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People Perceptions on 26th amendment – Pakistan National Opinion

The Institute for Public Opinion Research (IPOR) conducted a comprehensive survey to assess public opinion on Pakistan's recent 26th Constitutional Amendment. This quantitative survey interviewed a nationally representative sample of adults (18 years and above) across Pakistan to gauge awareness, perceptions, and opinions related to this amendment.

The survey reveals that a majority of Pakistanis (76%) are aware of the 26th Constitutional Amendment. Among those aware, opinions are divided; 52% of respondents believe the amendment is inappropriate, while 36% express support. A closer look at party affiliation shows distinct differences in views: 60% of PML-N supporters favor the amendment, whereas only 23% of PTI supporters do, with a significant 66% of PTI supporters opposing it.

When asked about the motivation behind the amendment, 57% of respondents think it primarily serves the government's political interests, while 29% view it as being in the country's national interest. These opinions are sharply divided by party lines, with 78% of PML-N supporters believing the amendment is in the national interest, in contrast to 65% of PTI supporters who see it as politically motivated. Public opinion is also split regarding the process of appointing the Chief Justice of Pakistan, with 39% supporting the current approach and 42% opposing it. Additionally, the amendment's removal of the Chief Justice's suo moto powers has generated considerable opposition; while 31% support this change, a larger proportion—56%—oppose it.

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