

PUBLIC PULSE ON CPEC

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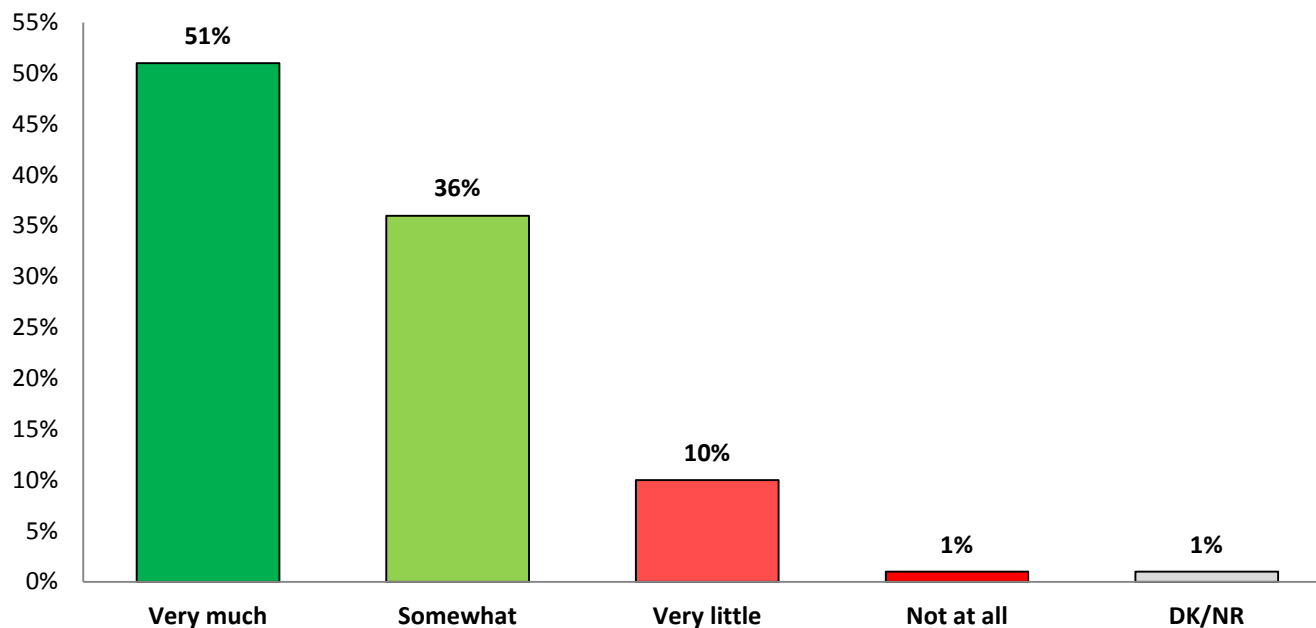
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Opinion Polls on CPEC



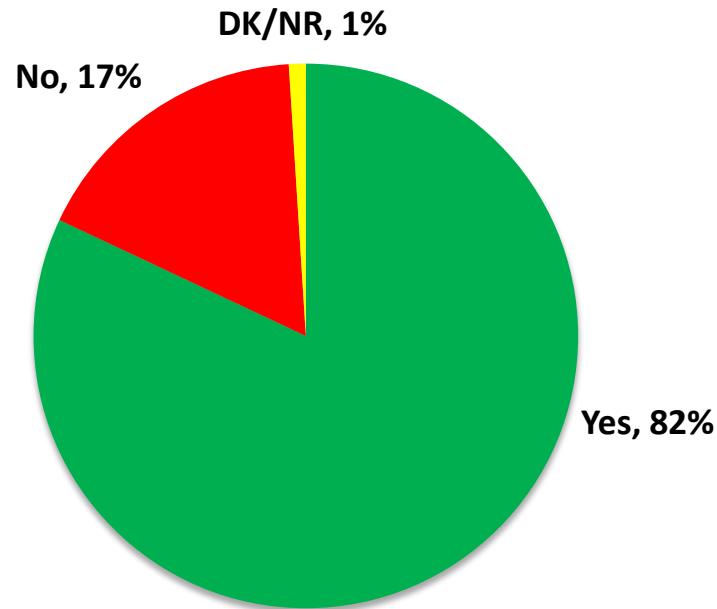
Question: During Chinese President Xi Jinping's recent visit of Pakistan many plans were finalized to strengthen the economic corridor between China and Pakistan, and the Chinese President announced development aid and provision of loans worth billions of dollars to Pakistan. In your opinion, to what extent will the Pakistan economy be affected positively in the future by the Chinese aid?



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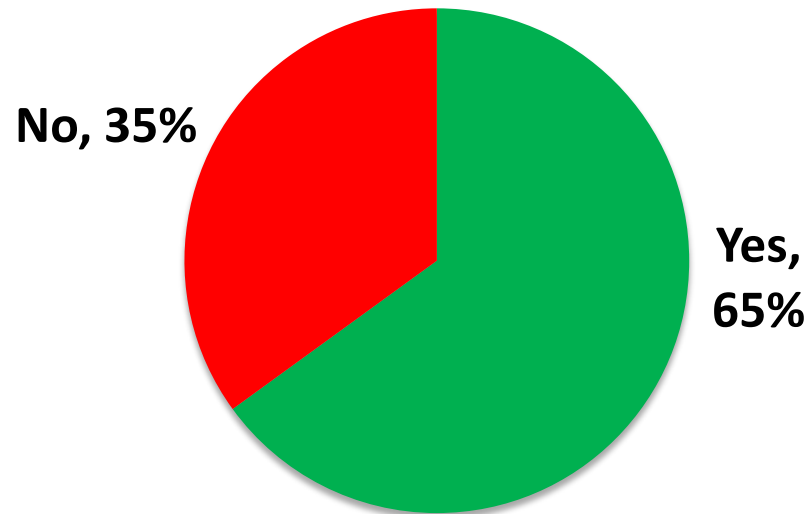
Question: The Chinese government has announced investment in many new plans to overcome the energy deficit in Pakistan. Do you think that, with China's help, implementation of these energy plans can lead to an end to the energy crisis in Pakistan within the next two years?



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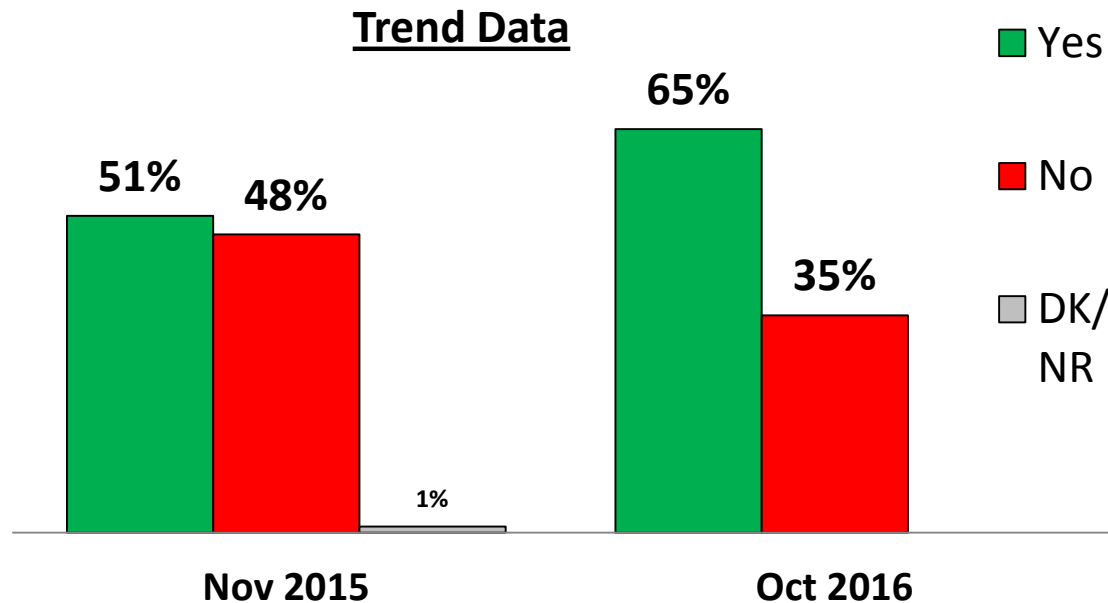
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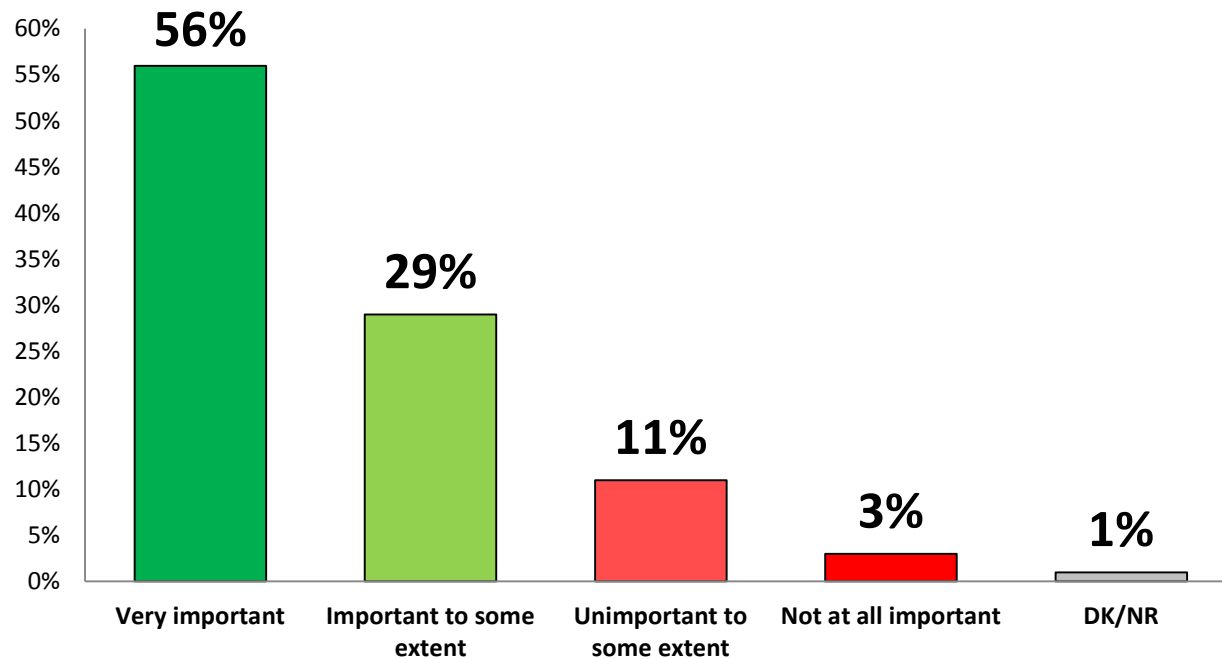
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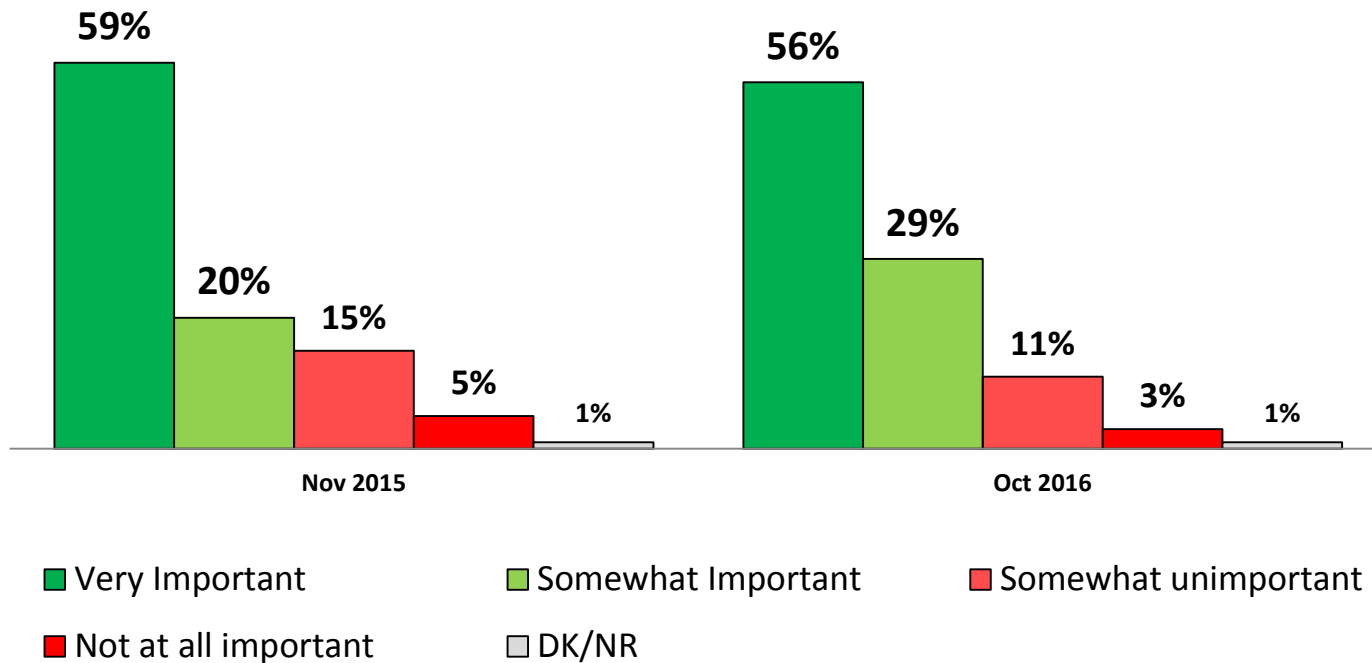


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Trend Data



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CPEC enclaves

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Sighting land

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Critical Questions on CPEC



1st Question: China is investing \$ 51B in Pakistan, inclusive of the railways project. How much of this is loan and how much is grant? What is the interest rate and payback on the loan portion and what is our strategy to pay it back, without further burden on our economy?



2nd Question: Balance of trade is in favor of China as it stands today, with CPEC operational, this balance would further tilt in favor of China as our industry is old and not competitive. What is our strategy to counter this threat?



3rd Question: Whether we like it or not, China believes in dumping philosophy, bringing down the prices of items being dumped to levels where our industry cannot compete. Can we prevent China from doing this? If yes then how?



4th Question: Chinese are taking up residence in every city of Pakistan. They are spending according to their standard of living and can afford to pay any price as the foreign exchange parity is in their favor. This is slowly and gradually increasing the cost of living in major cities. The contribution of our general public is low to nothing in CPEC related projects and thus their earnings per month would not increase. How do we cater for this trend and protect the interest of our common people?



**Answers begin
to trickle in**



Clarity on CPEC

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