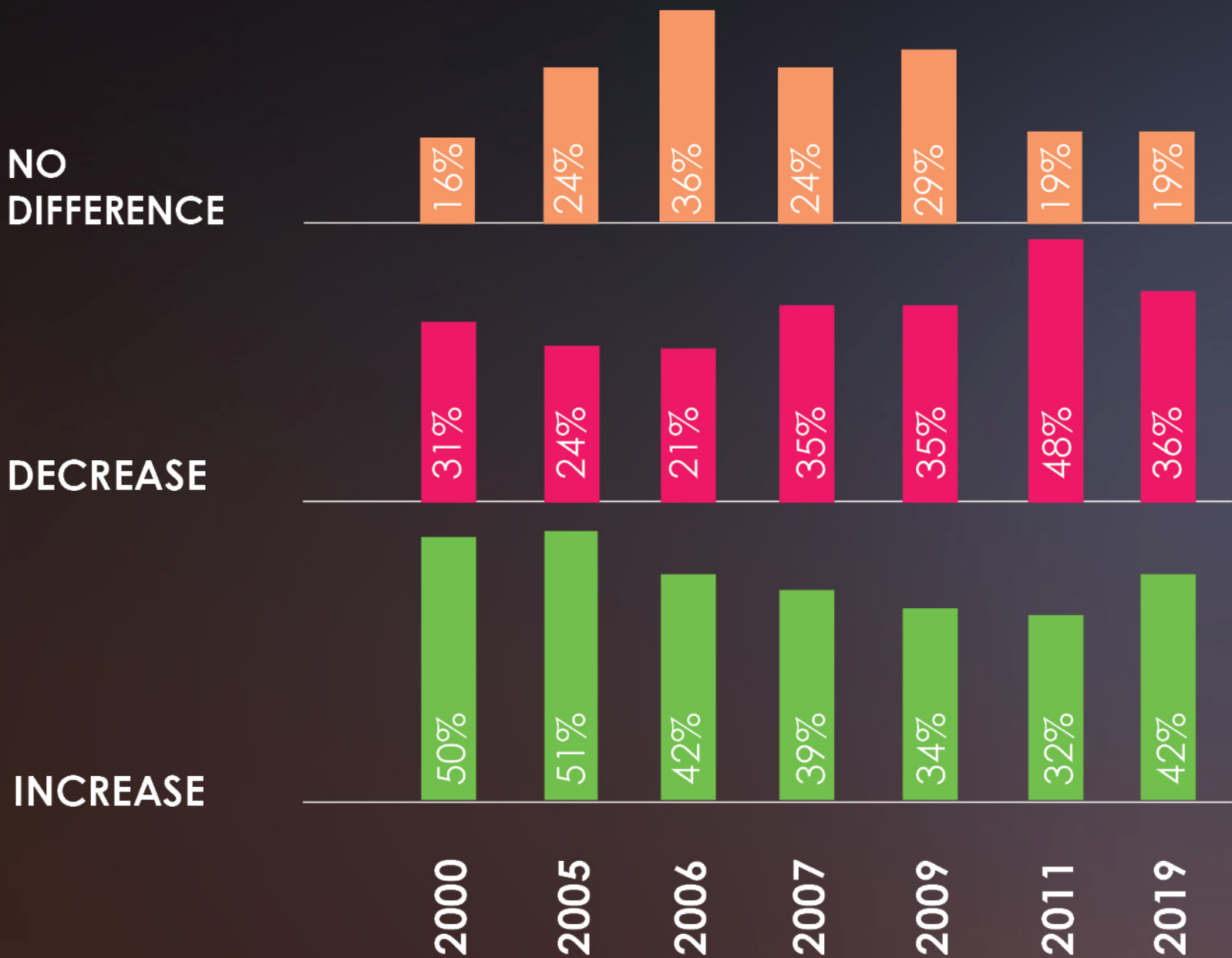


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(Opinion in Pakistan over the course of Nineteen Years)





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Islamabad, January 30, 2020

In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2000, respondents were asked “Do you think the influence of religion is decreasing or increasing among people in Pakistan?” In response, 50% Pakistanis said it is increasing, 31% said it is decreasing and 16% said there is no difference.

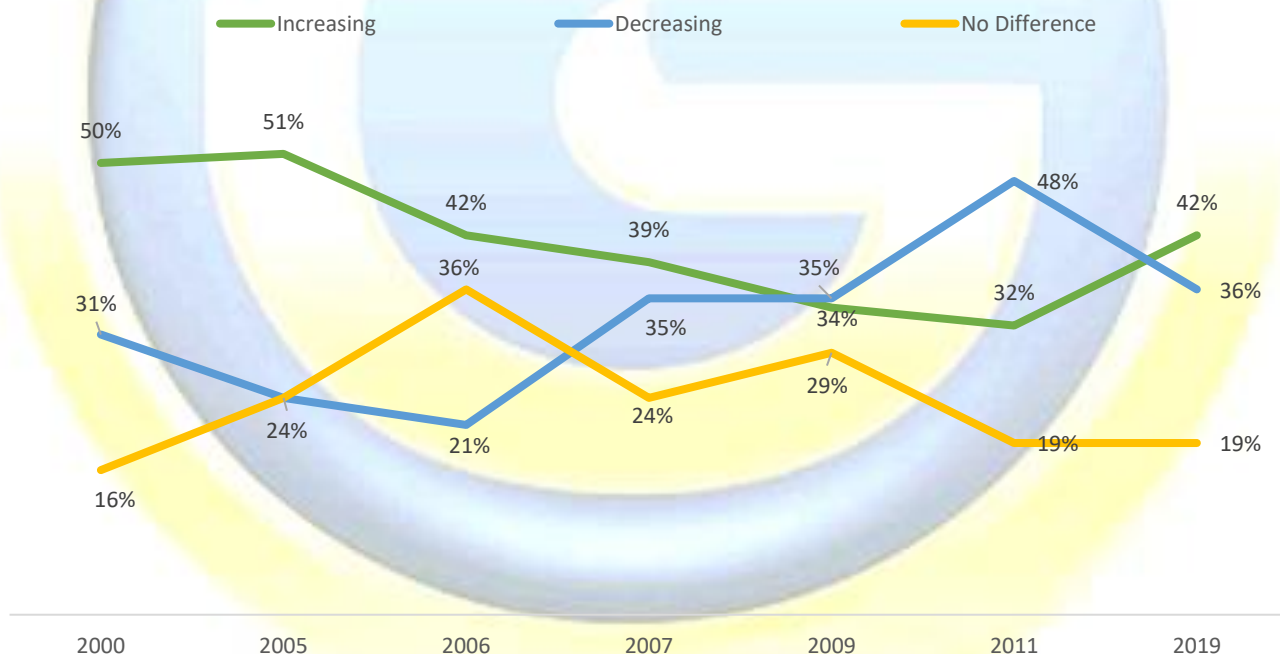
Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2019 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2019, 42% Pakistanis said it is increasing, 36% said it is decreasing and 19% said there is no difference.

Trend Analysis: From 2000-2005, the highest number of respondents reported increasing religious influence; the percentage started to decline since, with the lowest percentage recorded in 2011 at 32%, and in 2019 there was a 10% increase when 42% respondents reported increasing religious influence in the country.

Implications of this finding: Overall the perception of religious influence in the country is dictated by the political regime in said period, as some governments are more conservative than others, hence tend to define the social atmosphere to their own inclinations.

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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Note: Don't Know/No Response not shown

Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan Poll
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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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