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According to the World Values Survey conducted between the year 2014, respondents were asked “Would you not like having people of different religion as your neighbors?” In response 24% said yes.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again between 2017-2019 during Wave 7 of the World Values Survey to enable a comparison across the years. According to the 2019 results, 1 in 3 Pakistanis said they would not like to have a neighbor of different religious faith. The survey therefore shows a rise of around 8% in religious intolerance on this indicator. Pakistan has around 3% of population which hail from non-Muslim religions (mainly Hinduism and Christianity). The country has seen in recent years incidents of violence erupting against minority groups.

Global Results: Globally, around 1 in 5 (19%) respondents do not want a neighbor of a different religion. Globally the figure has been constant at 19% during the two survey periods.

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
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Visit: www.worldvaluessurvey.org

Aim and Rationale for Gallup Pakistan History Project
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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If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.

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