

Despite dissatisfaction with the current government's performance and concerns about rising inflation, people remain divided on the opposition's Azaadi March

A nation-wide public opinion survey conducted by Institute for Public Opinion Research (IPOR), revealed that the majority of the people find inflation to be the biggest issue of the country. At the same time, those dissatisfied with the current government's performance were divided on their views on the opposition's Azaadi March, as compared to the majority of those who were satisfied with the current government and opposed JUI-F's sit-in.

Overall, it was found that 46% were satisfied with the current government's performance, while 50% were dissatisfied with its performance, while the remaining 4% said that they do not know or have no response. 54% of all respondents were against the sit-in called by JUI-F, while 21% supported it and 25% said that they do not know or have no response on the Azaadi March. When measured against those satisfied and dissatisfied with the government, the preferences changed. 40% of those who were dissatisfied with the government believed the sit-in is wrong, while 39% think it is the right decision, while 73% of those satisfied were of the view that the sit-in is wrong, while only 3% of these respondents believed it to be right decision.

Responses changed minimally when asked about Nawaz Sharif's decision to support JUI-F in the Azaadi March: 54% of respondents were against the opposition's decision, 20% were in support of it while the remaining 26% said that they do not know or have no response on the issue.

Respondents were also asked, if elections were to be held today, what party were they likely to vote for. PTI remained at the top with 30% of respondents saying they would vote for the current government, followed by PML-N at 29%, PPP coming in next with 11%, JUI-F at 3% and JI, TLP, ANP, Independent Candidates and others all with 1% of respondents in their favor. 7% of respondents said that they were still undecided about who they should vote for while 9% said that they do not know or have no response.

The respondents were also asked to give their opinion on what they thought was the biggest issue facing Pakistan. The top five answers were inflation at 40%, followed by unemployment at 15%, corruption at 7%, poverty at 6%, and Kashmir at 5%.

The survey report is based on the opinions of 2,502 respondents who were interviewed from October 15th to October 23rd of 2019. 51% of the respondents were male, while 49% were female, 40% were from urban areas while 60% from rural, and majority of the respondents were under the age of 40, in which respondents between the age of 18 and 25 made up 48% of the total and 26-40 were 37% while, those between 40 and 50 made up 12%, and those above 51 were 3% of the total.

The Probability-Proportional-to-Size (PPS) method was used to select localities and household were selected through "Random walk method". By which starting point was determined and by following the Right Hand Rule (RHR) pattern every nth household were selected for interviews. The Kish Grid was used to select respondents 18 years and older within these randomly

selected household. The data was collected by using CAPI (Computer Assisted Personal Interview) technique.

NOTE: Surveys and polls are a good way to judge the larger public opinion and this tool is extensively used in West to get a feel of the subject. The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with International standards for market and social research methodologies. This Survey was conducted by Institute for Public Opinion Research (IPOR) from October 15 to October 23, 2019. Sample size 2502, Error Margin +/-2.0 percent, Confidence Level will be 95 percent.