



# Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1998

## SOCIAL Education/Schools

**1998-2017: Majority urban Pakistanis (69%) continue to believe that English should be mandatory in schools and colleges across the country.**  
**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 English education should be mandatory in schools and colleges?” In response, 72% said yes it should be mandatory, and 28% said no it should not be mandatory.

**Comparative Picture:** The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, In response, 69% said yes it should be mandatory and 31% said no it should not be mandatory.

Over a period of 19 years, there has been an increase of 5% in the proportion of respondents who say English should not be mandatory in schools and colleges. Meanwhile, there has also been an increase of 3% in the proportion of Pakistanis who say it should be mandatory.

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**Question: “Do you think English education should be mandatory in schools and colleges?”**



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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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*If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.*

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