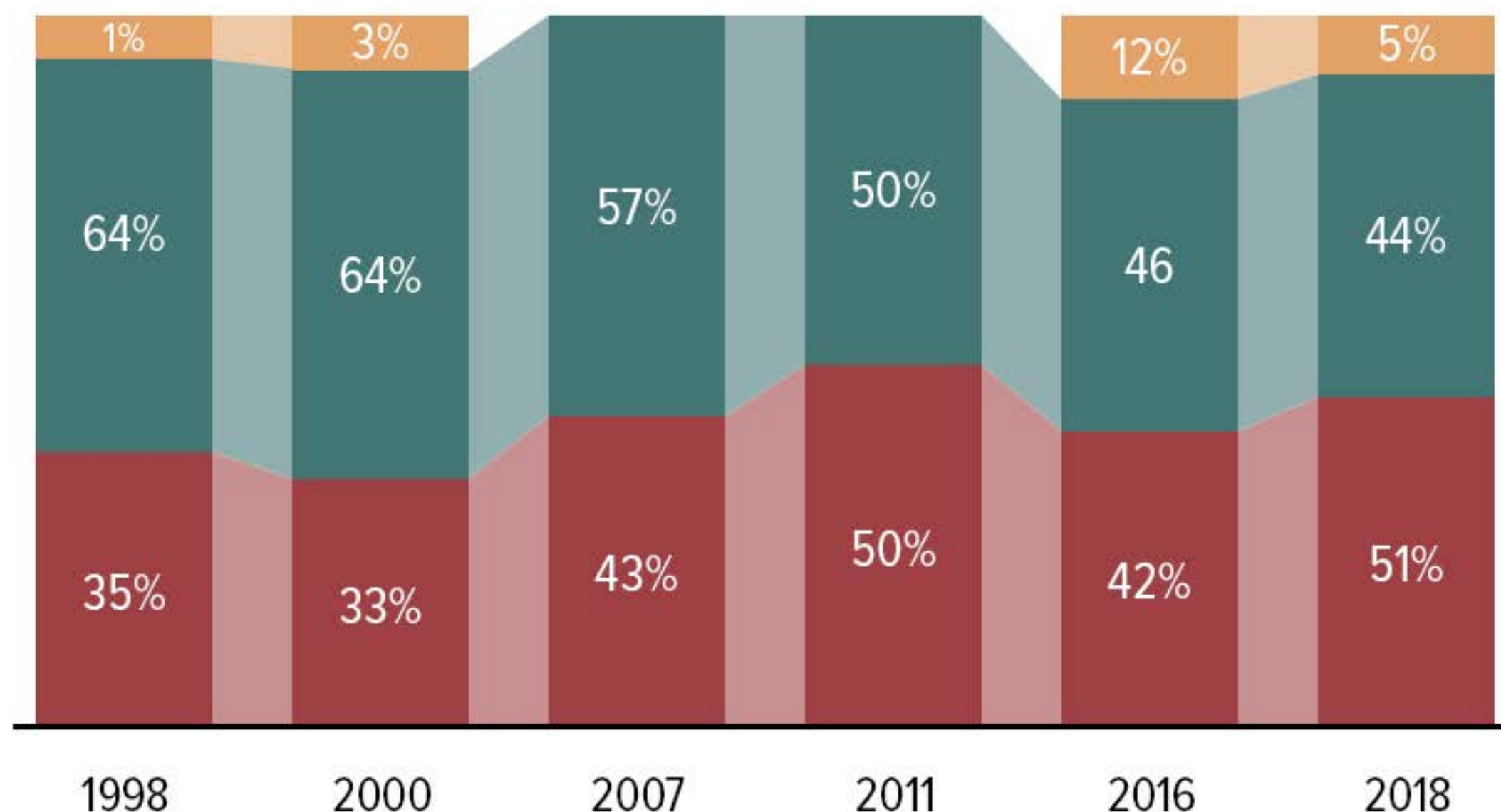


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Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1998

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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1998 (20 years ago) respondents were asked, “In your opinion, what profession should the child choose, the one selected by their parents or the one they like?” in response to this, 35% said they should choose a profession according to their parents’ wishes, 64% said they should choose what they parents like, 64% said they should choose it as they like while 1% said did not know or respond to the question.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2018 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2018, 51% said they should choose it according to parents’ wishes, 44% said they should choose it according to their own wishes while 5% did not know or respond to the question.

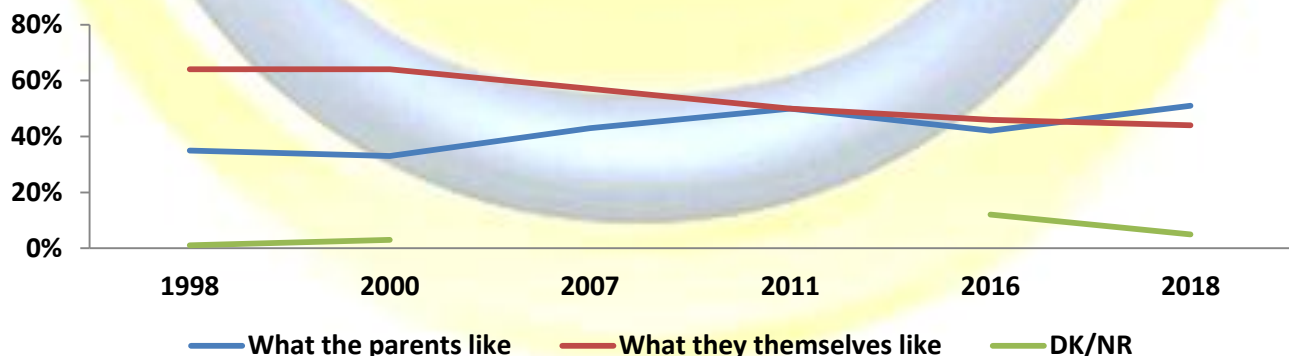
The findings are available since 1998 periodically and the graph below shows how the figures have fluctuated over the years.

According to public opinion, there has been 16% rise in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe that children should opt for profession that their parents like for them while there has been 20% decline in those who think they should choose a profession that corresponds with their own passion.

Gallup Pakistan’s Social Research Team adds “More work needs to be done to explore reasons for this slow decline over the past two decades in public perception about independence of pupils to make a choice of their own. One explanation is that education since 2000’s now also means college and university, as their number rose rapidly. College and university mean heavier investments from families and therefore greater expectation for control on what the process and outcome should be like.”

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, what profession should the child choose, the one selected by their parents or the one they like?”



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