

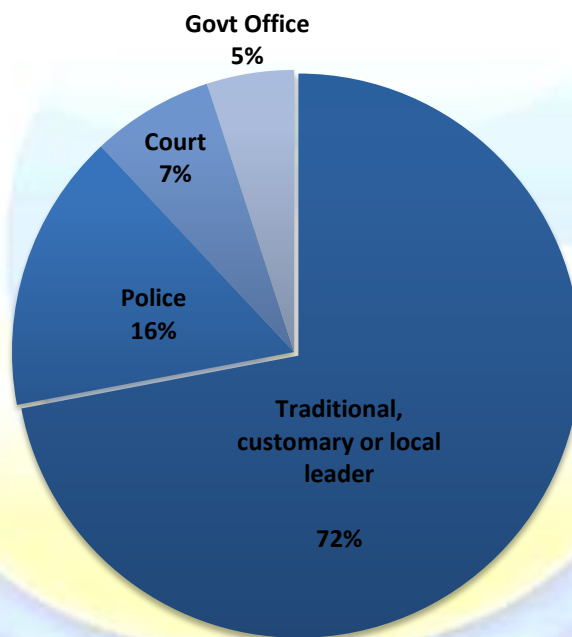


Opinion Poll
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2016: An over whelming majority of 72% urban Pakistanis when faced with a conflict or dispute needing resolution, claim to have resorted to a traditional, customary or local leader- Jirga, Biradari, or religious leader. (World Justice Project and Gallup Pakistan)

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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, in 2016, barely one third respondents (33%) said they took an action to resolve their dispute in the last twelve months. Out of which, 72% said their selected dispute mechanism was a traditional, customary or local leader. The remaining 28% who took their dispute to a formal mechanism went to the police (16%), court (7%), or a government office (5%).



Source: WJP General Population Poll 2016

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

As reported by respondents these disputes were pertaining to neighboring or housing issues, business and employment, natural resources (grazing, land or water), household conflicts, government, crime and law enforcements.

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



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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