



Note Regarding a Misleading and Completely Incorrect Interpretation of the Gallup International Survey findings from Pakistan Concerning Benjamin Netanyahu

Recently, the **Gallup International Association** released a global survey measuring approval and disapproval ratings of several international leaders. The survey includes results from **more than 61 countries**. The report is detailed and can be viewed in full on the websites of Gallup International and Gallup Pakistan.

One section of the report relates to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Most newspapers and media coverage interpreted the report correctly.

However, a Pakistani vlogger concluded that since 49% expressed disapproval, the remaining percentage must necessarily represent approval. This is not only incorrect but also an incomprehensible and irresponsible reading of the report, as the data were clearly presented in separate categories.

Actual Figures from Pakistan

- **18% Approval**
- **49% Disapproval**
- **32% Don't Know / No Opinion**

Those expressing disapproval are approximately **2.7 times more** than those expressing approval.

The vlogger states 51% approval rating of Israeli PM in Pakistan . This is complete fabrication and misreading.

Correct Interpretation of “Don’t Know”

The 32% who responded “Don’t Know” did not do so due to lack of interest. A large number were unfamiliar with the name of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and therefore could not answer the question.

The Real Picture Among Those Who Expressed an Opinion

If we exclude respondents who were unfamiliar with the Israeli Prime Minister’s name and therefore could not answer the question, the picture becomes entirely clear:

Nearly three-quarters of Pakistanis expressed a clear disapproval of the Israeli Prime Minister.

Broader National Sentiment

These findings should be viewed in the context of overall public sentiment in Pakistan.

On **9 February 2026**, *Al-Jazeera* reported on a survey conducted by **Gallup Pakistan**.

According to that survey:

- Approximately **73% of Pakistanis supported sending Pakistani military personnel under an international peace mission to Gaza**
- Only **6% opposed**
- The remainder were uncertain

These results clearly show that a strong majority of the Pakistani public holds firm sentiments in favor of Gaza and the Palestinian people and therefore pro Israeli leadership sentiments would be in contradiction to these findings (especially in large numbers as was falsely attributed).

Conclusion

The numbers are absolutely clear.

Including “Don’t Know” responses within approval violates both basic arithmetic and research integrity.

The correct interpretation is that among those with a clear opinion, nearly three-quarters expressed disapproval. The report is complete, detailed, and unambiguous — yet drawing an incorrect conclusion from it is difficult to understand.

Moreover, the report includes a very clear table presenting separately:

- Approval
- Disapproval
- Don't Know / No Response
- Net Rating

Despite such clarity, misrepresenting the results is regrettable. It either reflects a lack of basic statistical understanding or a deliberate attempt at misinterpretation. In either case, such conduct does not meet the standards of responsible public discourse.