



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2003

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Rising Trust in the Pakistani Legal System: Over a period of 16 years, an 11 percentage-point decrease has taken place in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe that criminals are able to dodge their way out of the Pakistani legal system.

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In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2003, i.e., 16 years ago, respondents were asked, “Please tell us whether you consider the following statement to be right or wrong: it is often observed that criminals come out of Pakistani courts free?” In response to this question, 74% said it was right, 20% said it was wrong, while 6% did not know or did not wish to respond.

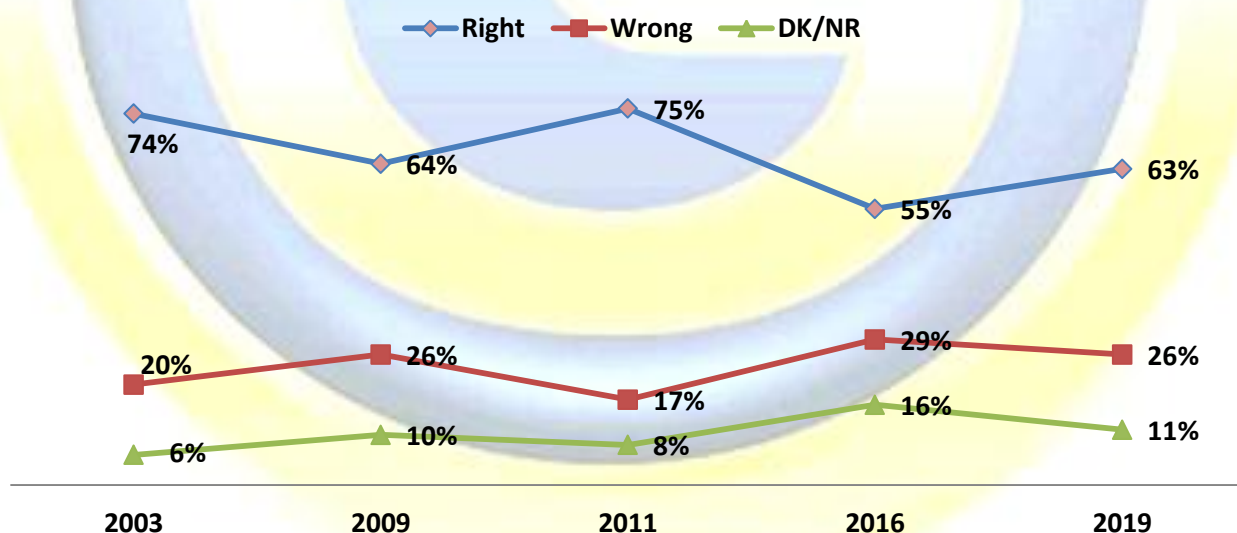
Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2019 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2019, 63% responded yes, 26% responded with wrong, while 11% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Findings on this question are available from the year 2003 onwards, and the graph below shows how the figures have fluctuated over the years.

There has been a decrease of 11 percentage-points in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe that justice is not served to criminals in the country. Concurrently, there has been a 6 percentage-point incline in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe that this is not the case. It appears that optimism has increased in the country with regard to the workings of the Pakistani legal system.

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.

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

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