



# Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1999

## SOCIAL Poverty

**Over a period of 18 years, 17% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who say poverty has increased in the country.**

**GALLUP & GILANI PAKISTAN**

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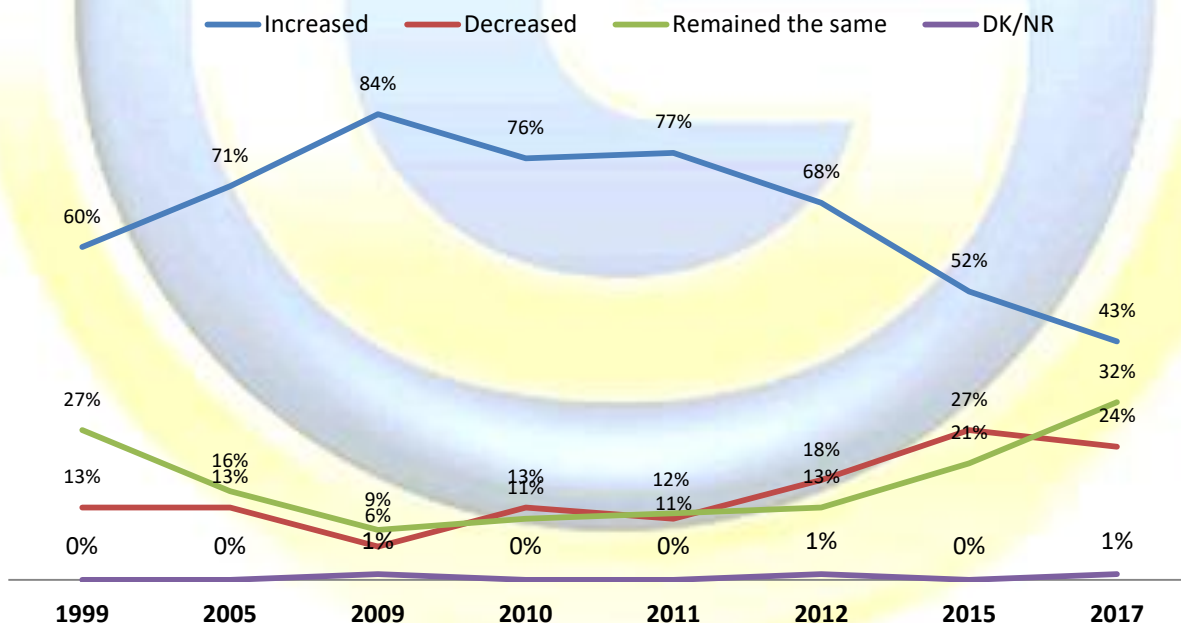
According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1999 (18 years ago) respondents were asked “In your opinion, has poverty in our country increased, decreased or remained the same in the last decade?” Responding to this, 60% Pakistanis believed that poverty in the country had increased, 13% said it had decreased and 27% said it had remained the same.

**Comparative Picture:** The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, 43% Pakistanis believed that poverty in the country has increased, 24% said it has decreased and 32% said it has remained the same. 1% did not wish to respond.

The findings are available since 1999 periodically and the graph below shows how the public opinion has fluctuated over the years. It is worth noting that the figure for increase in poverty rose to a high of 84% in the late 2000's (2009), and has been dropping since then.

*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, has poverty in our country increased, decreased or remained the same in the last decade?”**



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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](mailto:caf@gallup.com.pk).

## **Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan**

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