



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1998

INTERNATIONAL Trade

1998-2017: Public opinion continues to remain split over trade relations with India. 42% urban Pakistanis are in favor of establishing trade ties; 58% say otherwise. GALLUP & GILANI PAKISTAN

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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1998 (19 years ago) respondents in urban Pakistan were asked, “Do you think Pakistan should trade with India or not?” In response, 43% respondents said that Pakistan should trade with India and 56% respondents said that Pakistan should not trade with India. 1% did not respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, 42% respondents said that Pakistan should trade with India and 58% respondents said that Pakistan should not trade with India.

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: “Do you think Pakistan should trade with India or not?”



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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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