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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Gilani Research Team now brings to you a collection of daily polls releases in the form of a weekly digest, which gives you the opportunity to read opinions of the Pakistani public on various socio-political issues. We hope it will be of interest to you and your readers.

If you have any further questions in this regard, please feel free to contact us.

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OPINION POLLS - HIGHLIGHTS

Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)
February 2, 2015

Rising belief among the Pakistani public that minority communities in Pakistan have equal rights, freedom of religious expression and speech.

87%

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Gilani Research Foundation (GRF Poll)
February 3, 2015

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48%

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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “Some people believe that the minority communities in Pakistan have freedom of speech, equal rights and freedom of religious expression. While others believe this is not true. What is your opinion?” In response to this question, 87% respondents said that minorities in Pakistan do have freedom of speech, freedom of religious expression and equal rights. On the other hand, 8% respondents said that minorities in Pakistan do not have these freedoms and equal rights, and 5% respondents did not respond.

This question was also asked in previous years. In 2011, 78% respondents believed that minorities had equal rights and freedoms, while 15% disagreed and 7% did not respond. In 2012, the percentage of respondents who said that minorities had equal rights and freedoms declined to 68%, compared to 16% who said this was not the case. Since 2012, the proportion of respondents who believe minorities have equal rights has been increasing again. In 2013, the percentage of respondents who said that minorities had equal rights and freedoms rose to 76%, compared to 17% who said this was not the case. Over the last four years, the highest percentage of respondents said that minorities have equal rights and freedoms in 2014 (87%).

The study was released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2442 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during December 29, 2014 – January 05, 2015. Error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2-3 per cent at 95% confidence level.
RISING BELIEF AMONG THE PAKISTANI PUBLIC THAT MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN PAKISTAN HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION AND SPEECH.

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Some people believe that the minority communities in Pakistan have freedom of speech, equal rights and freedom of religious expression. While others believe this is not true. What is your opinion?

RELIGION | Minorities in Pakistan
SOURCE: GALLUP AND GILANI SURVEYS  SAMPLE SIZE: 2442
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “These days, what is the possibility of war between India and Pakistan?” In response to this question, 15% respondents said there is a lot of possibility, 33% said there is somewhat possibility, while 43% believe there is very little possibility and 9% did not respond.

This question was also asked previously over the last decade. In 2004, 6% respondents said there was a lot of possibility of war between India and Pakistan, while 38% said there was somewhat possibility and 56% said there was no possibility at all. There were minor fluctuations in public opinion between 2004 and 2007. In 2008 however, there was a sharp decline in the percentage of respondents who thought war was not possible (57% to 38%), corresponding with an increase in individuals refusing to respond to the question (1% to 15%). After 2008, the percentage of those who think war was not possible rose once again (54% in 2011) but sharply declined to 44% in 2013. This was complimented by an increase in those who think war is possible between 2011 and 2013 (44% to 54%) before this percentage also declined slightly to 48% in 2014.

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These days, what is the possibility of war between India and Pakistan?

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | India
SOURCE: GALLUP AND GILANI SURVEYS  SAMPLE SIZE: 2442
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women, from across the four provinces was asked, “If war starts between India and Pakistan, what do you think will be the result of that?” In response to this question, 9% respondents said Pakistan will find it hard to defend itself, 71% said that India will be defeated, while 4% believe that Pakistan will be defeated and 2% gave other responses. 14% respondents did not respond to the question.

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MAJORITY (71%) OF PAKISTANIS BELIEVE THAT INDIA WILL BE DEFEATED IF A WAR STARTS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN.

- India will be defeated 71%
- Pakistan will be defeated 4%
- Pakistan will find it hard to defend itself 9%
- Others 2%
- DK/NR 14%

If war starts between India and Pakistan, what do you think will be the result of that?
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