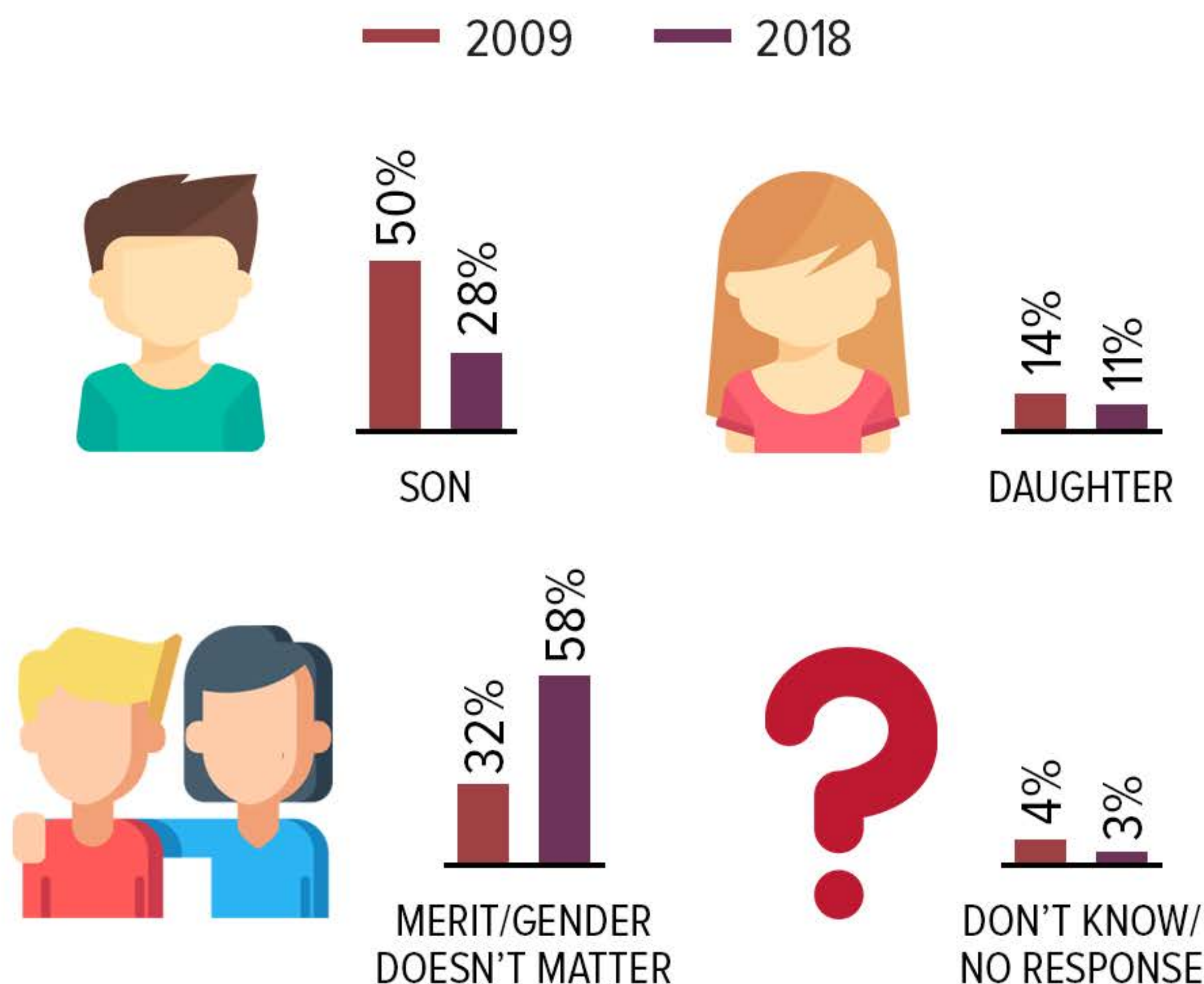


OVER A PERIOD OF 9 YEARS, AN INCREASE OF 26 PERCENTAGE POINTS HAS OCCURRED IN THE PROPORTION OF PAKISTANIS WHO SAY THAT THEY WILL EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN ON THE BASIS OR MERIT RATHER THAN GENDER.

Suppose that you have a son and a daughter. Due to financial difficulties, you have finances to support the education of only one of your children. Who would you prefer to have the education?





Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2009

Women Education

Over a period of 9 years, an increase of 26 percentage points has occurred in the proportion of Pakistanis who say that they will educate their children on the basis or merit rather than gender.

Islamabad, April 09, 2019

In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2009, i.e., 9 years ago, respondents were asked, “Suppose that you have a son and a daughter. Due to financial difficulties, you have finances to support the education of only one of your children. Who would you prefer to have the education?” In response to this question, 50% said son, 14% said daughter, 32% said they will decide on merit (gender does not matter), while 4% did not know or did not wish to respond.

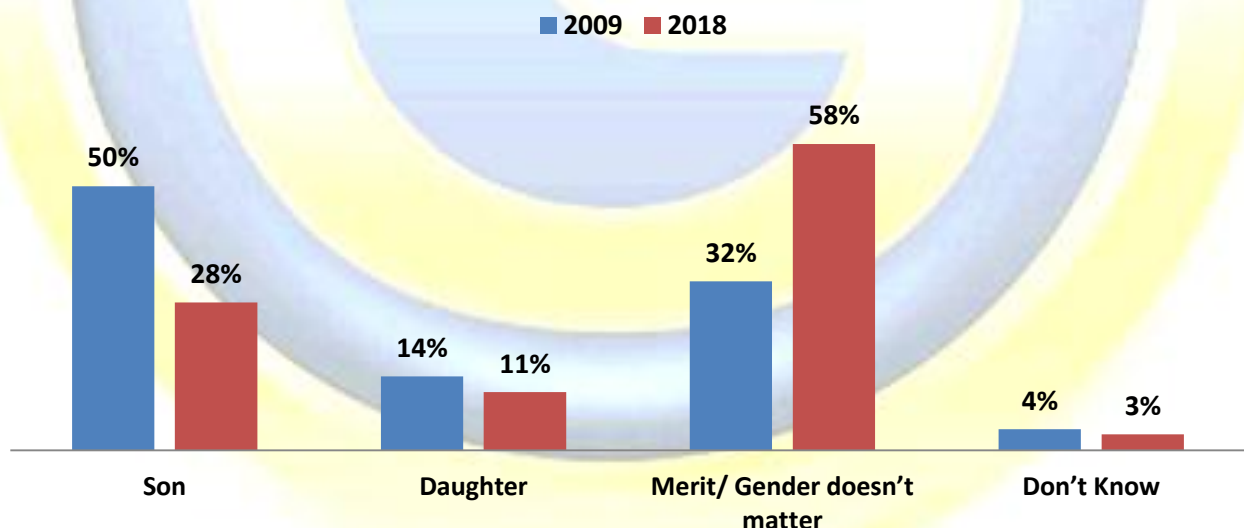
Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2018 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2018, 28% said son, 11% said daughter, 58% said they will decide on merit while 3% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Findings on this question are available for the year 2009 and 2018.

There has been a decrease of 22 percentage-points in the proportion of Pakistanis who preferred to educate their son, and a 3% decrease in Pakistanis who said daughter. Concurrently, there has been a 26 percentage-point increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who said they will decide on merit and that gender does not matter.

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: “Suppose that you have a son and a daughter. Due to financial difficulties, you have finances to support the education of only one of your children. Who would you prefer to have the education?”



Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys
The Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association
(www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk; www.gilanifoundation.com)

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 40 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.



Tuesday, April 09, 2019

(3 Pages including this)

Gilani Research Foundation is a not for profit public service project to provide social science research to students, academia, policy makers and concerned citizens in Pakistan and across the globe.

Gilani Research Foundation is headed by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani who pioneered the field of opinion polling in Pakistan and established Gallup Pakistan in 1980. Currently Dr. Gilani, who holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has taught at leading universities in Pakistan and abroad, is Chairman of Gallup Pakistan.

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

Best Regards,

Ms. Fatima Idrees

Phone: +92-51-2655630

E-mail: fatima.idrees@gilanifoundation.com

Disclaimer: Gallup Pakistan is not related to Gallup Inc. headquartered in Washington D.C. USA. We require that our surveys be credited fully as Gallup Pakistan (not Gallup or Gallup Poll). We disclaim any responsibility for surveys pertaining to Pakistani public opinion except those carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association. For details on Gallup International Association see website: www.gallup-international.com

Disclaimer: Gallup Pakistan and Gilani Research foundation are a nonpartisan fact tank and think tank respectively. As a neutral source of data and analysis, both organizations do not take policy positions.

