



# Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2009

## WOMEN Employment

**Over a period of 8 years, 6% more Pakistanis believe that a husband and wife both should work in order to earn a living.**

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In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2009, i.e., 8 years ago, respondents were asked, “Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Both Husband and Wife should work to earn a living?” In response to this question, 55% agreed to this statement while 45% disagreed to it.

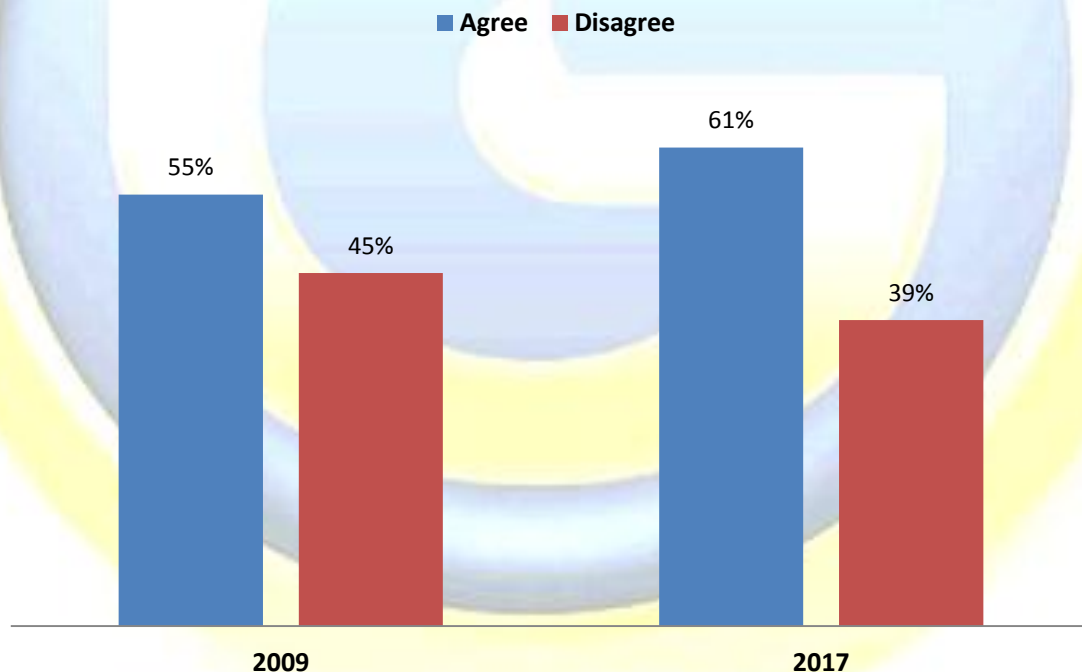
**Comparative Picture:** The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2017, 61% said they agreed to the statement while 39% said they did not.

Findings on this question are available from the years 2009 and 2017.

There has been an increase of 6 percentage-points in the proportion of Pakistanis who agree with the statement that both husband and wife should work to earn a living.

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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](mailto:caf@gallup.com.pk).



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