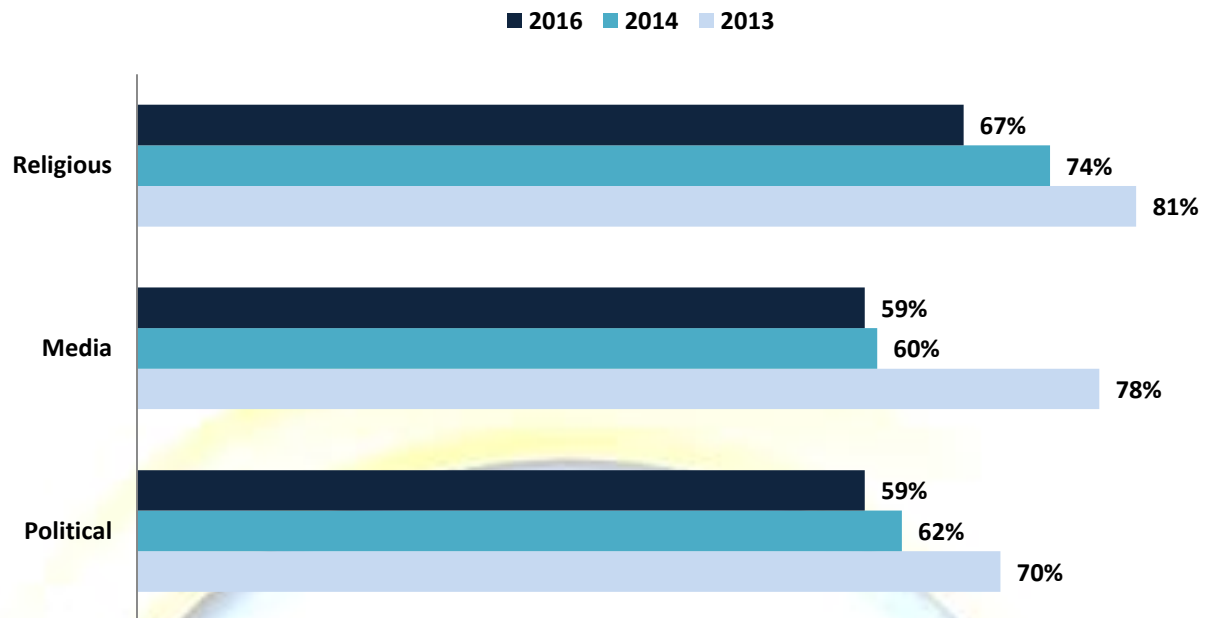
Source: WJP General Population Poll 2016

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Average of Fundamental Freedoms in Pakistan: *Decline observed during tenure of current PML-N government*

According to the report, there has been a decrease in Pakistanis' perceptions of political, media, and religious freedoms in the country since 2013.

Over the years, the greatest decline can be observed for media freedom (19%). Followed by religious and political freedom, which decreased by 14% and 11% respectively.



Source: WJP General Population Poll 2013, 2014 & 2016

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Introduction to the series on World Justice Project:

This press release is part of a special series based on the “*The Rule of Law in Pakistan: Key Findings from the 2016 Extended General Population Poll & Justice Sector Survey*” (<https://worldjusticeproject.org/our-work/wjp-rule-law-index/special-reports/rule-law-pakistan>) report by the World Justice Project, which aims to foster an empirical understanding of the perceptions of government accountability and an analysis of Justice Sector/Rule of Law in Pakistan. It is vital to be aware of the general public perceptions, since they can help to gauge the trust of the populace in the rule of law and governance in Pakistan.

Overall, the World Justice Project report represents the voices of over 4,000 people in Pakistan and their experiences with the rule of law in their country. The General Population Poll was conducted through face-to-face interviews in 2,100 urban households distributed proportionally across the five urban areas of Faisalabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, and Quetta. This poll was designed to capture data on the experiences and perceptions of ordinary people on a variety of themes related to the rule of law, including government accountability, bribery and corruption, crime, and access to justice. The Justice Sector Survey polled 2,000 people using the same methodology as the General Population Poll and was designed to capture data on Pakistanis’ views and experiences related to dispute resolution, legal awareness, legal identity, household dynamics, and gender issues.

For detailed methodology please visit:

<https://worldjusticeproject.org/sites/default/files/documents/Pakistan%20Project%20Design%20%26%20Survey%20Methodologies.pdf>

For more survey data on social and other issues see website www.gallup.com.pk

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