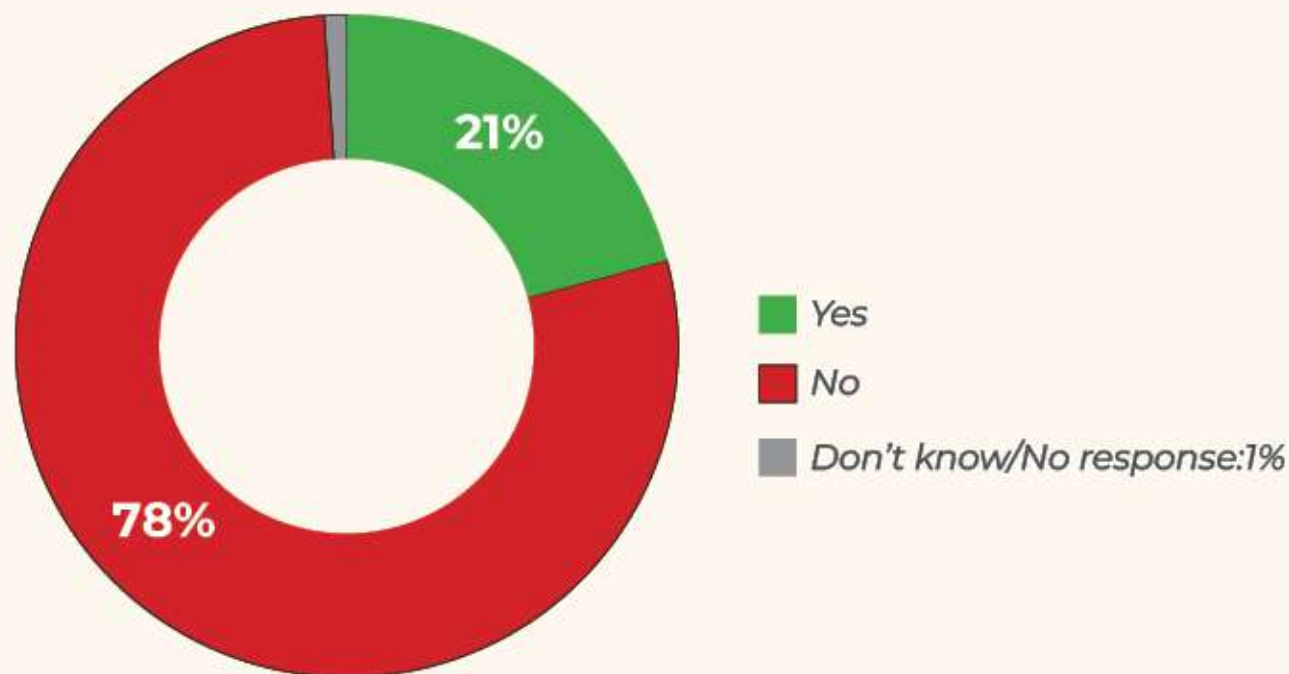


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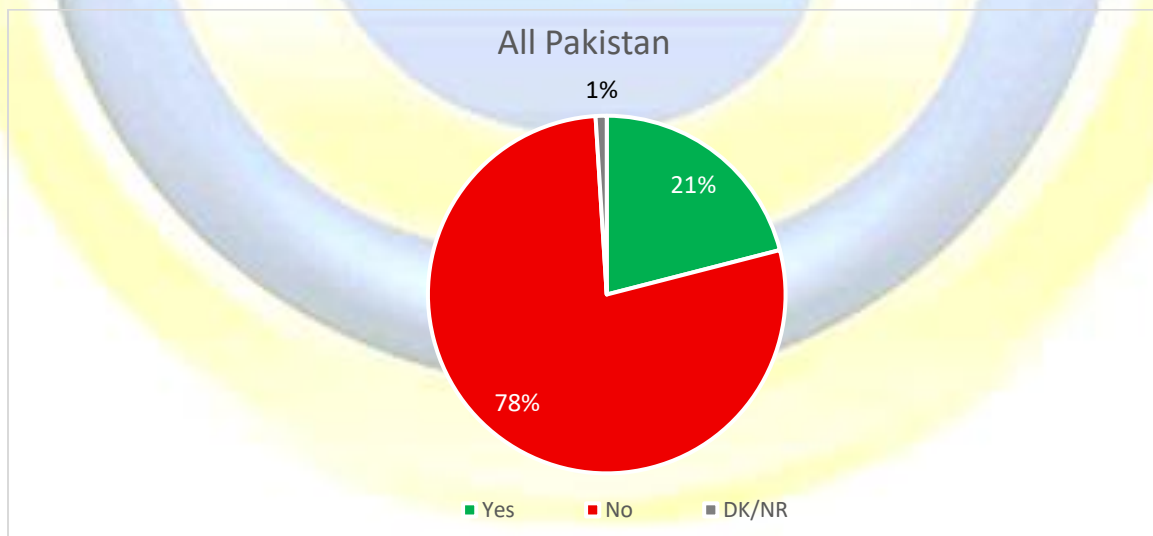
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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan survey, 1 in 5 Pakistanis (21%) report that their or their family's disputes have been resolved through a jirga or other informal councils. This reliance reflects both cultural traditions and gaps in access to formal justice. In contrast, a majority (78%) say they have not relied on such mechanisms.

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women across the country was further asked the question, ***"In many families or communities, disputes are resolved through a jirga or other informal methods. Has any of your or your family's matters ever gone to a jirga?"***. In response, 21% said 'yes', 78% said 'no', while 1% didn't respond.

The findings confirm that jirgas remain a relevant institution in Pakistan. While most Pakistanis report no direct reliance, nearly one-fifth continue to turn to these traditional systems. This highlights both cultural preferences in dispute resolution and persistent gaps in access, affordability, or trust in formal justice institutions. Policymakers may consider strengthening formal systems to expand accessibility.

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Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan
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The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1060 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from August 02, 2025 to August 21, 2025. The error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ percent at the 95% confidence level. The methodology used for data collection was telephonic surveys (CATI).



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