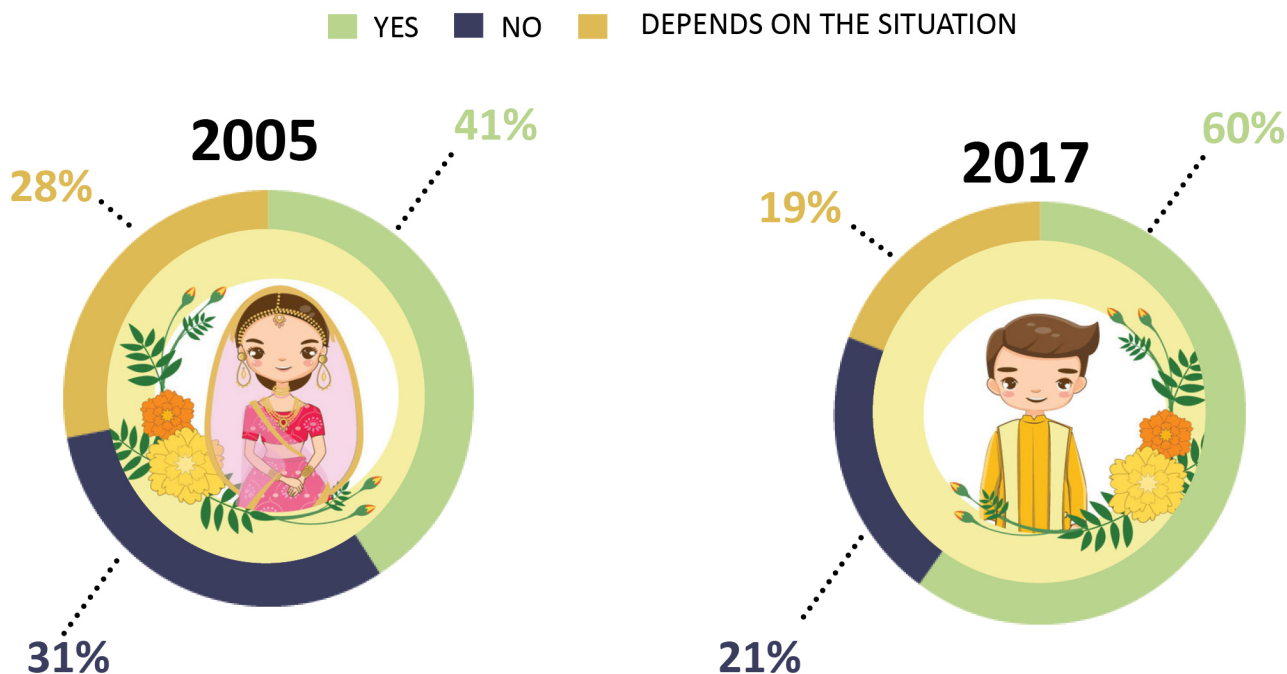


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In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2005, respondents were asked “Should parents permit their children to marry by their choice?” In response, 31% said no, 43% said yes and 28% said it depends on the situation.

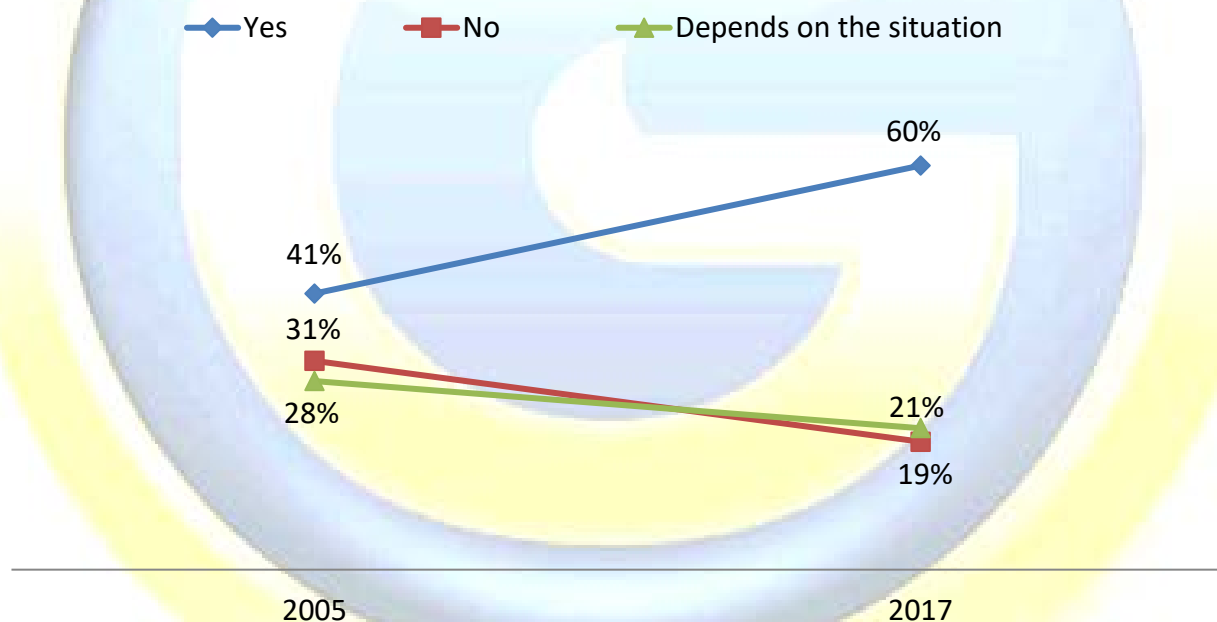
Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2017 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2017, only 19% said no, 60% said yes and 21% said it depends on the situation.

Trend Analysis: Overall there has been a 10% decrease in the percentage of Pakistanis who think children should not be allowed to marry by choice, while there has been a 19% increase in the proportion of respondents who think children should be allowed to marry by choice.

Implications of this finding: Over the past 12 years, the public has grown to be more accepting of an individual's autonomy to choose their own life partner: indicating a relaxation of the previously rigid societal values.

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: “Should parents permit their children to marry by their choice?”



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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.



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