



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 1998

WOMEN Education

Over a period of 20 years, only a minority of adults continue to believe that educating a girl makes her become too liberal.

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In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1998, i.e., 20 years ago, respondents were asked, “Some people favour girls’ education and some oppose it. I will enlist a few opinions about the consequences of educating girls. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement: **Girls become too liberal.**” In response, 17% agreed with the statement, 79% disagreed, and 4% did not know or wish to respond.

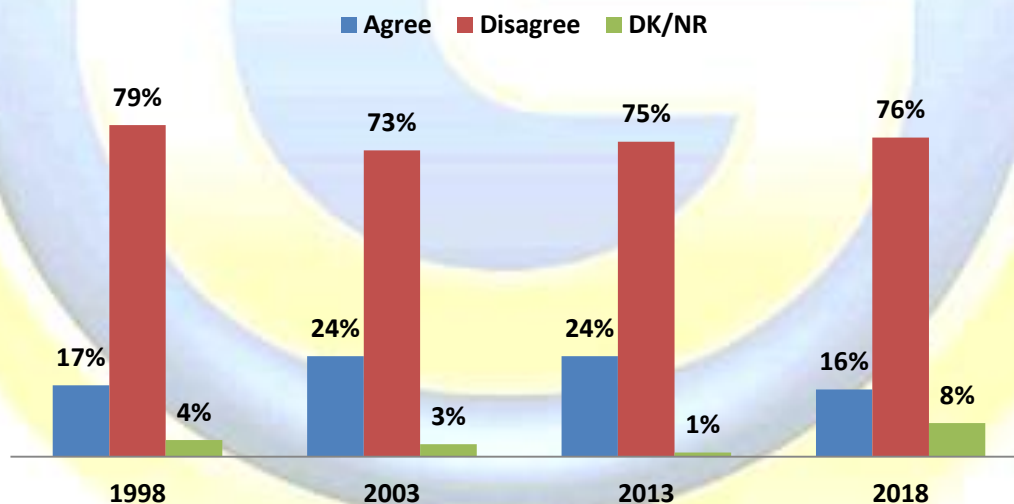
Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2018 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2018, 16% agreed with the statement, 76% disagreed, and 8% did not know or wish to respond.

Gallup Pakistan’s findings available periodically: Findings on this question are available from the year 1998 till 2018 periodically (1998, 2003, 2013, and 2018).

A closer look at our data suggests that public opinion on the matter has been relatively stable and within the error margin over the years with only a 3 percentage-point decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis that disagree with the statement, and a 1 percentage point decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis that agree with it.

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Bilal I Gilani, Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan and 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.



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

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