



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2009

SOCIAL Poverty

2009-2017: 8% decline in the proportion of Pakistanis who would want Pakistani government to provide monetary relief to poor people residing in other countries.

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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2009 (8 years ago) respondents were asked “Assume that the government of Pakistan has Rs.100 which is to be spent on providing relief to poor people in Pakistan as well as worldwide. In your opinion, what proportion of this amount should the government spend on providing relief to poor people living in other countries of the world?” Responding to this, 8% Pakistanis said none of it should be spent on providing relief to the poor of other countries, 24% said Rs.1, 16% said between Rs.1 to Rs.4, 14% said between Rs.4 to Rs.10, 27% said more than Rs.10. 11% did not know or wish to respond.

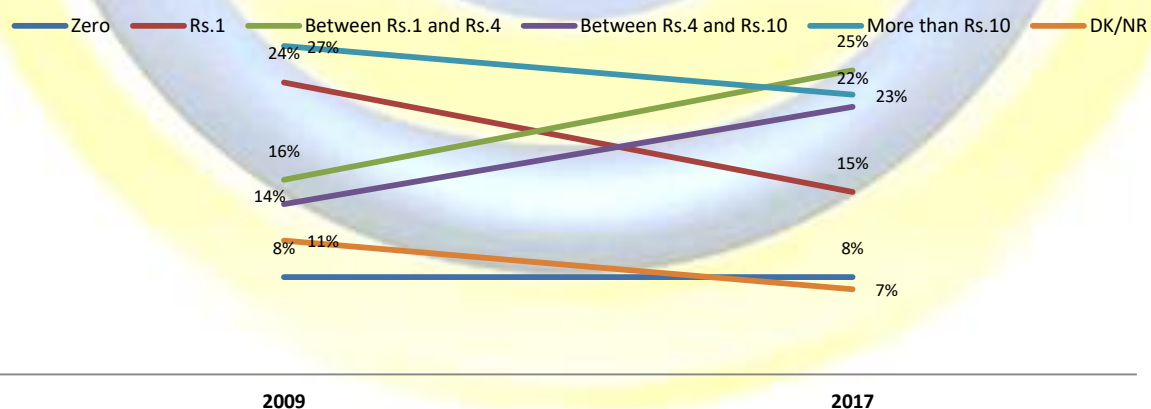
Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, 8% Pakistanis said none of it should be spent on providing relief to the poor of other countries, 15% said Rs.1, 25% said between Rs.1 to Rs.4, 22% said between Rs.4 to Rs.10, 23% said more than Rs.10. 7% did not know or wish to respond.

Over a period of 8 years, there has been a 4% decline in the proportion of Pakistanis who would want the government to spend more than Rs.10 on the poor people in countries. Whereas there has been an 8% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who would want the government to spend less than Rs.10 on the poor people in countries. The findings are available since 2009 and the graph below shows how the public opinion has fluctuated over the years.

According to some sources, the Ministry of Finance ledgers reveal that Pakistan was a major donor state until the 1960's. It lent Rs.120 million to West Germany in 1963 to recover from post-war debts and achieve sustainable socio-economic objectives. Most recently, in 2016, the government of Pakistan pledged to provide \$500 million for economic development projects in Afghanistan.

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.

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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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