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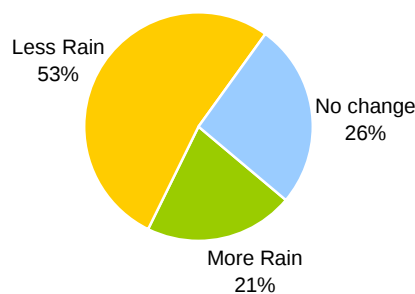
52 % Believe Decrease in Rainfall is Caused by Global Climate Change; 45 % See it as Divine Penance: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan more than half of all Pakistanis (53%) believe that overall Pakistan received less rainfall in the past one year. While the majority of people (52%) believe it is a product of global climate change, a significant percentage (45%) thinks it is due to the God's wrath (45%). Although most respondents (57%) did not expect scarcity of rainfall to affect their income, almost half of rural respondents (47%) were worried that their income will be affected.

When the respondents were asked "According to your information, on the whole, has Pakistan had less rain in the past year, more or has there been no change in the amount of rainfall?" the results indicate that the majority (53%) feel there has been less rainfall in the past one year. Twenty six (26%) did not perceive any change in the amount of rainfall whereas 21% of the respondents felt there had been more rain in the past one year than in previous years. Nearly two thirds of the respondents from Balochistan (74%) felt that Pakistan's had received less rainfall this year.

"According to your information, on the whole, has Pakistan had less rain in the past year, more or has there been no change in the amount of rainfall?"



Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

To find out what people think could cause decrease in the amount of rain, the respondents were asked "In your view, what is the main reason of having no less rainfall?" Fifty two percent (52) claimed it is due to global climate change. Interestingly, in the views of 45% respondents, God is punishing people for their sins, which is why there has been less than required amount of rain in the past one year. Three percent (3 %) gave no response.

Majority of the respondents (57%) claimed that lack of rain will not affect their income when they were asked “*In your view, will there be any effect on your income due to decrease in rainfall?*” Twenty eight percent (28%) said that their income will decrease, and according to 11% of the respondents their income will increase. Four percent (4%) gave no response. Although very few urbanites expect a decrease in income (16%), a proportionately higher percentage of people from rural areas (34%), most of whom are farmers, are worried that shortage in rain will decrease their personal income.

“In your view, what is the main reason of receiving less or no rainfall this year?”

Global Climate Change	52%
Wrath of God	45%
No response	3%

“In your view, will there be any effect on your income due to decrease in rainfall?”

Will decrease	28%
Will increase	11%
There will be no change	57%
No response	4%

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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2751 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during April 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm$ 2-3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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