

KP SNAP POLL

Emergency Rule In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Snap poll on the federal emergency and the PTI provincial government

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Summary of findings (1 of 3)

Awareness

68%

Awareness of the emergency

68% of Pakistanis had heard of the emergency; awareness is higher among people from KP (80%).

Rating of the KP government

52%

Rating of the PTI government in KP

52% of Pakistanis rate its performance good or very good, against 26% bad. People from KP: 53% good, 34% bad.

48%

Law-and-order record

48% rate its handling of law and order and terrorism good, slightly lower than overall. People from KP: 49% good, 34% bad.

The emergency

36%

The federal claim

36% say the claim that the PTI KP government is not cooperating on security is not correct; 29% say it is correct. In KP, 39% say not correct.

47%

Support for the emergency

47% of Pakistanis support it and 35% oppose, so opinion is divided with more leaning towards support. People from KP are evenly split: 40% support, 42% oppose.

41%

Constitutional justification

41% say the President's decision is justified under the Constitution and 35% say it is not. In KP: 38% justified, 40% not.

Summary of findings (2 of 3)

Governor's rule: past public opinion

72%

Past opinion: Sindh and Balochistan

72% favoured governor's rule in Sindh in 1999, and 60% called it a good step in Balochistan in 2013.

15%

Past opinion: Punjab

In 2009 only 15% called governor's rule right in Punjab and 67% called it wrong; 74% of Punjab respondents said wrong.

26%

Past opinion: the 2007 emergency

26% supported the 2007 emergency, according to the Gallup Pakistan archive.

Impact and response

38%

Expected effect on security

38% of Pakistanis expect security in KP to improve and 30% expect it to worsen. People from KP: 36% improve, 27% worsen.

51%

Expected effect on daily life

51% expect a negative effect on the daily life of ordinary people in KP, and 25% a positive one. People from KP: 51% negative.

Summary of findings (3 of 3)

Way forward

56%

Advice to PTI leaders

56% advise PTI leaders to find a legal solution; 15% advise protest on the streets. In KP: 60% legal, 10% protest.

68%

Street protest

68% of Pakistanis would not join a street protest if PTI leaders asked; 24% would. People from KP: 72% would not join.

80%

Talks

80% want the federal government and the PTI to hold talks to resolve the situation, and 10% do not. In KP: 81% yes.

The bottom line

Divided on the emergency, hopeful on security, united on talks

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Awareness

How many had heard of the emergency in KP

68% of Pakistanis had heard of the emergency; people from KP are better informed (80%)

Q1. Have you heard that the President has imposed an emergency in KP and the elected PTI provincial government will not function for some time?

68%

had heard of it

Pakistan

80%

had heard of it

KP

03

Rating of the KP government

Performance and law-and-order record of the PTI government in KP

Half of Pakistanis (52%) and of people from KP (53%) rate the PTI government in KP well

Q2. How would you rate the performance of the PTI provincial government in KP led by Chief Minister Sohail Afridi?



52%

of Pakistanis rate it good or very good

- KP: 53% good, 34% bad
- PTI voters: 75% good, 11% bad

On law and order, 48% of Pakistanis and 49% of people from KP rate the PTI government in KP well

Q3. How would you rate the PTI provincial government specifically on law and order and fighting terrorism in KP?



48%

of Pakistanis rate it good or very good

- KP: 49% good, 34% bad
- PTI voters: 69% good, 11% bad

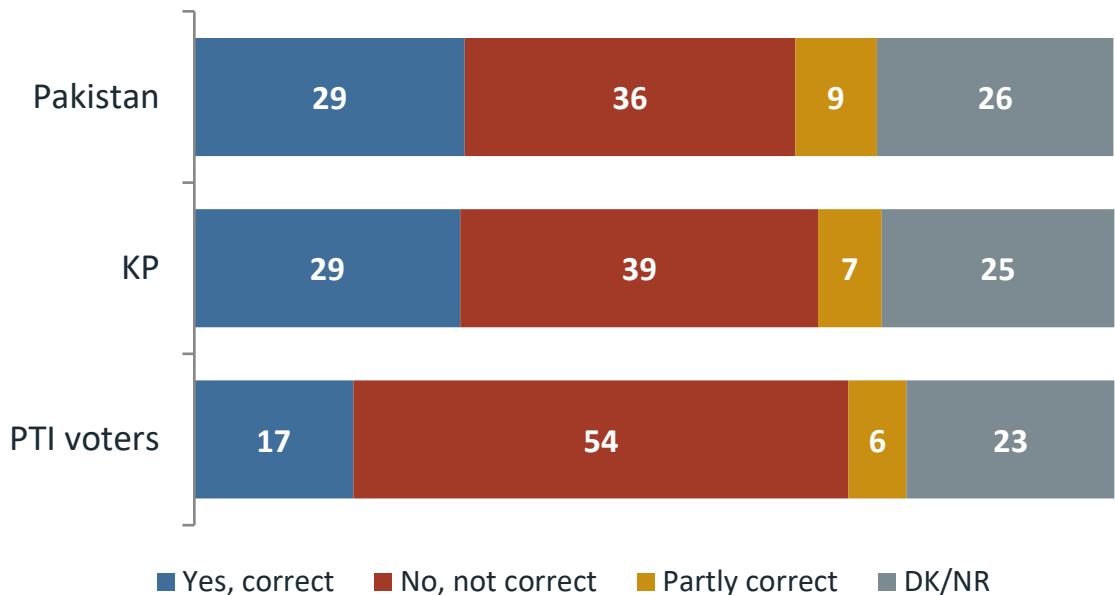
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The emergency

The federal claim, support or opposition, and constitutional justification

Pakistanis doubt the federal claim of PTI KP government non-cooperation on security (36% not correct; KP 39%)

Q4. The federal government says the emergency was imposed because the KP government is not cooperating on terrorism. Is this claim correct?



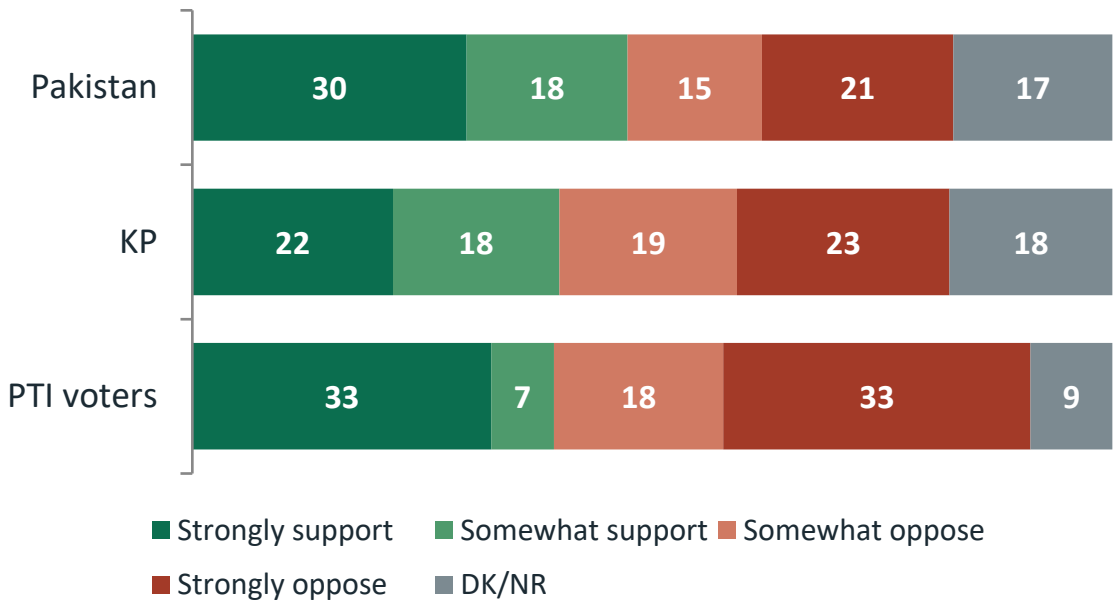
36%

say the claim is not correct;
29% say correct

- KP: 39% not correct, 29% correct
- PTI voters: 54% not correct, 17% correct

Pakistanis divided, with more leaning towards support (47% vs 35%); KP evenly split (40% vs 42%)

Q6. Do you support or oppose the imposition of the emergency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa?



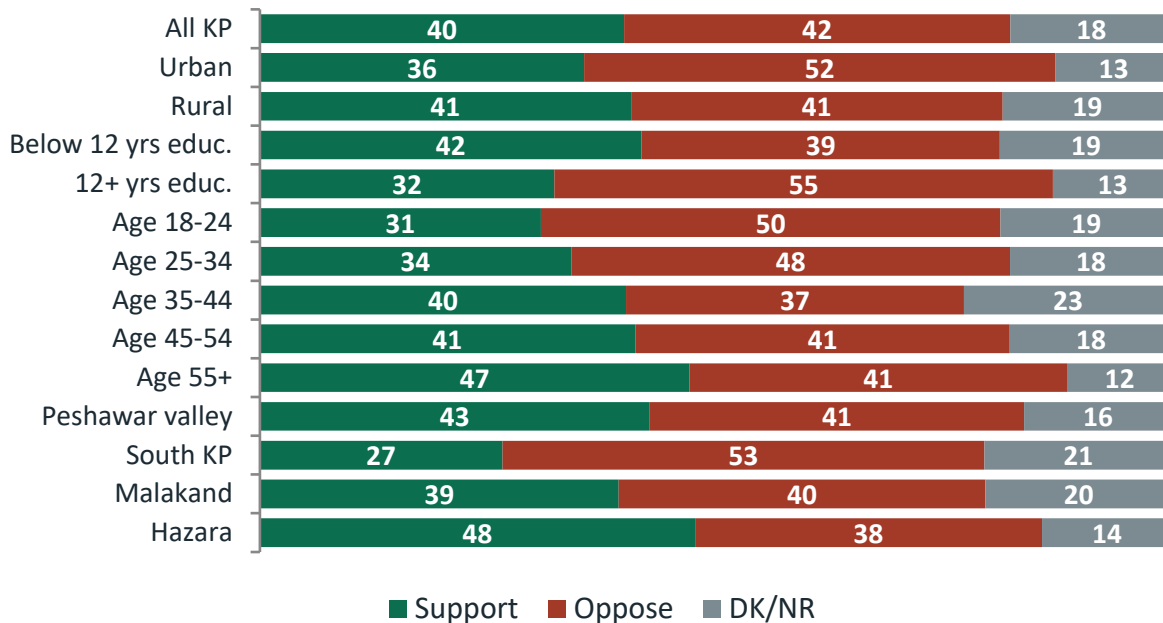
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of Pakistanis support it; 35% oppose

- KP: 40% support, 42% oppose
- PTI voters: 39% support, 52% oppose

Within KP, South KP (53%) opposes the emergency most and Hazara (48%) supports it most

Q6 by urban/rural, education, age and region, among people from KP only.



WITHIN KP ONLY (NOT PAKISTAN)

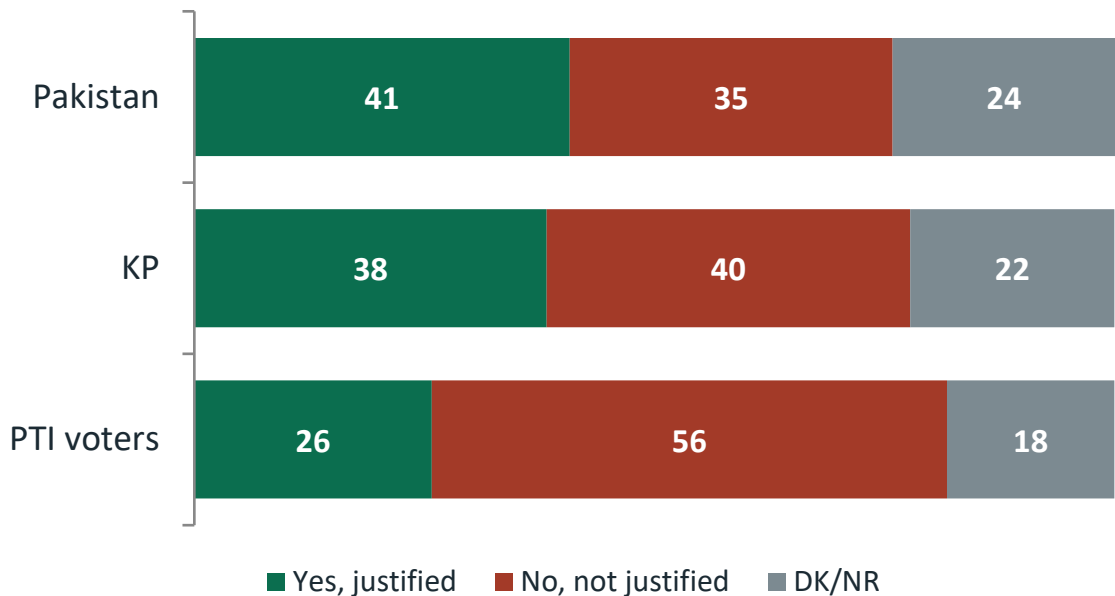
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of South KP residents oppose the emergency, against 27% who support it

- Urban KP: 52% oppose, 36% support
- 12+ yrs education: 55% oppose
- Support rises with age: 31% (18-24) to 47% (55+)

Pakistanis divided on constitutional justification (41% yes, 35% no); in KP 38% yes, 40% no

Q7. Is the President's decision to impose the emergency in KP justified under the Constitution?



41%

of Pakistanis say it is justified; 35% say not

- KP: 38% justified, 40% not
- PTI voters: 26% justified, 56% not

05

Governor's rule: past opinion

What Gallup Pakistan polls found in the past, 1998 to 2016

Past polls: Pakistanis backed governor's rule against other provinces' governments, but opposed it against their own

Gallup Pakistan archive, 1998 to 2016.

Support was high when the target was Sindh or Balochistan

Sindh, 1999: 72% favoured governor's rule.

Balochistan, 2013: 60% called it a good step and 26% a bad one. Within Balochistan, 64% said good and 35% bad.

Opposition was strong when the target was Punjab

Punjab, 2009: only 15% called governor's rule right and 67% called it wrong. In Punjab itself, 74% said wrong and just 5% said right.

2007 emergency: 26% supported it.

Pattern: the public backed governor's rule against other provinces' governments, and opposed it against its own. Balochistan figures rest on small samples, so treat them as directional.

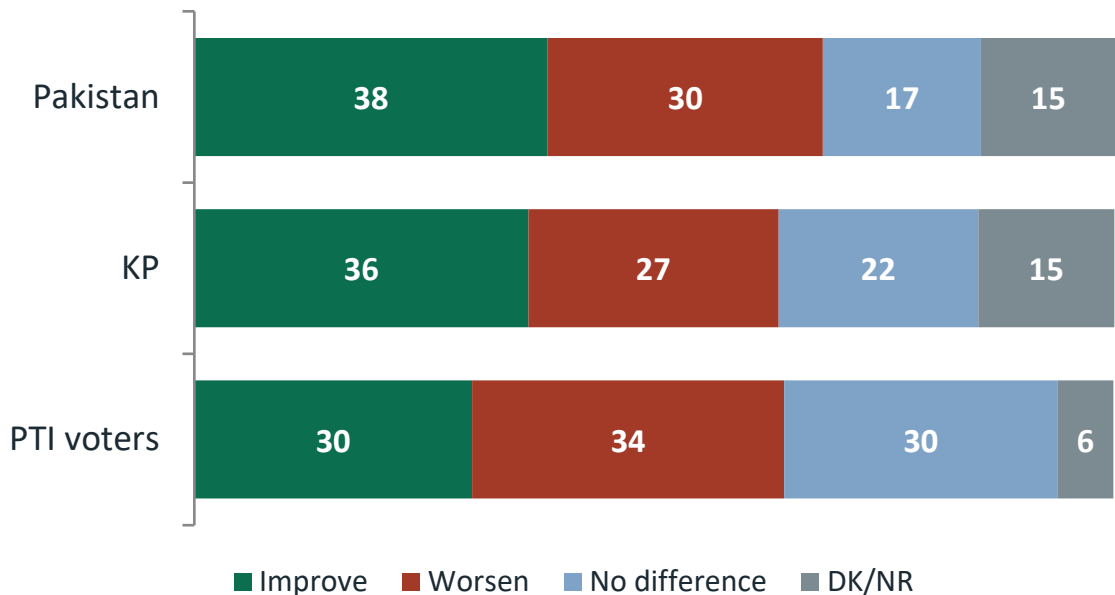
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Impact and response

Expected effects on security and daily life in KP

More Pakistanis expect KP security to improve (38%) than worsen (30%); in KP 36% vs 27%

Q8. Will the emergency improve, worsen, or make no difference to the security situation in KP?



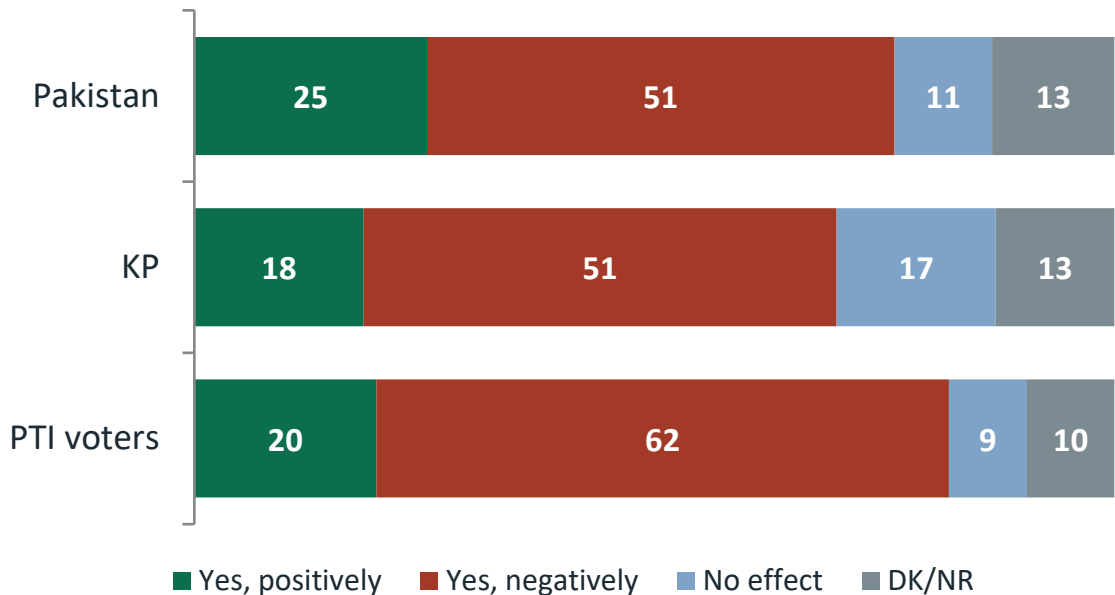
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of Pakistanis expect security to improve; 30% worsen

- KP: 36% improve, 27% worsen
- PTI voters: 30% improve, 34% worsen

Half of Pakistanis (51%) and of people from KP (51%) expect the emergency to hurt daily life

Q9. Do you think the emergency will affect the daily life of ordinary people in KP?



51%

of Pakistanis expect a negative effect (25% positive)

- KP: 51% negative, 18% positive
- PTI voters: 62% negative, 20% positive

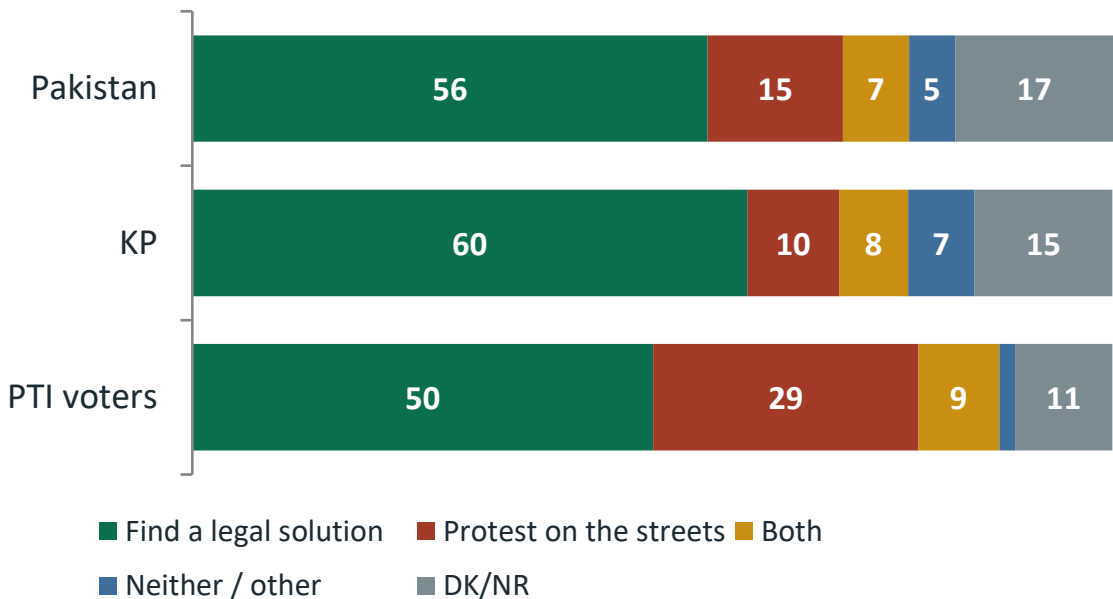
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Way forward

Advice to PTI leaders, street protest and talks

Pakistanis favour a legal solution as advice to PTI leaders (56%; KP 60%)

Q10. What would be your advice to PTI leaders?



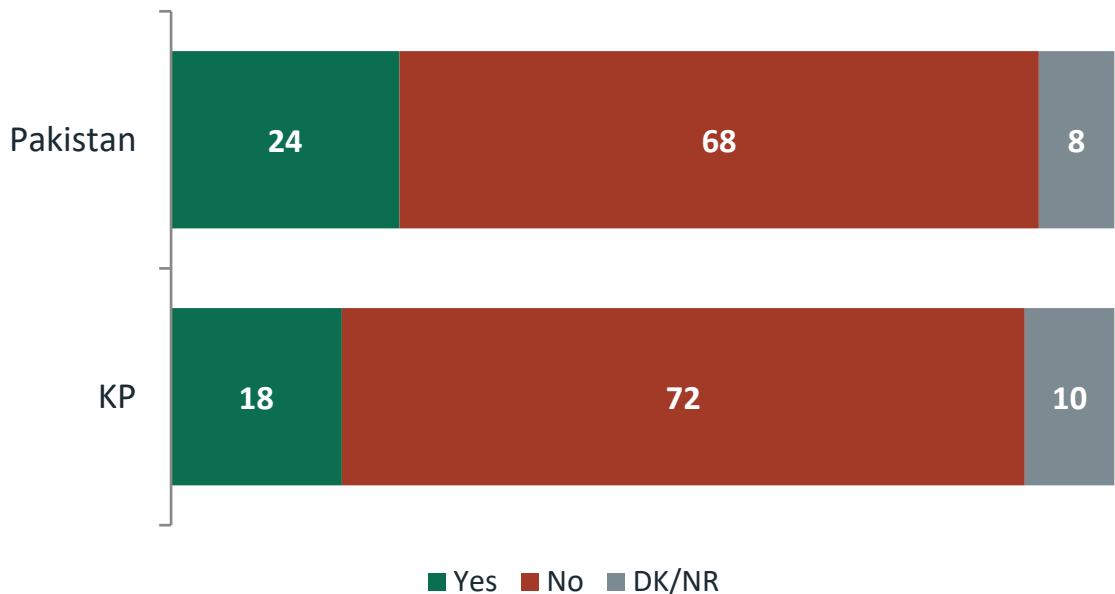
56%

of Pakistanis say find a legal solution; 15% say protest

- KP: 60% legal, 10% protest
- PTI voters: 50% legal, 29% protest

Two in three Pakistanis (68%) would not join a street protest; in KP 72%

Q11. If the PTI leadership asks you to come out and protest in the streets, will you do so?



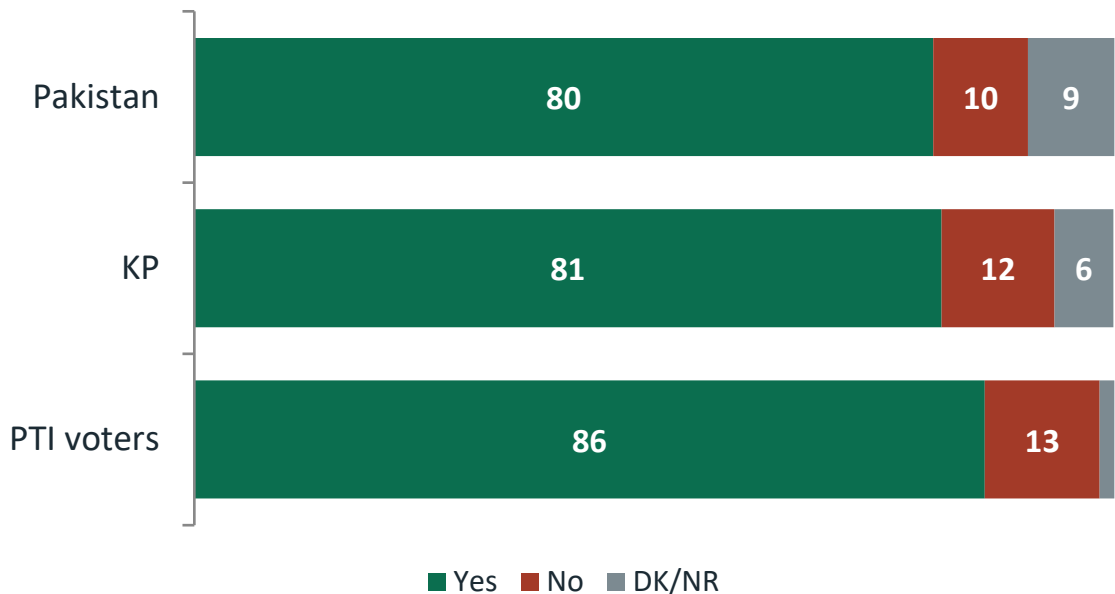
68%

of Pakistanis would not join a street protest

- KP-wide: 72% would not join
- 24% nationally and 18% in KP would join

Four in five Pakistanis (80%) want the federal government and PTI to talk; in KP 81%

Q12. Should the federal government and the PTI hold talks to resolve this situation?



80%

of Pakistanis say yes

- KP: 81% yes, 12% no
- PTI voters: 86% yes, 13% no

08

Method and coverage

How the snap poll was conducted and where

Method

800

interviews completed

90

districts covered

28 of them in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

±4

pts margin of error, Pakistan

±5 for KP

- Snap poll by telephone (CATI) with adults aged 18 and over, 12-14 October 2026
- Interviews in 90 districts across Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Islamabad
- A booster sample was done in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, covering 28 districts of the province. This was done so that KP results were statistically significant and represented all four electoral territories in the region (Peshawar valley, South KP, Malakand and Hazara)
- Results weighted by province x urban/rural x education: 2023 census shares,
- Margins of error at the 95% confidence level

Weighted sample profile

	Weighted %
Province	
Punjab	53%
Sindh	23%
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	17%
Balochistan	6%
Islamabad (ICT)	1%
Area	
Urban	39%
Rural	61%

	Weighted %
Education	
Below 12 years	81%
12 years or more	19%
Age	
18-24	13%
25-34	31%
35-44	21%
45-54	21%
55+	14%

Weighted to 2023 census by province, urban/rural and education (80% below 12 years, 20% 12+). Age is not a weighting variable.

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Fieldwork coverage: 90 districts across Pakistan

Province	Districts	Districts covered
Punjab	36	Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Bahawalpur, Attock, Jhelum, Kasur, Sialkot, Multan, Bahawalnagar, Vehari, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Sargodha, Gujrat, Jhang, Khanewal, Layyah, Sahiwal, Bhakkar, Chakwal, Muzaffargarh, Sheikhpura, Mianwali, Okara, Dera Ghazi Khan, Mandi Bahauddin, Narowal, Pakpattan, Chiniot, Khushab, Nankana Sahib, Hafizabad, Toba Tek Singh, Lodhran
Sindh	16	Karachi East, Karachi Central, Sukkur, Dadu, Karachi South, Sanghar, Hyderabad, Tharparkar, Larkana, Ghotki, Jacobabad, Badin, Korangi, Thatta, Kashmor, Shikarpur
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	28	Peshawar, Swat, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Mardan, Nowshera, Charsadda, Haripur, Kohat, Karak, Dera Ismail Khan, Buner, Bannu, Chitral, Swabi, Lower Dir, Malakand, Lakki Marwat, Batagram, Upper Dir, Hangu, Waziristan, Shangla, Kohistan, Khyber (Agency), Tank, Malakand Protected Area, Torghar
Balochistan	9	Quetta, Bolan, Sibi, Jaffarabad, Panjgur, Mastung, Lasbela, Sohbatpur, Pishin
Islamabad (ICT)	1	Islamabad

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