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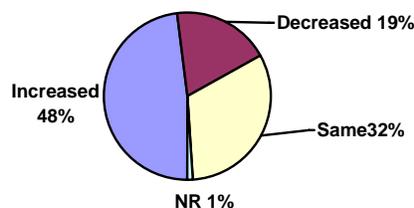
Views on Divorce Rate in Pakistan; 48% Believe it Has Increased, of Whom Majority Believes it is Due to Lack of Patience: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, while nearly half of all Pakistanis (48%) believe that the rate of divorce has increased, a significant 32% believe that there has been no notable change in divorce rate in the last ten years, whereas 19% claim it has decreased. Amongst various factors causing an increase in divorce rate, lack of patience tops the list as cited by 48%, followed by disconnect with religion (33%), influence of western culture (27%), women giving priority to their careers (12%), and men's lack of interest in their marriage.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Some people believe that divorce rate has increase in the past 10 years whereas others believe there has been no change. What is your view point?*” Forty eight percent (48%) believe the divorce rate in Pakistan has increased, 19% believe it has decreased, whereas 32% claimed that there has been no significant difference in divorce rate in the past 10 years. The remaining 1% gave no response. It is seen that a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites (55%) as compared to their rural counterparts (44%) are of the opinion that over the past few years the rate of divorce has increased.

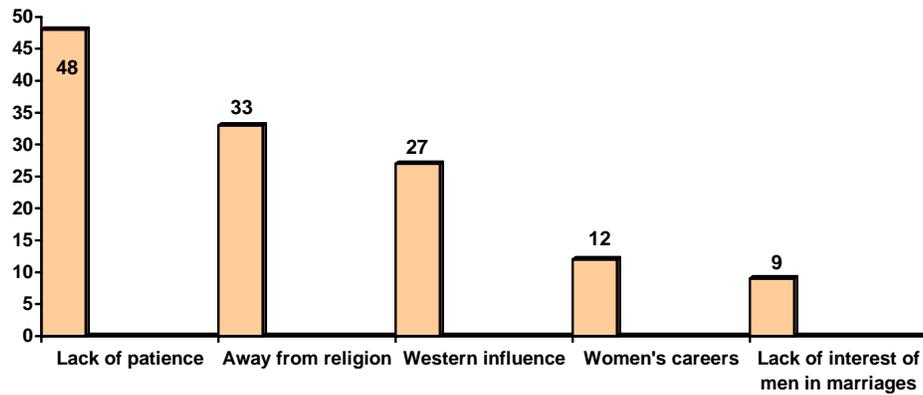
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In a follow up question people who believe that the rate of divorce has increased were asked “*In your view what are some of the reasons for the increase in divorce?*” Forty eight percent (48%) believe that it is because of lack of patience, 33% believe that it is due to being away from the religion, 27% claimed that the increase in divorce rate in Pakistan has been caused by the impact of western culture, 12% blame women for giving preference to their career, and 9% said that one of the reasons for divorce is when men stop taking interest in the marital relationship. The data reveals no significant difference except that a higher percentage of urbanites (21%) than ruralites (6%) blame women for taking more interest in their careers which causes marriages to break.

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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2698 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during May 2010. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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