

# "Amending the Constitution: How Pakistanis View the 26th Amendment"

A STUDY OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION



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# METHODOLOGY

## APPROACH

- Computer Assisted Telephonic Interviews (CATI)

## SAMPLE

- N=1200
- Margin of Error: The margin of error for sample size of 1200 people is Calculated at approx.  $\pm 3\%$ .  
(Margin of error was calculated using formula:  $MOE = z * \sqrt{p * (1 - p)} / \sqrt{n}$ , where  $z = 1.96$  for a confidence level ( $\alpha$ ) of 95%,  $p =$  proportion (expressed as a decimal), and  $n =$  sample size)
- Allocation of sample was made by distributing sample to all the provinces as per their actual share of the population.

## TIMELINE

- Data collection done from  
25<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024



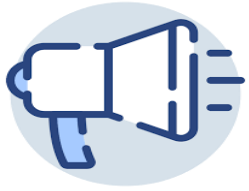


# Executive Summary

The **Institute for Public Opinion Research (IPOR)** conducted a quantitative survey to gauge public opinion on Pakistan's recent 26th Constitutional Amendment. The survey interviewed a representative sample of adults (aged 18 and above) across Pakistan.

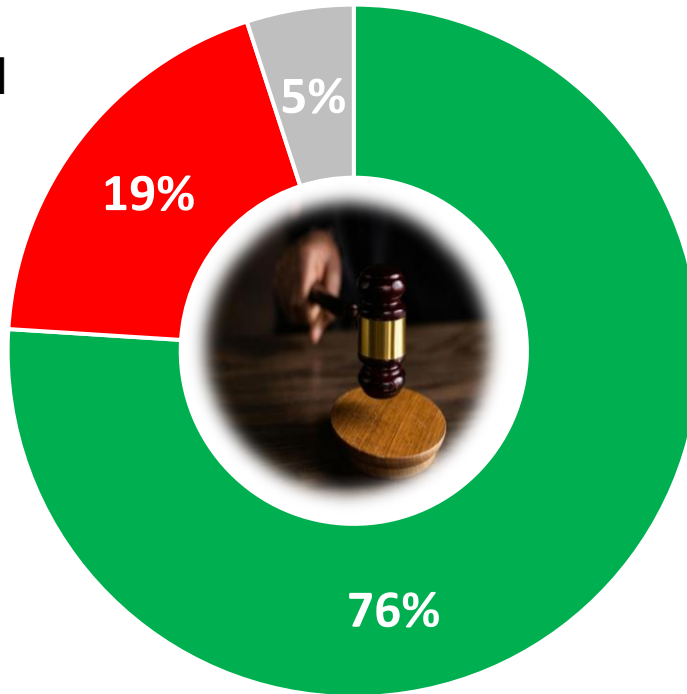
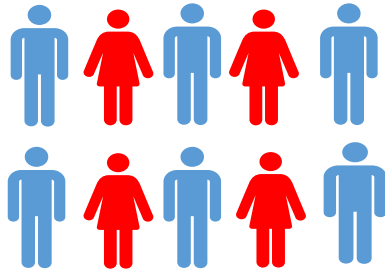
## Key Findings:

- **Awareness:** 76% of respondents are aware of the 26th Constitutional Amendment.
- **Opinion on Amendment:** 52% believe the amendment is inappropriate, while 36% support it. Breaking down the numbers by party affiliation, we see that 60% of PML-N supporters and 23% of PTI supporters are in favor of the amendment. On the other hand, a significant 66% of PTI supporters actually oppose the amendment.
- **Perceived Motivation:** 57% of respondents think the primary motivation for the amendment is to serve the government's political interests, whereas 29% believe it is based on the country's national interests. However, 78% of PML-N supporters believe the amendment is in the national interest, whereas 65% of PTI supporters think it's driven by political interest.
- **Appointment of Chief Justice:** 39% supports the way of appointment Chief Justice of Pakistan, while 42% oppose it.
- **Suo Moto Powers of the Chief Justice:** Regarding the removal of the Chief Justice's suo moto powers through this amendment, 31% are in favor of this decision, whereas 56% oppose it.

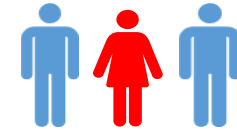


# Have you heard about the recent 26<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment passed by the parliament of Pakistan?

**A wide majority of Pakistanis 76%** heard/know about the 26<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment



**19%** people don't know about the constitutional amendment

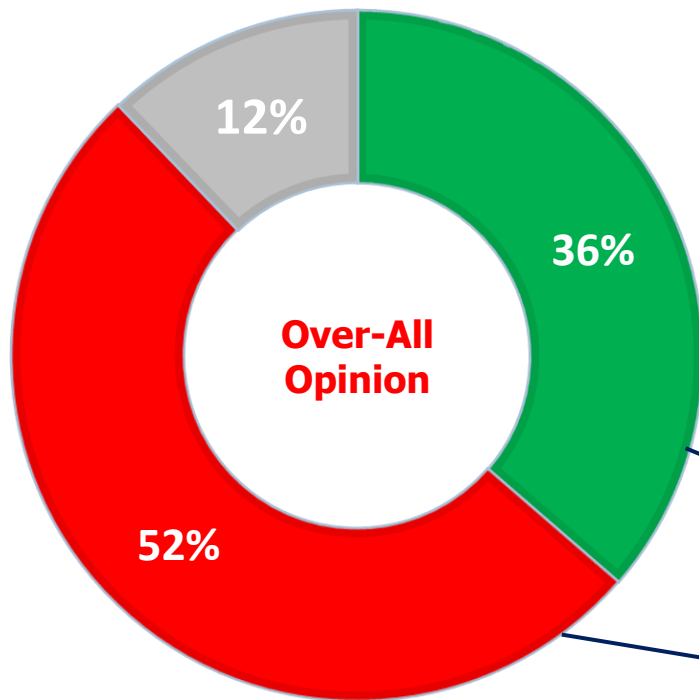


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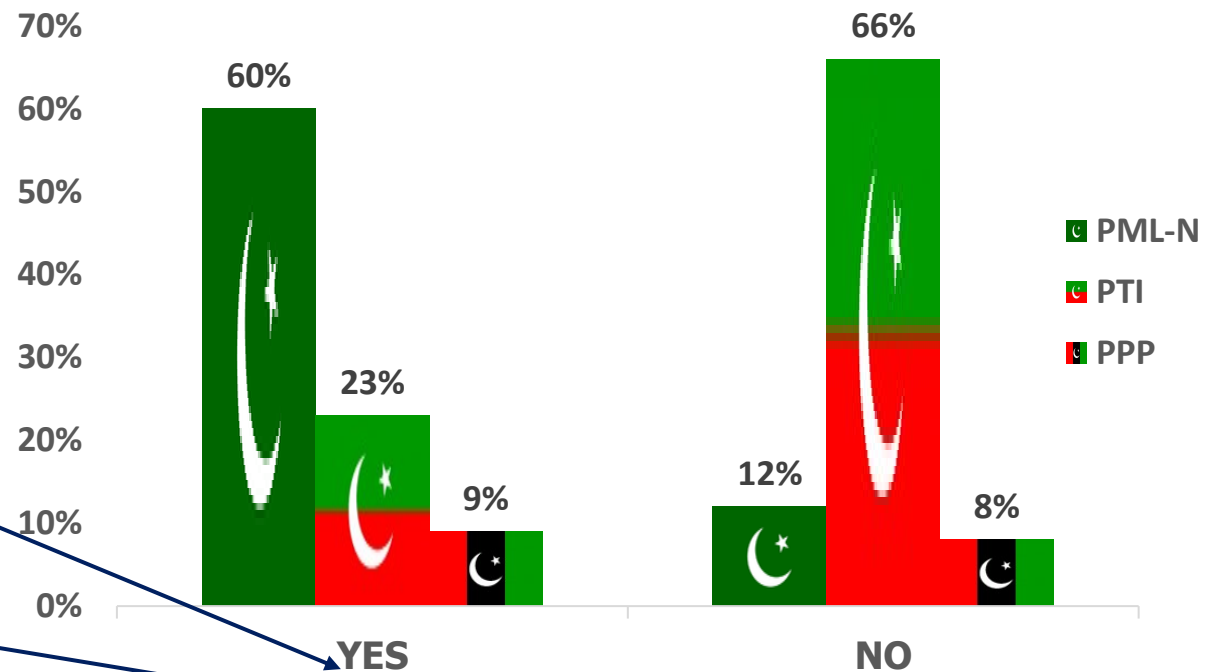


# What Do you think was there a need for recent 26<sup>TH</sup> constitutional amendment?



■ Yes ■ No ■ DK/NR

**Percentage of respondents (With Party Affiliation)**

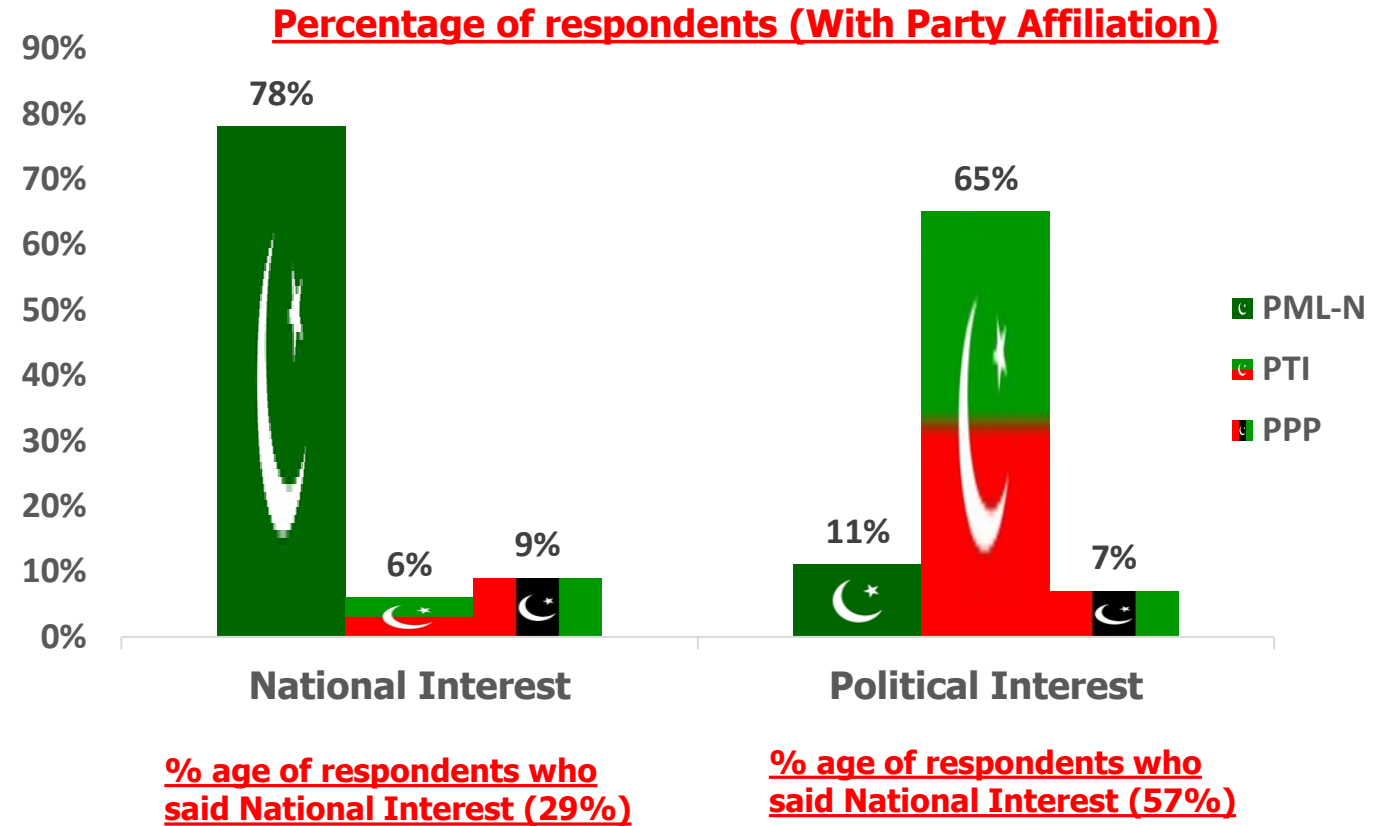
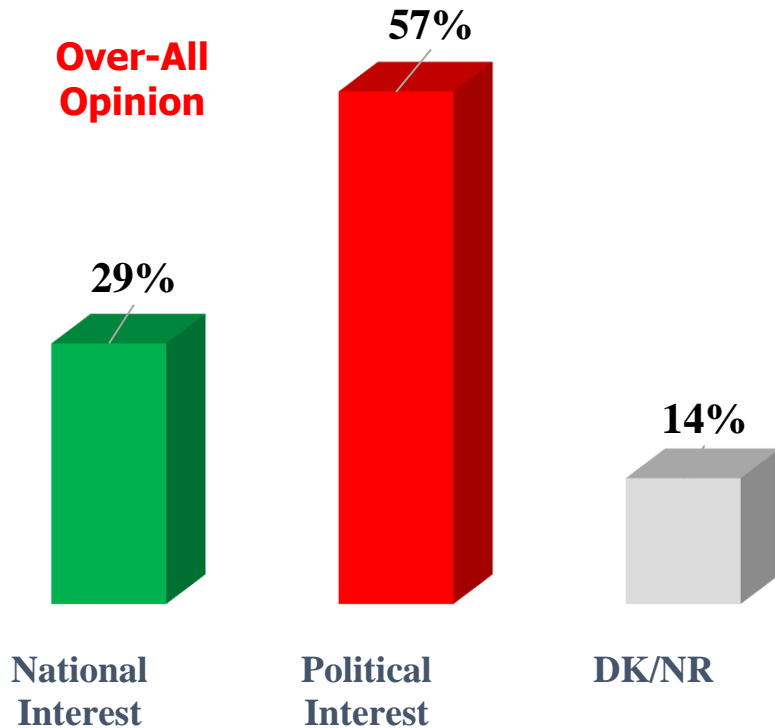


**% age of respondents who said yes (36%)**

**% age of respondents who said No (52%)**



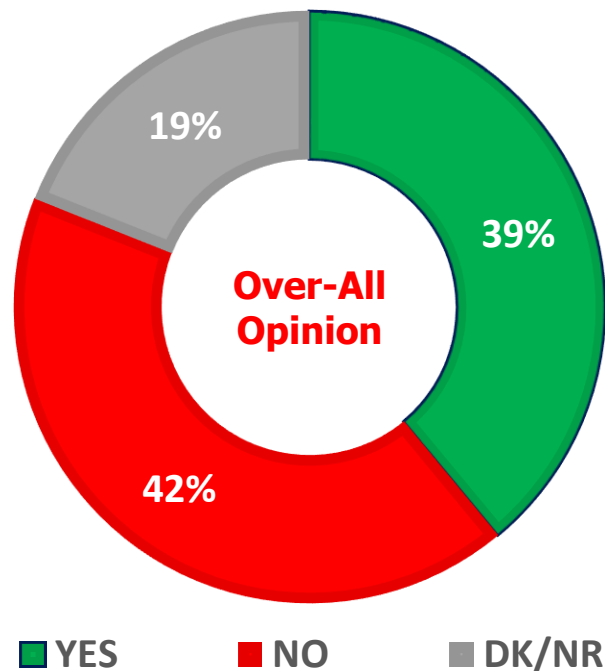
# Do you think the government's decision on the 26th Constitutional Amendment is motivated by national interest or political interest?



**Insight:** A majority of 57% of respondents believe that the constitutional amendment made by government is based on political interests while 29% think that this amendment is in national interest of country. 78% of PML-N supporters think that amendment is in national interest, whereas 65% of PTI supporters believe that it is driven by political interest.



# Do you agree with the way of appointment of Chief Justice through a Special Parliamentary Committee?

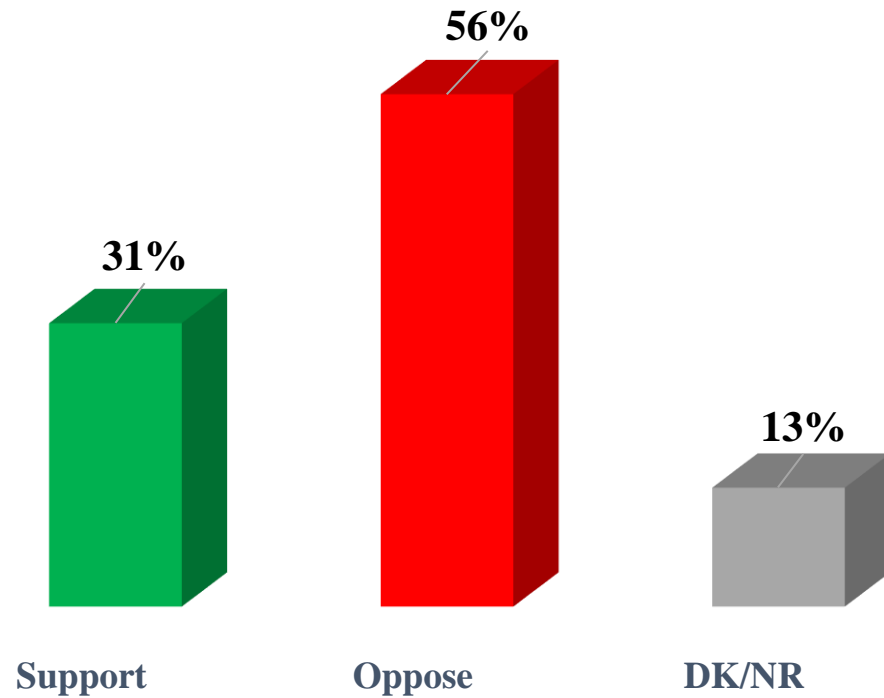


**Insight:** The nation is equally divided on procedure of appointment of Chief Justice through a Special Parliamentary Committee where 39% percent of respondents favoring this method while 42% opposing it.





# This constitutional amendment has amended the Chief Justice of Pakistan's power to take Suo moto notice and placed in the hands of a judicial committee, do you support or oppose this step?

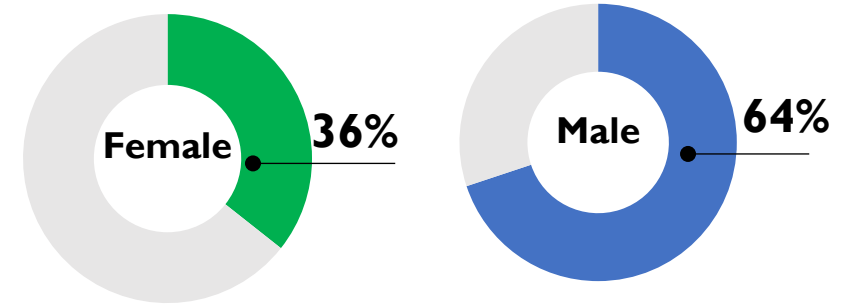


**Insight:** A majority 56% percent of respondents oppose the removal of the Chief Justice of Pakistan's suo moto power, while 31% consider this step justified.

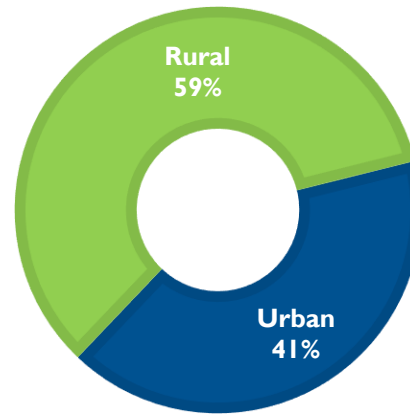
The IPOR survey respondents consisted of 64% males and 36% females. Geographically, 59% were from rural areas and 41% from urban areas. In terms of age distribution, 22% were between 18 and 24 years old, 33% were between 25 and 34 years old, 32% were between 35- and 49-year-old and 13% were above 50 years old. 18% are illiterate, 11% have completed primary education, 14% have completed secondary education, 23% have completed matriculation, 17% have completed intermediate education, 12% are graduates, and 5% have completed a master's degree.

# Survey Demographic

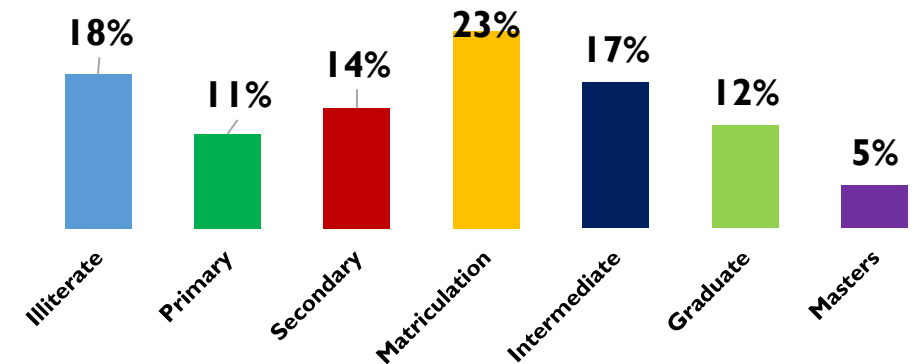
## Gender



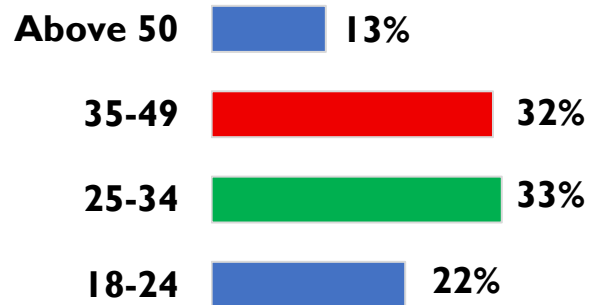
## Urban /Rural



## Education



## Age Group





# Thank you!

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