The Squeezing of the Moderate

The 2001 Elections in Nothern Ireland: \textit{Moderating Extremists?}

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### Details of the Results

The 2001 election in Pakistan showed a significant shift in public opinion. The data collected during this period indicates a marked change in the political landscape.

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#### Key Points
- **General:** 55%
- **Senate:** 40%
- **District:** 5%
- **Overall:** 60%
- **Agriculture:** 45%

### Analysis

The 2001 election results reflect a strong sentiment against the incumbent government, particularly in the agricultural sector. The data suggests a need for significant policy adjustments to address the concerns of the electorate.
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Analysis of the Election Results

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