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2013-2016: Mixed perceptions regarding the overall accountability in the criminal justice system.

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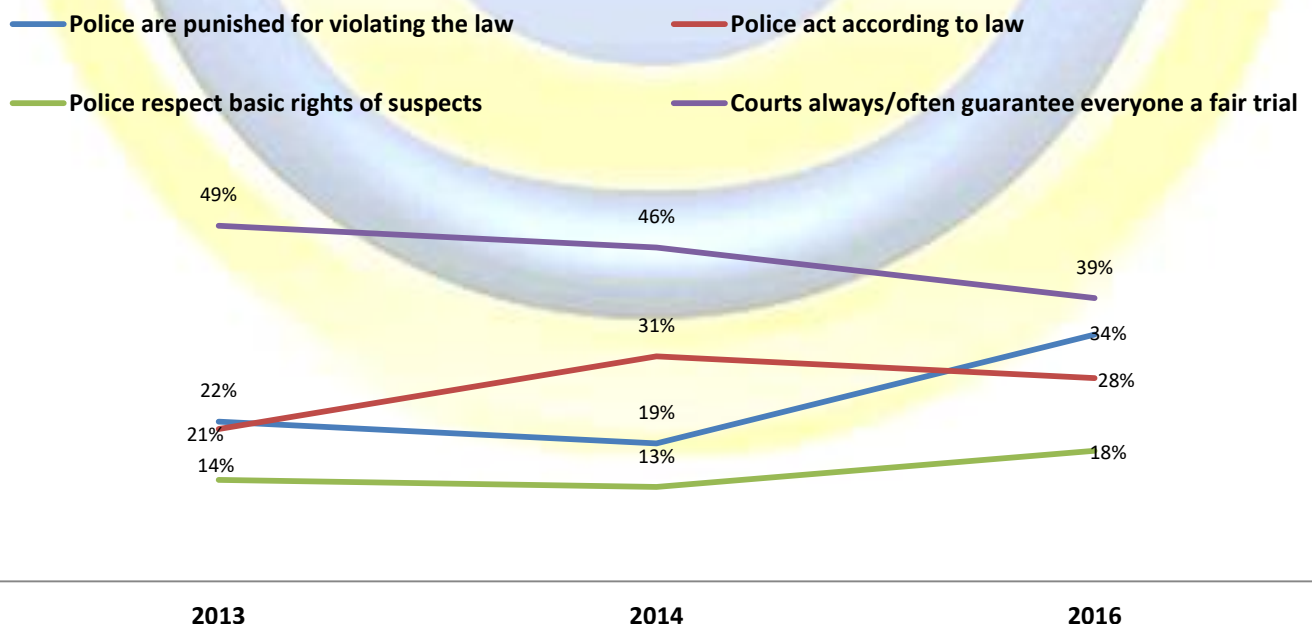
Pakistanis' perceptions of police performance and courts

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, since 2013, there has been a moderate increase in the percentage of respondents who believe that the police respect the basic rights of suspects (18%). Since 2014, respondents' views on whether police are punished for violating the law have increased to 34%, while there has been a moderate decrease in the percentage of respondents who believe that police act according to the law (28%).

Meanwhile, in 2016, the proportion of respondents who opined that courts guarantee everyone a fair trial was 39%, which was a decline of 10% since 2013.

In Pakistan, the surveys were conducted between May and September in 2013, 2014 and 2016 through face-to-face interviews in 2,100 households distributed proportionally across the five urban areas of Faisalabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, and Quetta.

Question: "In talking to people about their local government, we often find important differences in how well the government, police, and the courts perform their jobs. Please tell me how often would you say that:"



Source: WJP General Population Poll 2016

(For complete report visit: <https://worldjusticeproject.org/our-work/wjp-rule-law-index/special-reports/rule-law-pakistan>)



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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