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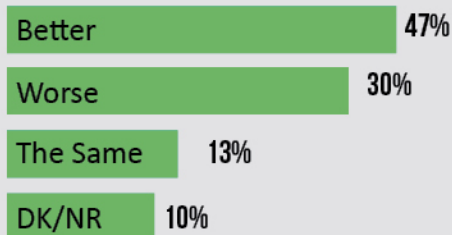
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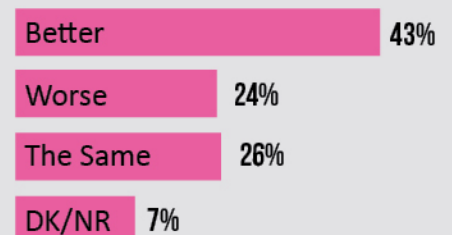
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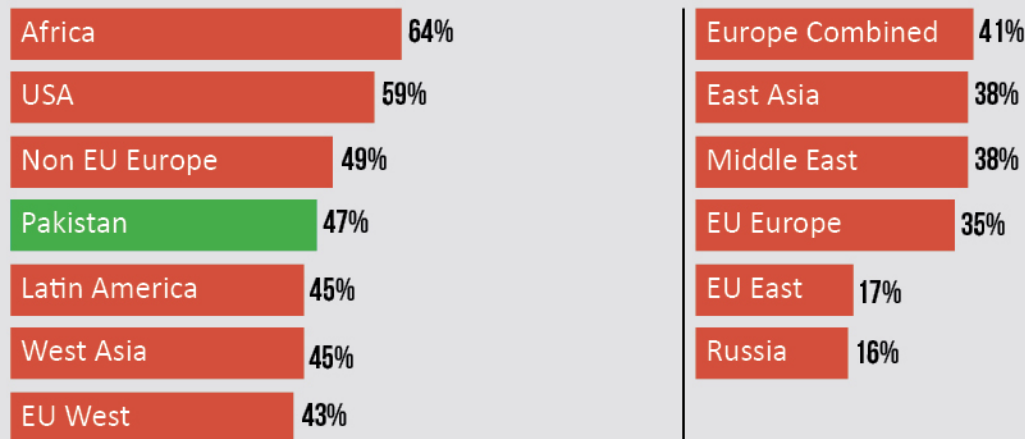
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PAKISTAN'S COMPARISON WITH DIFFERENT REGIONS WHO THINK THAT 2021 WILL BE BETTER:



Source: End of Year Survey 2020. Field work conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk, www.gilanifoundation.com)



**Special Press Release
End of Year Survey 2020
Hope in Pakistan**

Nearly 1 in 2 resilient Pakistanis express hope about the coming year 2021: Gallup International's Global Hope, Happiness and Economic Prosperity Index.

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According to a Gallup International Survey at the end of the year 2020, nearly 1 in 2 Pakistanis (47%) are optimistic about the future, 30% are pessimistic and 13% expect the new year 2021 to be the same as 2020. As compared to the previous year there is a slight increase in proportion of Pakistanis who are hopeful. In terms of being optimistic about the next year, Pakistan is above its region average which is 45%.

Ranking: Out of 41 countries, Pakistan ranks 17th on the Hope Index.

These interesting findings have emerged out of an annual, 46 country research conducted by Gallup International (founded by the world-renowned scholar and pollster Dr. George Gallup in 1947). The survey in Pakistan was done by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistan's oldest and trusted survey firm, working since 1979.

The study comprised internationally of 38,709 respondents covering different ethnicities, regions, religions, age, and gender. The international press release with report can be accessed [here](#). This study has been conducted every year in Pakistan and globally for the past 43 years and is unique in terms of sample size, coverage, and longitudinal analysis.

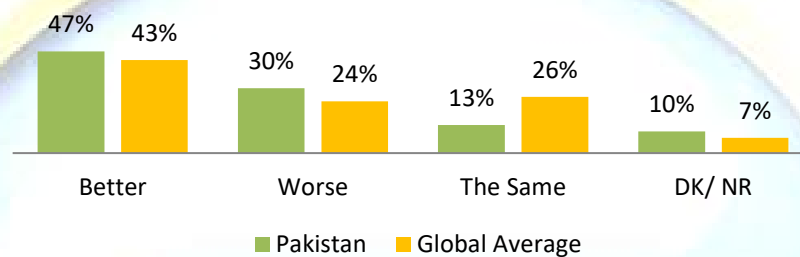


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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was asked the following question, “As far as you are concerned, do you think that 2021 will be better, worse or the same as 2020?” In response to this question, 47% Pakistanis said they are optimistic about 2021, 30% believed that 2021 will be worse than 2020 and 13% said that it will be the same. 10% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Global result: Globally, 43% said that 2021 will be better than 2020, 24% said that it will be worse, while 26% think it will be the same. 7% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparing Pakistan’s figure with the global average figure, Pakistan’s net hope of 17% is less compared to global net hope of 19%.

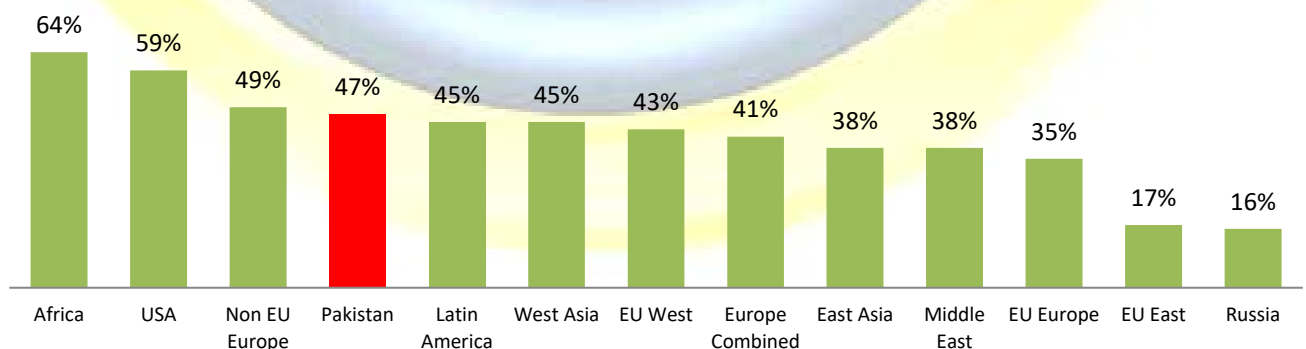


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Regional Results: In India, 68% said they are hopeful about 2021, 11% said they not hopeful about the upcoming year and 15% said they think 2021 will be the same as 2020. The study computed net hope for India as 57%.

In Afghanistan, 31% said they are optimistic about 2021, 38% think that it will be worse and 28% think that it will be same as 2020. The study computed net hope for Afghanistan as -7%.

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Hope about upcoming year in Pakistan over the past thirty years: Net hope seems to be declining since 2014 however, despite braving through a global pandemic, Pakistanis appear resilient as net hope rose from 14% in 2019 to 17% in 2020

Gallup Pakistan has been asking about hope for the upcoming year for nearly three decades and the chart below shows net hope (optimism – pessimism) since 1990's. The results show that hope about future has been fluctuating heavily with hope peaking in Pakistan in year 2014 and lowest in 2008. Average net hope over the past decade (2010-2020) was 21%.

Furthermore, over the past decade, hope has fallen on several instances (between 2009 and 2010, 2014 and 2017, and between 2018 and 2019).

Hope for the upcoming year has fallen considerably since 2018 and is currently below the average of the decade.

In 2008, when the PPP came to power, net hope fell to an all-time low of -31% but rose to -6% in the following year. With the initial six months of PML-N in power in 2013, net hope for the coming year rose to 11%, and to an all-time high of 61% in 2014. With PTI in power in 2018, net hope rose to 37%. However, the initial euphoria was dulled, and net hope had fallen to 14% in 2019. Despite a global pandemic disrupting the world, net hope has risen, albeit slightly, to 17%. It seems that after witnessing the unprecedented events brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, Pakistanis remain hopeful that the coming year might be better. However, this year's net hope lies below the decade average of 21%.

Net Hope (Optimism - Pessimism) Between 1994 & 2020

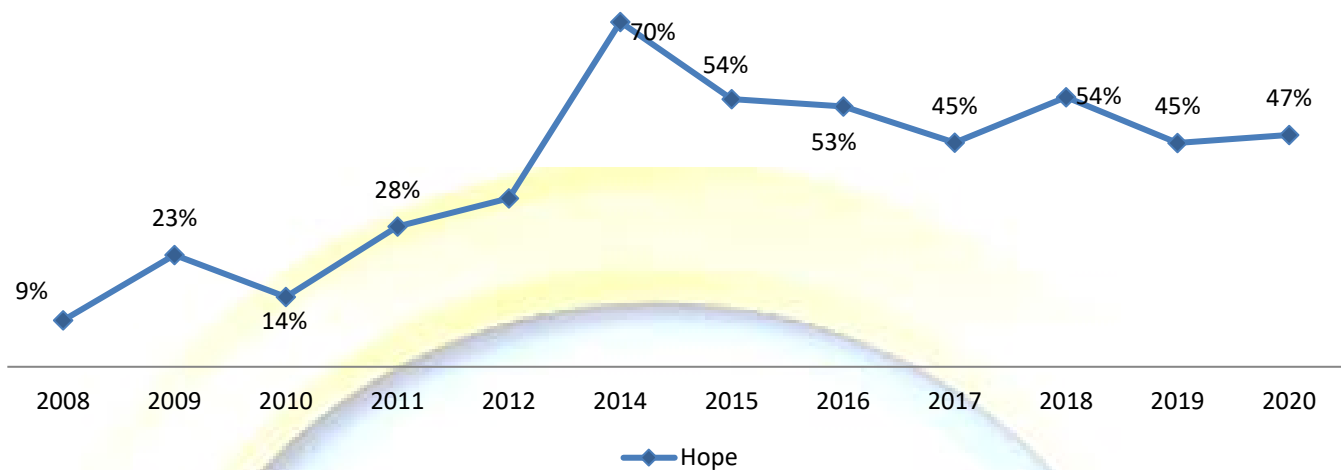


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Hope (Optimism) in Pakistan Between 2008 & 2020



Top optimistic and pessimistic countries

The top five optimistic countries according to the Hope Index are Nigeria (+69), Indonesia (+66), Azerbaijan (+65), Vietnam (+59), Kyrgyzstan (+58). The top five pessimistic countries are Italy (-43), Hong Kong (-34), Poland (-32), Bulgaria (-29), and the Republic of Korea (-22).

TOP 5 OPTIMISTS (Index Better vs. Worse)	TOP 5 PESSIMISTS (Index Better vs. Worse)
NIGERIA: +69	ITALY: -43
INDONESIA: +66	HONG KONG: -34
AZERBAIJAN: +65	POLAND: -32
VIETNAM: +59	BULGARIA: -29
KYRGYZSTAN: +58	REPUBLIC OF KOREA: -22



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

*Best Regards,
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