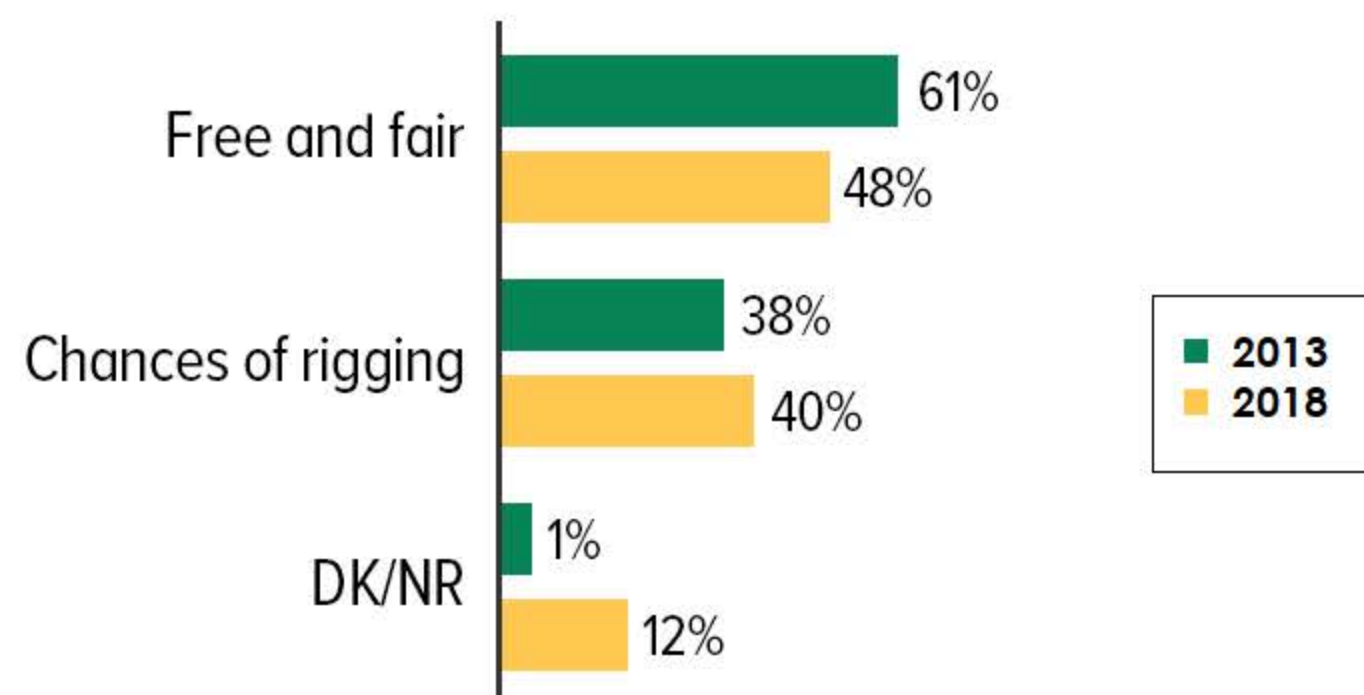


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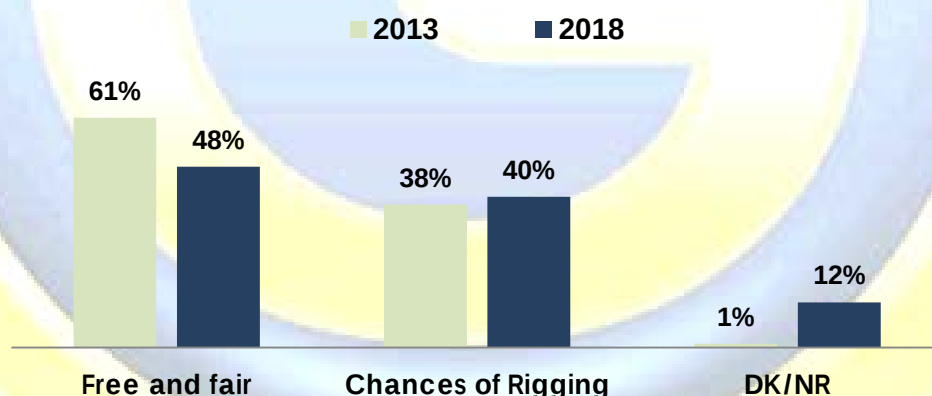
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, a slim majority of Pakistanis (48%) is optimistic about the fairness of Election 2018; considerably lower than pre-2013 Election time.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the four provinces was asked, “In your opinion, will the elections this year be free, fair and independent or is there a chance of rigging?” In response to this question, 48% said they will be free, fair and independent and 40% said there is a chance of rigging. 12% said they did not know.

The same question was also asked before election 2013. Responding to this, 61% said they will be free, fair and independent and 38% said there is a chance of rigging. 1% did not give a response. The comparison shows 11% increase in Pakistanis who are not sure as yet about electoral transparency, 13% reduction in people who expect free and fair election and 2% rise in people who expect election 2018 to be rigged.

Question: “In your opinion, will the elections this year be free, fair and independent or is there a chance of rigging?”



Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan Poll

Field work conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association
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At the start of election season, the poll findings paint a grim picture about general population's trust in electoral system. With such high expectation of rigging and malpractice, turn out in election may be lower than 2013 election and more importantly post-election acceptance of results by those who lose may pose an issue.

The study was released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1719 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, January 21 –January 27, 2018. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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