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2001

BAN

52%

ALLOW

32%

2020

BAN

70%

ALLOW

25%





Public Opinion in Pakistan Since Year 2001

INTERNATIONAL Afghanistan

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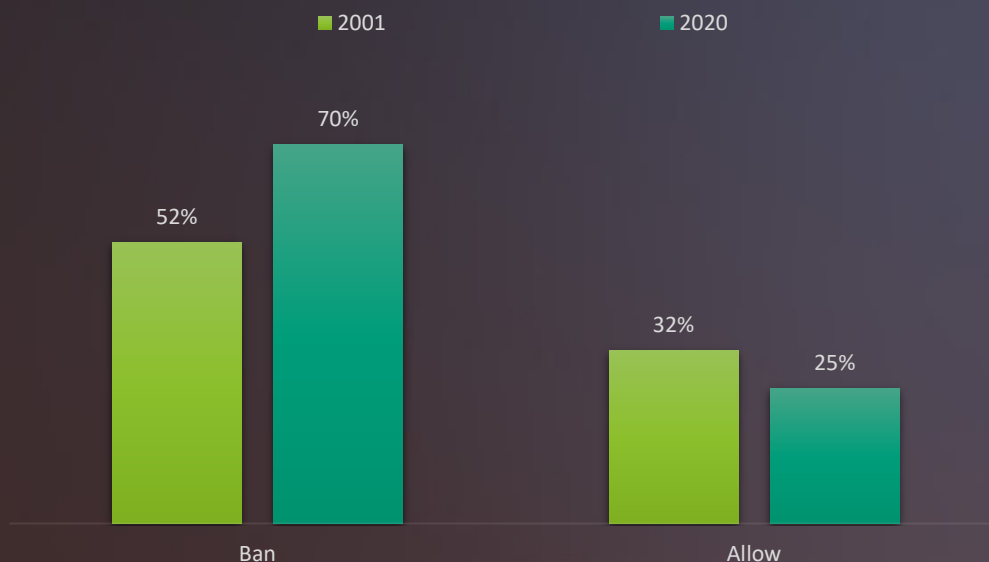
In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2001, respondents were asked "Some people are of the opinion that Pakistani government should ban Afghan migrants' entry while others think they should be allowed to enter. What is your opinion?" In response, 52% said their entry should be banned, while 32% said they should be slowed to enter.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2020 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2019, 70% said their entry should be banned, while 25% said they should be allowed to enter.

Implication of this finding: Since 2002, 600,000 Afghan refugees are estimated to have repatriated to Afghanistan. In 2019, Prime Minister Imran Khan extended registered Afghan refugees' stay till June 2020. Pakistan continues to host the largest number of Afghan refugees in the World and has also been the target of internal security concerns due to influx of unregistered unregulated migrants in the country.

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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

Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan



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

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